



**MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY**  
(University with Potential for Excellence)

**MADURAI-625 021**

**SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES**





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## I - PROFILE OF THE SCHOOL

In the history of Madurai Kamaraj University, the year 1970 by the ingenuities of Prof. K. Rajayyan and Prof. N. Subhramanian, keystone for School of Historical Studies was laid in which because of the initiatives of the aforementioned Professors, two different departments as Ancient History and Modern History were established.

In the same year of inception the departments propounded courses of M.A., M.Litt., and Ph.D. and organised regular classes. Exactly after six years of time to enhance the student's expertise in Medieval History an exclusive department was also added into the feather. In 1976, Madurai Kamaraj University introduced the School system to make the learning of the students reach the excellence while the three departments Ancient History, Medieval History and Modern History coalesced and formed as a School of Historical Studies. After forming the school, besides the regular courses like M.A., M.Litt., and Ph.D, innovative courses like M.Phil., and other diploma studies for Archaeology and Area Studies.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1978, as a milestone South Indian History Congress, an academic forum for international scholars of history, a brain child of Prof. K. Rajayyan came into existence with himself as founder General Secretary and Prof. K. K. Pillay as the first President in the premises of the School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University and later it was registered under the Societies Act at Madurai in 1979 with Reg.No.32/1979. In February 1980, the Inguration of the conference took place within the University campus. The founders also established a Central Office for the forum at the School itself where the office is still functioning. The renowned historians and intellectuals who had served in the School are Prof. K.V. Raman, Prof. R. Venkatraman, Prof. Y. Suburayalu, Prof. H. Hanumanthan, Prof. S. Manickam, Prof. G. Thangavelu, Prof. D. Daniel, Prof. B.P. Gopalakrishnan and Prof. Dr. P.P. Chellathurai.

On 25.07.2017, a pioneering gorgeous gem has also been embellished in the feathers of the School of Historical Studies with the appointment of Honourable Prof. Dr. P.P. Chellathurai, who was a former student, scholar and faculty of this School, as the 16<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University. This has made the school a distinguished one to create an immaculate testimony in the annals of the university. Presently Prof. S. Andiappan occupies the position of Chairperson of the School which consists the following departments.

1. Department of Ancient History
2. Department of Medieval History
3. Department of Modern History

## THE VISION OF THE SCHOOL

- ❖ To provide excellent Historical Studies with a vibrant curriculum on par with the European Universities.
- ❖ To prepare the students to develop a flexible yet rigorous, scientific enquiry into fundamental questions that concern the historical imagination.
- ❖ Dedicate to reframing and rethinking the interconnections between time, memory and history.
- ❖ To enable the teachers, combine a rich variety of methodologies and disciplinary backgrounds to bear on their research and teaching of history.
- ❖ To mould and train the students to teach, or engage in advanced training in history, law, or other fields.
- ❖ To ensure that students leave our program with a firm education in the liberal arts and have excellent communication and critical thinking skills.

## II - FACULTY PROFILE



**Dr. S. Andiappan**, Chairperson, Professor & Head, School of Religions, Philosophy and Humanist Thought Studies have also been assigned additional charge to look after School of Historical Studies. He is an erudite scholar and known for his research in the fields of Ethnic Conflict and Resolution, Peace Studies of Gandhian Thought and Gandhian Economics. Contact details: Cell Phone: 94431 28175, Email:

## DEPARTMENT OF ANCIENT HISTORY



**Dr. C. Kannan**, Assistant Professor & Head, is identified for his specialty on Cultural History & Tribal Studies. Contact details: Cell Phone: 9865149401, Email: kannanancient@gmail.com.



**Dr. P. Ganesan**, Assistant Professor, is eminent for his knowledge on Ancient History & Archaeological Studies. Contact details: Cell Phone: 9443924933, Email: yamugan@gmail.com.

## DEPARTMENT OF MEDIEVAL HISTORY

**Dr. A. Mahalingam**, Assistant Professor & Head, is acquired his accolade for the specialism of Temple Art and Culture Studies. Contact details: 9486958146, Email: drmahalingam2009@gmail.com.





## DEPARTMENT OF MODERN HISTORY



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## I - COURSES OFFERED

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Course	Department	Eligibility	Mode of Selection
<b>M.A.</b> (2 years)	History	Any UG degree (55 %)	Based on the UG Marks
<b>M.Phil.</b> (1 year)	History	Any PG degree (55%)	Common Entrance Examination
<b>Ph.D.</b> Part-time/ Full-time (3 years)	History	Any PG degree (55%)	Common Entrance Examination Those who are passed NET or SLET are exempted from entrance test

## V - MAJOR EVENTS

The department has organised National Seminars and Refresher Courses, as follows:

On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 a two days ICHR sponsored national seminar entitled “Koils in the Vaigai and Tamiraparani Regions,” was organised.



On 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 a three days CICT sponsored national seminar entitled “Rereading Reinterpreting and Deconstructing the Social History of the Tamils Through Sangam Classics and Archaeology,” was organised.







## OTHER PROGRAMMES



Every year 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of November Alumni of the school's meet have been convened.

Every year 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Tamil festival Pongal celebration at School premises.



On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Office Staff are giving a sent-off to the retiring faculty and former Chairperson Prof. R. Santhakumar.



On 09.08.2017 Prof. S. Andiappan and Prof. T.R. Ramasamy are felicitating our Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. P.P. Chellathurai.

## PROJECTS COMPLETED

- During the period of time April 2013 to 2015, a UGC sponsored major research project, worth rupees five lakh, titled “Socio-Economic Trends in Kerala, 1924-1959,” was granted and completed.
- During the period of time February 2011 to 2013, a UGC sponsored major research project, worth rupees two lakh, titled “Dress, Ornaments and Coiffure in the Vijayanagara: Nayak Art in Tamilnadu,” was granted and completed.
- During the period of time February 2011 to 2013, a UGC sponsored major research project, worth rupees two lakh and thirty thousand, titled “Jaina Monuments in the Pandiya Country: A Socio Religious Perspectives,” was granted and the research work is going on.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- **Village Adoption:** Perumalmalai
- **Village Survey:** Collected from 96 families
- **Tree Planting:** Planted 600 trees in and around the village
- **Sensitisation of Cleanliness** to school students:

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Students and Scholars of School of Historical Studies took part of the competitive games conducted by the University to celebrate 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day.



**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017**

A village namely Perumalmali has been adopted by the school.





**12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Students and Scholars prepared seed balls to sow at Perumalmalai.



**13<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

Tree plantation at Perumalmalai.



**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

Students, scholars and faculty members of the school organised a tour programme in which visited the Puthukottai region in Tamilnadu.



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