

Workshop – Training Course  
**Local History**

---

Venue : Jawaharlal Nehru Conference Hall  
French Institute of Pondicherry

**Session Plan**

---

**Day One - February 15 2007**

**Inaugural Session**

**Welcome Address (9.00 AM)**

Dr. Jean Pierre Muller, Director, IFP

Arunan, President, Progressive Writers Association, TN

**Key Note Address (9.30 AM)**

Prof. KN Panikkar

“Writing Local History in times of globalization: Why and How?”

**Tea Break (10.45 AM)**

**Session One (11.00 AM)**

Prof. K A Manikumar:

Sources and the writing of history: Indian Experiences

Prof. K Rajan:

Archeology and the Writing of Local History

**Lunch Break (1.00 PM)**

**Session Two (2.00 PM)**

Prof. Y. Subbarayulu:

Working with Inscriptions and recovering local histories

Prof. R. Poonkunran:

Literature and the writing of Tamil History: Towards a critique

**Tea Break (3.30 PM)**

Pulavar Raju:

Family records, community and local history

Prof. A Sivasubramanian:

Oral Traditions as History: how to read and how to write?

Mr. Appanasamy:

Sharing an Experience: Kilvenmani as event and history

**Day Two - 16 February 2007**

**Session Three (9.00 AM)**

Prof. Manikumar  
& Prof. Subbarayulu

Land, Labour and Caste in writing local history

**Tea Break (11.00 AM)**

Dr. Dharmarajan

The local and the Region in the writing of history

Jean Deloche

Reconstructing a History of Senji

### **Lunch Break (1.00 PM)**

### **Session Four (2.00 PM)**

V Geetha

Culture and the Locality: Recovering pasts

Raman Mahadevan

Experiencing Development and Urban communities:  
Dynamics of urban pasts

### **Tea Break (4.00 PM)**

Prof. Subbarayulu

The making of an Historical Atlas for South India: Issues  
for historians of the local

## **Day Three - February 17 2007**

### **To the field: A visit to Bahoor**

#### **Departure from Yatri Nivas (9.00 AM)**

- Mapping a village: Techniques
- Finding Inscriptions
- Finding local records and narratives
- Encounter with the local record office: Interaction with a revenue official

#### **Lunch Break**

- Land and Water in the locality
- Discussion and Feedback

#### **Departure from Bahoor (5.00 PM)**

---

---

### **Note on Resource Persons**

**Prof. K N Panikkar**, Chairman, Kerala Council for Historical Research, Trivandrum, Kerala. He was earlier Vice Chancellor of Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady, Kerala and Professor of History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Prof. K A Manikumar**, Professor of History, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thirunelveli

**Prof. K. Rajan**, Professor of History and Archeology, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

**Prof. K. Subbarayulu**, Professor of Epigraphy and History, Tamil University, Tanjore

**Prof. R. Poonkunran**, Former Assistant Director, Department of Archeology, Government of Tamil Nadu

**Pulavar Raju**, Former Professor of History, Tamil University, Tanjore

**Prof. A. Sivasubramaniam**, Professor of History, Govt. Arts College, Tuticorin

**Mr. A. Appanasamy**, Writer and Journalist

**Dr. T. Dharamarajan**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Folklore, St. Xavier's College, Thirunelveli

**V Geetha**, Writer and Historian. Editor, Tara Publishing, Chennai

**Raman Mahadeven**, Senior Fellow, ICHR, M S Swaminthan Research Foundation, Chennai

**Jean Deloche**, Historian, Ecole Francais de Extreme Orient, Pondicherry