



Visva-Bharati Santiniketan

NOTIFICATION

Consequence upon the letter of Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MoE, Govt. of India vide no. D.O. No.8-31/2024-L.II(Pt.) dated 01st January, 2025 (copy enclosed), all Principals of Bhavanas are requested to recommend the name of Tamil origin students of their Bhavanas with full particulars of each student and send it to the office of undersigned by 21st January, 2025 for participating in the Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0 event at Varanasi during 17th to 24th February, 2025.

Ref. No.: A&R/Notify/3858/2024-25
Santiniketan, dated: 17/01/25

Joint Registrar
(Academic & Research)
Visva-Bharati

17-01-25 A.M.
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Copy for Information and necessary action:

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2. All Heads of the Departments/Centres/Sadana/Offices, VB
3. All Joint Registrars/Deputy Registrars/Assistant Registrars, VB
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D.O. No.8-31/2024-L.II(Pt.)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated: 1st January, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the Government of India has been celebrating the Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) at Varanasi for the past two years i.e. in 2022 and 2023. This celebration is mainly intended to experience the living bonds between Kashi and Tamil Nadu, to strengthen and revitalize the connection between these two places, to make the youth aware and experience the cultural oneness, to further the cause of "Ek Bharat, Shresht Bharat" etc. Inspired by the immense enthusiasm witnessed in the earlier two editions of KTS, the Ministry has decided to celebrate third edition of the KTS from 15th to 24th February, 2025.

2. The main theme in this year's event is highlighting the significant contributions of Sage Agasthyar to the Siddha System of Medicine (Bharatiya Chikitsa), Classical Tamil Literature and also his contributions in the cultural unity of the Nation. This year, the Kashi Tamil Sangamam is coinciding with two important events namely the celebration of Maha Kumbh at Sangam, Prayagraj and the opening of Ramjanmabhoomi temple at Ayodhya. While the main event of KTS 3.0 will be celebrated in Varanasi, the delegates will be taken to have a holy snan at Sangam, Prayagraj and also the darshan of Lord Ram at Ayodhya.

3. It is expected that around 1000 people under 5 categories will participate in this Kashi Tamil Sangamam this year. In addition, one batch of 200 Tamil students from all the Central Universities will also participate in the local visits at Varanasi, Prayag Raj and Ayodhya.

4. In this regard, all the central universities need to do listing of the Students of tamil origin studying in undergraduate and post graduate courses and devise methods to select 5 to 10 students who can participate in the KTS 3.0. Accordingly, the Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities are advised to identify 5 to 10 students of Tamil origin from each of the Central Universities, who would be interested in experiencing the bond between Kashi and their home state, to enable them to participate in the KTS 3.0 event at Varanasi. It is requested that full particulars of each and every student is shared with the Ministry, BHU authorities, IRCTC authorities etc. to enable them to contact if need arises.

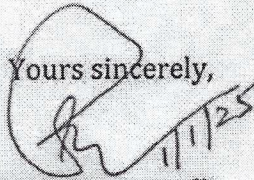
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5. In this regard a video conferencing is scheduled to be held on 6th January, 2025 at 3.00 PM to discuss the modalities with regard to the participation of students in the KTS 3.0. I request you to participate in the meeting and also make advance planning for the participation of the students in the KTS.

The details of the visits and Programme Itinerary are enclosed.

regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Sunil Kumar Barnwal)

To.

All Vice Chancellors/Registrars of Central Universities

(As per list attached)

Encl. As above.

Details of the visit

- ✓ Students will travel by AC III Tier coaches. The ticket fare from their destination to Varanasi and back should be borne by the respective Universities concerned from out of their funds.
- ✓ All the students should be advised to assemble at Varanasi from the evening of 16th February and the morning of 17th February, 2025.
- ✓ The visit of the students will commence on the morning of 17th February, 2025 and will come to an end on 20th February, 2025.
- ✓ The University authorities may ensure that the return tickets for the students may kindly be booked in trains which departs after 8.00 PM on 20th February, 2025.
- ✓ IRCTC will receive and manage movement of students from Varanasi station to Hotels for stay.
- ✓ IRCTC will take care of the bus travel of students to places around Varanasi, local transport, hotel stay at Varanasi and other identified places, all meals during the entire tour, local visits and all facilitation will be provided by IRCTC.
- ✓ IRCTC will collaborate with BHU Nodal officers and other concerned Dy. Commissioners at Varanasi/District Admin of other identified cities to facilitate stay and local visit of students.
- ✓ The departure of the students to their respective destinations will be on 20th January, 2025.
- ✓ The IRTC authorities will ensure that the students will be dropped in the Varanasi railway station after 8.00 PM on 20th January, 2025.

PROGRAMME ITINERARY

Day-1 at Varanasi (17.02.2025)

- 05:45 - Welcoming of Delegates at Varanasi Rly Stn.
- 09:30 to 11:30 - Temple Darshan (Kashi Vishwanath, Maa Annapurna & Vishalakshi Temples)
- 11:30 to 12:30 - Lunch at Annapurna Temple
- 13:30 to 17:00 - Namoh Ghat - Visit to Exhibitions, attending Academic and Cultural Programs
- 17:30 to 18:30 - Cruise and Ganga Arti.

Day-2 at Varanasi and Prayag Raj (18.02.2025)

- 06:00 to 08:00 - Visit to Hanuman Ghat for Ganga Snan, Subramaniam Bharati house, Shanakaracharya Temple etc.
- 08:30 to 12:30 - Local Sight-seeing, BHU, Ram Nagar Fort, Lal Bahadur Shastri house, TFC, etc.
- 13:30 Proceed to Prayag Raj
- 16:30 - Welcome at Prayag Raj
- 16:45 to 18:30 - Cultural Programs at Mela Kshetra
- 19:30 - Dinner
- 20:00 to 21:00 - Visit to Mela Kshetra

Day-3 at Prayag Raj and Ayodhya (19.02.2025)

- 06:30 to 08:30 - Sangam Snan and Hanuman Temple Darshan
- 09:45 to 12:00 - Visit to Shankara Mandapam, Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad Park
- 13:00 Proceed to Ayodhya
- 17:00 - Arrival at Ayodhya
- 17:30 to 20:30 - Cultural Programs

Day-4 at Ayodhya and Varanasi (20.02.2025)

- 08:15 to 09:15 - Ram Janmabhumi Temple Darshan
- 09:20 to 10:10 - Hanuman Gadhi Darshan
- 10:20 to 10:50 - Saryu Ghat Darshan
- 11:00 to 11:50 - Visit International Ram Katha Sangrahalaya
- 12:30 Proceed to Varanasi
- 18:00 - Arrival at Varanasi
- 18:30 - Early dinner
- 20:00 - Arrival at Varanasi Rly Station for return departure.