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Department of History

Combating Falsifications of History:

Commemoration of 70th Anniversary of Second World War

The Second World War was one of the major mile stones in the world history which decided the fate of millions of people. The Department of History jointly with The Russian Centre for Culture and Science, Consulate of Russian Federation in Chennai had commemorated the 70th Anniversary of Second World War on 14th July 2015 at Loyola College campus.



Dignitaries viewing the Photo Exhibition on Second World War

The gathering was welcomed by Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head, Department of History. Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antonymsamy S.J., Principal, Loyola College felicitated the gathering and reminded the vital role played by Indian soldiers during the war for Allied Powers. Mr. R. Rajagobal, Chairman of Indo Russian Centre for Rural Development stressed on the relevance of greater ties between India and Russia.



Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head, Department of History welcoming the gathering



Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antonysam S.J., Principal felicitating the gathering



The students listening to the lecture of Rev. Fr. Principal



Dignitaries being felicitated by Dr. I. Princes, Assistant Professor



Mr. Alexey Vaskov, Deputy Consul General of Russian Federation in South India giving inaugural lecture

Mr. Alexey Vaskov, Deputy Consul General of Russian Federation in South India was the chief guest. He pressed for interuniversity cooperation between India and Russia. Further he invited Loyola College to take part in it. The seminar was on 'Combating Falsifications of History'. Mr. Mikhail Gorbатов, Vice Consul, Russian Centre for Culture and Sciences in Chennai in his key note address on the 'History of Great Patriotic War', spoke in detail about the causes of its beginning, the progress and milestones, as well as the consequences of the 'war for peace'.

The Special Address was delivered by Dr. R. Dayalan, Associate Professor, Department of History, DRBCCC Hindu College, Chennai. He emphasized that those who support fascism, simply don't know history. They don't know the grief and sufferings of people due to fascism. "Honest history is the key to developing a relationship of trust between people". He noted that the popularity of Hitler was due to huge economic pressure forced upon the German people after World War I. The embargo actually made Germany the derelict and people saw in Hitler the man who can overcome unfair curbing of economic growth in Germany. At the same time without justifying fascism, professor urged to remember the dangerous tendency pursue the policy of alienation.

As a part of the programme, a Photo Exhibition on Second World War was organized in the campus and the historical Russian film 'Ballad of a Soldier' was screened for the students. Mr. S. Subash, II M.A. History, Joint Secretary of Loyola History Association proposed the vote of thanks.