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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
G.T.N ARTS COLLEGE (Autonomous)
(Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University) (Accredited by NAAC with 'B' Grade)
DINDIGUL - 624005
TAMIL NADU HISTORY CONGRESS
TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
(11th, 12th & 13th October, 2019)



Local Secretary: **Dr. P. Balagurusamy, Principal & H.O.D of History, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul.**
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**Dear Colleague,
Greetings,**

Hope you are in receipt of the first circular issued by Prof. S.S Sundaram, General Secretary, Tamil Nadu History Congress, informing you of the forthcoming **Twenty Sixth Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress.** The Department of History, **GTN Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul - 624005** is hosting the Congress this year. The Congress will be held during **11 - 13 October, 2019.** It gives me great pleasure in extending a cordial invitation to you to participate in the proceedings of the Dindigul Session.

DINDIGUL

Dindigul, famous in legend has a history dating back to 2000 years. Dindigul region was the border of the three prominent kingdoms of South India-Pandyas, Cheras and Cholas. The ancient Tamil epic 'Silappathikaram' records the city as the northern border of the Pandya kingdom whose capital was Madurai. The Rock fort and its hill top temple constructed by the Pandyas and the emperors of Vijayanagar vouch for the historic legacy of Dindigul. The Madurai Nayaks had ruled Dindigul for about 200 years. In 1788, Tippu Sultan, the son of Haider Ali was crowned as the King of Dindigul but his reign did not last for long. Dindigul was captured by the Britishers in 1790. It was the first region to come under British army and they strengthened the fort with cannons and built sentinel rooms. After that Madurai was made the headquarters of the British army and Dindigul was attached to it as a Taluk. Dindigul was under the rule of the British until India got independence. There are many places of interest in Dindigul district that includes the famous Palani Dhandayuthapani Temple, Thadicoombu Soundararaja Perumal Temple, Kottai Mariamman Temple, Agaram Muthalamman Temple, Begampur Big Masjid, Marambadi St. Antony's Church, Sirumalai Hills, Kodaikkannal Hills, Varathamamathi Dam and Parappalar Dam. Dindigul is popularly referred as the "City of Locks and Tanneries". The famous archaeological excavation sites Porunthal and Keeladi are near to Dindigul.

G.T.N ARTS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

In order to realize the ardent dreams and aspirations of late Shri. G.T. Narayanaswamy Naidu, his public spirited son Shri. N. Soundarajan founded G.T.N. Arts College with lot of objectives and aims to enrich the knowledge of local and rural childrens on par with the metropolitan cities. The foundation stone of the College was laid on 20th January 1964 by the veteran statesman and ardent educationist, the Honourable Shri.M. Bakthavatsalam, the then Chief Minister of Government of Madras. The College has 23 U.G courses and 10 P.G. courses beside 5 Research programmes with 4,200 students. The College is poised for a big leap with more need based courses under the guidance of our Secretary and Correspondent Lion. Dr. K. Rethinam, MJF and the Director Mr. Durai Rethinam, B.E., M.B.A.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

History has been offered as one of the major subjects right from the inception of the college (1964). As an innovative attempt, the department enhances teaching through field exposure and practical applications. Special thrust on Archaeology, Epigraphy, Architecture, Tourism, Journalism, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development are provided in the curriculum. The department is concerned in developing the students not only as knowledgeable but also employable in the changing scenario. The strong faculty and steadfast students of the department have proved their expertise in organizing National and State level Seminars, Workshops and Exhibitions in the college. The services of stalwarts like Prof. T. Dhanyakoty, Founder Principal & Head, Prof. S. Ramakrishnan, Principal & Head, Dr. M. Padmanaban, Prof. R. Jawaharlal and Dr. R. Pandian will be cherished forever. The Department is bound to revive memories of the by gone era graced by scholars and men of eminence who made Dindigul a mosaic of historical traditions and culture. The faculty is strengthened by Dr. P. Balagurusamy, Dr. P. Sangaralingam, Mrs. D. Srivendevi, Dr. M.S. Fathima Begum and Dr. S. Palanikumar who have contributed extensively to researches on the various aspects of Ancient, Medieval and Modern Indian History.

HISTORIAN TO BE HONOURED

Tamil Nadu History Congress will honor **Dr. P. Shanmugam, Former Professor & Head, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Madras, Chennai** during the 26th Session.

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From
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ENDOWMENT LECTURES

- **The TNHC Endowment Lecture** established by the Government Arts College, Coimbatore, will be delivered by **Dr. N. Sethuraman**, Former Professor, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- **Dr. G. Viswanathan Endowment Lecture** established by **Dr. G. Viswanathan**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Education University, Chennai, will be delivered by **Prof. S. Rajavelu**, Professor, Tamil University, Thanjavur.
- **Prof. NKNR Endowment Lecture** established by **Prof. N. Rajendran**, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, will be delivered by **Dr. Prabha Ravishankar**, Professor, SNTD Women's University, Mumbai.
- **Dr. Thilakavathy Endowment Lecture** established by **Dr. Thilakavathy**, Associate Professor & Head (Retd.), Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai will be delivered by **Dr. S. Anandhi**, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Research papers are invited from the members of the Tamilnadu History Congress. These should be based on original research providing new data and interpretation on Ancient, Medieval or Modern periods of the History of Tamil Nadu. The papers could be presented either in English or Tamil. The research papers not exceeding 8 pages should be neatly typed in double space in A4 size paper on one side with endnotes at the **end of the article** [for style sheet refer TNHC website]. The research papers along with 150 words summary processed in MS Word via e-mail may be sent to **tnhlocalsecretary2019@gmail.com** and the same should reach (by post or email) the Local Secretary **Dr. P. Balagurusamy, Principal & H.O.D of History, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul-624005** on or before **27th September 2019**. For research papers in Tamil, kindly copy the font and send it along with the article by e-mail. A copy of the Research Paper and its abstract should reach the General Secretary by e-mail.

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Members of TNHC are invited to send their articles for the Endowment Prizes mentioned below:

Dr. Prema Kasthuri Endowment – Women Studies
Dr. S. Govindaraju Endowment – Art and Cultural History
Vanavarayar Foundation Endowment – Freedom Movement

Articles should reach the Local Secretary [hard copy] and the General Secretary [Soft copy by E-mail] on or before **27th September, 2019**.

Note : 1. Articles by single author alone will be considered for endowment prize.
2. One member – one article – one endowment prize only.
3. Mention the name of the prize for which the article is to be considered.

DELEGATE FEE

The outstation delegate fee is Rs.1000/-. Delegates who do not need accommodation can get themselves registered as Local delegates with a fee of Rs.750/-. A special provision is made for bonafide Ph.D / M.Phil / P.G scholars and students. The scholar / student delegate shall pay Rs.750/- as registration fee (both Outstation and Local). The scholar / student delegates will be given dormitory type of accommodation only (Men / Women separately). Scholar / student delegates ought to be certified by the H.O.D or the Head of the institution where they study. Accommodation will be provided on first come first serve basis only.

The delegate fee to be paid in advance by Demand Draft obtained from any nationalized bank drawn in favour of **"The Local Secretary, TNHC, Dindigul"**, should reach the Local Secretary on or before **5th October, 2019**. Delegates should please note that they are requested to pay the delegate fee before **5th October, 2019** to arrange for a comfortable stay.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration will be done at the G.T.N Arts College from 04:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on 10th October, 2019 and from 07:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on 11th October 2019. After these formalities, delegates will be taken to their respective places of accommodation.

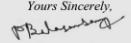
MEMBERSHIP

The membership in the Tamil Nadu History Congress is open to all those who are interested in the study of History irrespective of the basic discipline to which they belong. The existing Annual Members of the Congress are requested to become Life Members by paying Rs.3000/- or renew their Annual Membership by sending Rs.200/-. The membership fee may be sent by way of M.O/D.D drawn in favour of the Treasurer, Tamil Nadu History Congress addressed to **Dr. T. Abdul Khadar**, Associate Professor, Department of Historical Studies, The New College, Chennai (Mobile: 9841231628). New members are welcome to join the T.N.H.C. by paying any one of the above subscriptions.

The delegates are requested to send the duly filled in form attached with this circular to the Local Secretary on or before **5th October, 2019**. Additional forms may be photocopied.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you at G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul.
With warm regards.

Kindly log on the TNHC
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Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. P. BALAGURUSAMY)
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1. Name : _____
2. Address with Designation : _____
3. Phone Number : _____
4. E-mail ID : _____
5. Title of the Paper : _____
6. Full Paper & Summary : Enclosed / Will be sent
7. Patron / Life Member / Ordinary Member : _____
8. Delegate Fee : _____
M.O. : _____
Bank D.D. : _____
D.D. Number : _____ Date : _____
9. Nature of Delegate : * Outstation / Local
(a) Are you a Scholar / Student : Yes / No
(b) If outstation,
Details of Arrival & Departure : Arrival : _____
Departure : _____
Station : _____
Date : _____ Signature _____

* Outstation delegates are requested to tick the appropriate so as to enable us to make arrangements for accommodation.

Completed Proforma should reach **Dr. P. Balagurusamy, Local Secretary, T.N.H.C., Principal and H.O.D of History, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul - 624005** on or before **5th October 2019**.