

TAMIL SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

(14 July - 23 August 2008)

PUDUCHERRY INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS AND CULTURE

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(Affiliated to Tamil University, Thanjavur)
PIPMATE Campus, Lawspet
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Tamil Summer School

What is the TSS?

The Tamil Summer School is an intensive six-weeks course in spoken Tamil organised by the Puducherry Institute of Linguistics and Culture(PILC), a Govt. of Puducherry institution, known for its research activities, training programmes and workshops.

The course was initiated in 1998 by the Department of Social Sciences, French Institute, Puducherry to offer training to language researchers in Humanities and Social sciences. PILC has been organising this course since 2004. The TSS is conducted every year in July-August. The medium of teaching is English as well as Tamil.

The TSS focuses on **Spoken Tamil** rather than on the classical and written forms being taught in European Universities. The level of spoken Tamil course is INTERMEDIATE.

Why Spoken Tamil?

Tamil is an international language spoken in different countries like India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore. It shows significant social and regional variations and is known for its diglossic nature, in as much as it possesses distinct written and spoken forms, affecting syntax, lexicon and phonetics.

The TSS primarily aims at filling this important gap in Tamil studies by offering students and scholars a summer programme stressing the spoken variety.

The TSS provides an opportunity

- for scholars to acquire linguistic tools to do field studies in Tamil.
- for those who are trained in the written form and others to be able to communicate in Tamilnadu and other Tamil-speaking areas.

The TSS programme will be conducted for six days per week during a period of six weeks (i.e. from 14 July 2008 to 23 August 2008).

The course is based on materials both in English and Tamil designed specially for the TSS 2008.

Intermediate level

Spoken Tamil is taught with conversational materials throughout the course. Lessons in Modern Tamil Grammar will be given stage by stage with structures of Tamil sentences. Students will be trained to read primary level lessons, short stories and songs. Vocabulary lists will be provided for practice.

Fieldwork activities

The TSS will also include practical training and drilling in Spoken Tamil in the context of fieldwork with very experienced research assistants.

Lecture series

During the TSS reputed scholars will give special lectures on Tamil language, literature, culture and society.

NB: According to the number, background and standard of participants, The appropriate level of the course will be adopted. During the course, attendance is compulsory. No participant will be allowed to be absent, without the permission of the organiser. Certificate will be issued to those who successfully complete the course.

Participants

Intermediate

Eligible participants are students or researchers from foreign or Indian universities or institutions, who have studied written Tamil for at least one year and have a good knowledge of basic grammar.

Students will be divided into two groups according to their proficiency in Tamil.

Enrolment

Enrolment starts on 1 March, 2008 and registration will be closed on the 30 April, 2008. Registration may be possible beyond 30 April under special circumstances.

For registration, particulars are required in the prescribed format and may preferably be sent by e.mail.

Kindly send it in advance to reserve your seat.

Registration fees for 2008 will be Rs. **12,000** (Rs. Twelve Thousand only)

This includes the cost of the materials and field visits provided by us. Participants have to arrange for their accommodation. However, Institute will assist the scholars to get the type of accommodation they prefer.

Your stay in Puducherry

Puducherry is a small Tamil speaking territory and city, 140 km from Chennai International airport and well-connected by road.

It has a very good tourist infrastructure with more than forty hotels and lodges. Cost of living is extremely moderate by European and even Indian standards.

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APPLICATION FOR THE TSS

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1. Name :
2. Age, Date of Birth :
3. Sex : Male / Female
4. Nationality :
5. Mother Tongue :
6. Languages known :
7. Occupation : Teacher/ Researcher/
Student/ any other category
8. Academic qualifications
9. Name of the Institution :
10. Knowledge of Tamil
a. Do you know Tamil? : Yes / No
b. If yes, specify your skills in Tamil : Understand/Speak/
Read and Write
11. If you have studied Tamil in any institution
give details
a. Name of the institution :
b. Name of the course :
c. Duration of the course :
d. The year of study :
12. Purpose of joining TSS :
13. Have you ever visited India in the past?
14. Address for communication with
Telephone Number and e.mail :
15. Any other information

Signature of applicant