

WORKSHOP ON 'MEMORY STUDIES'

Department of English, Loyola College in Association with Chennai Literary Association organized a workshop on 'Memory Studies' as a part of Chennai Literary Festival 2022 in Management Studies Auditorium, University of Madras on 15th October 2022 under the guidance of Dr. K.S. Antonyamy, Head & Associate Professor and Prof. Aldrin, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Loyola College. The resource person invited for this event was Dr. Avishek Parui, Assistant Professor, Department of English, IIT Madras

The workshop began at 12 noon. Mr. M.N.R. Rutheesh, Research scholar, Department of English, Loyola College welcomed the gathering and introduced the resource person. Dr Avishek Parui threw light on the emerging field of memory studies by emphasizing how memory, be it cultural, political, social or literary, is critical in understanding the present and future as compared to the past. The cognitive and political potential of fiction and fictional framings often help recreate as well as self-reflectively engage with historical materiality. According to him, the memory of past events as we know today also reflect the power structure of the past and one should question why we remember or are taught a particular event in a particular way. Literature students in this sense should also try to decode implicit collective memory because it would help them to gain a holistic understanding of any event or text.

A QA session was conducted after the address. The scholars and students actively participated in it. The event came to an end at 01.30 PM with everyone finding it enriching their perception of memory .





