

THOSE 4 YEARS - DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

TIME : 2:30 pm - 4:20 pm

VENUE : Preview Theatre, Viscom building

SPEAKER : Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu

The 1st year and 2nd year PG students from the Department of International Relations, History and Visual Communication got the opportunity to watch the screening of the documentary "Those four years" at the Preview Theatre in the school of media studies department, Loyola College on 11th of August, 2023.

The programme began with Dr. Nansi Coordinator Department of International Relations introducing the Speaker, Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu, an Associate Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras to the gathering. Dr. Karackattu gave a brief note about what inspired him to venture into this project and also explained the premises of his assumptions when he began the research.

The documentary "Those 4 years" by Dr. Karackattu was an interesting piece of art, made visually pleasing from his research findings in the form of a documentary film. The film revolves around finding out where the traces of Chinese influence in Tamil Nadu came over the years. There were shocking revelations regarding the influx of batches of Chinese prisoners into the Nilgiris hills near the Tamil Nadu borders and how these China men were made to work in tea plantations and other manual labor such as for the construction of Lovedale School in Ooty, India.