



KALAI GNAR KARUNANIDHI
GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE
PG & RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
 (Affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University) Accredited by NAAC with 'B' Grade)
 TIRUVANNAMALAI - 606 603



TAMILNADU HISTORY CONGRESS

THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION - 2026 (30TH, 31ST OCTOBER, & 01ST NOVEMBER 2026.)

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**Dear Delegates,
Greetings.**

Hope you are in receipt of the first circular issued by **Prof. Dr. S. S. Sundaram**, General Secretary, Tamil Nadu History Congress, informing you of the forthcoming 33rd Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress and PG and Research Department of History **KALAI GNAR KARUNANIDHI GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE, Tiruvannamalai-606603**. is hosting the Congress in this year, The Congress will be held during 30th, 31st October, & 01st November 2026. It gives me great pleasure in extending a cordial Invitation to you to participate in the proceedings of the Tiruvannamalai Session.

TIRUVANNAMALAI : A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Tiruvannamalai, a town in Tamil Nadu is situated in 190 kms from Chennai and 290kms from Bangalore. Experiments done by Archaeological Survey of India in and around Tiruvannamalai have revealed that the rock (Chamokite) which makes up the Arunachala hill is older than 3.5 billion years and believed to have formed as a result of massive volcanic eruption. The fertile land around the hill was a highly potential farming land and soon become an important human settlement in Tamil Nadu. Tiruvannamalai is even believed to be older than Mathurai (1st BC).

The first recorded history of the town dates back to the ninth century as seen from chola inscriptions in the Arunachaleswar temple which states that the present masonry structure of the ancient temple was built during the same period by the Chola dynasty (from 850 C E to 1280 C E). The temple is one of the largest in India and rich in tradition, history and festivals. Hundreds and thousands of small and big Chola dynasty period inscription, architecture, sculpture, mural art, etc., can be found around the whole town. Saint poets like Tirunavukarasar, Appar, Pattinathar and Arunagirinathar have created historical literatures about Tiruvannamalai, the temple and the hill, Evidently, the town is largely associated with living traditions and beliefs that have literary the works of outstanding universal significance. Apart from the Cholas, Tiruvannamalai has been ruled by the pallvas, Hoysalas, the Vijayanagar Empire, the Carnatic kingdom, Tipu Sultan and the British. The great architecture and art created collectively by the artist guild with the patronage of the different rulers stand as a museum of our culture and art.

Karthikai Deepam is the most popular festival of Tiruvannamalai and inscriptions indicate that the festival was celebrated as early as in the Chola period. As part of the festival, a huge lamp is lit in a cauldron, at the top of the Hill Annamalai. During Deepam several Lakshs of people from around the Hill circumambulate the Arunachala Hill. The Visually fantastic festival also has vibrant village markets including cattle fairs.

Tiruvannamalai is a world famous spiritual and pilgrimage centre. Sri Ramanashram and Sri Sheshadri Ashram attracts devotees and pilgrims from all over the world, The Scenic Sathanur Dam, Jawwadu Hills, and Gingee Fort are additional tourist attractions that are close to Tiruvannamalai.

MILESTONE OF THE COLLEGE

Kalaingar Karunanidhi Government Arts College, Tiruvannamalai started in 1966 as per G.O.M.No.502 Edn.dt. 05.07.1966 to cater the needs of thousands of students coming out from higher secondary schools in and around Tiruvannamalai for their higher studies. The number of dropouts at school level was higher. Realising the need to provide the higher Education at low cost. The Government of Tamil Nadu established offers 14 UG and 11 PG Programmes, with a strength of around 9000 students were awarded B Grade and certified by the NAAC in 2016. Now The college is offering Ph.D (Full-Time and Part-Time) Research Programme also.

HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

PG & Research Department of History founded along with the Inception of the college in the 1969, soon grew into a full fledged Under-Graduate Department offering History Course both English and Tamil Medium. In 2004, MA History was introduced under self-Financing Programme and it has been converted into an aided Course. Now the Department is also offering Ph.D. Research Programme through Full time and Part-time. The strong faculty and steadfast students of the department have proved their expertise in organizing various State level, National level and International level Seminars, Conferences and workshops in the college, with a strength of around 1050 Students.

VENUE :

The 33rd Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress will be held at **KALAI GNAR KARUNANIDHI GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE, Tiruvannamalai-606603**. The Venue is an easily accessible by road and Train. The Nearest Railway Station, Tiruvannamalai Junction is 03 km away from the venue, While new Bus Stand is 03 km away.

HISTORIAN TO BE HONOURED :

Tamilnadu History Congress will honor. Prof. **K. Rajan** Former Professor & Head, Department of History, Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry during this Session.

ENDOWMENT LECTURES

AVVM Sri Poondi Pushpam College Endowment Lecture established by AVVM Sri Poondi Pushpam College, Poondi, Thanjavur will be delivered by Dr. S.N. Nageswara Rao, Former Head, P.G. and Research Department of History, Sir Theagaraya College, Chennai; Dr. M. Thilakavathy Endowment Lecture established by Dr. M. Thilakavathy, Former Associate Professor & Head, Department of History and Tourism & Travel Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai by Dr. S. Geetha Kannammal, Former Head, Department of History & Tourism, SDNB Vaishnav, College for Women, Chennai; Tamil Semmal Dr. Ratna Natarajan Endowment Lecture established by Dr. Ratna Natarajan, Director, Goodwill Educational Trust and Founder - President, ANT Educational Trust, Tirupattur by Dr. V. Vedachalam, Epigraphist & Historian; Mannar Thirumalai Naicker Endowment Lecture established by Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Madurai by Prof. G. Sethuraman, Former Professor, Department of History, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Research papers are invited from the members of the Tamilnadu History Congress. They should be based on original research providing new data and interpretation on Ancient, Medieval and Modern periods of the History of Tamil Nadu. The papers could be presented either in English or Tamil. The research papers should not exceed 8 pages should be neatly typed in double space in A4 size paper on one side with endnotes at the end of the articles [for style sheet refer TNHC Website]. via e-mail may be sent to tiruhistoryconfe@gmail.com and the same should be reach (by post or email) to the Organising Secretary Dr.R.Sthanislas, Associate Professor & Head, PG & Research Department of History K.K. Government Arts College, Tiruvannamalai on or before 20th October 2026 the research papers in Tamil, kindly copy the font and send it along with the article by the e-mail. also a copy of the Research paper and its abstract should reach the General Secretary by the e-mail.

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General Secretary : E-mail id, mentioned above

Members of TNHC are invited to send their articles for the Endowment Prizes mentioned below:

Dr. A.S. Prema Kasthuri, Endowment Women Studies
Dr. S. Govindaraju, Endowment Art and Cultural History
Vanavarayar Foundation, Endowment Freedom Movement
Prof. G.Thangavelu, Endowment Historiography

Articles should reach the Local Secretary (hard copy) and the General Secretary (Soft copy by E-mail) on or before 20 October 2026.

- Note : 1. Articles by single author alone will be considered for endowment prize.
2. One member one article-one endowment prize only.
3. Mention the name of the Prize for which the article is to be considered.

DELEGATE FEE

The outstation delegate fee is Rs. 2000/-. Delegates who do not need accommodation can get themselves registered as Local delegates with a fee of Rs. 1500/-. A special provision is made for bonafide Ph.D / PG scholars and students. The scholar / student delegate fee shall pay Rs.1000/- as registration fee (both Outstation and Local) The scholar /student delegates, will be given dormitory type of accommodation only (Men / Women separately). Research Scholar student delegates are to be certified by the H.O.D or the Head of the institution Where they study. Accommodation will be provided on first come first serve basis only.

The delegate fee to be paid in advance by Demand Draft obtained from any nationalized bank drawn in favour of "**Principal, Kalaingar Karunanidhi Government Arts College, Tiruvannamalai** " (IOB - SB Account No. 17790100 00 00 442, IFSC : IOBA0001779, Chengam Road, Tiruvannamalai.) should reach the organising Secretary on or before 20-10-2026. Delegates should please note that they are requested to pay the delegate fee on or before 20th October 2026 to arrange for a comfortable stay.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration will be done at the Kalaingar Karunanidhi Government Arts College, from 4.00 p.m. to 10.p.m. on 29th October 2026 After these formalities, delegates will be taken to their respective places of accommodation.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership in the Tamil Nadu History Congress is open to all those who are interested in the study of History irrespective on the basic discipline to which they belong. The existing Annual Members of the Congress are requested to become Life Members by paying Rs.3000/- or renew their Annual Membership by sending Rs.300/- The membership fee may be sent by way of M.O/D.D drawn in favour of the Treasurer, Tamil Nadu History Congress addressed to Dr. T. Abdul Khadar, Associate Professor, Department of Historical Studies, The New College, Chennai (Mobile: 9841231628) New members are welcome to join the T.N.H.C. by paying any one of the above subscriptions.

The delegates are requested to send the duly filled Proforma attached with this circular to the Local Secretary on or before 20.10.2026 Additional forms will taken be photocopied.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you at Kalaingar Karunanidhi Government Arts College, Tiruvannamalai.

With warm regards.

Tiruvannamalai - 606 603
10-08-2026


(DR.L.REVATHI)
PRINCIPAL

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If Outstation, details of Arrival Date Departure Date
10. Details of Accompanying Member

To,

Signature

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