

# **PG & Research Department of Economics Kandaswami Kandar's College, Velur-Namakkal**

## **Educational Tour Report:**

### **Chennai, Pondicherry, and Tanjore, March 7th-8th, 2020**

Organized by the PG & Research Department of Economics, Kandaswami Kandar's College, Velur-Namakkal, The educational tour on March 7th-8th, 2020, aimed to provide students with practical insights into the economic significance of Chennai, Pondicherry, and Tanjore.

#### **Day 1: Chennai**

Our journey commenced from our college campus on March 6th at 9:00 PM, reaching Melmaruvathur at 5:30 AM on March 7th. After a refreshing breakfast, we proceeded to take Adiparashakthidarshan at 7:30 AM. Following this spiritual experience, we visited Vandaloor Zoo from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM, observing firsthand the economic activities associated with wildlife conservation and tourism.



After lunch, we headed to Marina Beach at 4:30 PM, understanding its economic significance as a major tourist attraction and recreational hub. We concluded the day with dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in Chennai, reflecting on the economic dynamics witnessed throughout the day.

#### **Day 2: Pondicherry and Tanjore**

On March 8th, we began our day early at 6:30 AM, witnessing the sunrise at Mamallapuram, appreciating its touristic and economic importance as a UNESCO

World Heritage Site. After breakfast, we embarked on our journey towards Pondicherry at 11:00 AM.

In Pondicherry, we visited ArvindhaAshramam, Auroville beach, and Auroville, gaining insights into the economic significance of spiritual tourism and sustainable living practices. The visit provided valuable lessons on the economic impact of alternative lifestyles and community-based enterprises.

After lunch, we proceeded towards Tanjore, reaching at 8:00 PM. Here, we visited the Brihadeeswarar Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its architectural grandeur and historical significance. The temple visit highlighted the economic significance of heritage tourism and cultural preservation efforts.



Despite the late hour, we managed to experience the closing ceremony at Sannithanm, immersing ourselves in the cultural heritage of Tanjore. Following dinner and a brief shopping excursion, we departed from Tanjore at 11:30 PM, filled with newfound knowledge and cultural appreciation.

### **Conclusion:**

The educational tour provided us with a comprehensive understanding of the economic significance of Chennai, Pondicherry, and Tanjore. From wildlife conservation and tourism in Chennai to spiritual tourism in Pondicherry and heritage tourism in Tanjore, each destination offered unique insights into the intersection of economics, culture, and tourism. The tour served as a valuable educational experience, broadening our perspectives and enriching our understanding of regional economies and cultural heritage.