

D.K.M. College for Women (Autonomous),Vellore

Department of History

Report of Special Guest Lecture on “Pallava Copper Plates and Place Names”

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Department of History conducted the special guest lecture programme through on line 19.2.2021 at 10.00 A.M. on the topic of “Pallavas Copper Plates and Place Names”. The resource person was Prof.S. Chandnibi, the centre of advanced Education, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

The Resource person spoke about the Pallavas Copper Plates belong to the 5th and 8th centuries. She further explained the different names of land grants mentioned in the copper plates, their names and the benefices of the land grants. E.g. Brahma Deyam – given by the king to the Brahmins, Devadanam was given by the kings to temples are found in Nellore, Pallichandam- given by kings to villages.

Pro.S. Chandini explained the different types of water bodies mentioned in the copper plates. They were named based on Direction, Nature and Location.

Water bodies: were known as follows in inscriptions

e.g. -Pakkam-means- water bodies

Kollipakkam – Dry area

Manapakkam – Sand area

This programme was very useful and made the students to realize the important of copper plates to write history. Even now we are using these words.

e.g. Kaveri pakkam, Kalpakkam, Manapakkam etc.

Students of both U.G. and P.G. students (220) attended the programme and got benefitted.