

D.K.M COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE-01

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Report of Educational Tour to Kheezhadi, Madurai and Kodaikannal-2022-2023

Department of history III year B.A. 52 Students went to Educational tour to Kheezhadi, Madurai and Kodaikanal for two days (19.04.2023 ,20.04.2023) along with two teaching staff, Lt. Dr. A. Amirthavalli, Hod and Associate Professor of History, Mrs. S. Jayanthi Assistant Professor and one non-teaching staff Mr. K. KalaiThendral accompanied the students. Thiru. M. Kalaivanan R.O (Retd), Archaeological Advisor, HR & CEDEPT Government of Tamilnadu and Thiru M. Gandhi curator (Retd) Government Museum Vellore also came with us to explain about Kheezhadi excavation and Architecture of temples.

We started from college at 12.00 a.m. We visited Viralimalai Murugan temple, Keezhadi Archaeological excavation site, Keezhadai Museum, Meenkshi Amman Temple in Madurai and Kodaikanal. We returned to Vellore on 21.04.2023 at 7.30 a.m. This educational tour was very informative, students learnt about the ancient excavation site and it was a practical experience how excavations take place. we returned home safely .

First we visited Viralimalai Murugan temple. Saint Arunagiriar came to this place as instructed by Lord Murugan after the Dharshan given in Vayalur. The Lord is in the form of Arumugan, six faced seated elegantly on the peacock facing east the temple was 2000 years old constructed by Cholas and later renovated by the Nayakas..

Next we visited Moovar temple at 12.30 p.m situated in the village of Kodumbalur, Puthukottai district, constructed by the Chola Feudatory and Irukkuvel chieftain Boothi Vikrmakesari. Only two of the three temples have remained intact. Thiru M. Gandhi curator(Retd) Government Museum Vellore explained about the structure, sculpture of this temple.

Next we reached Keezhadi Archaeological Excavation site at 1.30p.m. Students visited Keezhadi Museum and excavated site located on the river bed of Vagai. Students could see the artefacts such as different types of pottery objects, different colour beads, ornaments made of light blue, green, orange, white, black and pink colours beads, seals, boat and Gold ornaments,

the design was so beautiful it resembled our modern day ornaments. Thiru. M. Kalaivanan R.O(Retd), Archaeological Advisor, HR & CEDEPT Government of Tamilnadu explained clearly about the excavation methods and things found in kheezhadi.

Next we went to Madurai Meenatchi Amman Temple at 7.00p.m. Our night stay was at Sri Ganesh Kalyana Mandapam in Batlakundu, we finally visited Kodaikanal, it took nearly two hours to reach kodaikanal from Batlakundu. There students saw Rose Garden, Silver Falls, Lake Pine forest and Rock Pillars. Then students did some shopping. After shopping we returned to Vellore. We reached our college at 7.30a.m. Students enjoyed the trip very much. It was a safe and happy journey for the students.

Photos



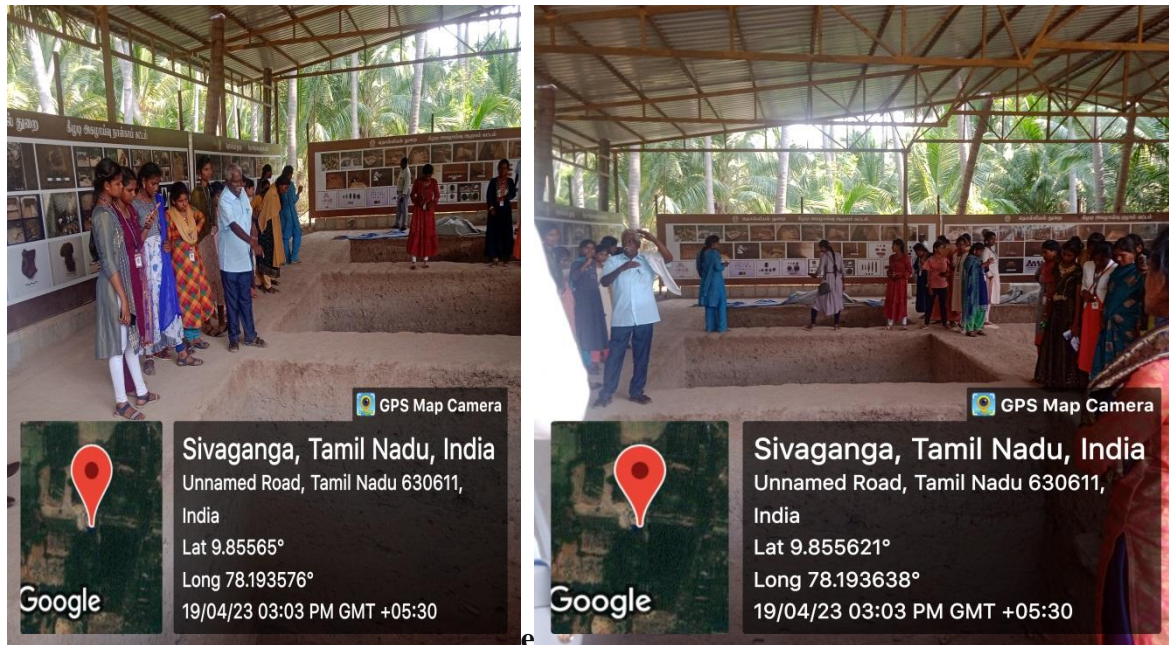
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Viralimalai Murugan Temple located in Viralimalai in trichy



Moovar Temple in the village of Kodumbalur, Puthukottai district



Thiru. M. Kalaivanan R.O(Retd), Archaeological Advisor, HR & CEDEPT Government of Tamilnadu explains about Keezhadi Archaeological Excavation site in Madurai,.

Note: we visited Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple but mobile phones were not allowed in the Madurai Meenakshi Temple so that we could not take any photo.



Silver falls



Rock Pillars



Guna Cave

Note : Due to the non availability of network we could not take GPS Photos