

Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Department
Tamil diaspora Youths visiting Tamil Nadu as a part of Government of Tamil Nadu's "Reaching your Roots" program paid respect to Thiruvalluvar's statue in Kanniyakumari.

To reconnect the second-generation Tamil diaspora youth (aged 18-30), residing outside Tamil Nadu with Tamil heritage and culture, the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Department has launched the "Reaching Your Roots" cultural tour program.

As part of this initiative, 57 youth from Canada, Fiji, Australia, and Sri Lanka were selected and arrived in Chennai on 26.12.2023. The cultural tour program was inaugurated by Thiru. Gingee K.S. Masthan, the Hon'ble Minister for Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, on 27.12.23 from Mamallapuram.

The participants visited Alambarai Fort, Arutprakasa Vallalar's Sathiya Gnana Sabai, Veernam Lake which stands as a testament to the ancient Tamils water conservation practices, the Great Living Chola Temples in Thanjavur, Gangai Konda Cholapuram, Dharasuram, the Saraswati Mahal and witnessed Bronze Idol Making, and the intricate creation of Tanjore Paintings. They also explored Sittannavasal Jain paintings, Karaikudi's magnificent Chettinad Houses, and eventually reached Virudhunagar on 01.01.2024.

The participants were welcomed traditionally, they actively participated in early Pongal celebrations. Following this, they visited Adhichanallur and concluded their journey in Kanniyakumari.

In Kanniyakumari, they visited the Thiruvallur statue amidst the sea via boat. They recited verses of Thirukkural and paid their respects to Thiruvalluvar. Subsequently, they visited the Mathur Aqueduct, and enjoyed a breathtaking view of nature and the surrounding hamlets.

On 04.12.23, the crew will travel from Kanniyakumari to Kudankulam and proceed to Madurai via Tirunelveli.

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