



ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSE ON
REGIONAL LANGUAGE FROM
CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY (CE&T)
IIT KHARAGPUR

INTRODUCTION TO TAMIL LANGUAGE

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INTRODUCE THE COURSE

Tamil, one of the world’s oldest living classical languages, carries a rich linguistic, literary and cultural heritage that continues to thrive across centuries. This Certificate Course in Tamil Language is designed to introduce learners to the foundational elements of Tamil – from the alphabet and pronunciation to essential grammar, sentence patterns and spoken communication. Through systematic instruction, this course guides learners in mastering Tamil letters (vowels, consonants, and their combinations), understanding the structure of nouns and verbs and applying fundamental grammar concepts such as cases, suffixes, pronouns, tense markers and conjunctions. The course also emphasises the distinction between formal (written) Tamil and informal (spoken) Tamil, enabling participants to use the language effectively in both academic and conversational contexts. Each module combines theory with practical exercises, ensuring a balanced development of reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. By the end of this 8-week course, learners will be able to recognise and use Tamil script confidently, construct grammatically correct sentences, and engage in simple day-to-day conversations in Tamil.

COURSE DURATION: 08 WEEKS

COURSE START DATE: 29-10-2025
COURSE END DATE: 24-12-2025
EXAM DATE: 08TH JANUARY 2026 - 11TH JANUARY, 2026
ENROLLMENT LAST DATE: 05TH NOVEMBER, 2025

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WEEKLY COURSE PLAN

WEEK 1: Tamil Letters: Vowels and Consonants

- Introduction to Tamil vowels (உயிரெழுத்துகள்) and consonants (மெய்யெழுத்துகள்)
- *Māttirai* (மாத்திரை) and articulation principles
- Secondary phonemes and reduced articulatory measures
- Writing system and pronunciation practices

WEEK 2: Consonantal Vowels (உயிர்மெய்யெழுத்துகள்)

- Combination of vowels and consonants (216 combinations)
- Phonetic structure and pronunciation patterns
- Distinction between short and long vowels
- Reading simple Tamil words
- Consonant clustering and pronunciation drills

WEEK 3: Nouns and Verbs (பெயர்ச்சொற்கள் மற்றும் வினைச்சொற்கள்)

- Classification of nouns: animate/inanimate, gender, and number
- Verb basics: root form, infinitive, and person markers
- Simple sentence formation (S–O–V pattern)
- Secondary phonemes and *sandhi* rules
- Consonant doubling, vowel elision, glide insertion, and consonant assimilation
- *Pāgupādam*, *Pāgappādam*, and *Pāgupādu urupugal* (Parts of speech and suffix elements)

WEEK 4: Basic Language Structures

- Tense and tense markers (past, present, future)
- Rules of tense formation and usage in simple sentences

WEEK 5: Cases and Case Markers (வேற்றுமைகள் மற்றும் உருபுகள்)

- Introduction to case system in Tamil
- Functions and usage of case markers in sentence construction

WEEK 6: Formal and Informal Tamil (எழுத்துத் தமிழ் & பேச்சுத் தமிழ்)

- Characteristics and usage of formal and informal Tamil
- Situational communication in academic and social contexts

WEEK 7: Conversational Tamil and Applications

- Everyday conversational patterns and expressions
- Practice in reading, speaking, and translation
- Introduction to Tamil software tools and typing practice

WEEK 8: Translation & Transliteration