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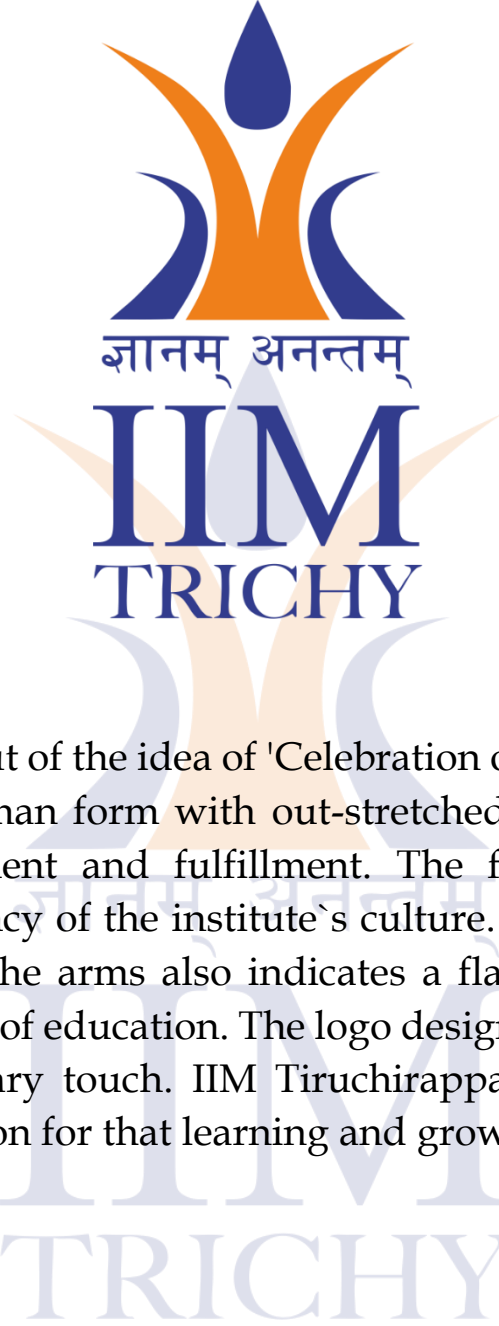


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**YUVA SANGAM PHASE 3**

**Rajasthan ↔ Tamil Nadu**





This logo is born out of the idea of 'Celebration of Learning'. It takes the shape of a human form with out-stretched arms signaling the spirit of achievement and fulfillment. The freshness of orange captures the vibrancy of the institute's culture. The subtle shape of the blue between the arms also indicates a flame - a traditionally recognized symbol of education. The logo design combines tradition with a contemporary touch. IIM Tiruchirappalli as the base unit forms the foundation for that learning and growth.



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**YUVA SANGAM (युवा संगम)**  
Exposure Visit of Youth to Various States of India



# YUVA SANGAM



EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT



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## Director's Message

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to take you through the highlights of the Yuva Sangam Phase III (Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat) Tale which had many incredible moments that every participant wanted to cherish throughout their lives.

When I received a call from the Ministry of Education requesting to take up the Yuva Sangam Phase III Initiative, I did not hesitate at all! I gladly agreed to take up the initiative as it was our Hon'ble Prime Minister's dream come true. The Yuva Sangam Tours are



conceptualized based on five broad multi-dimensional areas such as Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect). What more can a Government do to connect and build empathy among the youth of the country?

With the sheer hard work of our team, we got a remarkable response from the youths of Tamil Nadu and we topped the Online Registration Table with more than 4800 applications. Around 50 students and youth were selected for the Rajasthan trip which had an encompassing exposure tour. We were glad to partner with IIIT Kota in organising this initiative and I was personally excited that the youth from Tamil Nadu, of which many have not even crossed their district borders shall get an opportunity to visit the beautiful Pink City, historic Chittorgarh Fort, legendary Chambal River, and many stunning forts and palaces of this princely State.

I also avowed that the Rajasthan youth shall get wonderful exposure to rich historical landmarks, cultural heritage, and diverse traditions of Tamil Nadu. IIM Tiruchirappalli took up the initiative with full-fledged rigour and the Committee appointed for organizing this initiative worked meticulously and planned the itinerary in such a holistic way that the Rajasthan delegation is pulled into the treasure chest of amazing places and traditions of this ancient State.

The Rajasthan delegation had an encompassing cultural-cum-educational-tour in Tamil Nadu that became a true model of connecting the 5 Ps of the Yuva Sangam Concept. The itinerary that we created was a culmination of various visits that included the historical and ancient sites, portraying the rich culture and traditions of the State, showcasing various developments of the country, depicting the high technology that our country is proud of, and instilling people-to-people connect that sensitized them to local customs, traditions, and way of life.

Considering “Atithi Devo Bhava” meaning “Guest is God” as the tagline of this initiative, we presented our guests with a variety of cuisines, traditional banana leaf lunch, etc., and whenever they were yearning for their local food, we provided them with feasts such as Pani Puri, Bhel Puri, Rotis and Paneer as well. The highlight was that both the Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu delegations had the opportunity to meet each other as the onward journey of Tamil Nadu Youth and the return journey of the Rajasthan delegation happened together, illustrating a true example of the buddy system. Both delegations not only learned the differences in their traditions and cultures but also learned about many similarities which once again is proof that all Indians are brothers and sisters.

I thank the Hon’ble Prime Minister and the Ministry of Education for providing us an opportunity to serve the youth of our country with such a wonderful initiative. I also thank all the stakeholders involved in this initiative without whom we couldn’t have done this so magnanimously.

I am sure the participants of the Yuva Sangam initiative will have superior leverage in understanding the legacy of our country. I wish everyone great learnings in the future and great success ahead!

Best Wishes and Regards!

Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh

### *Our Journey in Yuva Sangam – An Experience Sharing by the Nodal Officer*

When IIM Tiruchirappalli was assigned to be the nodal institution for Yuva Sangam Phase III, we were pleased to take up the proposal with real enthusiasm and zeal.

While we wanted to do our best to give the best exposure to the youth visiting our State, we also wanted to ensure that Tamil Nadu youth are selected from every corner of the State and get an opportunity to visit the historical Rajasthan. We took it up as a team and appointed a Core Committee and various Sub-committees to ensure that each activity is taken care of flawlessly. All these committees worked 24/7 to complete the tasks assigned and to ensure that our regular duty is not affected. Each team completed their task successfully and also helped other teams to perform better.



We are proud to state that Tamil Nadu topped the Online Registration Portal with more than 4800 applications. In record time, we completed the selection process and with continuous follow-ups by way of emails, zoom meetings, and telephonic calls, we managed to take a record number of 48 students and youth to Rajasthan.

We faced many challenges due to the lack of availability of preferred trains for the tours, and even after making the train bookings in the available trains, both the return train of the Rajasthan delegation and the onward train of the Tamil Nadu delegation got cancelled making the situation tougher. We managed them and gave the best experience to the guests during their extended stay. We wrote and spoke to various college authorities from where the students were selected for the Rajasthan trip and explained to them the need for the tour and how it can help their students as a platform for experiential learning, promote personal development, and foster socialization and community building.

The team precisely planned the itinerary for the Rajasthan delegation in such a way that they got a 360-degree exposure to the rich culture and tradition of Tamil Nadu. Needless to say, the delegation was overwhelmed with joy and excitement and they poured their love and warmth to the IIM Tiruchirappalli family. IIM Tiruchirappalli was the first ever institute to create a separate web page for this wonderful initiative. We also live telecasted the inaugural and valedictory events so that this initiative could reach a wider audience.

We thank our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Education Minister, and the Ministry officials for their trust in handing over this invaluable initiative to us. Our heartfelt gratitude to our respectful Director, Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh, for spearheading this initiative, encouraging and leading us to achieve this milestone. He gave us full freedom to plan and execute each of the activities involved in this programme. My heartfelt thanks go to all our Deans, Prof. Godwin Tennyson, Prof. V. Gopal and Prof. P. Saravanan, who were the backbones of our team and helped us with valuable advice at the correct junctures and made us smoothly achieve this task.

Best Wishes!

K. Muthukumaran  
Chief Administrative Officer (i/c)

## **Yuva Sangam (युवा संगम) Phase-III ((Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat)**

*An initiative by the Government of India to strengthen people-to-people connect especially among youth across the Nation.*

### **About Yuva Sangam**

Yuva Sangam Phase-III under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat focuses on conducting exposure tours of the youths comprising mainly of students studying in Higher Educational institutions & some off-campus youth from across the Nation to various states of India.

Yuva Sangam tours provide an immersive experience of numerous facets of life, development landmarks, recent achievements, and a youth connect in the host state. During their visits, the youth will have a multi-dimensional exposure to five broad areas – Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect), and Prodyogik (Technology).

### **About IIM Tiruchirappalli**

Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, established by the Government of India in 2011, is one of the fastest-growing second-generation IIMs. The institute offers a range of programs including a Doctoral Programme in Management (Ph.D.) and an Executive Doctoral programme for working executives (Ph.D. Part-time).

Accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA), IIM Tiruchirappalli's MBA programs - the Post-Graduate Programme in Management (MBA), Post-Graduate Programme in Human Resources Management (MBA-HR), and Post-Graduate Programme in Business Management (MBA for working executives) are highly regarded. Known for its rigorous academic curriculum and focus on experiential learning, IIM Tiruchirappalli nurtures a culture of innovation, leadership, and critical thinking among its students.

The institute is home to a world-class faculty who bring extensive knowledge and industry experience to the classroom. With state-of-the-art infrastructure, including modern classrooms, a well-stocked library, and advanced research facilities, IIM Tiruchirappalli provides a conducive environment for academic and research pursuits.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.iimtrichy.ac.in](http://www.iimtrichy.ac.in).

### **Meet our Director**

Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh is the Director of the Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli. He has served as the Director of the Management Development



Institute Gurgaon and Director in-charge of the Indian Institute of Management Indore. In the role of mentoring at the Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur, he served as the first Chairperson of the Academic Committee and as a Nodal Officer of IIM Sambalpur.

### **About Tiruchirappalli**

Trichy, an ancient city with a vibrant cultural heritage, boasts a history spanning over 1000 years. The Rock Fort temple, dating back to the 7th century, showcases its architectural and historical splendor. The city is renowned for the Grand Anicut, the fourth oldest dam globally, constructed in the 2nd century AD. Visitors can explore numerous ancient temples adorned with intricate stone carvings, including the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam, the Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, and the Jambukeshwarar Temple at Tiruvanaikovil.

Located in Central Tamil Nadu, Trichy offers convenient access to prominent tourist attractions such as the World Heritage sites of Thanjavur, Mahabalipuram, and Gonngaikonda Cholapuram, as well as natural retreats like Coutrallam Falls and Kanyakumari. Hill stations like Munnar, Kodaikanal, and Ooty, along with the enchanting Indo-French enclave of Pondicherry, are also easily reachable. Trichy enjoys excellent connectivity to Chennai and Bengaluru via road, rail, and air. Moreover, the city is well-connected to international destinations like the UAE, Singapore, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka, with daily non-stop flights.

The city boasts a strong culture of education, learning, and artistic engagement. It has nurtured renowned Carnatic musicians and is the birthplace of Dr. C.V. Raman, the pioneering Nobel Laureate in Physics. Trichy is also home to esteemed institutions like the National Institute of Tiruchirappalli, the Indian Institute of Information Technology, and National Law University.

In December, Trichy experiences a pleasant climate with cool breezes and mild temperatures, creating an ideal atmosphere for outdoor festivities and cultural events. This month also coincides with Margazhi, a sacred Tamil month, which fills the city with vibrant celebrations of music, dance, and devotion.

## Organizing Team

### Core Committee

Prof. Saravanan P  
Chairman

Prof. Godwin Tennyson  
Member

Prof. V Gopal  
Member

Shri K. Muthukumaran  
Nodal Officer & Secretary

Ms. Priva V  
Member

Ms. Sajeela M  
Member

Shri A. Kumaraswamy  
Member

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#### Application Scrutiny and Support Team

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Member  
Mr. Gopinath K  
Member  
Ms. Deepa M  
Member

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Convener

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**Raj Bhavan Coordination**

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Convener

Ms Sajeela  
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Member

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Member

Ms. Spoorthi V  
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Ms Indhu  
Member

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Mr Karthikeyan M  
Member

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Convener

Mr. Manikumaran K  
Member

Ms. Deepa M  
Member

**Cultural Events**

Mr. Dharmaraj G  
Convener  
&  
Cultural Committee

**Merchandise**

Purchase Department

**Sponsorship Team**

Mr. Murali N  
Convener  
Mr. Elavazhagan K  
Member  
Mr. Ravikumar R  
Member  
Mr. Shyam Sundar S  
Member  
Mr. Senthil Saravanan S  
Member



*The Yuva Sangam Committee with the Director, Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh*

<b>TOUR ITINERARY OF YUVA SANGAM DELEGATES FROM RAJASTHAN</b>				
<b>Tour in TAMIL NADU by RAJASTHAN Delegates from November 24, 2023 to December 06, 2023</b>				
<b>Sending Institution: Indian Institute of Information Technology Kota, Rajasthan</b>				
<b>Receiving Institution: Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu</b>				
<b>Departure from Kota: November 23, 2023, by 1.25 AM by Humsafar Express Train</b>				
Day	Arrival/Start Place	Mode/Plan	Time	Planned Action
1	Thursday, Nov 23, 2023	Train	-	Travel - Sogaria, Rajasthan to Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
2	Friday, Nov 24, 2023	Train	1530	Train Arrives at Tiruchirappalli Junction
		At Railway Station	1545	Traditional Welcome with Institute Higher Officials, Guests and IIMT Students.
		Bus	1600	Travel to IIMT
		At IIMT	1645	Hi-Tea
		At IIMT	1700	Welcome Kit Distribution
		At IIMT	1830	<b>Inaugural Ceremony at CR005:</b> inaugural address by the Chief Guest, Ms. D. Nithya, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, GoI, with the presence of Director, Deans, Faculty, Staff and Committee Members. Introduction about the State and the Culture of the State
		At IIMT	1930	Dinner
2	Saturday, Nov 25, 2023	At IIMT	0600	<b>Sports Activities:</b> A portrayal of traditional sports and a fun-filled event with Silambattam, Kabbadi, Uriyadi, Gili-danda, Pallankuzhi, and Bambaram.
		At IIMT	0830	Breakfast
		At IIMT	1000	Interaction with the Faculty Members
		At IIMT	1100	Campus Visit

		At IIMT	1300	Traditional Tamil Nadu Banana Leaf Lunch
		Bus	1430	<b>ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana:</b> ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana was established on 21st August 1993 at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu by ICAR, New Delhi with an aim to increase the production and productivity of banana and plantains through mission mode basic and strategic research approaches.The Centre works on four major thrust areas of research viz., Crop Improvement, Crop Production, Post-Harvest Management and Crop Protection. It has well-equipped laboratories for tissue-culture, bio-technology, soil science, nutrient management, physiology, biochemistry, entomology, nematology, fungal, bacterial, viral pathology and post-harvest technology research.
		At IIMT	1900	1. Cultural Programme at Sports Complex 2. Photo Shoot in the Traditional Attires of Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.
		At IIMT	2030	Dinner
3	Sunday, Nov 26, 2023	Bus	0500	IIMT to Rameshwaram
		Hotel	0800	Breakfast
		Bus	0900	<b>Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Memorial:</b> Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam National Memorial is a mausoleum in memory of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India, located in his home town, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
			1030	<b>Pamban Bridge:</b> The 2.2 km. length bridge connecting the Rameswaram Island and the mainland is the longest bridge in India constructed over a bay. It is also called as Pamban Bridge. Similarly, the railway SCISSORS bridge connecting the island is noted for its unique opening to pass the ships through the sea.

			1100	<p><b>Kothandaramar Temple:</b> Kothandaramar Temple Rameshwaram place is considered to be where Vibhishanan (Younger brother of Demon King, Ravana ) surrendered and apologized to Rama. Also, Rama crowned Vibhishanan to rule Sri Lanka.</p>
			1130	<p><b>Dhanushkodi Beach:</b> The word Dhanushkodi means 'Tip of the bow'. 'Arichal Munai' is the point at which the Indian Ocean meets the Bay of Bengal and the spot can be viewed from Dhanushkodi. It is believed that Lord Rama, from the Indian epic of Ramayana, pointed to the end of his bow and asked his troops to build a bridge across the ocean to reach the demon king Ravana's Lanka. Ravana had abducted Rama's wife Sita and Rama had to reach Lanka to rescue her. Thus, this place occupies a significant and important position in Indian mythology and history.</p>
		Hotel	1300	Lunch
		Bus	1430	Beach



			1500	<p><b>Rameswaram Temple Visit:</b></p> <p>The Holy abode of the Hindu God, Shri Ram (addressed so with all respect and humility) is a virtual paradise for the devout. No Hindu's journey is complete without a pilgrimage to both Varanasi and Rameswaram for the culmination of his quest for salvation and is hallowed by the epic 'Ramayana'. Folklore mentions about God Ram's presence in this land, after his 14-year exile.</p> <p>The Ramanathaswamy temple by itself is a delight for every tourist. With its magnificent, imposing structure, long corridors, and aesthetically carved pillars, the temple is adorned with a towering 38-metre 'Gopuram'. The temple itself was built by rulers in the 12th century with Sethupathy Maravar beginning the construction of the grand Ramanathaswamy temple that boasts of the 'Third Corridor', completed by his successor, Maravar - the longest one in Asia with a 197-metre span from East to West and a 133-metre span from South to North, the third largest in the world! It is said that Swamy Vivekananda offered prayers at this temple in 1897. It is also one of the twelve Jyothirlinga temples, where Shiva is worshipped in the form of a Jyotirlingam.</p>	
			1630	Return from Rameswaram	
			At IIMT	2100	Dinner
			4	Monday,	At IIMT

	Nov 27, 2023	Bus	1030	<p><b>Keezhadi Madurai:</b> Keezhadi is a Sangam period settlement and large-scale excavation being carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India and the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology. The facility spanning over two acres of area, exhibits around 15,000 artefacts unearthed during various phases of excavation undertaken by the state archaeology department in Keezhadi and its cluster villages of Konthagai, Agaram, and Manalur. The museum was constructed in adherence to the Chettinad style of architecture and <b>was inaugurated On March 05, 2023.</b></p>
		Hotel	1330	Lunch
		Bus	1500	<p><b>Gandhi Museum, Madurai:</b> Gandhi Memorial Museum, established in 1959, is a memorial museum for Mahatma Gandhi located in the city of Madurai in Tamil Nadu, India. Known as Gandhi Museum, it is now one of the five Gandhi Sanghralayas (Gandhi Museums) in the country. It includes a part of the blood-stained garment worn by Gandhi when he was assassinated by Nathuram Godse.</p>
		Bus	1800	<p><b>Azhagar Kovil:</b> About 21 Kms North East of Madurai, stands a celebrated Vishnu Temple dedicated to Lord Alagar. The temple is situated on a hill amidst panoramic surroundings. The shrine is known as Alagarkoil and the hill, Solaimalai. The temple also contains some beautiful carvings and makes the visit rewarding. Palamudirsolai, one of the six abodes of Lord Subramaniya is located atop the Hill.</p>
		Bus	1900	Return travel from Madurai to IIMT
		At IIMT	2100	Dinner
5	Tuesday,	At IIMT	0800	Breakfast

	Nov 28, 2023	Bus	1000	<b>Industry Visit:</b> High Energy Projectile Factory (HEPF), Tiruchirappalli The High Energy Projectile Factory (HEPF), Tiruchirappalli (Formerly Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project) is an Indian defence establishment operated by Munitions India Limited, Pune, under the overall charge of Ministry of Defence, Government of India the factory is located about 25 kilometres from the main city of Tiruchirappalli.
		At HEPF	1330	Lunch
		Bus	1400	<b>Visit to NIT Tiruchirappalli:</b> National Institute of Technology Trichy is one of the 31 National Institutes of Technology established by the Government of India. NITT is located in Thuvakudi on the Trichy-Tanjore national highway, 17 km from Trichy Railway Junction. Purpose of Visit: Buddy Interaction, Visit to Orion Miyawaki Forest, PARAM PORUL - a state-of-the art Supercomputer, etc.
		At IIMT	1930	<b>Astronomy and Star Gazing (Nakshatra Garden of the Institute):</b> An Introduction to Astronomy and Star Gazing Session in the Nakshatra Garden of the Institute - The Nakshatra Garden is an Astro-themed garden created by IIM Tiruchirappalli with trees and plants linked to each Nakshatra/zodiac sign. The garden has been designed according to the Indian system of astrology that links plants with the motion of different planets.
		At IIMT	2030	Dinner
6	Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023	At IIMT	0800	Breakfast
		Bus	1000	<b>Thanjavur Air Force Station:</b> Thanjavur Air Force Station of the Indian Air Force is located in Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, India. It is home to a No. 222 squadron of the IAF's Sukhoi Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft - the first IAF fighter squadron in Southern India. The facility started functioning from 2012.

		At Air Force Station	1330	Lunch
		Bus	1500	<b>National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management - Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T):</b> An Awareness Visit to understand the Importance of Millets.
		At NIFTEM	1645	Millet Snacks at NIFTEM Thanjavur
		Bus	1700	<b>Thanjavur Big Temple:</b> Brihadeeshwara Temple (Peruvudaiyar Kovil) is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva located in Thanjavur in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is also known as Periya Kovil, RajaRajeswara Temple and Rajarajesvaram. It is one of the largest temples in India and is an example of Dravidian architecture during the Chola period. Built by emperor Raja Raja Chola I and completed in 1010 AD, the temple turned 1000 years old in 2010. The temple is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Great Living Chola Temples", with the other two being the Brihadeeswarar Temple, Gangaikonda Cholapuram and Airavatesvara temple.
		Bus	1800	Return to Trichy
		At IIMT	1930	<b>Virtual Motivation Talk by Shri P Radha Krishnan Nair:</b> Shri P Radha Krishnan Nair, Drounacharaya Awardee, First Indian Team Chief Coach of an Olympic Medal Winner at 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Headed Team as a Chief Coach in World Championship 2023, and Currently the World Athletics Course Director of India, and Chief Coach of Indian National Athletic Team.
		At IIMT	2000	Dinner
		At IIMT	0800	Breakfast
7	Thursday, Nov 30, 2023	Bus	1000	<b>Temple Visits:</b> 1. Srirangam (Divya Desam - No 1) 2. Thiruvanakavil
		At IIMT	1330	Lunch at Mess

		At IIMT	2000	Dinner
		Bus	2200	Travel to IIT Madras, Chennai
8	Friday, Dec 01, 2023	At IIT Madras	0500	Refresh in IIT Madras
		At IIT Madras	0730	Breakfast
		Bus	1130	<b>Interaction with the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Dais - Hon'ble Governor and Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli Venue - Bharathiar Mandapam, Raj Bhavan</b>
		Raj Bhavan	1245	<b>Certificate Distribution to All Rajasthan Delegates by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu.</b>  <b>Hon'ble Governor Presented Two Books to all Rajasthan Delegates.</b> A. Kashi Tamil Sangamam B. Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam
		Raj Bhavan	1300	Lunch at Raj Bhavan Hosted by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
		Bus	1500	<b>Heritage: Mahabalipuram 725 AD UNESCO World Heritage Site:</b> Mamallapuram, or Mahabalipuram, is a town on a strip of land between the Bay of Bengal and the Great Salt Lake, in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is known for its temples and monuments built by the Pallava dynasty in the 7th and 8th centuries. The seafront Shore Temple comprises 3 ornate granite shrines. Krishna's Butter Ball is a massive boulder balanced on a small hill near the Ganesha Ratha stone temple.

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		Bus	1830	<b>Mahabalipuram Beach:</b> The charming Mahabalipuram Beach is encircled by scenic mountains and attracts a large number of tourists every year. It is the perfect place for lazing around and sunbathing. With a shoreline of almost 20 km, Mahabalipuram Beach which is known for its golden sandy shores and azure waters. Encompassed by sparkling sea and rolling hills, this beach is one of the longest beaches in India.
		Bus	2030	Travel to IIMT
		Hotel	2230	Dinner
9	Saturday, Dec 02, 2023	At IIMT	0500	Reached IIMT
		At IIMT	0900	Breakfast
		At IIMT	1000 to 1300	Break - Rest
		At IIMT	1300	Lunch
		Bus	1400	<b>Village Visit:</b> Visit to Local Village and Interaction with Panchayat Heads and local Administrators and Villagers - Mandaiyur.
		At IIMT	1630	<b>Tree Plantation:</b> Delegates' name will be given to the respective Tree.
		Bus	1700	Rockfort Temple, Local Sightseeing and Shopping
		At IIMT	2130	Dinner
10	Sunday, Dec 03, 2023	At IIMT	0600	Sports Activities - By Buddy
		At IIMT	0900	Breakfast

		At IIMT	1100	<p><b>1. Learning Resource Centre Visit:</b> Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is the Centre for academic and professional knowledge resources. LRC facilitates knowledge creation through its electronic search platform and access to a wide array of research resources on and off campus. It offers a vibrant and state-of-the-art learning environment consisting of a dedicated Business and Management related resources.</p> <p><b>2. Essay Competition:</b> Conduct of 'Amrit Kaal Vimarsh: Viksit Bharat @2047'.</p> <p><b>3. Drawing Competition:</b> on the themes of Mission 2047, G20 Summit and Chandrayaan</p> <p><b>4. Elocution Competition:</b> "One Earth, One Family, One Future" - India's G20 Presidency's theme - Challenges on the Youth.</p>
		At IIMT	1300	Lunch
		At IIMT	1700	<p><b>Valediction &amp; Distribution of Mementoes and Prizes.</b> <b>Valedictory Address by the Chief Guest, Dr. M. Selvam, Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli</b> A. Memento Distribution to All Rajasthan Delegates B. Prize Distribution to the Winners of the Competitions.</p>
		At IIMT	1930	Dinner
11	Monday, Dec 04, 2023	At IIMT	-	Break

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12	Tuesday, Dec 05, 2023	At IIMT	0700	<b>Yoga Session:</b> Yoga Session in the Panchvati Garden of IIM Tiruchirappalli - A Unique garden surrounded by sacred trees such as Vata (Ficus benghalensis, Banyan), Ashvattha (Ficus religiosa, Peepal), Bilva (Aegle marmelos, Bengal Quince), Amalaki (Phyllanthus emblica, Indian Gooseberry, Amla), and Ashoka (Saraca asoca, Ashok).
			0830	Breakfast
			0900 to 1600	Campus Connect: Students
			1300	Lunch
			1700	<b>Inaugural and Flag Off Ceremony for Tamil Nadu Delegates:</b> Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Shri Shrish Kumar, Executive Director, Ordnance Factory with the presence of Director, Deans, Faculty, Staff, Parents and Committee Members. <b>Highlight:</b> Both Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan Delegates attended the Inaugural and Flag Off Ceremony.
2000	Dinner Both Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan Delegates			
13	Wednesday, Dec 06, 2023	At IIMT	0730	Breakfast
		Bus	0900	Travel to Tiruchirappalli Railway Station
		Train	1300	<b>Travel - Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu to Jaipur, Rajasthan</b> <b>Highlight:</b> Both Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan Delegates travelled together in the same Train till Jaipur.
14	Friday Dec 08, 2023	Train	1100	Train Arrives at Jaipur, Rajasthan



## *DAY 1 – 24 Nov 2023: Arrival of Rajasthan Delegates*

On 24 Nov 2023, the Rajasthan Delegates arrived at the Trichy Railway Junction at 3:30 pm. The delegates were welcomed with live traditional classical music like Melam and Nathaswaram. Shri M.S. Anbalagan, Divisional Railway Manager, Trichy cordially welcomed the Rajasthan delegation by presenting shawls and at the Trichy Railway Junction.

The delegates travelled by a specially arranged bus from the Trichy Railway Station to the IIM Tiruchirappalli campus. At the campus, they were again received traditionally by offering Chandan and Kumkum with a sprinkling of rose water.



*Rajasthan delegation at Tiruchirappalli Junction*

After a delightful welcome at the Administrative Block in the Main Building of IIM Tiruchirappalli, the students from Rajasthan got excited and danced in joy to express their gratitude for the astonishing welcome made by the host institute.



A formal Inauguration Ceremony of the Yuva Sangam Phase III event was held on the same day at 6.30 pm by IIM Tiruchirappalli. Ms. D. Nithya, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, GoI was the Chief Guest of the event.

Dr. Saravanan P, Dean (Corporate Relations & Faculty Affairs) & Chairman, Core Committee, Yuva Sangam Phase – III, IIM Tiruchirappalli, provided an insightful introduction to the significance of Yuva Sangam Phase – III, preparing participants for the enriching experiences ahead. Faculties from IIIT Kota and the Rajasthan delegation then offered warm self-introductions, sharing the diverse backgrounds of their state.



*Lighting of Lamp during the Inauguration Ceremony*

Prof. V Gopal, Director (Acting) & Dean (Academics), IIM Tiruchirappalli, introduced Tamil Nadu's rich cultural heritage, giving the visiting students a deeper understanding of their host state. Emphasizing historical richness and modernity, he highlighted the cultural pillars of education, empowerment, and reforms shaping the state's identity.

Ms. D. Nithya, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, delivered a memorable inaugural address. Ms. Nithya shared her insightful training experiences, emphasizing the unifying thread of humanity that connects diverse cultures worldwide. She highlighted the common cultural ground shared across the globe and delved into the richness of Tamil culture and literature, citing *Tolkāppiyam* and *Thirukkural* to underscore their profound significance. Ms. Nithya concluded her speech by emphasizing the collective responsibility to pass cultural legacies to the next generation. She encouraged participants to immerse themselves in the culture of Tamil Nadu and share their experiences with peers.

The entire inauguration event was live-streamed on the institute website and many prominent personalities including the Ministry officials watched the live telecast. Being the first institute to live telecast this important event, IIM Tiruchirappalli was lauded by everyone for innovatively showcasing this initiative.

### ***DAY 2 – 25 Nov 2023: At IIM Tiruchirappalli and at ICAR – National Research Centre for Banana***

The Rajasthan Delegates were hosted with traditional sports of Tamil Nadu. A portrayal of traditional sports and a fun-filled event with Silambattam, Kabbadi, Killithattu, Uriyadi, Seven Stones, Gilli-danda, Pallankuzhi, and Bambaram.



*A beautiful photograph of our artificial island created around the rainwater harvesting.*



*A few snaps of the day's events*

Later that day, an Interaction with the faculty members of IIM Tiruchirappalli was conducted. The interaction included varied topics of interest from the discussion on Chandrayaan to academics, literature, management, career, etc.

### *Traditional Banana Leaf Lunch*



In Tamil Nadu, serving food on banana leaves is a traditional practice that has cultural and religious significance. The banana leaf is considered to be a symbol of purity, and the practice is rooted in the belief that it enhances the flavor of the food. IIM Tiruchirappalli happily hosted the guests with the traditional

banana leaf lunch with an assortment of vegetables, pickles, appalam, and other regional condiments.

### *Visit to ICAR Institute - National Research Centre for Banana*

In the evening the Rajasthan delegates visited the ICAR Institute - National Research Centre for Banana was established on 21st August 1993 at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu by ICAR, New Delhi to increase the production and productivity of bananas and plantains through mission mode basic and strategic



research approaches. The Centre works on four major thrust areas of research viz., Crop Improvement, Crop Production, Post-Harvest Management, and Crop Protection. It has well-equipped laboratories for tissue culture, biotechnology, soil science, nutrient management, physiology, biochemistry, entomology, nematology, fungal, bacterial, viral pathology, and post-harvest technology research. The delegates had a fruitful visit at ICAR by gaining theoretical and practical knowledge about the research studies made on the wonderful fruit.

In the evening there was a cultural programme that depicted the traditional and cultural exchange of Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan. Both the hosts and the delegates presented their culture and traditional aspects and together they shared moments of joy by dancing together.

### *DAY 3 – 26 Nov 2023: Visit to Rameswaram*

On the third day of the visit to Tamil Nadu, the Rajasthan delegates visited Rameswaram. At Rameswaram, the delegates visited the following places:

#### *Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Memorial*

From teaching critical thinking, social tolerance and cultural significance, museums are one of the best ways to educate children and adults. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam National Memorial" is a mausoleum in memory



of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India, is located in his hometown, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. The Rajasthan delegation visited this place of historical importance to embark on a transformative journey at APJ Abdul Kalam House. They saw the extraordinary life of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam comes alive in the museum.

#### *Pamban Bridge*

The 2.2 km. length bridge connecting the Rameswaram Island and the mainland is the longest bridge in India constructed over a bay. The railway SCISSORS bridge connecting the island is noted for its unique opening to pass the ships through the sea. The youth from Rajasthan visited this beautiful bridge and had a great time there.

#### *Dhanushkodi Beach*

The word Dhanushkodi means 'Tip of the bow'. 'Arichal Munai' is the point at which the Indian Ocean meets the Bay of Bengal and the spot can be viewed from Dhanushkodi. It is believed that Lord Rama, from the Indian epic of Ramayana, pointed to the end of his bow and asked his troops to build a bridge across the ocean to reach the demon king Ravana's Lanka. Ravana had abducted Rama's wife Sita and Rama had to reach Lanka to rescue her. Thus, this place occupies a significant position in Indian mythology and history.

It is worthy to note that most of the Rajasthan delegation had a first-time experience with Sea. Their eyes widened with tears of joy at the first sight of the vast ocean. They prayed the Ocean Goddess and touched the water with respect and then, their

excitement went boundless. They had a wonderful time playing and dancing in the waves.



*For many delegates, this was the first experience with Sea. A lovely dance in the music of waves.*

### *The Ramanathaswamy Temple*

It is the most notable historic landmark of the town. Located in the center of town, the famous Hindu temple is dedicated to the deity Shiva. The temple is one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines, where Shiva is worshipped in the form of a Jyotirlinga, meaning "pillar of light". Coming from the famous **religious** and spiritual pilgrimage places of Rajasthan, the delegation drowned into deep spirituality and devotion.

### *DAY 4 - 27 Nov 2023: Visit to Madurai*

The Rajasthan delegates visited Keezhadi which depicts the ancient architecture and culture of Tamil Nadu civilization.

### *Keezhadi*

Keezhadi is a Sangam period settlement and large-scale excavation being carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India and the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology. The facility spanning over two acres of area, exhibits around 15,000 artefacts unearthed during various phases of excavation undertaken by the state archaeology department in Keezhadi and its cluster villages of Konthagai, Agaram, and Manalur. The museum was constructed in adherence to the Chettinad style of architecture and was inaugurated On March 05, 2023.



After visiting Keezhadi the delegates were taken to Madurai. There they visited Gandhi Museum and Pazhamudircholai.

Gandhi Memorial Museum, established in 1959, is a memorial museum for Mahatma Gandhi located in the city of Madurai. It is now one of the five Gandhi Sanghralayas (Gandhi Museums) in the country. It includes a part of the blood-stained garment worn by Gandhi when he was assassinated by Nathuram Godse.





### *Azhagar Kovil and Pazhamudircholai*

Azhagar Kovil is a village in Madurai district in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The history and living of the village are centered around Kallazhagar Temple. Constructed in the Dravidian style of architecture, the temple is glorified in the Nalayira Divya Prabandham, the early medieval Tamil canon of the Alvar saints from the 6th–9th centuries CE. It is one of the 108 Divya Desams dedicated to Vishnu, who is worshiped as Kallazhagar and his consort Lakshmi as Thirumamagal.



Arulmigu Solaimalai Murugan Temple is a Hindu temple, located about 25 kilometres north of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, atop a hill covered with dense forests. One of the six important abodes (Arupadaiveedu) of Lord Muruga, it is also close to the Vishnu Temple of Azhagar Kovil.

### *DAY 5 – 28 Nov 2023: Visit to High Energy Projectile Factory (HEPF) & NIT Trichy*

On the fifth day of the Yuva Sangam tour, the Rajasthan delegates had highly educative visits that included the High Energy Projectile Factory (HEPF) and National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli situated at Tiruchirappalli.

#### *High Energy Projectile Factory (HEPF)*

The High Energy Projectile Factory (HEPF) is an artillery ammunition factory operated by Munitions India Limited. It was previously part of the erstwhile Ordnance Factories Board of the Government of India the factory is located about 25 kilometers from the main city of Tiruchirappalli.

The factory laboratory is well equipped with an Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, Gas Determinator, Scanning Electron Microscope, Optical Microscope, Universal Testing Machine, Particle Size Analyser and many other facilities. Since its inception, HAPP has been assisting the Armament Research & Development Establishment, Pune, and Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, Hyderabad in the development of latest version of Kinetic energy projectiles.

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The factory produces 400 tonne per annum of home-made tungsten-based heavy alloy components through powder metallurgy processes to manufacture FSAPDS (Fin Stabilized Armor Piercing Discarding Sabot), alternatively called the APFSDS, which is a high kinetic energy weapon used in tank and other armor-piercing ammunition, supplied to Indian Army.



The Rajasthan delegation had a detailed tour into the factory and the HEPF Officials explained about their services to the nation and gave insights on the factory functions.

### *National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli*

The delegates had a campus tour of NIT Trichy and visited the labs, classrooms, library, etc. They interacted with the faculty members and the students of NIT Trichy.

### *Orion Miyawaki Forest*

Orion Miyawaki Forest is 2350 square meters of man-made Micro forest at NIT Trichy. It has 3500 native trees. These forest walks will also help the campus residents be close to nature. More such Miyawaki model micro forests are being planned on the campus for the benefit of everyone.



### *Param Purul*

Param Porul, a state-of-the-art Supercomputer was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli on 25 May 2022. It was dedicated to the nation under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) - a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

### *Astronomy and Star Gazing Session*

IIM Tiruchirappalli has developed a Nakshatra Garden, an Astro-themed garden created by IIM Tiruchirappalli with trees and plants linked to each Nakshatra/zodiac sign. The garden has been designed according to the Indian system of astrology that links plants with the motion of different planets.

The students of IIM Tiruchirappalli who have expert knowledge in the fields of Astronomy and Star Gazing conducted an introductory session to inculcate an interest in this amazing field. The students and the youth of Rajasthan attended this session in full attendance and considered it very useful.

### *DAY 6 – 29 Nov 2023: Visit to Thanjavur*

It was once again a fruitful and knowledge-gaining trip for the Rajasthan delegates as they visited the most important and iconic places of Thanjavur, the neighbouring district of Trichy. At Thanjavur, they visited the Air Force Station and the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management.

### *Thanjavur Air Force Station*



Delegation interacting with the Air Force Officials and viewing the aircraft show.

Thanjavur Air Force Station of the Indian Air Force is located in Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, India. It is home to a No. 222 squadron of the IAF's Sukhoi Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft - the first IAF fighter squadron in Southern India. The facility is functioning since 2012.

A minor air show was successfully shown to the delegation and the delegates had the rarest opportunity to watch the ATC unit (Ait Traffic Control unit). The delegates interacted with the officials of the Air Force Station and gained many new insights on the field.

### *National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management - Thanjavur*

This was an Awareness Visit organised by the host institute to understand the importance of Millets. The Institute is located at Thanjavur, the ancient capital of Chola Kingdom and the granary of Tamil Nadu.



The National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management - Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T) is a pioneer Research and Educational Institution under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. The Institute focused their research on identifying technologies for post-harvest procession and preservation of paddy.

The Institute with its modern laboratories equipped with hi-tech instruments, is engaged in the R&D of food grain processing, value addition, by-product utilization through bio-processing, process and product development.

The visit concentrated on the importance of millet in our lives and the officials of the institute gave a brief presentation on the subject. The delegates visited the various labs of the institute and interacted with the faculty members and the students of the institute to learn more on food technology, post-harvest processing of crops, technology transfers, linkages of the institute with related processing industries, etc.

### *Thanjavur Big Temple*

The Brihadeshwara Temple at Thanjavur was built by King Rajaraja I in 1009 CE for worshipping Lord Shiva. Many of his achievements are inscribed here. It is the best example of Chola architecture. The delegation visited this famous Thanjavur Big Temple where 212 ft (64.8 meter) towering Shiva temple is home to one of the largest Shiva Lingas of the country. The delegation was impressed by the majestic Nandhi (bull), measuring a gigantic 19.4' x 8.23' x 12' (5.94 x 2.51 x 3.66 in meters) stands guard over the temple.



The shadow of the Tanjore temple does not fall on ground in noon because of the way its basement has been constructed and the credit goes to those genius engineers who built it. It is said that the way the stones cascade to build the structure of this temple, creates an illusion that the shadow of the temple never reaches the ground. This visit was a true illustration for what the State of Tamil Nadu is known for and the Rajasthan youth were awestruck on this visit.

### *Motivation Talk by Shri P Radha Krishnan Nair*

After their visits from Thanjavur, the host institute has organised a motivational talk by Shri P Radha Krishnan Nair, Dronacharya Awardee and first Indian Team Chief Coach of an Olympic Medal Winner at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He has headed the Team as a Chief Coach in World Championship 2023 and is currently the World Athletics Course Director of India, and Chief Coach of Indian National Athletic Team.

The half-an-hour session was extended to an hour, thanks to the enthusiasm and lively questions raised by the delegation. The speaker was excited by the curiosity and interests shown by the delegation and was pleased to interact with them in spite of his busy schedule.

### *DAY 7 – 30 Nov 2023: Temple Visits at Trichy*

The delegation visited a few historic places of Tiruchirappalli including temples such as Srirangam and Thiruvanaikovil.

### *Srirangam Temple*

The next place that they went is known for its great history. Srirangam is the foremost of the eight self-manifested shrines (Swayam Vyakata Kshetras ) of Lord Vishnu. Sri Ranganatha Swamy temple, established in a 156-acre land, is a great Vaishnavite Temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. It is also considered the first, foremost, and the most important of the 108 main Vishnu temples.



A river island, Srirangam is bounded by the Kaveri River on one side and its distributary Kollidam on the other side. Considered the first among the 108 Divya Desams, a group of Vishnu temples, it is famous for Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, the largest temple

complex in India, and the biggest functioning Hindu temple in the world. Srirangam is also home to a significant population of Sri Vaishnavas (followers of Vishnu).

The devotees from the Rajasthan were excited to get this opportunity of visiting the great temple and they prayed the God with overflowing devotion and content. They carefully went around this big temple and studied the history and tradition of the temple.

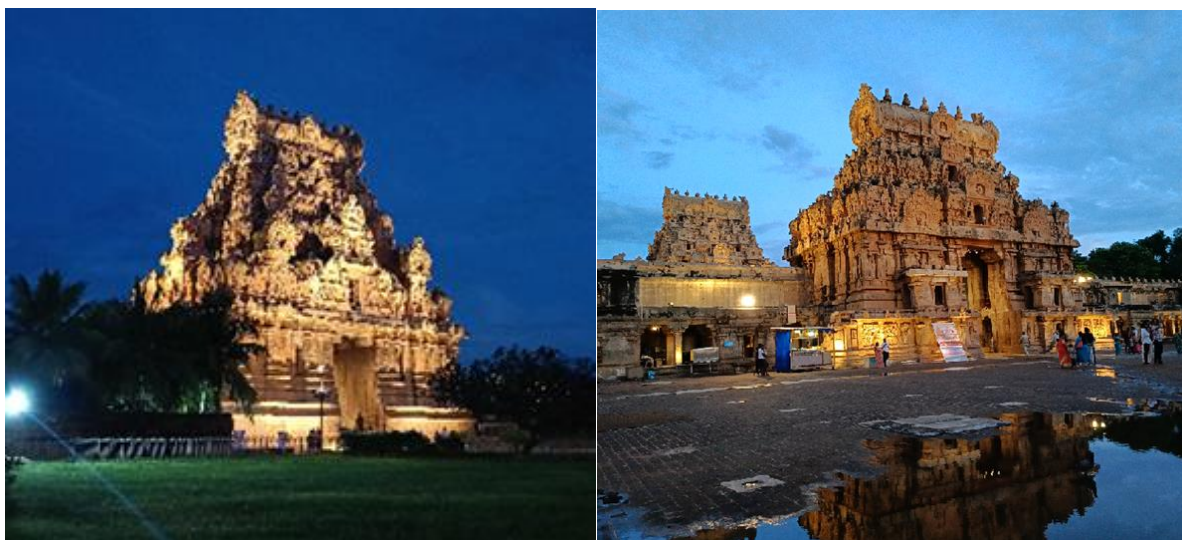
### *Thiruvanaikovil*



Thiruvanaikovil is one of the prominent and historical places located in the city. It is situated on the northern banks of the Kaveri river, on the Srirangam Island. Sri Jambukeshwara Temple is located here. The temple's presiding deity is Lord Shiva (Jambukeshwara) and the goddess is Shri

Akhilandeshwari. It is revered as one of the Pancha Bhōōta Sthalam (The Five Elements). at the same time, Water is the presiding element in the temple. There is a freshwater spring underneath the Shiva Linga.

The delegates visited the temple and looked at the beautiful architecture of this temple. They learnt the history of the temple and spent a quality time in the temple.



*The exquisiteness of the temples beautifully captured by the Rajasthan Delegation*

### ***DAY 8 – 1 Dec 2023: Visit to Raj Bhavan and Mahabalipuram***

The most awaited day arrived and both the host institute and the delegation were more than excited as they were about to meet the Hon'ble Governor at Chennai. Needless to say, this day became one of the most memorable days in their lives.

#### ***Raj Bhavan, Chennai***

Raj Bhavan, the Official Residence of the Governor of Tamil Nadu is located in Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu. Raj Bhavan includes the official residence of the Governor and Offices of Raj Bhavan. Raj Bhavan comprises a series of architecturally unique buildings with a spacious Bharathiar Mandapam and verdant lawns where State functions, official functions, and meetings are held, and, Suites for VVIPs namely the President of India, the Vice President of India, and the Prime Minister of India and other important Dignitaries.

Interaction with the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu - Thiru R.N. Ravi graciously allowed us to visit him along with the Rajasthan delegates and he interacted with the delegation for more than an hour. This thought-provoking session has imprinted as an everlasting memory in the minds of all. After the interaction, the Hon'ble Governor presented the books named 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' and 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam' to all the students and the youth of Rajasthan. He also presented the Yuva Sangam Certificates to all the students and Youths of Rajasthan.

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*Hon'ble Governor Thiru R.N. Ravi with the Rajasthan delegates*



*Hon'ble Governor Thiru R.N. Ravi interacting with the Rajasthan delegates*



After the interaction and group photograph, Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director of IIM Tiruchirappalli presented a memento to the Hon'ble Governor. The Raj Bhavan Officials hosted the guests with a sumptuous lunch and provided them with another golden memory to cherish throughout their lives.



*Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli presents a Memento to the Hon'ble Governor*

***Heritage: Mahabalipuram 725 AD UNESCO World Heritage Site***

After the visit to Raj Bhavan, the Rajasthan delegates visited Mahabalipuram one of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

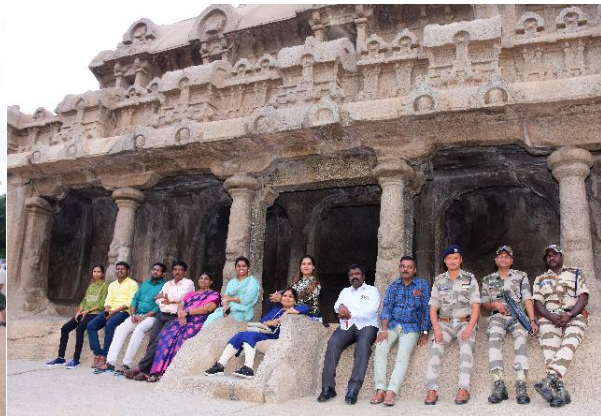
Mamallapuram, or Mahabalipuram, is a town on a strip of land between the Bay of Bengal and the Great Salt Lake, in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It's known for its temples and monuments built by the Pallava dynasty in the 7th and 8th centuries. The seafront Shore Temple comprises 3 ornate granite shrines. Krishna's Butter Ball is a massive boulder balanced on a small hill near the Ganesha Ratha stone temple.



Mamallapuram was one of two major port cities in the Pallava kingdom. The town was named after the Pallava King, Narasimhavarman I, who was also known as Mamalla. Along with economic prosperity, it became the site of a group of royal monuments, many

carved out of the living rock. These are dated to the 7th and 8th centuries Rathas (temples in the form of chariots), mandapas (cave sanctuaries), the giant open-air rock relief the Descent of the Ganges, and the Shore Temple dedicated to Shiva. The contemporary town plan was established by the British Raj in 1827.

After this visit, they had a brief time to spend in the beach which they enjoyed to the fullest. This unexpected visit to the coastal area made them overwhelming and they



jumped with joy. After this surprising fun, the delegation had dinner and returned to Trichy with lots of sweet and invaluable memories to cherish.

### *DAY 9 – 2 Dec 2023: Village and Temple Visits, Shopping & Tree Plantation*

This day was planned in and around Trichy City and inside the campus and it was planned in such a way that the delegation could understand the traditions and culture.

#### *Village Visit*

The much-awaited village visit was planned on Day 9 and the delegation were taken to the nearby village called Mandaiyur. Mandaiyur has a natural beauty, and it is simple, calm yet attractive. The delegation met various people in the



village and understood the livelihood and calm, healthy and happy lifestyle of Tamil Nadu villages, their values, culture, traditions, etc.



The delegates from Rajasthan interacted with the Panchayat Heads, local Administrators and Villagers at Mandaiyur to understand the administrative system of villages. They learnt about maintenance of village accounts, collection of land revenue, protection of agricultural land, etc.

### *Tree Plantation Drive*

A tree plantation drive was done at IIM Tiruchirappalli campus. The names of the Rajasthan delegates were given to the respective trees planted by them. This was made as a gesture of happiness and love and they will ever be remembered by the host institute.



### *Temple Visit - Rockfort Temple*



After the village visits and tree plantation drive, the delegates visited the famous iconic temple of Tiruchirappalli. Tiruchirappalli Rock Fort, locally known as Malaikottai is a historic fortification and temple completely built on an ancient rock. The temple is constructed on 83 meters (272 ft) high rock.

There are two Hindu temples inside, the Ucchi Pillayar Temple, Rockfort, and the Thayumanaswami Temple, Rockfort. Other local tourist attractions include the famous Pallava-era Ganesha temple and the Madurai Nayak-era fort. The fort complex has witnessed fierce battles between the Madurai Nayakas and Adil Shahi dynasty of Bijapur, Carnatic region, and Maratha Imperial forces. The fort played an important part during the Carnatic Wars, helping lay the foundations of the British Empire in India. The Rockfort is the most prominent landmark of the city.

### *Shopping at Trichy City*



After the temple visit, the delegates went shopping in the famous NSB Road at Trichy. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Road (NSB) is one of the busiest roads in Trichy and the liveliest streets for everything you wish to buy. The delegation had a great time enjoying the purchases and bonding with each other.

### *DAY 10 – 3 Dec 2023: Competitions and Valedictory Function*

The delegation visited and spent time in the Learning Resource Centre of the institute. They spent their times by browsing and reading books available in the library.

#### *Learning Resource Centre Visit*

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is the Centre for academic and professional knowledge resources. LRC facilitates knowledge creation through its electronic search platform and access to a wide array of research resources on and off campus. It offers a vibrant and state-of-the-art learning environment consisting of dedicated Business and Management related resources. The delegation visited the LRC of the institute and interacted with the Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer of the institute.

#### *Various Competitions*

The host institute also conducted a few competitions during the day and all the competitions were based on themes inspired by the various initiatives of the Government of India. The details of the competitions held are given below:

Essay Competition - Conduct of 'Amrit Kaal Vimarsh: Viksit Bharat @2047'.

Drawing Competition - Themes of Mission 2047, G20 Summit and Chandrayaan.

Elocution Competition - "One Earth, One Family, One Future" - India's G20 Presidency's theme - Challenges on the Youth.



Prof. Varun Mahajan and Prof. Javed Ahmad Bhat, Faculty of IIM Tiruchirappalli evaluated the entries and announced the meritorious winners of the competitions.

### *Valedictory & Distribution of Mementoes and Prizes*

The valedictory function of Yuva Sangam Phase III for Rajasthan delegates was a celebration of the collective efforts, shared experiences, and the bonds formed during the event. It served as a platform to reflect on the accomplishments, lessons learned, and the impact of the discussions and trips conducted throughout the program.

Keynote speeches, presentations, performances, and testimonials were a part of the valedictory function, highlighting the achievements and experiences of the delegates. The event also featured awards and mementos to commend exceptional contributions, leadership, and commitment demonstrated by the participants and the ambassadors.



The valedictory function of the Yuva Sangam Phase III was a fitting conclusion, encapsulating the spirit of collaboration, learning, and empowerment that defines such gatherings, inspiring the delegates to carry forward their experiences and make meaningful contributions to society.

The valedictory ceremony, graced by Dr. M Selvam, Vice Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, was both reflective and celebratory. The Yuva Sangam delegates fondly cherished their days at Tamil Nadu, reflecting on diverse cultural explorations and shared experiences during the valedictory ceremony.

When the farewell ceremony began for the Rajasthan delegation, the Tamil Nadu delegation arrived on the campus to start their journey to Rajasthan which was again a unique opportunity for both the delegation as they travelled together for two days and bonded with each other. The concept of buddy system was once again anchored by this unique experience of both the delegation travelling together.

### *DAY 11: Send off to Rajasthan from Tiruchirappalli Railway Junction*

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, it was time to bid adieu to the Rajasthan delegates after the long-duration trip of the Yuva Sangam Phase III programme.

The Yuva Sangam Programme's enriching itinerary included visits to historical landmarks, academic institutions, and cultural sites, immersing participants in the heritage and traditions of Tamil Nadu. Engaging activities, such as traditional sports, industry visits, and a tree plantation drive, provided practical learning experiences. An exclusive interaction with the Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu emphasized the pivotal role of youth in politics, urging them to dream big for the nation.

### *Yuva Sangam Phase III - A Memoir to Cherish*



The enduring impact created by Yuva Sangam Phase-III lies in the lasting friendships formed, lessons learned, and cultural connections established. IIM Tiruchirappalli, as the gracious host, played a pivotal role in ensuring the programme's success, fostering a conducive environment for cultural exchange and holistic learning.

This transition signifies the unity of delegates from Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, emphasizing the program's success in bridging regional divides and nurturing a shared national identity. The Institute takes pride in contributing to this national effort and remains committed to holistic education and youth development.

### *Testimonial by one of the Rajasthan Students*

*My name is Ratan. I came to visit Tamil Nadu in the third phase of Yuva Sangam. Here we reached Tiruchirappalli station through humsafar train. We were welcomed at the railway station, which was greeted with colorful rose flowers along with traditional ritual music and captivating drum beats.*

*The formal introduction took place at the inauguration ceremony followed by refreshments of Tamil cuisine on the campus of IIM Trichy. After dinner we took a campus tour on our own.*

*The next morning (25 NOV.) physical activities were organized in the sports campus. There was entertainment with Gulli Danda, Matki Fod, Kabaddi, Tamil martial arts. After breakfast, campus tour and lunch, we went to the 'National Banana Research Centre', where the efforts made for the promotion, protection and excellence of banana varieties were explained. At the same time, it is known that 40 types of food and beverages can be made from banana, the most interesting fact is that a substance like flour can be made from banana, from which many food items can be made.*

*In the evening there was a confluence of Rajasthani and Tamil traditions. We enjoyed the tunes of Tamil musical instruments and the dances. In Tamil tradition, singing and dancing are associated with folk life, which is not only attractive but is also associated with simplicity and etiquette. After that Rajasthani folk dance and music was also demonstrated. In the end, a group dance was performed in which students and teachers participated.*

*The journey to Rameshwaram, Lakshman Teerth, Dhanush Kodi and Pamban Bridge was thrilling. Whereas former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's memorial also covers the struggle of his life. There are models of spacecraft like GSLV, PSLV; There are replicas of missiles like Prithvi, Agni, Vayu. There are also live models of nuclear testing, veena playing, Kalam's death in Shimla etc.*

*The next day we got acquainted with the oldest remains of Tamil land in Keeladi Museum. See the remains from the Stone Age to the Indus Valley and Vedic era, which include handicrafts, workmanship, overseas trade, dam building style, beads, metal work, coins, pottery, water harvesting system, drainage system, food production, animal husbandry, House construction etc. was included.*

*Saw Gandhi Memorial in Madurai and saw the grandeur of Murugan Temple in Alagar Forest. There the beauty of nature was seen on the peak of Alagar forest. The huge Gopuram of the temple was looking amazing amid the light drizzle from the cloudy sky and the hide and seek of the sun. In the evening, see the huge courtyard, Mandapam, Shikhara and Pataka of Kozhvil Kovil (Vishnu Temple), which was a wonderful example of Dravidian style of architecture. The grandeur of the temples and the economic activities based on them, fairs, shops selling prasada and miniature idols were seen around all the temples. Be it the Brihadeshwara temple of Thanjavur or the Vishnu temple of Srirangapuram, in all the statues and miniature temples of the deities related to the main deity throw light on Tamil art and culture. Scenes from Mahabharata, Ramayana and local short stories are carved on the walls of the temples. The pillars of the temples are made of monolithic stone on which statues and flowers are carved. There are huge corridors in the temples.*

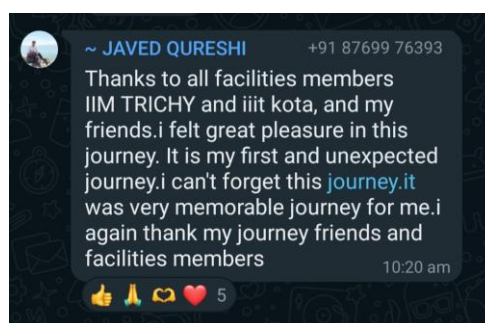
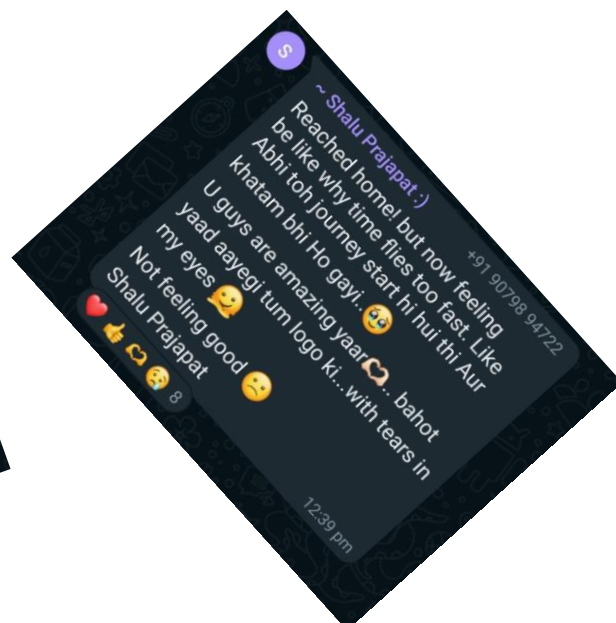
*After the temples, seeing the common people's life was also a fascinating task. Agriculture and animal husbandry are prominent in rural life and life is very normal. Rice production is the main activity in agriculture, due to rising costs and low prices, the condition of the farmers below is pitiable. Despite free electricity and transportation provided by the government in rural areas, transportation costs are high, which does not increase farmers' income. Multi-storey house construction was not seen anywhere*

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*in rural areas. There are less CC roads in the villages but the road transport between village and city is better than expected. The number of elderly people doing economic work is high. Weekly Haats have been running traditionally since ancient times which cater to the daily needs of the towns.*

*The most important is the industrial tour, in which one got the complete scenario of anti-tank weapon manufacturing in 'High Power Projectile Factory', a Government of India enterprise. We saw the flight of Sukhoi-30 MKI at the Air Force Station in Thanjavur. And became aware of the working of radar and international rules of air transport. The conversation with the Governor in Chennai and the lunch at Raj Bhavan were also memorable. The 'Panch Rathas' of the Pandavas in Mahabalipuram are examples of the wonderful craftsmanship of the Pallava kingdom in the Tamil region. The sound of the waves and melodious music on the sea shore will always remain safe in the mind.*

Thanks for amazing trip 😊.





## *A glimpse of the Tour of the Tamil Nadu delegation at Rajasthan*

### *DAY 1 - Jaipur Visit*

After a couple of days of train journey, the Tamil Nadu delegation was taken to Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur (MNIT-JAIPUR). After refreshments, the delegation was taken to a few places of the Pink City and a brief shopping was done by the delegation.

The delegation visited Jal Mahal (“Water Palace”), a palace in the middle of the Man Sagar Lake in Jaipur city, Rajasthan & has a Catchment area of Nearly 22 Sq.kms. Jal Mahal stands as a symbol of Rajasthan’s architectural brilliance and cultural richness. Its unique setting and historical importance make it a must-visit destination.

In the heart of Jaipur stands the iconic Hawa Mahal, a unique architectural masterpiece that captivates with its intricate lattice work and historical significance and renowned for its distinctive honeycomb structure with 953 small windows to prevent extreme cold during winter.

The same night, the delegation travelled to IIIT Kota, the host institute by bus and reached the institute at around 3.30 am.

### *DAY 2 - IIIT-KOTA and Keshav Rai Ji Temple*

A warm welcome ceremony was arranged by the host institute in the morning hours. After lunch, the delegation visited Keshav Rai Ji Temple (Lord Krishna) a famous Hindu Temple located in the banks of Chambal River. The temple was built with ancient stone structures and impressive sculptures. After the temple visit, the delegation went through the local village market and got ideas about the village markets.

### *DAY 3 - Meenal Waterfalls and the Great Chittorgarh Fort*

The next morning, the team visited the Meenal Waterfalls which has the glorious past history of more than 1500 years with ancient sculptures and it was astonishing that there is no underlying cement layer and the inscriptions available in the site cited its history.

The much-awaited visit to Chittorgarh Fort happened next. This fort is World Heritage site by UNESCO, also known as Chittod Fort, is one of the largest forts in India. Being the capital of Mewar, this fort was spread across a vast area, the fort boasts a remarkable array of palaces, temples, gates, and towers. Notable structures include the Vijay Stambh (Victory Tower), Kirti Stambh (Tower of Fame), Rana Kumbha Palace, and the intricately carved Meera Temple.

The team visited Royal palace and the Padmini palace. The 8<sup>th</sup> century Royal palace was equipped with many rooms boasted the luxurious lives lived by the royals. The

delegation was impressed by the magnanimity of the Padmini palace and the Liquid Belgium Glass (the speciality of the glass is it changes times as per Sun's Direction) available there.

No wonder that even today, the Chittorgarh Fort attracts tourists, history enthusiasts, and pilgrims alike. Exploring the fort allows visitors to delve into the rich tapestry of India's past, witnessing the architectural splendour and experiencing the poignant stories that echo within its walls.

In conclusion, Chittorgarh Fort stands not just as a physical structure but as a living testament to the spirit, resilience, and cultural heritage of the people who have called it home over the centuries.

After the fort visit, the delegation visited the Sanwariya Seth Temple, also known as Shri Sanwaria Seth Temple. This is a prominent temple dedicated to Lord Krishna, particularly the deity known as Sanwariya Seth. It is located in the town of Mandaphia in the Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan. The temple provides a spiritual atmosphere exhibiting outstanding architectural design, featuring beautiful carvings and artwork that reflect the rich cultural and religious heritage of Rajasthan.

#### ***DAY 4 - A day at IIIT Kota***

A day for prodyogiki (Technology) - The TN delegates went to Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS), a Nuclear Power Plant located at Rawatbhatata. It is understood that this Power Plant produces thermal energy in a large scale. This Power Plant uses Deuterium (D<sub>2</sub>O) water around 25 tonnes in its life time where Nuclear Fission reaction takes place. An Interesting Fact is that the Kudankulam Power Plant in Tamil Nadu doesn't use deuterium water and instead it uses normal water only.

A few competitions like drawing competition, quiz and Tech Robotics Arm were arranged by the student volunteers of IIIT Kota. An Exhibition of Various Robots using AI was also arranged

#### ***DAY 5 - Army Cant Kota and Chambal River Front***

With more insightful memories and acknowledging the past histories of Chittorgarh Fort & Sanwariya Temple, the team visited the Army Cant Kota the next morning. Nestled within the heart of Kota, the Army Cantonment stands as a bastion of discipline, honour, and a living testament to the proud traditions of the Indian Armed Forces. With a history in military legacy, the Army Cantonment in Kota exemplifies the commitment to service and safeguarding our nation. Embracing and reinforcing armed men's discipline, the team realised that the military units are not just skilled and powerful but also principled and respected in their pursuit of national security and defence.

An interactive session was arranged with various officers at Army Cant Kota and the delegated had opportunity to see a few Trucks, Bridges, and a variety of Guns used in the battlefield.

In the late evening of 5<sup>th</sup> day, the delegation visited Chambal River Front in Kota that boasts a mesmerizing night beauty, with the tranquil waters reflecting the ambient lights, creating a serene atmosphere. The fountain show thrilled us with choreographed water movement, synchronized with music and lights, giving a dynamic performance. Chambal River Front is a serene destination that offers a blend of natural beauty and historical significance. Nestled along the banks of the Chambal River, this picturesque spot provides a tranquil escape from the bustling city life.

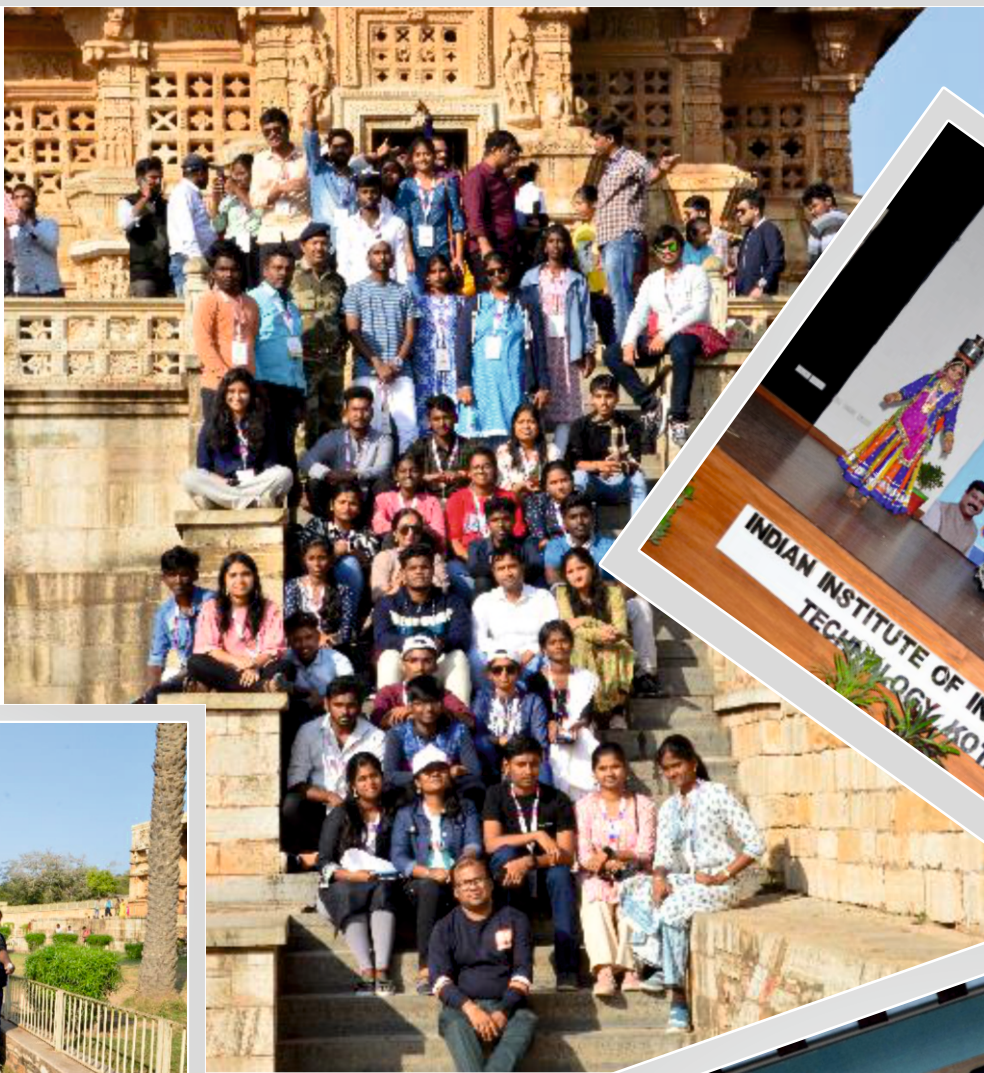
The river, known for its clean and pristine waters, flows gracefully through the landscape, creating a peaceful ambiance. Apart from its natural allure, the Chambal River Front also boasts historical significance.

### *DAY 6 – Valedictory and Return*

The final day started with some rigours but friendly sports activities. It was a bit relaxing day and a faculty interaction was arranged by the host institute where the Tamil Nadu students gained a few insights about Rajasthan culture, tradition, history, education, etc. In the evening, the valedictory event was conducted and cultural programme was arranged where both the Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu cultural programmes were performed. The TN delegation had an opportunity to see some mesmerizing Rajasthan Folk dances.

Later in the night, the team marched towards the Kota Railway station with heavy but satisfying hearts. The delegation had another fun-filled couple of days of train journey where the friendships were only glued once again and made everyone inseparable at hearts. With a vow to continue the friendship for a life time, the delegation bid adieu to each one with tears in their eyes and love at their hearts!











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