

## REPORT OF THE ONE DAY FIELD VISIT 2021

The final year students of department of History were taken to a one day field trip to Thanjavur on 11/12/2021. The trip was arranged as per requirement of Periyar University syllabus and with the prior approval of JD of Dharmapuri.

The trip began with the visit to the Pragasheeshwara Temple also known as the Tanjor big Temple .The students were made to understand that the temple was built in Chola architectural style by the Chola Emperor Raja Raja I between 1003 and 1010 CE. Some exclusive and interesting facts about the temple – declared as World Heritage site by UNESCO, the vimanam (temple tower) is the tallest in the World, the Kumbam (covered out of a single Rock, big statue of Nandi covered out of a single rock etc were enthusiastically shared among the students themselves. They also visited the Saraswathi Mahal library which is one of the oldest library in Asia established during the the 16<sup>th</sup> century by Nayakas King. The students were also excited to visit the Durbar hall which beared the portraits of several Maratha Ruler and image of various Gods. The most exciting part of the field trip was the visit to Kallanai Dam built by Karikala of Chola dynasty in 150 CE. The students were interested to know about the amazing in built in running water etc.

