**INTACH Cultural Awareness Activity**

**One day Indian culture exposure experience**

**Date:** 23rd, Nov, 2016.

**Resource Person: Mr. M.D. Vel**

**Venue:** Riverview Campus, Madurai

Mr. M.D. Vel, EC Member of INTACH Madurai Chapter organized a one day **Indian culture exposure experience** for 50 international members of various international Round Tables, including, Germany, Holland, Belgium, UK, Finland and New Zealand.

The purpose of the international Round Table members visit was to experience the Culture and Heritage of our Region.

Round Table clubs have an interesting tradition. Clubs having the same number, belonging to different countries, get an opportunity to get connected and travel to a host club's country selected among them, once in two years. The host club takes care of all visiting members from other clubs.

This time around it was Round Table club number 42 Chennai’s turn to host and hence members from Round Table club number 42 of Germany, Holland, Belgium, UK, Finland and New Zealand came to Chennai for 10 days to experience the culture and heritage of our Region. 50 men and women participated in this cultural experience.

In Madurai, Mr. M.D. Vel and his son Mr. Amudhan Vel, a member of Round Table club number 42 Chennai, arranged for the participants to visit the Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, a cultural show was arranged for them at their hotel in which they also participated. They enjoyed a traditional south Indian lunch at “Riverview Campus”, where Prof. Venkatraman, Senior Advisor of INTACH Madurai Chapter, gave an interactive talk about Indian culture and heritage. They enjoyed the talk and the Madurai experience! They were full of questions and curiosity.

INTACH Madurai Chapter Convener Uma Kannan also participated and interacted with the guests.

The few images convey their intense interaction with Prof. Venkatraman, and the great fun they had enjoying the simple water pump!

Group Photo with the Guests.