

Updates of Indian History Congress Conference...

30TH DECEMBER, 2012

SUNDAY

SECTION I - ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

Session was held in Garware Institute New building, ground floor at 10:00am. All the delegates were present.

A paper was presented by S. Bhattacharya (English Paper) . Her paper was based on women. In her research she had taken help of theories. She had tried to explain with the various examples that women are left alone in the process of giving birth. The pain that the women bare is not so important. Speaker President P. K. Bhattacharya and the delegates asked various questions which she answered quiet well.

Another research paper was presented by Sheebha. U (English Paper) where the topic of the paper was, "Education of Tamilakam in the Sangam Age A Historical probe". She had taken help from Sangam Literature. According to her research writing was not given so important in the society. Women educations were given to only a certain group of people.

A delegate spoke on the Saraswati River. According to his research Mughal map shows the Saraswati River but the British map not shows the Saraswati River.

Prof. Abhay presented a paper on , "Lord Mahavir's contribution towards women's society". Delegate presented his paper in Hindi. According to his research, rights were given to women as compare to man by the Lord Mahavir.

Dr. Karuna Mishra a delegate from Madhya Pradesh presented her paper in English. Topic was, "A survey of Bhagvat puran scroll in India".

At the end of the session one of the delegate thanked on behalf of all the delegates to the President Bhattacharya for sharing his views on every paper.

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Title: Countries other than India

President: Dr.Mrs Sneh Mahajan

The session held on the 30th of December 2012 about the European countries relationship with India was presided over by Dr. Mrs. Sneh Mahajan. The president spoke about her experience with the delegates and was happy with the research papers read throughout the session. The president was confident that this style of approach would certainly help in the growth of history. In this session researchers discussed their research papers based on the history of European countries with India. Prof. Jagdesh R. Langekar spoke about Spain in context of its

political, social and cultural relationship with India. In this session he mentioned how initially India and Spain did not share a cordial relationship but, later there was a change in this scenario.

About 10 research papers were read at this session. Some other papers read were, Polomi Mukherjee's 'The Revival of Indo – Portuguese Diplomatic Ties' and Archana Tewari's 'The Reform Bill (1832) and the Abolition of Slavery (1833): A Caribbean Link'.

The researchers finally observed that there is a rising need in the study of historical relationship of foreign countries with India. One of the points discussed, led the researchers to summarize that, in order to increase tourism, India should be acquainted with its history with other countries.

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Modern India: 30th December

Sectional head: Hassan Imam, Aligarh University

The session was a collective and informative discussion of all those researchers who had missed a chance to present their papers on certain assigned dates. The session was majorly about Modern India and about the grave historical issues which led to several changes, affecting the lives of people. They dealt with various broad concerns like peasant's movement, communalism, literature, art and health, wars, state partition tribulations, agricultural and industrial problems, etc.

In spite of it being a concluding session categorized under Modern History, it gathered substantial and quality listeners who asked remarkable questions and suggestions. Moreover, the researchers countered them tactfully. Mr. Hassan Imam, who is himself an expert historian from Aligarh University, conducted the dialogue diplomatically by advising a few, criticizing a few and appreciating most of them. He said that literature is most essential in any research work and it was to have credible references and validity.

It was interesting to know that there are so many facts that we unaware of, and even more snooping to know it through various researches, conducted by eminent historians.

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MEDIEVAL HISTORY

Sectional President- PROF. M. Ashraf Wani

Prof in charge- Dr. Jennifer Rodrigues.

Mumbai University organized the Annual 73rd Indian History Congress which was attended by dignitaries. People who presented their research papers included noted dignitaries from top institutes.

Various noted and researched topics such as Divided identities in Jain community was discussed whereby it was concluded that the entire community is divided into community and sub community based on sex or gender. Jains have broad divisions in their community, which goes as Swetamber and Pitambers. The swetamber sect is divided further into communities called Gachchas. They also used the process of adaption and rejection which helped for separate identities. The divisions in the Jain community took place legitimately.

The next topic discussed was the invasion of the Dutch East India Company. The Dutch East India Company continued the slave trade that was started by the English East India Company, which was thereby, continued by Indian themselves. The Dutch East India Company took a huge interest in the slave trade process. According to the records of the Dutch East India Company, in the year 1662, they had sent almost 356 slaves which included both men and women whose functions were to cultivate spices in various islands and to purchase slaves from Africa.
