

**Two Day Seminar on
Science and Technology in Tamil Epigraphy
(7th and 8th February, 2020)**

Organised by
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The time span of 600 CE to 1400 CE is an important period in the history of Tamil Nadu as the Tamil country came under the rule of three major dynasties: the Pallavas, Cholas and Pandyas, besides numerous local chieftains who were ruling over smaller areas under the suzerainty of the three major dynasties. Since these major dynasties ruled for a considerable period of time, this led to a continuous development in various fields. Agriculture and irrigation witnessed remarkable expansion, especially on the banks of the rivers Palar, Kaveri, Vaigai, Tamaraparani, etc. All the dynasties encouraged lake irrigations in the dry zones of the Tamil country and innumerable lakes were dug and maintained periodically with the help of local bodies. Tank irrigation, well irrigation, extensive cultivation, village and town formation, detailed land survey, revenue records, taxation etc. - all of them were duly recorded in the inscriptions issued by the various dynasties during this time.

Due to the economic prosperity of the country, arts and crafts and the performing arts were generously patronized by the rulers. During this period, remarkable architectural activities took place. Many historical temples in the villages of Tamil Nadu stand as testimony to the architectural skills of the Pallava, Chola and Pandya artisans. The walls of these temples are studded with inscriptions which throw light on various aspects of life. They contain innumerable technical and scientific terms which reflect the advancement of science and technology that prevailed during this time.

Themes of the Seminar

1. Agriculture and Irrigation
2. Crafts and Jewellery
3. Architecture and Engineering
4. Medicine
5. Environmental Science
6. Weights, Measures and Mathematical terms
7. Metallurgy
8. Astronomy
9. Transport and Navigation

Eminent scholars in the field of epigraphy have consented to deliver lectures on the above themes. We also invite papers from the faculties and research scholars of Colleges and Research Institutions.

C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Institute of Indological Research (CPRIIR) invites academics to submit the abstracts of their research papers on or before **December 25, 2019**. The abstracts should be in English and within 500 words in Times New Roman font, 12 point. It should include the title of the paper, name of the author, institution affiliation, e-mail ID, and keywords text. A short bio-data of the author (or authors), not exceeding half a typed page, should be sent along with the abstract. The acceptance of the abstracts will be notified by **January 10, 2020**. The abstracts should be sent to **cpriirconference@gmail.com**, the official e-mail address of the conference secretariat, on or before the closing date. Any other details could be obtained via the same mail address.

The interested participants should register themselves on or before **January 20, 2020**. As we are limiting the number of participants, you are requested to register as soon as possible.

Paper Presenters

1. Registration fee – Rs. 1000/-.
2. Registration fee for bonafide Students – Rs. 500/-.

General Participants (non-paper presenters)

3. Registration fee for bonafide Students – Rs. 200/-.
4. Registration fee for others – Rs. 500/-.

All the participants will be provided with lunch, tea and a certificate.

Participants have to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Registration is a must to attend the seminar (kindly avoid spot registration).

Participants should pay the fee prescribed by demand draft or cheque in favour of “The C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation” or as NEFT payment on or before January 20, 2020 to

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I would like to participate in the seminar on ‘Science and Technology in Tamil Epigraphy’ to be held on **February 7 and 8, 2020**.

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