

## DESCRIPTION OF THE TAMIL LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Tamil is the ancient language of India which belongs to Dravidian family. It is spoken by more than 50 million people in the state of Tamilnadu where Tamil is the official language. Other than India, Tamil is also spoken by quite a lot of people in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, Mauritius, Fiji and South Africa. Tamil is also one of the official languages of Sri Lanka and Singapore. Tamil has the richest and the most ancient literature. Tamil exists in several varieties, the basic ones being literary and colloquial. Tamil is one of the mother tongue languages offered in schools and colleges. Tamil is useful to understand the literary and the cultural values of Tamils. Tamil language can act as a bridge to build business ties with Tamilnadu. It helps in the betterment of racial harmony among the Singaporeans.

## STRUCTURE OF THE LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

The Tamil programme consists of two modules:

- **Elementary:** Tamil 1 and Tamil 2

## TARGET GROUP

Tamil 1 is offered to both FASS and non-FASS students who have not received any previous formal education in Tamil.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Tamil 1 is available for absolute beginners, i.e., those without formal or informal background in Tamil. Tamil 1 is a pre-requisite for Tamil 2. Those who have background in Tamil and want to enroll in Tamil 2 must take a placement test.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT EVENTS

Immersion Programmes and a tour to South India are currently being considered.

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