

Press Note**Department of Tamil Nadu Archives and Historical Research
Centenary Celebrations**

Started in 1909 in the then Grassmere Garden, Egmore, as a separate establishment, the Tamil Nadu Archives and Historical Research Department has seen a Century. When inaugurated, its name was 'Madras Record Office' and consequent on the naming of Madras State into Tamilnadu, the Madras Record Office also became 'Tamil Nadu Archives' and later 'Tamil Nadu Archives and Historical Research'.

The Tamil Nadu Archives is a custodian and repository of Government Records. The earliest records preserved belong to the year 1657. When the Government needs records as back papers and precedents for planning, introducing reforms, drafting Bills and for routine administration, they are supplied. Since 1930, researchers from universities and colleges both native and foreign have visited Tamil Nadu Archives for their researches. Many authors and historians have published their 'magnum opus' referring archival sources. The Tamil Nadu Council of Historical Research with the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education as the Chairman, functions here to promote historical research. Tamil Nadu Archives has District Record Centres in Coimbatore, Salem, Madurai, Cuddalore, Tiruchirapalli and Thanjavur.

The Tamil Nadu Archives Library housing rare books is a rich treasure trove to the scholars. The publications of the Tamil Nadu Archives are District Gazetteers, Select Document Series etc.

The records are well preserved using modern technique and are being digitized.

The Centenary is being celebrated in a fitting manner. As one of the several events, a quiz programme on 'Archives and History' for college students was held on 14.10.2009. An Endowment Lecture was delivered on 16.10.2009 by Dr. A. Ramasamy, Vice Chairman, Tamilnadu Council for Higher Education on 'Archives and South Indian History' as a part of the celebrations. The Archives Website was launched on 27.10.2009 by the respected Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu will launch the Centenary Celebration Souvenir and declare open the additional floors of the Library Building constructed at the cost of Rs. 83.40 lakh under the 12th Finance Commission Assistance.

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education will distribute the prizes and certificates to the winners of the college level quiz competition held on 14.10.2009 as part of Centenary Celebration.

Hon'ble Minister for Information will declare open the exhibition of archival records.

The exhibits of the exhibition include rare documents of History, Freedom Movement, Social Reforms, administrative reforms etc. The records of the promulgation of the execution of Veera Pandia Kattabomman, the cause of the death of the Napoleon recorded, the Government order renaming the Madras State as Tamil Nadu, rare books preserved in the Archives Library are some of the exhibits.

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