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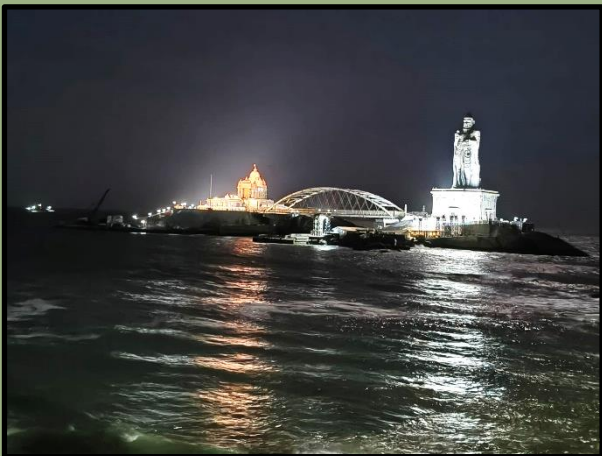
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## “AN EDUCATIONAL SOJOURN”



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"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."

– Saint Augustine

Educational trips are an integral part of holistic learning, providing students with an opportunity to expand their knowledge beyond the confines of the classroom. Such excursions not only enrich academic understanding but also foster cultural awareness, personal growth, and social bonding. With this vision in mind, our institution organised an educational expedition to Kanyakumari, Kodaikanal & Madurai Meenakshi Temple, a destination steeped in history, spirituality, and serene natural beauty. The trip was designed to provide students with first-hand experiences of sacred architecture, holy place & historical narratives with meaningful exploration.

## VIVEKANANDA ROCK MEMORIAL & PILLAR ROCKS

### Traversing the Scenic Pathways Towards Our Destination

On the morning of September 5 2025, the students and faculty of Ramaiah Pre-University College embarked on an enlightening journey to Kanyakumari and visited the famous Vivekananda Rock Memorial. It was built in 1970 in honour of Swami Vivekananda, who is said to have attained enlightenment on the rock. According to legends, it was on this rock that Goddess Kanyakumari (Parvathi) performed *tapas* in devotion of lord Shiva. A meditation hall known as *Dhyana Mandapam* is also attached to the memorial for visitors to meditate. The design of the *mandapa* incorporates different styles of temple architecture from all over India. By evening 6pm we visited the sunset point where we enjoyed at the sea shores & had some delicious chats.



The following day on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025, students saw the sunrise from the rooms of the hotel, then we had a delicious breakfast & at 4.30pm we reached Kodaikanal, a popular tourist destination also referred to as the “Princess of Hill Stations”, after the shopping sessions we halted for the night at Hotel Grand Palace, on the 7<sup>th</sup> morning we visited the Pillar Rocks – formed by the Rock formation & Guna Caves also known as “The Devil’s Kitchen”, a scenic beauty with lush forests & overall the elevated city has a stunning due to it’s monsoon-influenced subtropical highland



**GUNA CAVE**



The 400-foot towering granite rock formations are a natural beauty to explore. From the vantage point of the Pillar Rock, you can enjoy the serene beauty of Kodaikanal. These three rocks stand shoulder to shoulder. The gap between the two rocks is called the 'Devil's kitchen'. There are also waterfalls near the rocks. The tourist destination with its natural setting and lighting, is any photographer's paradise. Students clicked many pictures and we are sure they made happy memories of their trip at this place. The lush greenery and the garden with a wide variety of flowers at the base of the rock formations.



## MADURAI MEENAKSHI TEMPLE



**Meenakshi Temple**, also known as **Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple**, is a historic Hindu temple located on the southern bank of the Vaigai River in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India. It is dedicated to Meenakshi, a form of Parvati and her consort Sundareswarar (Shiva). The temple is theologically significant as it represents a confluence of various denominations of Hinduism such as Shaivism, Shaktism, and Vaishnavism. The day concluded with a delightful visit to a nearby vegetarian restaurant, where we relished exquisitely prepared dishes. This educational expedition, marked by its harmonious blend of spirituality, scenic splendour, and cultural enrichment, etched indelible memories upon our hearts. From the verdant flora that adorned our path to the tranquil majesty of the temples, the journey served as a poignant reminder of the profound beauty and diversity that travel imparts. Made some good memories that we would cherish forever. Students were grateful to the Principal Flt Lt Sunita Dixit who organised and accompanied in the trip and thanks to all the teachers Rajesh KM, Ramya, Vandana S, Charan H S and the support staff Krishna & Srinivas who guided and accompanied during the trip

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