Frames that speak the heritage, culture and legacy of the South: A photo walk to Kanchi- The land of 1000 temples

Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation collaborated with Madras Photo Bloggers community to conduct a one-day heritage photo walk around Kancheepuram on June 4th 2023.

They covered places like the architectural marvel Kailasanathar temple, the majestic Ekambaranathar temple and the charming and the tinsel silk weavers' community of the district in this photo walk.

About 20 enthusiasts participated in exploring the rich history of this town and captured those moments through their lenses. Sign-language interpreters from MPB were also available to interact with the participants. The entire trip gave the participants a space to showcase and develop their photography skills and capture the moments from varied perspectives.
Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation is association with Madras Photo Bloggers organised a 2-day wildlife and birding photo tour around Coonoor, Kothagiri and Ooty on 17th and 18th June 2023. The tour was led by the renowned Wildlife Photographer Vasanthy Shrikanth.

Various wildlife and photography enthusiasts participated in the tour. The team spotted more than 30 bird species across biodiversity hotspots like Sims Park, Wellington, and lush green areas of Ooty and Kothagiri. They were offered accommodation at the TTDC's Hotel Tamil Nadu Coonoor. The Birding tour gave the participants an opportunity to explore and spot various vibrant bird species and their exotic habitats. Alongside, they also had a great exposure on learning diverse techniques of landscape photography from the MPB mentors.
TTDC runs a budget hotel in Tirunelveli that has been offering comfortable stay for the visitors. Recently the hotel property was renovated with world-class amenities to upgrade the experience of room stays. The modernised and newly furbished property was inaugurated on 9 June 2023 by the Hon’ble Minister of Tourism, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru K Ramachandran.

Thiru. M. Appavu, Hon’ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, preceded the event. Other delegates who honoured the ceremony with their presence were Thiru. S. Gnanathiraviam, Hon’ble Member of the Parliament, Thiru. M. Abdul Wahab, Hon’ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sandeep Nanduri, IAS, Director of Tourism and Managing Director of TTDC, and Dr. K P Karthikeyan, IAS, District Collector, Tirunelveli.
Kanniyakumari

The charming town that adds beauty at the southern tip of the Indian subcontinent. The land that boasts enchanting sunrise and sunset at the confluencing horizon of Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean and home to the enchanting Thirparappu falls. Not only on a geographical basis, but Kanniyakumari is also the point where cultures of two beautiful states blend too!

This beautiful blend can be witnessed on the heritage of the place and the architectural style of Kanniyakumari Bhagavathy temple, Padmanabhapuram palace and the Suchindram temple. For experiencing the perfect sunrise and sunset moments, pay a visit to the viewpoints along the tranquil shores on your way to visit the Vivekananda rock memorial and Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue.
A TN Tourism sponsored National Workshop on Listening to the voice of Coastal and Tribal Women and their success stories and awareness on livelihood opportunities including Rural Tourism

Through the lens
Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation in collaboration with Madras Inherited conducted a heritage walk along Egmore’s Pantheon road in Chennai on 3rd June 2023. The heritage walk was conducted with an objective explore in-depth the architecture and history of heritage buildings that has been adorning Egmore for nearly three centuries.

Around 15 enthusiasts participated in the event. They explored and witnessed the glory of architectural marvels and absorbed the air of brilliance that the locality exuded. They immersed themselves in the 1800s-2000s Egmore and regaled in the stories of the people and community that have contributed to shaping this significant locality.
Women 20, the official engagement group of G20, conducted its third and final working group meeting from 14th to 16th June 2023 at Mamallapuram under the theme "Women-led development: Transform, Thrive and Transcend." The summit began with the Citizens’ connect event on the topic "The Journey of Empowerment" in which, transformational stories of women from across the country were shared with the W20 international delegates.

Tamil Nadu Government took various initiatives to exhibit utmost hospitality. As a part of that, 94 delegates who attended the summit were taken on a local excursion to Mamallapuram - Group of Monuments, to showcase the rich cultural and architectural heritage of the town and the state. The excursion was organised by the Tamil Nadu Tourism Department.
The Group of 20 (G20) is the leading forum for international economic cooperation. It is a key player in shaping and building governance internationally on all major global economic issues. India is holding the presidency of G20 from 1 December 2022- 30 November 2023.

The third G20 Sustainable Finance working Group meeting took place in Mamallapuram from June 19 to 21 2023. The meeting brought together around 100 international delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries and international organisations. Tamil Nadu Government took various initiatives to exhibit utmost hospitality. As a part of that, around 56 delegates who attended the summit were taken on a local excursion to Mamallapuram - Group of Monuments, to showcase the rich cultural and architectural heritage. A high tea ceremony was also organised for the delegates by the Tamil Nadu Tourism Department to provide an experience of tasting the rich and authentic cuisine of the state.
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