

## **Exposure Visit to Senji Fort (Troy of the East) and Pondicherry**

The Department of History had organized a one day exposure visit for the students of History to Senji fort (Villupuram District) and Pondicherry on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Senji fort is one of the surviving forts of medieval India, situated in the Villupuram District. The fort was constructed as one of the most impregnable fortress in India and it was also called as Troy of the East. Students learnt the art of Defense strategy of the natives beginning from the Marathas to the Vijayangar Rule. They learnt the architectural features of the fort complex by observing the buildings inside the fort complex. The complex has a seven storied Kalyana Mahal (Marriage Hall), granaries, Prison, gymnasium and a scared pond known as Anaikulam. Each and every structures had been explained through a write up by Archaeological Society of India. The visit to Senji has enlarged the understanding of the fort construction of natives through observing and witnessing the structures.

After the morning schedule in Senji, they reached Pondicherry. There they were asked to observe the colonial architecture of Pondicherry. Students also visited the Aurobindo Ashram to experience the energy of spirituality and enthrall their vigor and sprit.

This trip was arranged as a part of the academic exercise were three hundred and ten students plus ten staff members have attended and benefited from this educational experience.

## **VISUAL REPORT**





