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# **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

# Introduction

An independent department of History was started in the academic year 2001-2002. Before that History course was offered as a subsidiary paper for the BA Economics programme. In 2001-2002 post-graduate course was offered in West Asian Studies. The programme of West Asian Studies was converted to M A History in 2004. The department was elevated to the status of a Research Center in History under the University of Calicut in October 2011. Prof.Jimmy A. Chirayath was the first head of the department. He was succeeded by Prof.Thattil Joseph Raphael in 1992, Dr. K T Thomas in 1999, and Dr. K. Chandran in 2012. Since 2015 Ms.Lisha K.K has been the head of the department.

The department is encouraging research in emerging areas such as Subaltern Studies, Women Studies, Gender Studies, Modern Indian History, Kerala History, Environmental History, and so on.

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	PARTICIPATIVE	EXPERIENTIAL	PROBLEM
	LEARNING	LEARNING	SOLVING
1	Attending Kerala History Congress, Union Christian College, Aluva, 26-28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	Study Tour, Hyderabad, 22-27 <sup>th</sup> September,2023.	Presenting research papers in Kerala History Congress, Union Christian College, Aluva, 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.



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2	Heritage Tour, Kollengode- Chittur Heritage Route, 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024.	
3	Tour to the Heritage of Sharjah, 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024.	

# **PARTICIPATIVE LEARNING**

# 1. Kerala History Congress (8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Session)

Union Christian College, Aluva is affiliated with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. It is one of the earliest colleges in India founded in 1921. The college hosted the 8th annual international session of the Kerala History Congress (KHC) between 26th January 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The Kerala History Congress is one of the important yearly gatherings of historians in Kerala and an elevenmember team led by Dr.Sreevidhya.V, represented the institution.

Two members of our team, Arya.P. Nair and Rahul.B. Raj presented research papers titled 'History of Avanangattu Kalari' and 'Bonacaud Bungalow,' respectively. At the gathering, the students also got an opportunity to interact with eminent historians and fellow student participants from other colleges.

#### **Programme Objectives** :

- To participate in the conference.
- To interact with well-known historians.



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SI No.	Name of Student
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2	Arya. P Nair
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#### **Programme Attained Outcome:**

- Understood the intricacies of a major conference.
- Recognized major historians who attended the Congress.



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# **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

### I. STUDY TOUR

As part of their programme, the MA History (2022-24) batch has gone through a week-long Hyderabad trip that opened new vistas of knowledge to the tour members. The tour was a package and customized as per students' needs. The tour team included 15 students, 2 teachers and 2 tour company officials. Tourists utilized various travel modes such as train, bus and boat for the successful completion of the tour.

In Hyderabad, tourists visited iconic locations such as Lumbini Park, Ramoji Film City, Birla Mandir, Charminar, Mecca Masjid, Chawmahalla Palace and Golkonda Fort. The tour was a nice blend of both historic and contemporary sites. The Monuments such as Charminar, Mecca Masjid, Chawmahalla Palace and Golkonda Fort educated tourists about the distinct features of the architecture of the Qutb Shahi and the Asaf Jahi dynasties that together ruled around four and half centuries. The historic Laad Bazar or Choodi Bazar adjacent to Charminar offered students an experience of medieval shopping. Students also enjoyed the rich flavour of Hyderabadi biriyani which is inseparable from the heritage of Hyderabad. The grand Chawmahalla Palace's vintage car collection and museum were a novel and enriching experience for the visitors.

Modern wonders such as the Ramoji Film City enlightened students about the various stages of film production and the techniques behind it. Vibrant film sets and live shows of the Ramoji Film City transported tourists' minds to a different world.



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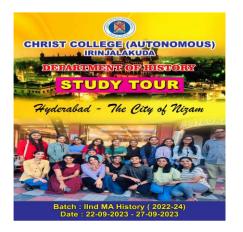
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In short, the study tour was a captivating experience for tourists. They experienced the history first-hand through a visit to a destination such as Hyderabad.

#### **Programme Objectives :**

- To identify the iconic tourist spots of Hyderabad.
- To explore the heritage of Hyderabad.

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#### **Programme Attained Outcome:**

- Recognized Indo-Persian culture of Old Hyderabad.
- Categorized the major tourist attractions of Hyderabad.

# II. HERITAGE TOUR

Kollengode is a pristine village on the foothills of the Nelliyampati ranges located in the eastern part of Palakkad District. Chittur is a municipal town which lies 10 kilometers northeast of Kollengode. The area is predominantly rural and is also famous for its vast paddy fields, mango orchards and other agricultural fields. The area is also less urbanized and brought visitors back to the old days of rural Kerala. The region is well known for its annual temple festivals, folk dances and traditions which trace its roots to a bygone era. The area also showcases the influence of Tamil culture due to its proximity to the Tamilnadu border.

The programme was a guided tour led by well-known heritage enthusiast Mr.Sainath P.S. Mr.Sainath is known for documenting hundreds of traditional *tarawads* or ancestral homes of Kerala and neighbouring Tamilnadu. The tour includes fifteen students and two faculty members; Mr.Deepak J, the certificate programme co-ordinator and Dr.Amritha K.A. As part of the programme, the tour group visited



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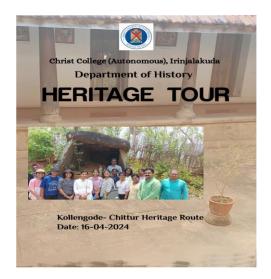
some old tarawads such as *Mundarath*, the ancestral home of well-known parliamentarian and scholar Dr.Sasi Tharoor and *Ambatt*, an aristocratic *tarawad* of Chittur which produced several eminent personalities. These two *tarawads* are well preserved by their members. Then, the team visited a nearby *menhir*, a megalithic monument, and later they also paid their respect to the samadhi of Tunchathu Ramanujan Ezhuthachan, the father of the Malayalam language. Before concluding a long day of activities, tourists visited an abandoned hero stone uncommon in modern Kerala.

The entire programme was lively with lots of queries and clarifications.

#### **Programme Objectives:**

- To examine the traditional architecture of Kerala.
- To recognize the potential of Rural Tourism.

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#### **Programme Attained Outcome:**

- Distinguished the marked features of Kerala architecture.
- Discussed the scope of Rural Tourism.

# III. TOUR TO THE HERITAGE OF SHARJAH

Ms.Shamna. A, a History department student, visited the historic city of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. The trip was an independent one. Sharjah is also known as the cultural capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). As part of her trip, Ms.Shamna visited some iconic locations of this wonderful city such as a) Al Hisn Fort,b) The Al Arsah Souk, c) Sharjah Classic Car Museum and d) Sharjah Heritage



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Museum. She also conducted a decent survey of the ongoing heritage restoration project of the *Heart of Sharjah*.

Al Hisn Fort is one of the oldest landmarks of the city and was built in 1820 by the then-ruler of Sharjah, Sheikh Bin Saqr Al Qasimi. The fort was almost demolished in 1970 except for one tower. However, the fort was restored to its previous glory as part of the Heart of Sharjah project. The fort complex also houses a wonderful museum that gives you an idea about the history of early Sharjah.

The Al Arsah Souk used to be a busy marketplace for traders from Persia, India and different Bedouin tribes. A top in the itinerary of the heritage lovers the souk is now a covered marketplace which sells everything from pearl chests and copper coffee pots to jewellery, *abayas* and *kandooras* that symbolize the Arab heritage.

Sharjah Classic Car Museum opened its gates in 2008. It houses around 100 automobiles mostly classic and vintage cars. The museum is divided into four sections and each of them educates tourists on the evolution of the car industry in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The museum is also a proud owner of rare cars such as Model T Ford, 1974 MG Midget, 1969 Mercedez Pullman Limousine etc. The visit was a highly fruitful and novel experience for Ms.Shamna.

The next destination, Sharjah Heritage Museum opened its doors in 2005. One of the iconic locations for heritage lovers, the museum is a must-visit place for heritage enthusiasts and history lovers. In the museum, Ms.Shamna got acquainted with the deep-rooted Emirati customs and traditions. The museum also helped the tourist to understand the traditional lifestyle, habits and crafts of Emirati Arabs.

#### **Programme Objectives:**

- To examine the contemporary developments in heritage conservation.
- To explore major museums of Sharjah City.



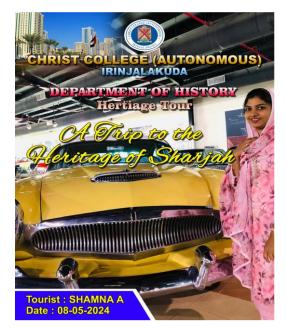
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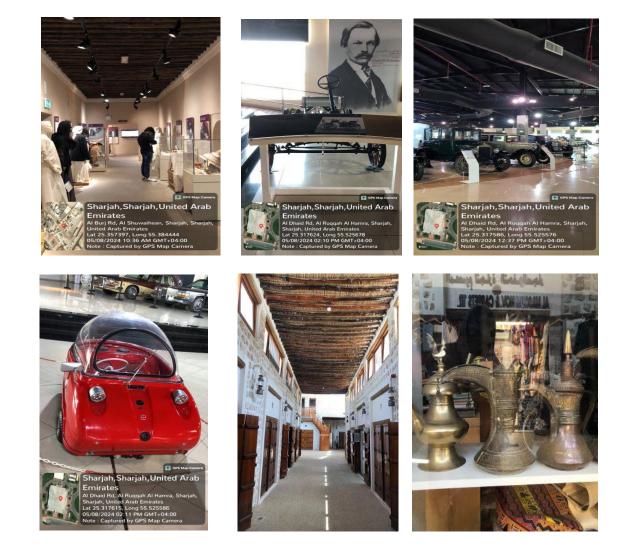


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# **Programme Attained Outcome:**

- Discussed a better model for heritage conservation.
- Demonstrated a better knowledge of speciality museums.



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#### PROBLEM-SOLVING METHODS

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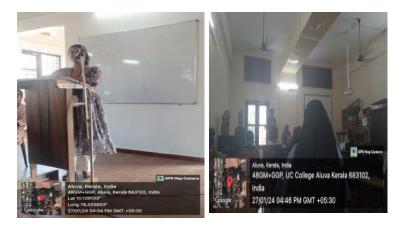
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- 2 Rahul B Raj

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# **Programme Attained Outcome:**

• Demonstrated professional skills in the Congress.



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