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**A report on the Lecture of Dr. C. J. Nirmal on capsule biography**

The Department of History organized a Special Lecture on Capsule Biography on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at the Physics Smart Hall in Jubilee Block of Loyola College Campus. The lecture was delivered by veteran historian Prof. Dr. C. J. Nirmal, Retired Professor of History, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai.



Dr. C. J. Nirmal giving his lecture on 'Capsule Biography'

It was a lecture specifically arranged by the Department of History to kindle the interest in writing biographies as part of history. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. L. Selvanathan, Head, Department of History. Prof. C. J. Nirmal was at his elemental best as he stressed the importance of life which is prime for writing a biography.

The octogenarian laid importance on family as institution which is essential for a writer of a biography. Prof. C. J. Nirmal also spoke at length about the essence of oral history in constructing a biography. He concluded by saying that we must lead our lives in a way to influence and connect others. The lecture was followed by an interactive session where the students actively discussed with the Professor.



Dr. C. J. Nirmal with the faculty and invitees

The students and staff were much impressed by a scintillating lecture given by an experienced historian. Prof. C. J. Nirmal also shared his life experiences. The vote of thanks was given by Prof. J. Ranganathan, Coordinator, Shift II, Department of History.