

## **PUDUCHERRY INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS AND CULTURE**

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# **Tamil Winter School – 2009 ( 30 November – 19 December 2009 )**

Puducherry Institute of Linguistics and Culture(PILC) is a Govt. of Puducherry institution, acclaimed for its research activities, training programmes and workshops related to language, literature and culture. During this year the Tamil Winter School(TWS) an intensive three- week course in spoken Tamil is organised by the PILC . PILC has been organising Tamil Summer School (TSS) since 2004. In response to the request from various quarters PILC has planned a Tamil Winter School(TWS) this year i.e.2009. This course will be for three weeks starting from the last week of November every year. The level of course offered is BASIC. The medium of teaching will be English.

The TWS focuses on **Spoken Tamil** rather than the classical and written forms being taught in European Universities. The TWS primarily aims at introducing the basics of Tamil language and it will prepare the students for the next level of Tamil learning.

The TWS provides an opportunity

- for scholars to acquire linguistic tools to do field studies in Tamil.
- for those who need training in writing, reading and also to help them to be able to communicate in Tamil with the natives.

The TWS programme will be conducted for six days per week during a period of three weeks. This year it will be from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The course is based on materials both in English and Tamil designed specially for the purpose.

### ***The Course***

The course is offered at Basic level only. Spoken Tamil is taught with quality materials throughout the course. Lessons on Tamil scripts and 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.

### ***Course Extension***

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

### ***Attendance***

During the course, attendance is compulsory. No participant will be allowed to be absent, without the permission of the organiser. Certificate will be issued only to those who successfully complete the course.

### ***Eligibility***

Eligible participants are students or researchers from foreign or Indian universities or institutions, who have not studied Tamil and who are interested to learn spoken Tamil.

### ***Enrolment***

Enrolment starts on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2009 and registration will be closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. Registration may be possible after 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 only 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 fee for TWS 2009 will be Rs. **9,000** (Rs. Nine Thousand only). This includes the cost of the materials and field visits provided by us. Participants have to arrange the accommodation on their own. However, institute will assist the scholars by providing the details of accommodation available.

### ***Stay***

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