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**SOUTH INDIAN
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44TH ANNUAL SESSION OF SOUTH INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS

Organized by

**School of Social Sciences and Languages
Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore**

20th–22nd December 2025



About Tamilnadu

Tamil Nadu, the 'Land of temples', is situated on the Coromandel coast in the south-eastern part of the Indian peninsula. It is naturally divided between the flat regions on the east coast and the hilly areas in the north and west. The state is the tenth-largest state in India and home to the Tamil people, whose language is one of the longest-surviving classical languages in the world. The state of Tamil Nadu is known for its beautiful coastline, majestic temples, towering coconut trees, wildlife sanctuaries and cultural heritage, making the state a paradise in the land of India. Historically, the state was ruled by three majestic empires namely the Cholas, the Cheras, and the Pandiyas. The greater Chola reign was regarded as 'The Golden Age of Tamil Nadu' as the literature and other art forms reached their zenith. The state is rich in culture and the birthplace of the dance form Bharatanatyam, as well as many music styles, including Carnatic music. A unique festival is celebrated at Thiruvavur, the birthplace of singer and poet Tyagaraja during January. The state is one of the leading textile manufacturing states in India. Kovai cotton sarees & dhotis, as well as Kanchipuram silk sarees, are famous worldwide. Some of the significant spots of tourist attraction are Chennai, Mamallapuram, Kancheepuram, Kumbakonam, Dharasuram, Chidambaram, Thiruvannamalai, Srirangam, Madurai, Rameswaram, Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari, Thanjavur, Velankanni, Nagoor, Kazhugumalai, Courtallam, Hogenakkal, Papanasam, Ooty, Kodaikannal, Yercaud, Elagiri, Kolli hills, Mudumalai, Annamalai, Mundanthurai, Kalakad, Vedanthangal and Point Calimere. The state is thus a melting pot of culture and heritage, along with its natural beauty.



About Vellore

Vellore, also known as the 'City of Spears', is situated on the banks of the Palar River in Tamil Nadu. The city has a rich historical legacy, having served as a stronghold for several dynasties, including the Pallavas, Cholas, Nayakas, Marathas, and Arcot Nawabs. Vellore Fort, built during the Vijayanagar period, stands as an architectural marvel that symbolises cultural and religious harmony. Other attractions include the Jalakandeswarar Temple, Sripuram Golden Temple, and Amirthi Forests a biodiversity hotspot.



Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)

The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was founded in 1984 as Vellore Engineering College by its Chancellor, Dr G. Viswanathan. VIT attracts students from all states of India and more than 51 countries due to its academic excellence. VIT has introduced numerous innovations in educational processes, adding value to every student. FFCS (Fully Flexible Credit System) and PBL (Project-Based Learning) facilitate better learning, while fully digitised academic portals equip students to cultivate curiosity and become better problem solvers. The 8th module in every subject is handled by industrial experts, helping students contextualise classroom concepts one of the many innovations introduced by VIT.



School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL)

Established in 2009, the School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL) employs innovative teaching methods and interdisciplinary approaches to learning. The school helps students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for the global market. It maintains high standards in teaching and learning, research excellence, and continuous evaluation through internal peer and student reviews. The School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL), offers programmes in Humanities and Social Sciences (History, Economics, Political Science, International Relations, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Commerce and Languages) with a full-fledged focus on quality education. The school comprises four departments: Social Sciences, Commerce, English and Other Languages.



Programmes Offered

Under Graduate Programmes

B. Com – Bachelor of Commerce
B.Com (Banking and Capital Markets)
B.Com (Financial Technology)
B.Com (Business Process Services)

For Engineering students
Minors in Economics
Minors in Finance
Minors in India Studies
Minors in psychology

Research Programmes

PhD (Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, History, International Relations, Political Science, Commerce & Accountancy, Tamil, Hindi, French, Spanish and English)

Post Graduate Programmes

MSW - Master of Social Work
with HR, Medical & Psychiatry
and Community Development

About SIHC 2025

The South Indian History Congress was founded at a conclave of historians at the School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai - 625021, on December 2, 1978, with Prof. K.K. Pillay as the first President and Prof. K. Rajayyan as the founding general secretary. It was registered under the Societies Act at Madurai in 1979 with Registration No. 32/1979. The Central Office of the Congress is established at the School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. The first inaugural conference of this Congress was held at Madurai Kamaraj University Campus in February 1980. Thereafter, annual sessions of the Congress were held at different universities and colleges of South India.

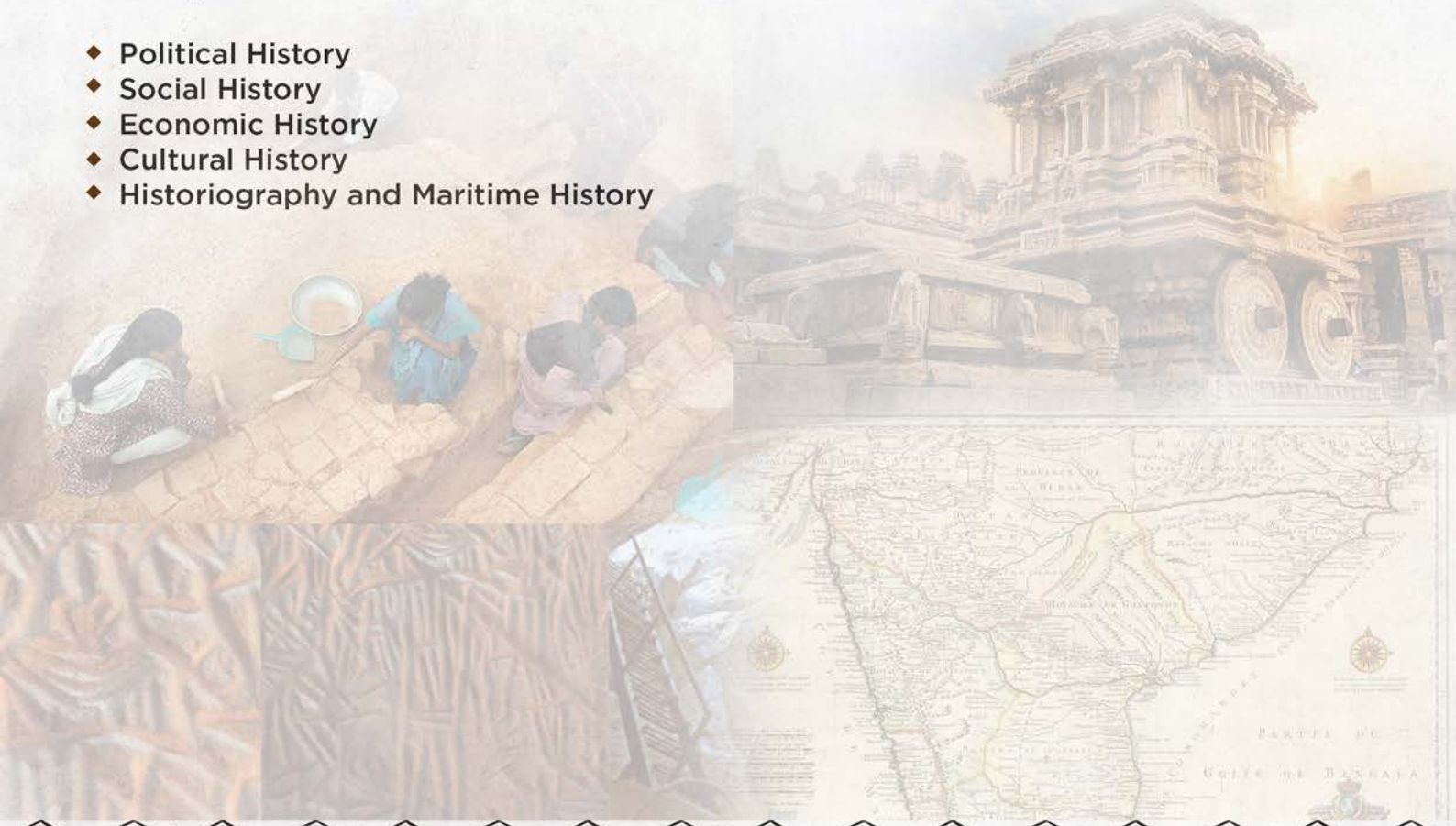
44th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress

The 44th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, to be held at VIT, Vellore, provides a scholarly platform for historians, researchers, and students to present and discuss recent developments in South Indian historical studies. The conference's scope encompasses diverse themes, including political, social, economic, cultural, and religious history, as well as historiography and maritime studies. It seeks to encourage interdisciplinary approaches, highlight new research methodologies, and bring to light the contributions of South India within the broader canvas of Indian and global history. By fostering dialogue between established scholars and emerging researchers, the conference seeks to promote critical inquiry, preserve South India's rich heritage, and enhance academic collaboration in the field of historical research.

Themes of the Conference

The conference will feature scholarly presentations across a variety of historical domains, including:

- ◆ Political History
- ◆ Social History
- ◆ Economic History
- ◆ Cultural History
- ◆ Historiography and Maritime History



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Registration Details

- ◆ The registration fee must be paid online only.
- ◆ Payment can be done through the following link- <https://events.vit.ac.in/>, available on the website www.southindianhistorycongress.org
- ◆ Delegates are requested to make payment before registration through the online link available in the portal and initiate the registration process using the provided payment details.
- ◆ To ensure the smooth registration and submission of research papers, all delegates are required to register their names and submit their research papers exclusively through the online platform available on our website, www.southindianhistorycongress.org,

Last Date For Paper Submission & registration: 10th December 2025 If the delegate fee is not received by that date, no assurance regarding accommodation and registration kit can be given

Delegates registered for the last two sessions (2023 and 2024) can retrieve their data by entering their registered mobile number. These delegates can view/download their previous SIHC certificate from the portal.

The following documents are needed to complete the registration process for new delegates:

- ◆ Photograph of the registering Delegate
- ◆ SIHC ID card or any other Photo ID Card
- ◆ Details of the Delegate Fee Paid
- ◆ Research Paper (in Word format only)

The delegate fee will be collected online through the registration portal. We strongly encourage you to pay in advance to help us better arrange food and accommodation facilities. This will ensure a more convenient and well-organised experience for all participants.

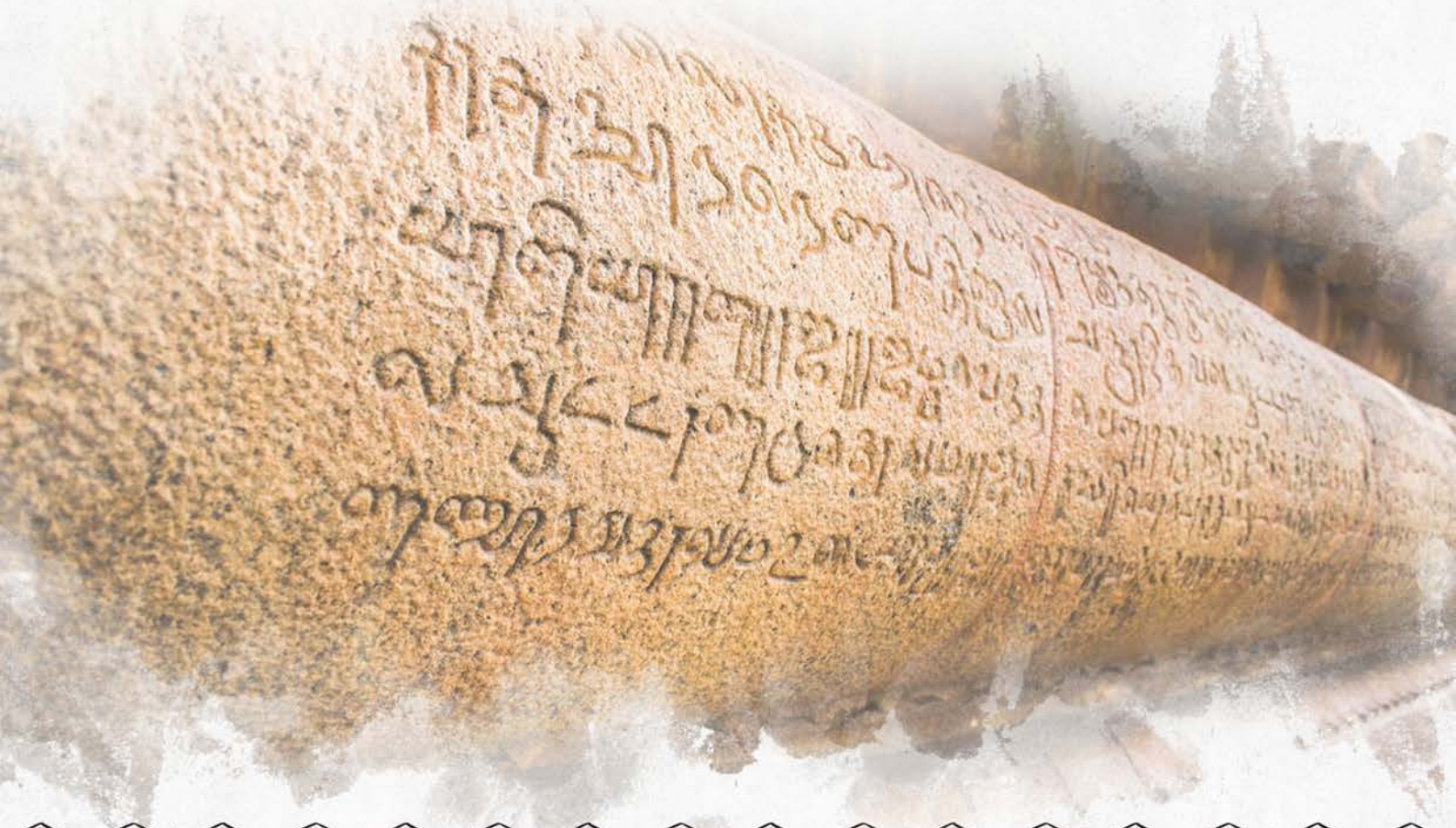
Delegates with accommodation	₹ 3540 (Including GST)
Delegates without accommodation	₹ 2360 (Including GST)
Research Scholars with accommodation	₹ 1770 (Including GST)
Research Scholars without accommodation	₹ 1180 (Including GST)
Foreign Delegates (Online)	\$ 44 USD

All payments must be made online via

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Submission

All papers presented in the conference, selected by the executive committee, will be published in the Conference Proceedings Volume undertaken by SIHC. The research paper should be neatly typed, approximately eight pages in length, double-spaced, with endnotes in Word format. Endnotes should be numbered consecutively throughout the paper and placed at the end of the document. The full paper shall strictly follow the style manual published on the SIHC website. Only papers in English will be considered for inclusion in the Proceedings Volume. A small abstract in one hundred words and a list of keywords are to be shown at the beginning of the research paper. Papers that do not follow the style manual will not be considered for publication. Papers received through the portal on or before the due date will be given precedence for presentation. A member shall not be permitted to present more than one paper. All submitted papers will undergo a 'Plagiarism Check' before being selected for publication by the Executive Committee.



Best Paper Awards

The South Indian History Congress has instituted the following Best Paper Awards.

Kasturi Misra Memorial Young Historian Award

(For the best paper presented
in all five sections by scholars
below the age of 45)

Prof. Peddarapu Chenna Reddy & Dr Subhashini Best Paper Award

(For the best paper in Social
History Section, without any
age restriction)

Dr P. Balagurusamy & Mrs R. Uma Best Paper Award

(For the best paper presented
in all five sections, without any
age restriction)

Those who wish to have their papers considered for awards must submit a hard copy of their paper, clearly mentioning the name of the prize on the envelope, to the following address:

Dr. Sivadasan P

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Malappuram District, Kerala - 679324.

Please note that papers submitted by the same scholar will not be considered for more than one award. Applicants for the 'SIHC Young Historian Award' must attach a valid proof of age along with their paper. The complete paper, along with all supporting documents, must be received at the above address by November 30, 2025.

Endowment / Special Lectures

Dr B. S Chandrababu Endowment Lecture: Dr Lily Jayaseeli Balasingh

Kasturi Misra Memorial Lecture: Dr K. Mavali Rajan

Prof. K. Sadasivan Memorial Lecture: Dr Selva Muthukumaraswami

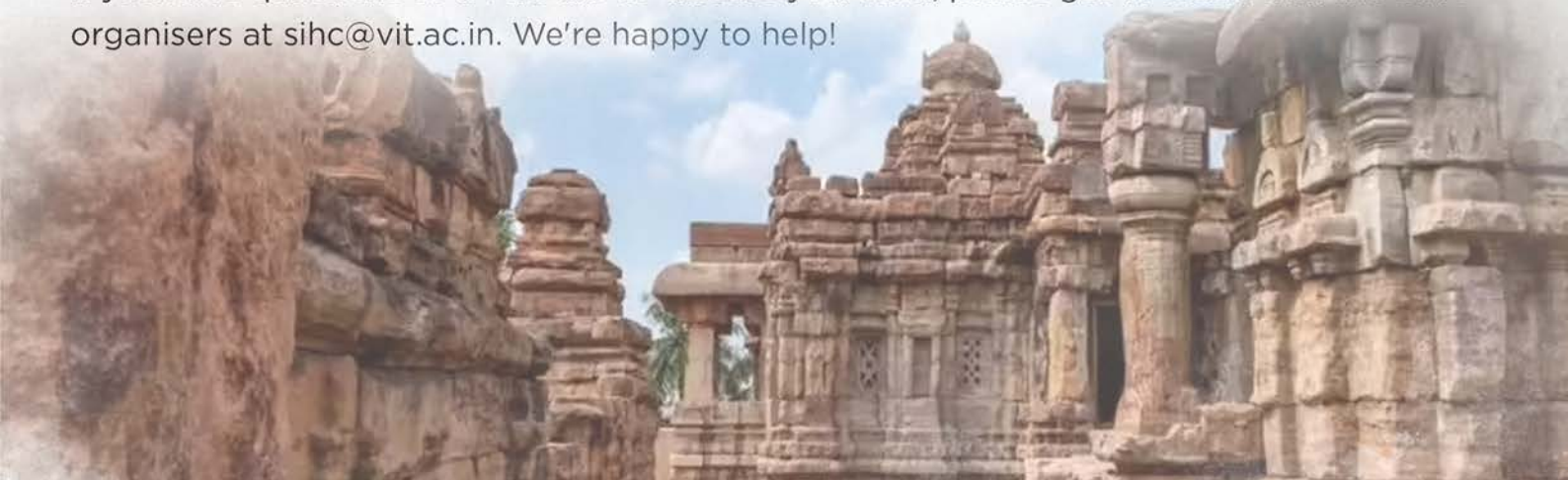
G. T. N Arts College Lecture: Prof. Ranga Nivas

Prof: R. C. Misro and Mrs Kabita Misra Joint Endowment Lecture: Prof. G. Sambasiva Reddy

Prof. T. R Ramachandran Endowment Lecture: Dr Manjula Poyil

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, invites proposals showcasing collaborative projects that highlight innovative approaches to historical research. We welcome submissions for panels, workshops, roundtables, and other formats that demonstrate new perspectives and methodologies.

If you have questions or would like to discuss your idea, please get in touch with the SIHC organisers at sihc@vit.ac.in. We're happy to help!



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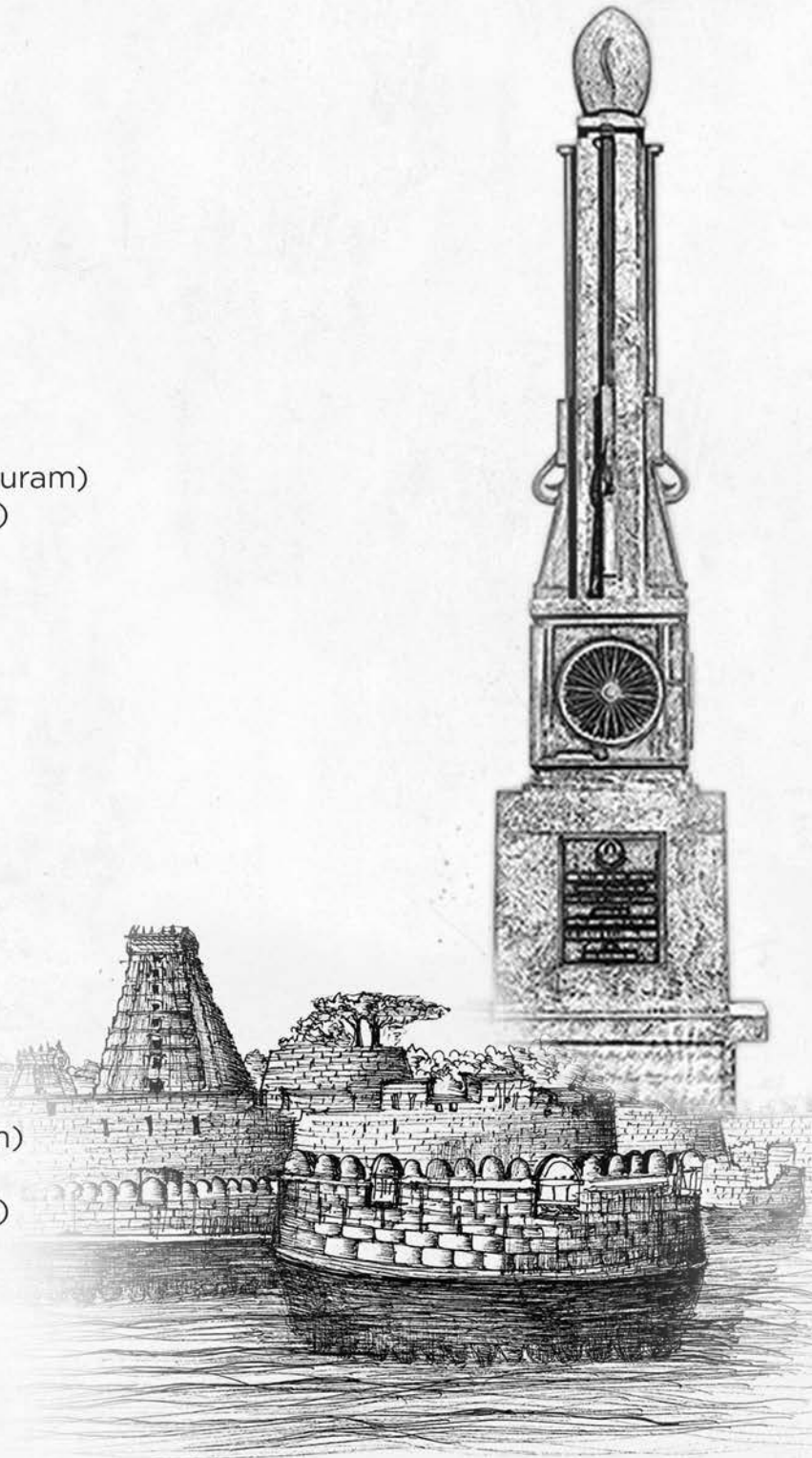
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