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DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES
National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli



Vision & Mission

Vision

“To be a globally acknowledged Business School with social relevance”

Mission

“To develop managers and entrepreneurs of essence and excellence and to enrich the society through education, research and consultancy”

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**WHEN YOU SEE A
GOOD MOVE**

LOOK FOR A BETTER ONE

-emanuel lasker

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**“ GOOD POSITIONS
DON'T WIN GAMES,
GOOD MOVES DO ”**
-gerald abrahams

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“ THE HARDEST GAME
TO WIN IS
A WON GAME ”
-emanuel lasker

NITT Overview

NITT is a premier institute in India with international recognition producing hundreds of professionals each year in various fields.

In order to achieve rapid development the college has been given financial and administrative autonomy and was granted the Status of Deemed University by Govt. of India in the year 2003 and renamed as National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli.

Formerly known as Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli, NITT is situated at the heart of Tamil Nadu on the banks of river Cauvery. It was started as a joint and co-operative venture of the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1964 with a view to cater to the needs of manpower in technology and entrepreneurship for the country.

NITT is expertly guided by the Chairman **Mr.R.Seshasayee** (Managing Director, Ashok Leyland Ltd.) and the Director **Prof. M. Chidambaram.**

Presently the institute is undergoing an accelerated growth phase through the World Bank funded Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP).



From the HOD Management Studies

The Department of Management Studies (DoMS), which started in the year 1982, has been well-known for imparting values in grooming future managers by providing quality management education. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) course at DoMS is designed to have an innovative balance between the theory and practice of management.

At DoMS we constantly redesign and restructure our curriculum, making it relevant to the rapidly changing business environment. Our students are trained with managerial concepts and skills to face the challenges ahead of them and embrace change with a positive attitude.

Our excellent faculty members instill a strong foundation of academic theories and concepts of student's specialty, and also insight into the practical issues and challenges currently confronting their discipline. This equips our students with crucial skills to sculpture sound business decisions. The industry-institute interaction activities help the students and faculty alike, to gain business insights from the experience of business leaders.

We emphasize team work allowing each student to benefit from the quality and diverse cultural and business backgrounds of their classmates. We also foster a strong association among students, faculty and staff in the learning enterprise. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our campus and look forward to build a prosperous relationship with your company, by making our students a part of your esteemed organization.

Dr. M. Punniyamoorthy
Head of the Department



Dr. M. Punniyamoorthy
Head of the Department

“ **WINNING ISN'T
EVERYTHING...**
BUT LOSING IS NOTHING
-mednis ”

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING & PLACEMENT



Dr. A.K. Bakthavatsalam
Professor & Head

NIT, Tiruchirappalli is one of the premier educational institutions in India and has always played a pioneering role in expanding the frontiers of knowledge and developing new courses. Our MBA programme has been consistently rated as one of the top Business Schools in India. The challenging work environment provided by the institute combined with the intelligence, high energy and motivation of our students has made DoMS a great gurukul. This develops business graduates with a holistic perspective, versatile in functional areas and specialized in industry domains. The industry recognizes and respects the rigour of our education process and the quality of our students, and this culminates in good placements.

I take great pride in introducing the budding Managers of 2008-10, groomed at DoMS, shaped by its vision of promoting “corporate citizens” and eager to serve you. We are confident that this young talent would be an asset to your organization with their technical and managerial capabilities and their penchant for innovation. We believe that Placements 2009-10 would be exciting. We invite you to be a part of it and make it a productive and enriching engagement for your organization as well as for our students. This would indeed go a long way towards strengthening the relationship that DoMS @ NIT, Tiruchirappalli enjoys with recruiting organizations like yours.

Dr. A.K. Bakthavatsalam
Professor & Head

**“ BLESSED BE THE MEMORY
OF HIM WHO GAVE
THE WORLD
THIS IMMORTAL GAME
-a.g.gardiner ”**

**“ I LOOK ONE
MOVE AHEAD...
THE BEST!
-siegbert tarrasch ”**

The MBA programme at NITT was started in the year 1982, and was later funded by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. DoMS, NITT has the distinction of being the only Government-funded MBA programme among all the NITs.

The MBA programme of Department of Management Studies (DoMS) imparts in-depth knowledge in all the cross-functional areas that go towards making a complete manager.

With an objective to create and equip prospective managers with leadership skills, lateral thinking and critical evaluation abilities, thus abetting successful entrepreneurs and corporate heads of tomorrow, the functional expertise of the faculty acts as a catalyst for this process.

DoMS has a high level of tutelage and focuses its resources on producing capable managers who will fit seamlessly into the industry and strive for its betterment.

An ever-evolving curriculum, nurtured through superior industry-institute interaction keeps students up-to-date on the latest corporate nuances. Consequently, DoMS also develops entrepreneurs who have an integrated knowledge of managerial theory and practice.

With a matured lineage of consultancy and research behind them, an exclusive group of academicians at DoMS, NITT is responsible for grooming raw talents into performing prodigies. Understandably the academics at DOMS, NITT are veritable treasure of learning and erudition.

DoMS teaches not just the art and science of management, but much more than that, it instills in its students virtues and skills empowering them with the much needed extra edge that is crucial for making a difference in tomorrow's world.

ACCOLADES

- Consistently Graded as an **A++ business school** by **BUSINESS INDIA**
- Consistently Ranked among **Top 5 B-Schools in Tamil Nadu** by **BUSINESS INDIA**
- Ranked **8th in South India** in **“BUSINESS WORLD INDIA'S TOP B SCHOOLS 2007 SURVEY”**
- Ranked **6th in RETURN ON INVESTMENT** by **BUSINESS WORLD “INDIA'S TOP B SCHOOLS 2007 SURVEY”**
- Ranked **33rd in Top B-School survey** conducted by **“OUTLOOK”** in 2008
- Ranked **11th in South India** in **“CSR-GHRDC B-School Ranking” 2008 Survey**
- Ranked **12th in South India** in **“www.pagalguys.com B-School Ranking” 2009 Survey**

DEPARTMENT OF
MANAGEMENT STUDIES

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**I DON'T HAVE ANY SOLUTION,
BUT I CERTAINLY ADMIRE
THE PROBLEM**

- ashleigh brilliant

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PEDAGOGY

Teaching methods at DOMS include lectures, case studies, seminars, business games, simulation exercises, mini projects, unstructured group work and field visits. The regular features of the same include a curriculum, that boasts of exhaustive and rigorous case studies and role-plays, which enhance specific field knowledge and excellent communication skills.

The off campus workshops held by the DOMS academia along with compulsory mini projects help the students in gaining insight into the realities of the business world.

What makes DoMS different?

DoMS offers dual specialization giving the students an opportunity to diversify their skills. It follows a trimester pattern with each trimester offering seven courses. Each course will have two guest lecturers from the industry.

The superior industry- institute interaction through the programme Ductus Exemplo provides inspiration and guidance.

The healthy mix of students from different parts of the country lends a multi-cultural environment to develop their skills.

The mix of fresh graduates and people with experience enhances knowledge sharing.

PEDAGOGY

Classroom Inputs

Aided by a state-of-the-art infrastructure, emphasis is given towards live cases, active discussions, role plays, impromptu-speeches, ad-lib presentation, mini projects etc., that provide a practical orientation to the theoretical insights.

KEY DIFFERENTIATORS

Industry Academia Interaction

Eminent professionals from the industry provide exposure to the latest trends in the industry by sharing their experiences. They enable the aspiring managers to broaden their scope of thinking and communicate conceptual learning with practical application. Some of them are:

Mr. C. R. Rajan

VP, Murugappa Group, Chennai

Mr. Ravi Viswanathan,

VP, TCS, Chennai

Mr. N. Kamakodi

ED, City Union Bank, Kumbakonam

DUCTUS EXEMPLO

Ductus Exemplo in Latin means **Leadership by Example**. Ductus Exemplo is the DoMS year long lecture series on life lessons featuring corporate leaders who have distinguished themselves as eminent personalities.

Mr. Subroto Bagchi

Chief Executive Officer
Gardener, MindTree Consulting



Ms. Jessie Paul

Chief Marketing Officer
WIPRO



Mr. Venkat Changawalli

Chief Executive Officer
EMRI



**“ EVEN A POOR PLAN IS
BETTER THAN NO PLAN
AT ALL ”**
-mikhail chigorin

“IN LIFE, UNLIKE CHESS,
THE GAME CONTINUES AFTER
CHECKMATE
-isaac asimov”

Curriculum

The DoMS MBA programme follows a trimester pattern and imparts in-depth knowledge in the crosscuts of all academic areas and pools together resources from every functional area, thus driving home the importance of seeing the “big picture” in business.

The programme builds up on the fundamental knowledge of the students, permitting them to explore their interests to a greater depth. It emphasizes more on application of management principles and techniques in modern business through continuous industrial interactions and highlights decision making for controlling and applying management concepts. The projects and the assignments undertaken as part of the programme help them in individual betterment with due emphasis on team work.

The course work comprises core subjects and electives. While the core subjects help the students prepare for advanced study in their areas of interest, the electives focus on extending their depth and understanding of the subjects. A two-month internship at the end of first year gives the students an insight about company environment and learning experience, helping them to integrate theory with practice.

A high profile board of studies periodically reviews and updates the syllabi based on the changing needs of business environment and brings it for the approval of the Senate. The programme covers 32 courses spread over modules of 10 weeks each and a summer project of 10 weeks, over a 2-years period.



KEY CONTEMPORARY COURSES



- Financial Derivatives
- Investment Banking
- Investment Security Analysis & Portfolio Management
- Tax Law & Tax Planning
- Asset Based Financing
- Advanced Corporate Finance

- Managing People in Organization
- Human Resource Management
- Personal Growth Programme
- Organizational Theory
- Change Management
- Counseling in Workplace

- Data Analytics
- Logistics and Technology Management
- Operations Research
- Design of Operation System
- Planning & Control of Operation
- Manufacturing Strategy
- Supply Chain Management

- Information Management
- Business Intelligence
- Software Project Management
- Information Security & control
- System Analysis & Design
- Business Analysis for Information System
- Knowledge Management

- Marketing Management
- Marketing Metrics
- Market Research
- Retail Management
- Service Marketing
- Strategic Brand Management
- Customer Relationship Management



“STRATEGY REQUIRES
THOUGHT
TACTICS REQUIRE
OBSERVATION”
-max euwe

THE FACULTY

Backed by scholars from all fields of management, the faculty at DoMS is the guiding light of the students in all their endeavors.

Dr. M. Punniyamoorthy (Head of Dept.)
B.Sc, M.Tech, ICWAI (Inter), PhD
Professor (Operations and Finance)

Dr. G. Kannabiran
M.Sc, ME, MBA, PhD
Professor (Information Systems)

Dr. N. Thamaraiselvan
MBA, M.Phil, PhD
Assistant Professor (Marketing)

Mr. R Murali
M.Sc, MBA, FICWI, CAIIB
Assistant Professor (Finance)

Dr. V.J. Sivakumar
MBA, PhD
Assistant Professor (Marketing)

Dr. B.Senthil Arasu
B.E, MBA, PhD
Assistant Professor (Finance)

Dr. V. Ravi
MS, PhD
Assitant Professor (Operations)

Ms. P. Sridevi
B.E., M.B.A
Lecturer (Information Systems)

Mr. D.M. Sezhiyan
MBA, M.Phil
Lecturer (Marketing and Strategy)

Mr. M. Kameshwar Rao
MBA
Lecturer (Human Resources)

Dr. G. Muruganantham
MBA, PhD
Lecturer (Marketing)

Ms. V. Lavanya
MBA, M.Phil
Lecturer (Human Resources)

Dr. B. Koteswara Rao Naik
B.Tech, MBA, PhD
Lecturer (Tech. Management & IPR)



GUEST FACULTY

Eminent personalities of the corporate and other renowned institutes are invited periodically who not only give insights about the business world but also provide an inspiration to succeed. A cross section of them includes:

Mr. Chandrasekharan
Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Ashok Leyland

Mr. Anurag Behar
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Wipro-Infrastructure

Mr. D. Govindrajan
National Sales Manager
Sun Pharma

Dr. Anand Kalidoss
VP, Mahindra Satyam

Mr. P. Vasudevan
General Manager – HR
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Ltd

Mr. T. J. Derick Jose
General Manager, Knowledge Services
MindTree

Mr. S. Janakiraman
General Manager
Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL)

Dr. L. Ravindran
Managing Director
Wealthmax Enterprises

Mr. Ramanujam Sridhar
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Integrated Brand-Comm Pvt. Ltd

Mr. P. C. Narayan
Professor
Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore

Mr. M. Mathirajan
Professor
Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

Dr. L. S. Ganesh
Professor, DoMS, IIT-Madras

Dr. B. Mahadevan
Professor, IIM, Bangalore



“ ONLY THE PLAYER WITH
THE INITIATIVE
HAS THE RIGHT TO
ATTACK,,
-steinitz

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

DoMS organizes industry-sponsored workshops on contemporary themes. Senior executives and managers of leading organizations make presentations and case studies to offer practical insights to the students.

TCS sponsored a two-day workshop on “Managing vendor-Client relationship in IT off-shoring” in 2006.



A Cognizant sponsored two-day workshop on “Trends in managing software projects” was organized in 2007.



Wipro sponsored a workshop on “Opportunities and Challenges in IT off-shoring” in 2008.



The five member team, headed by Ms. Jessi Paul, CMO - Wipro, shared their valuable live experiences on the IT off-shoring & Software Project Management.

- SW Estimation & Risk Management by
Ms. Gayathri Devi Jayan
- HRM & Relationship Management by
Mr. Srikanth Sivaraj
- Quality Management & SW Metrics by
Mr. Ramesh N. Ragavan
- Performance Management by
Mr. Vishwanathan Venkatsubramaniam
- Contract Management & Schedule Management by
Mr. Rajashekhar Sharma

A workshop on “**Business Analysis & IT Consulting**” is being conducted in 2009. Speakers from leading organizations – Accenture, Cognizant, Infosys, MindTree Consulting, TCS, WIPRO present case studies and best practices from business verticals such as Healthcare, Telecom, BFSI, Manufacturing, Retail, Knowledge services etc.

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High performance. Delivered.



“EVERY
CHESS
MASTER WAS ONCE
A BEGINNER.”
– chernev



INFRASTRUCTURE

NITT - DoMS has an excellent infrastructure for academic, sports activities and relaxation. Its state-of-the-art infrastructure serves every conceivable needs of the student. DoMS provides its students with a dual advantage of the well equipped campus of NITT and the customized facilities tailored to the needs of the management students taken care of by the department.

NITT campus includes main computer centre (Octagon), hostel, main auditorium, conference and seminar halls, canteen, a branch of SBI with ATM facility, a post office, a dispensary, a book stall, a reprographic center and a shopping center.

DoMS takes pride in providing its students with state-of-the-art facilities.

CLASSROOM FACILITIES

The fully air-conditioned classrooms of DoMS are well equipped with multimedia and audio visual teaching aids which facilitate students with fine ambience to practice their business acumen right away through their classroom presentations and seminars.



LIBRARY

NITT DoMS library is a constant source of value addition to the students and faculty members. The main library of the college extends over an area of 2500 sq. mts with a collection of around 100,000 books on engineering and management sciences. In addition to the main library, the department's library has an exhaustive collection of books and journals on management and business dailies. DoMS library has press clippings, statistical publications, annual reports of top companies and financial monthlies, case studies, working papers, reports, educational videos and CDs.

Another exclusive feature is the audio-visual laboratory of the department, which has a compilation of more than 100 video cassettes on management.

COMPUTER LAB FACILITIES- Octagon

The Octagon epitomizes the cutting edge technology available in the institution. It has one of the largest LANs in the country acting as a hub for computing facilities throughout the campus. Central computing facilities include a network of 200 Pentium based nodes, conference/seminar facilities and a comprehensive library equipped with computer literature. The information technology centre and the development lab of DoMS include state of the art facilities to complement the facilities installed in the Octagon centre.



DoMS COMPUTER LAB

In addition to the main computer centre OCTAGON, students have been equipped with the latest 24x7 computer lab at the department with access to all the essential host of softwares like MATLAB, SPSS, LISREL, and PROQUEST.

INFRASTRUCTURE

HOSTEL FACILITIES

The hostels are equipped with computers which have both intranet and internet connections and also recreational facilities which facilitate students to be well connected and serve as a zone of comfort for students.

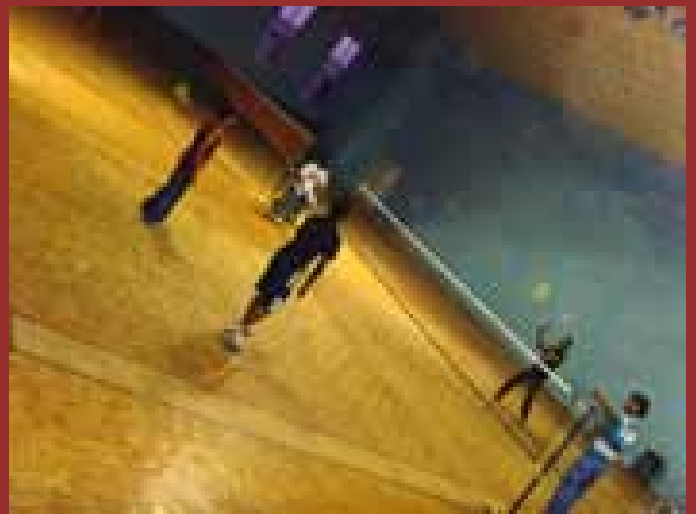
OTHER FACILITIES AT NITT

A WELL EQUIPPED GYMNASIUM

REGULAR YOGA/ MEDITATION PROGRAMS

SWIMMING POOL

INDOOR STADIUM



STUDENT

ACTIVITIES

The knowledge gained from the curriculum is greatly supplemented by various extra-curricular activities (the students are involved in). These activities help them extend their skills and knowledge into new grounds. The various activities are:

MARKETUS

The club that nurtures creative thinkers and risk takers (through management).



FINNACLE

The club sharpens the minds of the finance majors through games such as virtual stock trading and seminars on current financial happenings.



ANALYTICA

The club hones the skills of the number-crunchers through games that test logical reasoning and mathematical abilities.



FIRM GAMES

The annual intra-departmental sports events that bring all the students and staff of the department together.

LAS VEGAS

The weekly quiz competition that motivates the students to keep themselves abreast with the changes in the business world.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DoMS

The department has been actively involved with the cause of Anbagam, a refuge for the poor children of Thuvakudi, Trichy who seek primary and high school education.



Our Alumni

THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE

NITT DoMS boasts of a large alumni network of successful managers and entrepreneurs. They are the inspiration for the present students to follow their footsteps and make their mark in the world as successful managers and entrepreneurs. DoMS Alumni are the backbone of our institute. We have the good fortune of having illustrious alumni from all walks of life. The alumni are always keen to work for the betterment of the institute.

LIGATURE - ALUMNI MEET

Ligature is truly a time for the alumni to rediscover their bonding with the institute. The alumni committee DASFA's (DoMS' Alumni Students and Faculty Association) oversees this gathering every year.

OUR ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNI

Mr. R. Ratnakumar

Senior Vice President, Polaris Software Lab

Mr. R. Kumar

Director, Standard Chartered Bank

Mr. T. Krishna Prasad

Head – International Business,
ICICI Prudential AMC Ltd

Mr. P. Padmanaban

Regional Head – South Zone, ICICI

Mr. K.T. Thomas

Senior Manager, Cognizant

Mr. Saju A. Joseph

GM, Wipro BPO

Mr. S. Thanigai Arul

Senior Manager, Indian Airlines

Mr. Mohan Santhanam

Manager - Business Development,
Barry Wehmiller International Resources

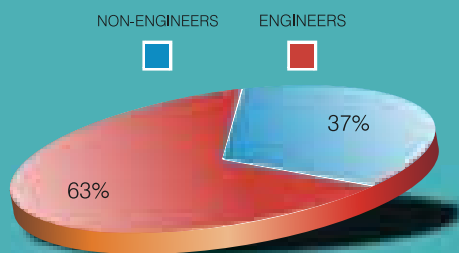


“A GOOD
PLAYER IS ALWAYS
LUCKY”
-capablanca”

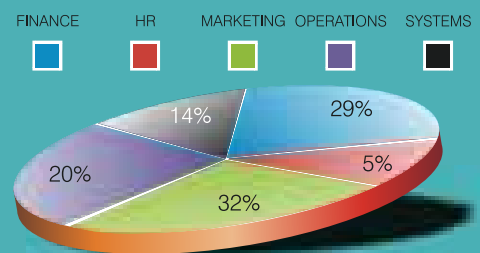
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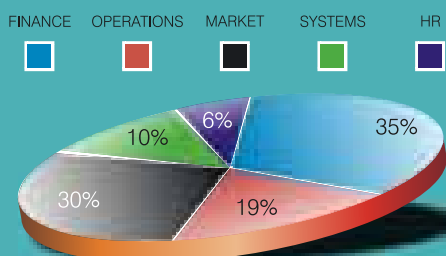
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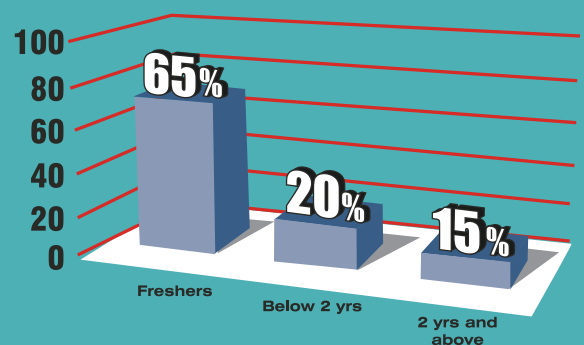
SPECIALIZATION



SUMMER INTERNSHIP



WORK EXPERIENCE



DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING AND PLACEMENT



The Department of Training and Placement is the marketing division of the institute.

Over the years, the department, acting as an interface between the students and companies, has maintained symbiotic, vibrant and purposeful relationship with industries across the country. It assists the students in fine tuning themselves with the latest industry needs and trends. As a result, it has built up an impressive placement record both in terms of percentage of students placed, and the number of companies visiting the campus.

The department endows the company with fine amenities to hold pre-placement talks, written tests, group discussions and interviews. Audio visual aids like laptops and LCD projectors for pre-placement talks and internet facilities for online tests will be arranged on prior intimation.

Conveyance to and fro from the railway station or airport is arranged by the department. Accommodation and food is provided at the institute guest house for the company on prior intimation and the costs for the same are borne by the institute.

The placement process begins with the pre-visit response sheet sent to the company. A schedule is made for the company's visit to the campus for conducting their recruitment process. The pre-placement talks by the company is scheduled on the same day as that of the recruitment.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Year after year, companies from diverse disciplines visit the campus to select the brightest budding managers whom the institute has nurtured to excel in every walk of their lives. The institute attracts many recruiters among the industries, most of them being regular ones. Some of these include

- HCL Infosystems Ltd
- Bank of Baroda
- Bank of India
- Bajaj Allianz
- BHEL
- Jindal Steels
- Cavin Kare
- Union Bank of India
- EMRI
- DLF
- Karvy Consultants
- Essel Propack
- City Union Bank
- IDBI
- Max New York Life
- TI Cycles
- HDFC Bank
- India Bulls
- MindTree
- IL & FS
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd
- Polaris
- Cognizant
- PNB
- NTPC
- Tata Telecom
- Tata Motors
- Nestle
- Saint Gobain
- IMRB
- TVS Sundaram Fasteners
- TCS

FINAL PLACEMENT

RECRUITERS



Kotak
Securities



TATA Telcon



Bank of
Maharashtra



Karvy
Consultants



City Union Bank



Modelytics



Sonata
Software



Tata
Consultancy



Ramco
Systems



Syntel



Water Jet Germany



A2Z
Systems



AFL Logistics



Birla Sunlife



Mudra
Communications



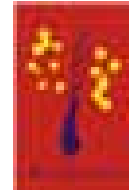
Standard
Chartered Bank



Tata Motors



Vijaya Bank



MindTree



DBS
Chola mandalam



AIGSS



Pricol



Sundaram
Finance



Tata
Tinplate



Global
Analytics

GETTING HERE

NIT-T is in Tiruchirapalli (also known as Trichy or Tiruchy). It is located about 22 km from Tiruchirapalli Jn / Central Bus stand on the Trichy-Thanjavur Highway.

Tiruchirapalli is an important junction on the Southern Railway. It connects Chennai, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tuticorin, Tirupati, Rameswaram, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Cochin and Mangalore. It has an international airport, and is connected with Chennai, Singapore, Colombo, Kuwait, Sharjah and Calicut.



RAILWAY TIMINGS

Train. No	Train Name	From	To	Days of Operation	Departure	Arrival
6178	Rockfort Express	Trichy	Chennai-Egmore	Daily	22:00	05:10
6177	Rockfort Express	Chennai-Egmore	Trichy	Daily	22:30	05:15
6232	Mayiladuthurai Express	Bangalore	Trichy	Daily	19:05	04:05
6231	Mysore Express	Trichy	Bangalore	Daily	20:35	06:05
2605	Pallavan Express	Chennai-Egmore	Trichy	Daily	15:30	21:00
2606	Pallavan Express	Trichy	Chennai-Egmore	Daily	06:30	12:00
2635	Vaigai Express	Chennai-Egmore	Trichy	Daily	12:25	17:25
2636	Vaigai Express	Trichy	Chennai-Egmore	Daily	09:15	14:25
6607	Mangalore Express	Chennai-Egmore	Trichy	Daily	22:00	04:45
6608	MAQ Chennai Express	Trichy	Chennai -Egmore	Daily	22:20	05:30
6127	Guruvayur Express	Chennai-Egmore	Trichy	Daily	07:50	13:00
6128	Guruvayur Chennai Express	Trichy	Chennai -Egmore	Daily	13:55	20:15

FLIGHT TIMINGS

Flight Number	Airline	Days of Operation	From	To	Departure	Arrival
17-491	Paramount	Sunday	Chennai	Trichy	21:30	22:15
17-491	Paramount	Daily Except Sundays	Chennai	Trichy	21:55	22:40
IC-967	Air India	Daily	Chennai	Trichy	13:10	14:00
IT-2911	King fisher	Daily	Chennai	Trichy	12:35	13:55
17-492	Paramount	Sunday	Trichy	Chennai	22:40	23:25
17-492	Paramount	Daily Except Sundays	Trichy	Chennai	23:05	23:50
IC-968	Air India	Daily	Trichy	Chennai	04:40	05:35
IT-2912	King Fisher	Daily	Trichy	Chennai	14:25	16:00

N.B.: Flight from Bangalore, New Delhi and Hyderabad via Chennai are also flown are also flown by the Kingfisher Red Airline on Specific Days.

PLACES TO VISIT

ROCK FORT TEMPLE

This temple crowns a massive outcrop of rock, that soars 83 metres upwards, from the surrounding plains. Halfway up is the Sri Thayumanaswamy Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, having a 100-pillared hall, and a Vimana, covered with gold. On the southern face of the rock, are several beautifully carved, rock-cut cave temples of the Pallava period. Built by the Nayaks, who were the founders of the city, it was one of the main centers around which the wars of the Carnatic were fought in the 18th century during the British - French struggle for supremacy in India.

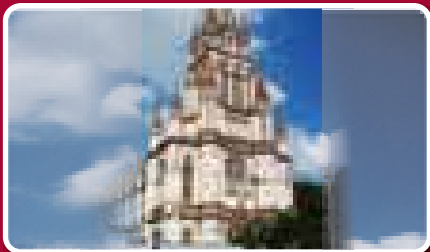


SRI RANGAM TEMPLE

This temple, 6 kms north of the city, is among the most revered shrines to Lord Vishnu in South India, and probably, the largest temple complex in the country. Enclosed by seven rectangular walled courtyards, this 13th century temple has 21 gopurams. The town, and the temple, are set on a 250-hectare island in the Cauvery, connected to the mainland by a bridge. The temple is very well preserved, with excellent carvings, and numerous shrines to various gods, though the main temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

NATHARVALI

Constructed with four doors according to Vedic sastras and seppulingam, this shrine is a witness to ghee lamp burning near the grave of Baba Natharvali. The saint breathed his last on the 15th of the month of Ramzan in Hijiri 417 and with a view to remembering this day, the first 17 days in the month of Ramzan every year, Kanduri Urs is celebrated in a highly grand scale. It is a unique feature to see Muslims, Hindus and Christians assemble to pay their homage and warm respects to Baba Natharvali on the eve of the Kanduri festival and seek his graceful blessings.



ST. LOURDE'S CHURCH

Built in 1812, this Church has louvered doors, which when opened, turns the church into an airy pavilion. Its excellent setting and marvelous architecture, makes it a site worth visiting.

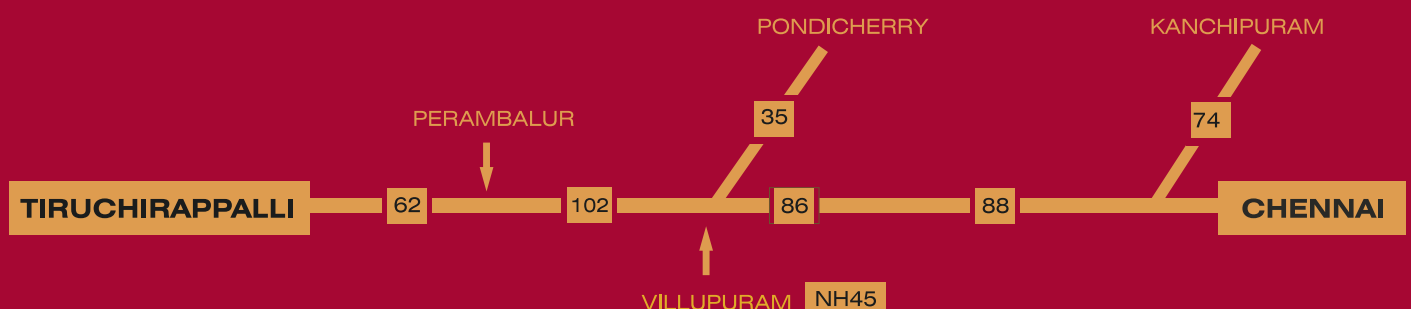


KALLANAI (GRAND ANAICUT)

Kallanai is one of the greatest engineering marvels of India. The Grand Anaicut built by Karikalan Chola in the 2nd century A.D. to harness the waters of the Cauvery. Made of stone, the dam is 329m long and 20m wide and still very much in use. Additions have been made in the form of a road bridge on top of the dam.

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