

**Tamil University, Thanjavur**  
**BEST PRACTICES IN OUR INSTITUTION**  
**2018-19**

**Format of Presentation**

**Public Discourse on the Didactic work of *Tirukkural***

**1. Title of the practice: Public Discourse on the Didactic work of *Tirukkural***

**2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100 – 120 words)**

Many people in the contemporary period are not aware of the rare wisdom from old Tamil literature and the didactic works. People in their busy mechanical schedule of day-to-day activities are not in a position to read and understand the positive ideas, philosophy from the ancient texts. The public discourses on *Tirukkural* are arranged for the benefit of the public and the youth in the age of globalization.

**3. Objectives of the practice (50 – 60 words)**

- To develop positive thinking in the society, particularly among the youth.
- To disseminate the words of wisdom among the public.
- To assist people think rationally about their personnel and profession issues

**4. The Practice (250 – 300 words)**

The practice involves delivering discourses on various ideas and concepts useful for people found in the ancient Tamil text of *Tirukkural* composed by Tiruvalluvar. A scholar well-versed in *Tirukkural* and Tamil oration is invited to deliver lectures to the public at Besant Hall of Thanjavur in the evening times once a month. Many public attend the programmes and benefit from the public discourse.

**5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150 – 200 words)**

No.

**6. Impact of the practice (100 – 120 words)**

The ideas of ancient wisdom from the text of *Tirukkural* were appreciated by the people and the youth.

**7. Resources required**

Very nominal resource is required as honorarium for the speaking and for printing the invitation to be circulated among the public.

**8. About the Institution**

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### **Reaching Out to the Indian Diaspora**

**1. Title of the practice:** *Disseminating Indian Cultural Traditions and Capacity Building among the Indian Diaspora Professionals*

**2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100 – 120 words)**

The Indian diaspora present in many parts of the world are seeking their roots in the age of globalization. They are very much interested in the languages, heritage and culture of their parent country. Indian diaspora is considered as one of the largest in world. In such a globalised context, the diaspora are eager to learn their mother tongue and cultural traditions. This practice involves teaching the professionals (more particularly teachers and professors) of diaspora about Tamil culture, language, grammar and other related cultural components. It is expected that the trained teachers and professors would incorporate the cultural ideas in their teaching assignments and public lectures offered to the diaspora populations.

**3. Objectives of the practice (50 – 60 words)**

- To disseminate the Indian cultural traditions to the Indian Diaspora
- To build capacity among the teaching professional for disseminating Tamil language and cultural traditions

**4. The Practice (250 – 300 words)**

The practice involves educational tour of trained professors visiting various nations for a short duration of one to two weeks to deliver lectures to the teachers and students on Tamil language, heritage and culture. Eight professors from Tamil University and two instructors in *Parai isai* (Parai Drum Specialists) visited Myanmar in 2019. They trained 100 teachers and 100 students in Tamil language, literature, music, culture and yoga.

**5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150 – 200 words)**

The financial support for this programme was a major obstacle since the programme has to be conducted overseas. Government of Tamil Nadu offered the funding for the programme including Air fare and maintenance activities.

#### **6. Impact of the practice (100 – 120 words)**

The teachers and students from Indian Diaspora improved the understanding. They learnt music and performed Yoga. The practice helped the teachers to gain capacity to teach the Indian students in Myanmar.

#### **7. Resources required**

The resources required involved air travel fare and local hospitality expenses.

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