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**National Elective
Tamil Language Programme
(NETP)**

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National Elective Tamil Language Programme (NETP)

(recommended by 2010 MTL Review)

Key Objective of NETP

- To nurture Sec/JC students who have an aptitude in the Tamil language to help them acquire **greater proficiency** in the language as well as a **deeper understanding and appreciation** of the Tamil language, literature and culture.
- UPTLC will host the NETP

Overview : NETP (Sec) modules

Sec 1

To enhance oral communication & creative writing skills.

**Language & Presentation
(25-30 hrs)**

Sec 2

To strengthen oratorical skills; classical and / or contemporary literature will be introduced.

**Language & Literature
(25-30 hrs)**

Upper Sec (Sec 3 & 4)

To expose to rich cultural practices of TL & Tamil skilful arts including translation

**Tamil Culture & Aesthetics
(25-30 hrs)**

**Translation & Knowing India
(25-30 hrs)**

Lower Sec

Upper Sec

Module

TL flagship programmes

Opportunities for

- 1 talk /2 workshops per yr
- Cultural camps
- Cultural learning journeys

Opportunities for

- 1 talk/2 workshops per year
- Overseas immersion in India
- Internship (eg., Tamil Murasu, Mediacorp Radio (Oli 96.8) and Vasantham)

For each module, students will complete an oral presentation, reflective journal and participate in online forum discussion using i-MTL portal

NETP (Sec) – Programme Outline

Level	Module	Brief description of content
Sec 1	Language and Presentation (25-30 hrs)	Enhancing oral communication (e.g. public speaking and presentation) and creative writing.
Sec 2	Language and Literature (25-30 hrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing students' oratorical skills (debating skills)• Introduction to classical and/or contemporary literature.
Lower Sec	Opportunities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 talk/2 workshops per year including flagship programmes (e.g. writer mentorship under Singapore Tamil Writers' Association) and performing arts• Cultural and language enrichment camps• Cultural learning journeys	

NETP (Sec) – Programme Outline

Level	Module	Brief description of content
Upper Sec (Sec 3 & 4)	Tamil Culture and Aesthetics (25-30 hrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to rich cultural heritage and practices of TL • Translation
	Knowing India (Basic) (25-30 hrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the contemporary developments in India (Basic)
Upper Sec (Sec 3 & 4)	Opportunities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 talk/2 workshops per year including flagship programmes (e.g. writer mentorship under Singapore Tamil Writers' Association) and performing arts • Overseas immersion in India. • Internship (at Tamil Murasu, Mediacorp Radio (Oli 96.8) TV (Vasantham). 	

A Sample of Detailed Programme

Learning Focus : Tamil Culture and Aesthetics/Knowing India (30-40 hrs)

Target Group : Sec 3/4

Programme	Timeframe	Resource Person	Class Size	Programme Outline
Rich Cultural Practices & Traditional Art Forms of Tamils	14 hrs (3 sessions) <u>Plus:</u> Independent research and preparing for an oral presentation through i-MTL portal (6 hrs) Jun 2012 (Sec 3) Jun 2013 (Sec 3 & 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Trainer from Tamil Nadu •Cultural Arts & Traditional Games Trainers 	25-30 students	<p>Appreciating the cultural richness of Tamils in the arts and ways of life.</p> <p>The module will expose students in the areas of Tamil music, dance, theatre, folk arts, painting, sculpture e.t.c through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Journey to Little India (Celebration of Arts) • Authentic cultural learning
Translation With focus on the contemporary language needs	7 hrs (2 sessions) <u>Plus</u> :Works on translation to be published through i-MTL portal (3 hrs) March- April 2012 (Sec 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Local professional trainers 	25-30 students	<p>The following areas will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic principles of translation • Translation on simple sentence level • Comparison and contrast in translation on the sentence level • Translating short passages • Translation of news items / reports / commentaries
Knowing India	7 hrs (3 sessions) <u>Plus:</u> Independent research and preparing for an oral presentation through i-MTL portal (3 hrs)	Local and Overseas Trainers	20-25 students	<p>This module will provide a basic introduction to Indian continent, focusing on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Creating an awareness of, an appreciation for, the distinctive features of India, eg. People, Culture and way of life

Appreciation of Tamil Language and Literature (Sec 2)

- Introduction to Functional Grammar
- Classical (Sangam) Literature – selected poems from *Ettu Thokai* and *Paththu Paatu*
- Contemporary Literature – modern poem and prose forms written by local/foreign writers
- Tamil Literary works in Singapore and Malaysia

Rich Cultural Practices & Traditional Art Forms (Sec 3/4)

- Appreciating the cultural richness of Tamils in the arts and ways of life
- The traditional Art Forms of Tamil music, dance, theatre, folk arts, painting, sculpture e.t.c
- Learning Journey to Little India (Celebration of Arts)
- Authentic cultural learning

Translation : With focus on the contemporary language needs

- **Basic principles of translation**
- **Translation on simple sentence level**
- **Comparison and contrast in translation on the sentence level**
- **Translating short passages**
- **Translation of news items / reports / commentaries**

Overview of NETP (JC) Modules

Module

Understanding India (25 – 30 hrs)

Understanding history and contemporary development of India.

Media and Performing Arts (25- 30 hrs)

Opportunities to practice the features of Indian fine art and film making.

TL flagship programmes

Opportunities for:

- 1-2 talks/workshops per year including flagship programmes (e.g. writer mentorship under Singapore Tamil Writers' Association) and performing arts
- Cultural programmes
- Translation
- Overseas immersion in India.
- Internship at Tamil Murasu, Mediacorp Radio (Oli 96.8), TV Vasantham e.t.c.

For each module, students will complete an oral presentation, reflective journal and participate in online forum discussion using i-MTL portal

NETP (Junior College) – Programme Outline

Level	Module	Brief description of content
JC	Understanding India (25 – 30 hrs)	Understanding history and contemporary development of India.
JC	Media and Performing Arts (25- 30 hrs)	Opportunities to practice the features of Indian fine art and film making.
	Opportunities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•1-2 talks/workshops per year including flagship programmes (e.g. writer mentorship under Singapore Tamil Writers' Association) and performing arts•Cultural programmes•Translation•Overseas immersion in India.•Internship at Tamil Murasu, Mediacorp Radio (Oli 96.8), TV Vasantham e.t.c.	

A Sample of Detailed Programme

Learning Focus : Understanding India (25 – 30 hrs)
Target Group : Junior College

Programme	Timeframe	Resource Person	Class Size	Programme Outline
History and Contemporary Development in India	15 hrs (5 sessions) <u>Plus:</u> Independent research and preparing for an oral presentation through i-MTL portal (5 hrs) Mar - Apr 2012 (JC1) Mar – Apr 2013 (JC1 & 2)	Local / Overseas Trainers	20-25 students	The following themes will be covered under this module: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Understanding the economic and social structure of India•Knowing India for its pluralistic cultural setting•India's development in IT and business field

NETP (Junior College)

- ◆ Open to all JC students offering H2 Tamil Language and Literature (H2TLL)
- ◆ JC NETP must have good overall 'O' level examination results obtaining one of the following:
 - **Grade A2 or above in Tamil or**
 - **Grade B3 or above in Higher Tamil or**
 - **Grade B4 or above in Higher Tamil and B3 or above in Tamil Literature or**
 - **Equivalent results based on IP school assessment.**

NETP Scholarship for JC students

- 5 scholarships on offer to deserving JC NETP students with strong ability and interest in Tamil Language
- Candidates will be shortlisted for scholarship interview

NETP scholarship criteria:

- Singapore Citizens;
- Outstanding overall results in **O**-level exam or equivalent;
- have successfully been admitted into NETP (JC);
- are offering H2 Tamil Language and Literature

NETP scholarship valued at \$1,000 per annum and covers school fees.

Scholarship is tenable for 2 yrs subject to satisfactory progress at end of JC1.

Implementation Timeline

2012: S1, S3 and JC1

2013: S1-S4, JC1-JC2





Thank you.