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A One-Day Seminar on “Multidimensional Values of History for Career Development” was organized by the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 14.03.2019. Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Department of History, who welcomed the gathering appealed to the participants to utilize all the opportunities to develop their skills for their future career development.



Presiding over the inaugural function, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, highlighted the importance of history quoting Cicero’s words “That those who do not know history will forever remain children”. He stressed the importance and relevance of History for IAS aspirants for securing national-level rankings in civil service examinations. He added that in India every year 17.5 lakhs of candidates appear for the UPSC Civil Service Preliminary Examinations but only 17,000 candidates become eligible for appearing for UPSC main exam and the ratio works out to 1:10. The Vice-Chancellor also emphasized the significance of various skills that are needed for the students to put a firm hold on their career. Elaborating on the two terms “studying” and “learning” he said that studying is simply gaining knowledge and learning is gaining knowledge through skills and experience. He asked the students to learn their subjects assiduously and develop skills which could help them gain jobs later. He mentioned that history students should learn the technique of reading inscriptions. He highlighted the greatness of some works of eminent historians such as D.D. Kosambi and James Prinsep. He added that the scientist Sir ISAAC Newton knowing the importance of history has written a history book. He had a word of praise for the historian and columnist S. Muthiah who has written interestingly and extensively on the 400-year history of Chennai.

Dr.K.R.Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, stated the objectives of the seminar was to create an awareness among the history students about the career opportunities and to help them assess the career goal framework for professional fulfillment. He explored the various avenues of job opportunities available for history students. Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, proposed a vote of thanks.

In the four technical sessions that followed the inaugural session, Dr. P. Suresh Kumar, Co-ordinator, Alagappa University Study Circle, delivered an expert lecture on the topic “History for Competitive Examinations” and interacted with the students. Prof.L.Thiyagarajan, Former Head, Govt. Arts College, Ariyalur, spoke on the topic “Archaeology”. Dr. P.S. Sibi, Assistant Professor, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, delivered an invited talk on “Tourism and History”. Dr. J. Raja Mohammed, Former Curator, Government Museum, Pudukkottai, spoke on the topic “Museum”. All the speakers highlighted the career opportunities available in their respective fields for students of history.

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