

Event Name : Participation in the Archaeological Workshop in Voorhees College

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Organized By : Department of History

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Report :

The PG and Research Department of History of Voorhees College, Vellore in collaboration with the Historical Researchers Association organized a One Day Workshop on the topic: “Lifestyle of the Ancient Tamils based on the Accounts of Foreign Travelers and Information revealed by Inscriptions” on 27th February 2026. The programme consisted of 4 informative sessions.

The 1st session focused on Ancient History & the importance of archaeological sources. The speaker explained prehistoric periods. He said that earlier history was written mainly based on the Vedic literature. But after the discovery of the Indus Valley Civilization, many new facts were found. Because of archaeological evidence, history was rewritten. He explained that archaeological evidence is very important to understand the past correctly. II Session was handled by Assistant Professor Madhavan Veeran. He explained He spoke in detail about the writings of Manasoplis about Tamil culture, eating habits, use of palm leaves, collection of pearls, precious stones. He showed me real pieces of large primitive carvings worn by women to stretch their earlobes.

III rd Session was given by the curator from Kancheepuram Museum. He provided short cut methods to remember historical facts, memory techniques to recall dates & important information and gave tips to crack examinations. The IV th Session focused on ancient Tamil writings and inscriptions. He also mentioned various important archaeological sites related to Tamil history & inscriptions. This session gave practical knowledge about epigraphy & helped to understand how inscriptions serve as primary sources in history. Finally, this workshop was highly informative & it enhanced our knowledge in archaeology & epigraphy. At the end of the programme, certificates were distributed to all the participants.