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PASUMALAI, MADURAI – 625 004.

31st ANNUAL SESSION, TAMIL NADU HISTORY CONGRESS
20th, 21st & 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024

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Dear Delegates,

Warm Greetings from the Department of History, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Pasumalai, Madurai. It is a great pleasure in inviting you to the 31st Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress which will be held from 20th to 22nd September 2024 under the aegis of the Department of History, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Pasumalai, Madurai. We are delighted to invite you to participate in the proceedings of the Madurai Session and hope to make this annual session a memorable one for all the participants.

MADURAI: A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Madurai, an ancient city located on the banks of the river Vaigai in Tamil Nadu, was historically known as Kadambavanam, Thoonga Nagaram and the Athens of the East. The 3rd Tamil Sangam was located in North Madurai corresponding to modern Madurai. Keeladi, a significant urban Sangam society habitation site, dating back to 6th B.C.E. and the nearby burial ground at Konthagai highlight the city's rich antiquity. Early references to Madurai were made by Megasthenes and Kautilya in the 3rd B.C.E., and later by Pliny and Ptolemy. The city was a major trading centre visited by scholars from Rome and Greece, who established trade with the Pandya kingdom. Tamil literature, including Silappadikaram, Madurai Kanchi, Paripadal and Kaliththokai, mentioned Madurai in their descriptions.

After the 2nd Pandyas rule, the Madurai Sultanate governed the region for 43 years until the Vijayanagar rulers established control in 1378 C.E. Vijayanagar emperor Krishnadevaraya's administrative changes led to the establishment of the Madurai Nayakdom under Viswanatha Nayak in 1529 C.E., which lasted until 1736 C.E. 13 Nayaks ruled Madurai successfully. Notable rulers like Thirumalai Nayakar and Rani Mangammal were known for their social welfare contributions. Madurai came under Nawab of Arcot and British administration in 1801 C.E. During the Indian National Movement, Mahatma Gandhi visited the city in 1921 and adopted the loincloth.

Women freedom fighters from Madurai, such as Padmasiniammal, K.P. Janaki Ammal and Sornathammal played significant roles in the movement. M.S. Subbulakshmi, an eminent classical Carnatic vocalist, also hailed from this region.

Madurai is renowned for its historically prominence, sacred hills, natural rock caves, Jain stone beds and sculptures, inscriptions, temples, and other monuments. The city is home to many Tamil Brahmi inscriptions dating from 3rd B.C.E. to 3rd C.E. found in Kilakuyilkudi, Kongarpuliyankulam, Muttupatti, Yanaimalai, Mangulam, Karungalakkudi, Thirupparankundram and Vikkiramangalam. Known as the “Festival City”, Madurai hosts numerous annual festivals, including as Chithirai festival, Theppotsavam and Navarathri festival. The city is a hub of Tamil culture, featuring folk music, dance, silampattam, cock-fighting and jallikkattu. Key spiritual centres include the Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple, Kallazhagar temple in Alagarkovil, Pazhamudircholai & Thirupparankundram Murugan temple, Koodal Azhagar temple, Anaimalai Narasingaperumal temple, Thirumohoor Kalameghaperumal temple, known for their glorious architectural contributions by the Pandyas, the Vijayanagar rulers and the Madurai Nayaks.

Madurai's rich cultural heritage includes Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal, Rani Mangammal Palace, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Vandiyur Mariamman Theppakulam, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kazimar Big Mosque, Goripalayam Dargah and the Sculptures of Pudu Mandapam all known for their craftsmanship and historical significance. These monuments continue to inspire scholars to explore the past history of India.

HISTORY OF MANNAR THIRUMALAI NAICKER COLLEGE

Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College is a linguistic minority co-educational institution established by philanthropic organization, “Naidu Mahajana Sangam” in 1974 with the noble aspiration of uplifting educational standards of the urban and rural economically backward students. The then Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Dr. Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi inaugurated the college in August, 1974.

Initially, the college started with 153 students. The college is affiliated with Madurai Kamaraj University and UGC granted autonomy in 2015. The college was reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC in the 2nd cycle in 2018. At present, the College offers 22 UG and 8 PG programmes along with 5 Ph.D. programmes, serving around 4000 students through both Aided & Self Finance streams in arts, commerce and science. With a far-sighted vision, the college had laid a glorious path for the development of rural youth, fulfilling the aspirations of nation-building.

HISTORY OF HOST DEPARTMENT

The Department of History was established in 1979 with an Undergraduate Programme. Currently, the department has four fully qualified and dedicated faculty members. As an innovative attempt, the department enhances vibrant teachings through field exposure, finding inscription and providing seminal services to students. The department offers skill-oriented courses such as Principles and Methods of Archaeology, Museology, Epigraphy, Architecture, Archives Keeping, and History of India for Competitive Examinations in the course curriculum to boost students' knowledge. Certificate courses in Gandhian Thought, Travel & Tourism and Panchayat Raj & Local Urban Government have been offered since 1985.

The department has undertaken individual and joint Institutional Projects and a Project from a Non-Governmental Agency. A team of faculty and students discovered 18 new inscriptions in South Tamil Nadu. The department has also successfully organized International, National, and State

Level seminars, conferences, and symposiums. The faculty members make considerable efforts to upgrade the quality of students and have incorporated UG student projects in the course curriculum. The department encourages and motivates students to achieve holistic development, moulding them into responsible citizens of India. Alumni of the department occupy significant posts in government and private sectors, serving in various organizations and professions such as teaching, legal services, banking, and insurance.

VENUE

The 31st Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress will be held at the 31.83 acres sprawling campus of Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Pasumalai, Madurai. It is well connected by air, road, and rail from all parts of the country. Madurai International Airport is the nearest airport with direct flights from major cities in India, and it takes just 20 minutes via Avaniyapuram-Thirupparankundram road to reach the conference venue from the airport. The nearest railway station is Thirupparankundram (TDN), and the biggest railway station is Madurai Junction (MDU), which are 2 km and 6.5 km away from the venue, respectively. The college is 12 km from Mattuthavani Bus Stand, 7 km from Arappalayam Bus Stand, and 5 km from Periyar Bus Stand (towards Thirupparankundram/Thirumangalam).

RESEARCH PAPERS

Research papers are invited from the members of the Tamil Nadu History Congress. The papers should be based on original research providing new data and interpretation on any aspect of the History of Tamil Nadu. The papers can be presented either in Tamil or English. Research papers, not exceeding 10 pages, should be neatly typed with double space on one side of A-4 size paper with end-notes (notes to be attached at the end of the article). The research papers along with an abstract of 150 words in duplicate processed in MS Word should reach the Organising Secretary, Dr. S. Rajagopal, Department of History, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Pasumalai, Madurai, Tamil Nadu - 625 004 on or before 15th September 2024. Send your soft copies through the email: organisingsecretary31tnhc2024@gmail.com For research papers in Tamil, kindly copy the font and send it along with the article by email.

DELEGATE FEE

All members of the Tamil Nadu History Congress, those who intend to become members and interested in the Proceedings are welcomed to attend the 31st Session. The details of Delegate fee payable for different categories of participants: The outstation delegate fee is Rs. 1500/-. Delegates who do not need accommodation can get themselves registered as Local delegate with a fee of Rs.1000/-. The scholar/ student delegates will pay Rs. 750/-. The women scholar/student delegates will be given our college women's hostel accommodation and men scholar/student delegates will be given dormitory type hotel accommodation. The scholar/student delegates ought to be certified by the HOD or Head of the Institution where they study. Accommodation will be provided on first come first serve basis only. Delegate fee to be paid in advance by a demand draft obtained from any nationalized bank drawn in favour of "**Organising Secretary, 31st Tamil Nadu History Congress**" payable at Madurai or RTGS Organising Secretary, 31st Tamil Nadu History Congress, **Canara Bank, Thirunagar Branch, Madurai, A/c No. 110185615730, IFS Code CNRB0001346 or GPay 6382758749**. Delegate fee should reach the Organising Secretary on or before 15th September 2024. Delegates should please note that they are requested to pay the delegate fee before 15th September 2024 to arrange for a comfortable stay.

All delegates who paid the outstation delegate fee will be provided hospitality and concomitant assistance on the days of the Conference in Madurai. Demand Draft may be taken in favouring 31st Annual Session of Tamil Nadu History Congress or the photo copy of the RTGS challan along with the duly filled in proforma should reach the Organising Secretary on or before 15th September 2024. Drafts with proforma received after the due date will not be entertained. This will help us to plan your comfortable stay and for our hospitality well in advance. Facilities requested for after the said date will not be guaranteed. So, kindly co-operate to make your stay fruitful and comfortable.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration will be done at Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Pasumalai, Madurai from 05.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on 19th September 2024 and 07.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on 20th September 2024. After the completion of registration formalities, the delegates will be taken to their respective places of accommodation. Accommodation cannot be assured to delegates who have not paid their delegate fee and submitted the duly filled in proforma on or before the last date. Delegates travelling with their families are requested to arrange for their own accommodation. Non-TNHC members cannot avail of accommodation provided by us.

MEMBERSHIP

The **Annual Membership** fee is **Rs.300/-** and **Life Membership** fee is **Rs.3000/-**. The Membership fee by Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Treasurer, Tamil Nadu History Congress may be sent to **Dr. T. Abdul Khadar**, Associate Professor of History, The New College, Chennai – 600 014 (9841231628).

ENQUIRIES

For assistance with regard to the under mentioned facilities you are requested to contact the following officials.

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		Dr. Sarojaa V.Kumar	Mobile No. 9789789224
Accommodation	:	Dr. R. Praiya	Mobile No. 9025886165
Transportation	:	Dr. S. Vigneswaran	Mobile No. 9385537882

Enquiries can also be made via email: organisingsecretary31tnhc2024@gmail.com

We looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you at the Conference Venue. We hope you will take part in the fruitful deliberations.

With Warm regards,



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Completed Proforma / Research Paper should reach

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