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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Cordially invites you to the

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

on

INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

(CELEBRATION OF 75 YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE-
'AZADI KA AMRUT MAHOTSAV')

&

LAUNCH OF ESSAY COMPETITION FOR UNIVERSITY AND AFFILIATED COLLEGES

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Date: 12.03.2021, Friday

Mode: Virtual

Time: 10.30 a.m.



Under the Presidentship of

Hony. Col. Prof. N. RAJENDRAN

Vice-Chancellor
Alagappa University



Key Speakers



Prof. G. CHANDRIKA
Professor, Department of History
Pondicherry University
"Role of Women in the
Salt Satvagraha"



Dr. PRABHA RAVI SHANKAR
Associate Professor, PG. Dept. of History
Mahila College Affiliated to SNDT Women's University Mumbai
"Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribhai
Phule: Extraordinary Couple and Social
Reformers of Maharashtra"



Dr. S. ANANTHA KRISHNAN
Associate Professor & HOD
Department of History
A.M. Jain College, Chennai
"Gandhiji: Passive
Resistance as a Weapon"

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

12.03.2021, Friday at 10.30 a.m.

- Welcome Address** Dr. K. R. MURUGAN
Dean , Faculty of Arts
Alagappa University, Karaikudi.
- Presidential Address** Hony. Col. Prof. N. RAJENDRAN
Vice-Chancellor
Alagappa University , Karaikudi.
- Session - 1** Prof. G. CHANDRIKA
Professor, Department of History
Pondicherry University
- Theme** "ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE SALT SATYAGRAHA"
- Session - 2** Dr. PRABHA RAVI SHANKAR
Associate Professor
PG. Dept. of History, Mahila College
Affiliated to SNDT Women's University Mumbai
- Theme** "MAHATMA JYOTIBHA AND SAVITRIBHAI PHULE :
EXTRAORDINARY COUPLE AND SOCIAL REFORMERS OF
MAHARASHTRA"
- Session - 3** Dr. S. ANANTHA KRISHNAN
Associate Professor & HOD
Department of History
A.M.Jain Collge, Chennai
- Theme** " GANDHIJI: PASSIVE RESISTANCE AS A WEAPON"
- Vote of Thanks** Prof. S. RAJAVELU
Adjunct Faculty
Department of History
Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

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REPORT

A National Symposium on India’s Independence was conducted virtually on 12 March 2021 at the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi as a prelude for the grand celebrations planned to mark 75 Years of India’s Independence in August, 2022. Named as “ Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav” it was launched today by the Prime Minister of India to commemorate 91 years of Dandi March. The objective of the symposium is to pay tribute to the martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for the nation’s freedom from the clutches of alien rulers and to resolve to build an India of their dreams.

Dr. K. R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, while welcoming the participants, said that the “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav” has commenced exactly 75 weeks prior to the 75th Independence Day 2022 and would extend up to the Independence Day 2023 and the Mahostav will help the young generation to get inspiration and imbibe the spirit of patriotism.

Vice-Chancellor Prof.N.Rajendran, in his presidential address, referring to the Salt Satyagraha, mentioned that it was an epic march in the history of India. Gandhi’s participation in this event made it a mass movement and the TIME magazine understanding the significance of Gandhi’s participation declared him as “Person of the Year” in 1930 and it also described him as 'Saint Gandhi'. He mentioned the remarkable Subaltern Studies made by the historian Ranajit Guha and asked the historians to record the sacrifices and struggles of unsung freedom fighters. He also stressed notable role of Tamil Nadu in the freedom struggle and recollected the contributions of leaders like Subramania Bharathi, V.O.Chidambaram and others.

Prof. G. Chandrika, Professor, Department of History, Pondicherry University, delivered the special address on the theme titled “Role of Women in the Salt Satyagraha”. She said that Gandhi strongly believed that women are stronger than men. She also metioned

the passionate participation of women in the Salt Satyagraha March spanning 240 miles from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi which drew the attention of the nation. She listed out the contributions of eminent women such as Sarojini Naidu, Kasthurba Gandhi, Muthulakshmi Reddy etc.

Dr.Prabha Ravi Shankar, Associate Professor, PG. Dept. of History, Mahila College, Affiliated to SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, spoke on the topic "Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribhai Phule: Extraordinary Couple and Social Reformers of Maharashtra". She stated that Jyotirao Phule is extolled as the champion of women's education in India. He, along with his wife Savitribai Phule, opened the first school for girls in 1848. Both dedicated their entire lives for the uplift of the down-trodden and for eradication of untouchability. They strove for equal rights for all.

Dr.S.Anantha Krishnan, Associate Professor & HOD, Department of History, A.M.Jain College, Chennai, gave a speech on the topic "Gandhiji: Passive Resistance as a Weapon". He mentioned that Gandhi was greatly influenced by Leo Tolstoy's book, *The Kingdom of God is Within You* and his essay on "Christianity and Patriotism" and also said how Gandhi was influenced by Thoreau's master treatise "Civil Disobedience"

Prof. S. Rajavelu, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.