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(For the Nine Divisions)


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Natural Heritage


Heritage Tourism

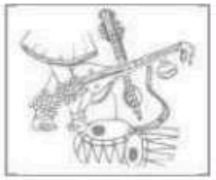

Heritage Education and Communication Service


Documentation


Architectural Heritage


Intangible Cultural Heritage


Material Heritage


Heritage Academy

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CONTRIBUTING TEAMS FOR THE NINE DIVISIONS



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Intangible Cultural Heritage

Committee Head:
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Mr. Manohar Devadoss



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Certificate distributed to the participants


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INTACH - MADURAI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Silambam Camp

Venue : Thiagarajar College, Madurai
Date : May 13, 2015 to June 4, 2015
Resource Persons : Master Mr. P.Anbusekar & Mr.A.Elango, KB Silambam Academy

Program organised and co-ordinated by RAJESH KANNA, Co-convenor

INTACH Madurai organized a 'Silambam' camp at Thiagarajar College, Madurai, from May 13th to June 4th 2015.

Silambam is an ancient martial art and a form of self-defence, schools and college students participated in the camp with enthusiasm and learnt the basics of 'Alangara Silambam'

Master Mr.P.Anbusekar & Mr.A.Elango who run the KB Silambam Academy were the resource persons.

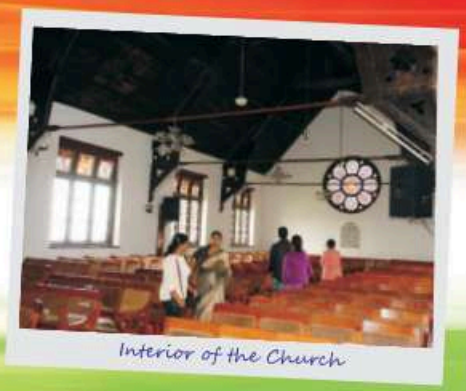
A Valedictory function was organised at the college premises, certificates were distributed to the participants.

INTACH Madurai Chapter is planning to organize Silambam camps, on a regular basis and a syllabus will be framed for an “Advanced Certificate course” in Silambam.



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Kodaikanal Church


Interior of the Church

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Kodai Book Launch and Madurai INTACH Excursion

Venue : Kodaikanal
Date : May 14, 2015

Kodaikanal – The Book Launch

(INTACH Madurai Chapter visits Kodaikanal)

The INTACH Chapter of Kodaikanal launched the book titled KODAIKANAL-The Vanishing Heritage of an Island in the Sky on 14th of May 2015 at KMU Hall, (Kodaikanal International School). The book was released by the chief guest Maj.Gen.(Retd) L.K.Gupta, Chairman INTACH in the presence of the guest of honour Mr.Corey Stixrud, Principal, Kodaikanal International School. The book has been compiled by Pradeep Chakravarthy, Anil Choudhry, Jayashree Kumar and Girija Veeraraghavan. Kodaikanal Chapter's attempt to record not only the cultural heritage like buildings but also the natural heritage like birds, fish, trees, plants, waterfalls and streams etc and that too by people who love 'KODAI' reflects in the book well. Ms. Sunayana Choudhry, Convenor, INTACH Kodaikanal Chapter spoke about how the passion to save and document the unique sky island in Palani Hills brought so many Kodai lovers into the foray . The session also included two presentations done by Tanya Balcar and Bob Stewart of the vattacanal Conservation Trust about the natural heritage of the area specifically about shola forests and their experiences on reclaiming the plantation lands and the second one by V.V.Robin an ecologist working on the conservation of Shola birds about the unique ecosystem of Palani Hills especially Kodaikanal and how it influences the evolution of the birds. Both were informative and enjoyable. This was followed up by a Book Critique session which also saw editors of the book interacting with the audience and sharing their experiences and how much they learned about their beloved town during that period.

INTACH Chapter of Madurai members were taken on a tour by Ms. Sunayana Choudhry, who was gracious enough to take time off her busy schedule to take us, not only to old cottages, Jesuit college, church, bakery, clinic and old cemetery but also gave information about who built them and when and how they were built. Even though many in the group have visited Kodai many times before, this trip proved to be an entirely different and informative one.

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India Heritage Quiz

Venue : Guhan Matriculation School
Date : July 4, 2015

The India heritage quiz was organised on 4th July 2015, for the second time in Madurai after the success of the quiz last year. INTACH Delhi organised this quiz on a national level. INTACH Madurai chapter coordinated the programme at Madurai.

Many excited students participated in the quiz. Madurai had one of the highest participants in the region.

Mr. Gnana Guhan of Guhan matriculation school hosted the event.





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Visit to the excavation site at Silaiman near Madurai

Venue : Silaiman, Madurai
Date : July 26, 2015

Program organised and co-ordinated by RAJESH KANNA, Co-convenor

Members of INTACH Madurai chapter visited the excavation site at Silaiman near Madurai on 26.7.15.

ASI (Archeological Survey of India) has been working on this project for almost six months. There have been breakthrough finds from this inhabitation site which include pottery, beads, coins and remains belonging to the sangam age, dating back to the 3rd BC to 300 AD.

Mr. Rajesh of ASI explained to the INTACH members about the selection of the site location and the importance of the rare finds.

INTACH Madurai Chapter is keen to extend support in organising a display of these finds at the end the project.

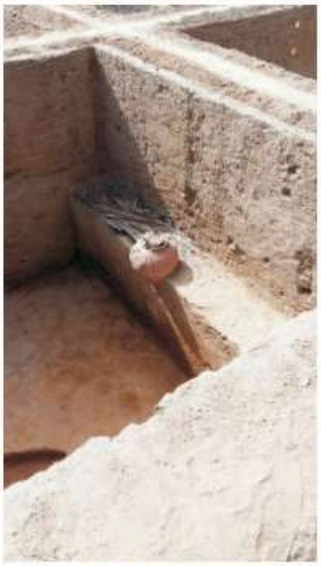
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Rotary Ryla Camp - 3 Days

Venue : CESCI Campus, Natham Road, Madurai
Date : Aug 13 to Aug 15, 2015

This camp was organized by Rotary club of Malligai, 50 students from 5 districts participated. INTACH Madurai Chapter organized one session at the Ryla Camp. on 15th August and arranged for Dr. Venkataraman to talk on Patriotism.

INTACH Madurai Chapter sponsored the caps for the students and volunteers who participated.



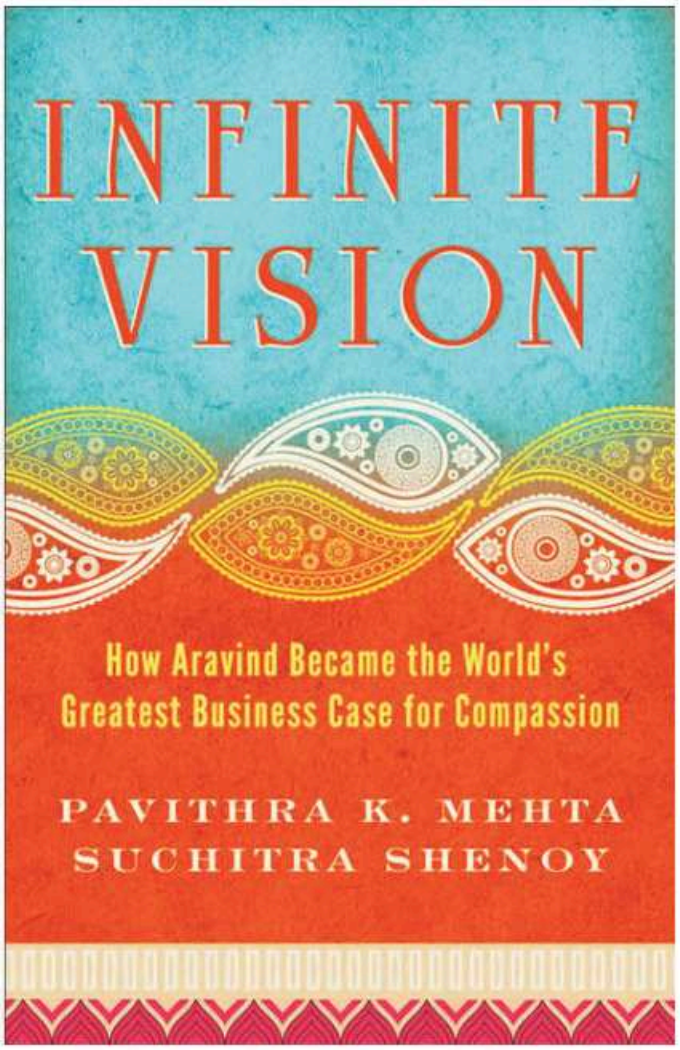


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BOOK OF THE MONTH

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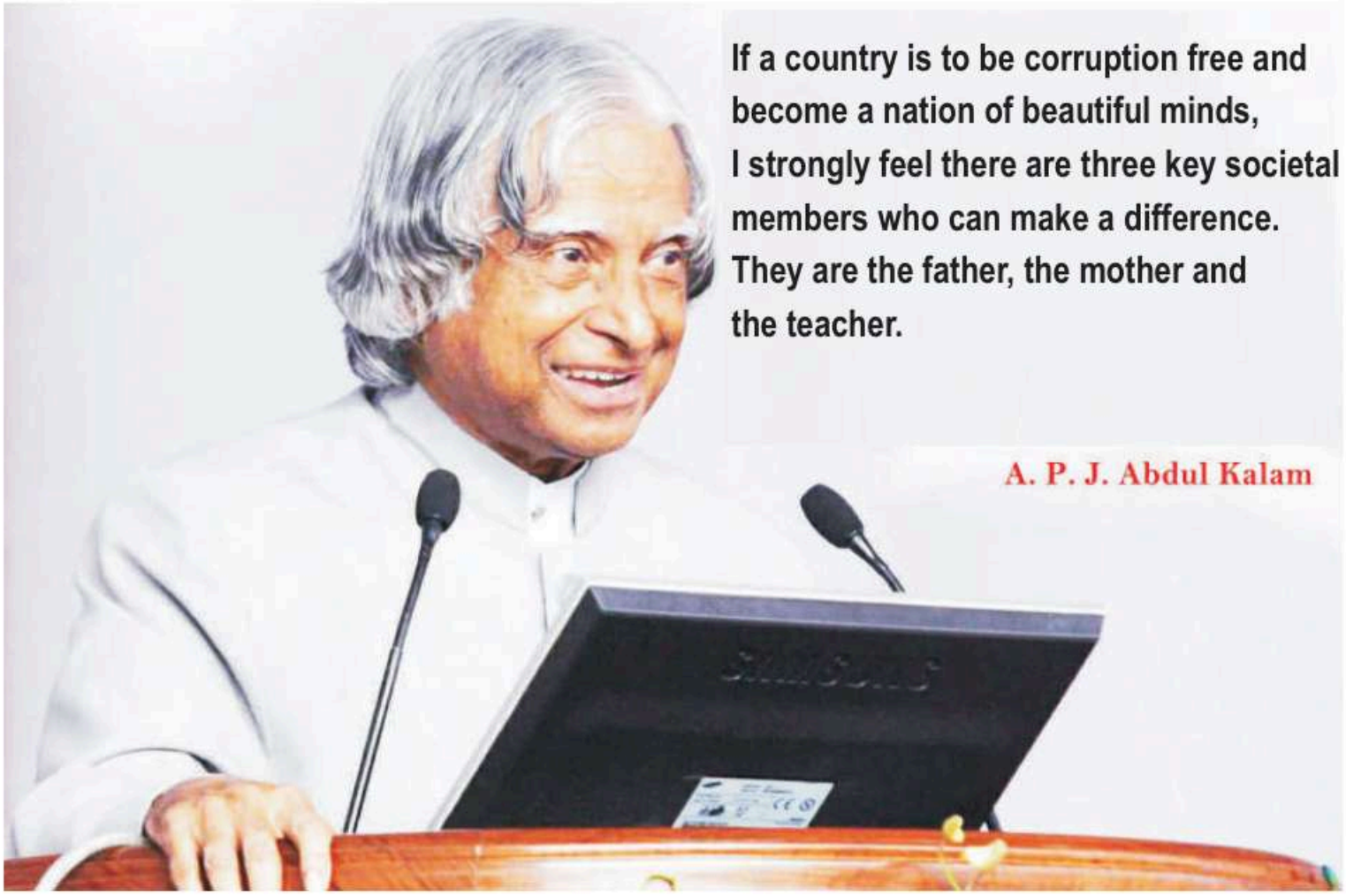
How Aravind Became the World's Greatest Business Case for Compassion



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Independence Day Special



Lightened Up Sweet Coconut Rice Recipe

Ingredients:

Fruit Toppings

0.75 lbs Mandarin orange
(packed in light syrup (drain syrup) three 0.25 lb cups)
2-3 Kiwi (small diced)

Coconut-Rice Pudding

½ Cup Rice (Short Grain White Rice like Sushi Rice)
½ Cup Coconut milk
4 tbsp Sugar
2 tbsp Coconut
(grated fresh or dry coconut)

1. Wash the rice under running water. In a deep pan, combine ½ cup water with ½ cup coconut milk.
2. Add rice and sugar. Stir well to combine. Cook at low heat for about 20 minutes.
3. Keep stirring in-between as short grain rice tends to sticks to bottom of pan very quickly. Cook until almost all water has evaporated and rice grains are fully cooked yet not mushy.
4. Add 2 tbsp grated coconut into rice. Remove from heat and spread on plate to cool down for at-least 15 minutes.
5. In serving cups, divide kiwi fruit pieces evenly among 6 cups. I also added 1/4 tsp of green khas syrup in each cup to enhance taste and green color. But that is totally options. Not mentioned in ingredients list.
6. Top each cup with equal amount of cooled coconut rice and level with a spoon.
7. Discard syrup from oranges and topwith orange slices on each cup
8. Chill in refrigerator before serving

Additional Notes:
Rice pudding can be made 1-2 day in advance. This dessert is served chilled. So you can make and assemble ahead and keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

Source: http://www.chefdehome.com/Recipes/399/lightened-up-sweet-coconut-rice

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Tricolour Sandwich

Ingredients

6 bread slices
½ cup butter

For The Green Layer
1/2 cup grated paneer (cottage cheese)
mint chutney
salt to taste

For The Orange Layer
1/2 cup grated carrot
2 tbsp mayonnaise
salt to taste

1. Butter the bread slices. Keep aside
2. Mix the paneer, mint chutney and salt to a smooth paste in a mixing bowl to make the green layer
3. Mix the grated carrots, mayonnaise and salt well in another mixing bowl to make the orange layer
4. Spread the green layer on top of a bread slice
5. Place another bread slice on top and spread the orange layer on it.
6. Put a third bread slice on top
7. Cut into three strips
8. Make another sandwich in the same way

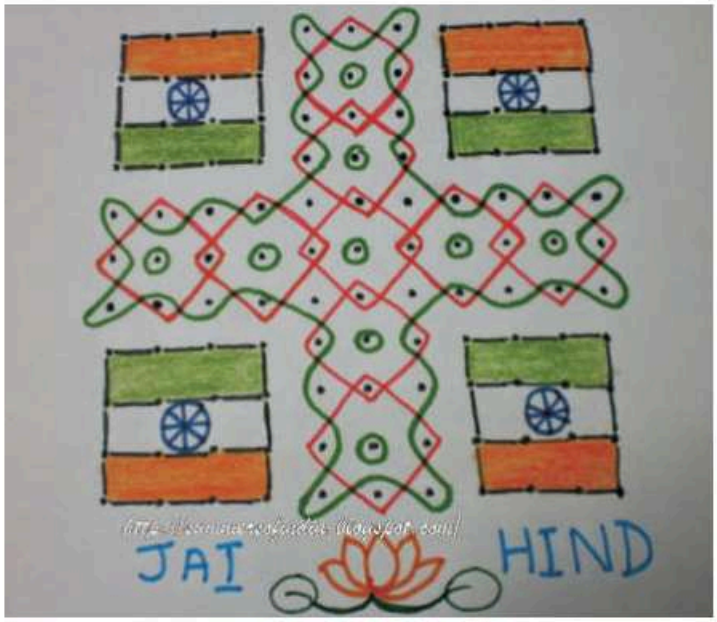
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KOLAM OF THE MONTH

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Upcoming Events!

FOHS - Friends of Heritage Sites

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INTACH Madurai Chapter
will plan to organise a visit to the
excavation site at Silaiman Near Madurai
on 29th August 2015

Dr. Venkataraman will head the trip
and give a talk on the
importance of the place and its findings