



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



### EDUCATIONAL FIELD VISIT

### TAMILNADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Department of History organized a one day visit to the TN Legislative Assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, at Fort St. George, Secretariat. The trip was organized for the Allied Optional and Allied Required, for the first and second year UG students respectively.

The students along with the professors Dr.R.Xavier and Mr.Ahilan Joe Woutres J J left for the Secretariat from the college premises at 9:00 AM, boarding the passenger train from Nungambakkam. At 9:30 AM, everyone reached the Chennai Beach railway station, and boarded a bus to the Secretariat.

#### **About the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly:**

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly is the unicameral legislature of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It has a strength of 234 members of whom are democratically elected using the First-past-the-post system. The presiding officer of the Assembly is the Speaker. The term of the Assembly is five years unless dissolved earlier.

Fort St George or White Town as it was historically called, is the very first English fortress settlement in the country and was established in 1639 in Madras (now Chennai). St George Fort currently accommodates the legislative assembly of Tamil Nadu, along with several other official government buildings.

There was tight security and strict checking all around the Secretariat. Almost all items were prohibited, ranging from mobile phones to even a simple handkerchief. The officials responsible for the smooth functioning of the event were very friendly and hospitable, which was key to creating a comfortable environment. After a little bit of waiting professors along with the students finally entered the meeting hall at 10:30 AM, where they witnessed the proceedings of the Assembly.

Honorable Chief Minister MK Stalin, Honorable Speaker Thiru M.Appavu,Thiru O Panneerselvam, Honorable Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi, among others, were present. After observing for about 20 minutes, the teaching staff and students left the Legislative Assembly, at 10:55 AM. The group then returned to Loyola College at 12:00 PM. The Students were enriched with knowledge and intellectual treat from this field visit and it was a very informative and enjoyable trip.