

### **Tamil Heritage Month - Daily announcements 2022**

Fun Fact: Did you know that January is Tamil Heritage Month? To celebrate, we will be making daily announcements of Tamil facts:

Wednesday January 5th	Tamil people are an ethnic group from South Asia. Traditionally from India and Sri Lanka. They number around 74 million around the world and Canada has the highest population of Tamils outside the Southasian continent with almost 200,000 Tamil people in the GTA alone!
Thursday January 6th	The famous Tamil philosophy literature Thirukkural by saint Thiruvalluvar has been translated to more than 82 languages, with 57 versions available in English.
Friday January 7th	What do you use when you need to know the answer to something? If you said Google, we've got news for you! The famous Tamil technology genius Sundararajan Pichai led the innovation and development of Google's front-line products; Google Chrome, Google Drive and Gmail and is the current CEO!
Monday January 10th	The book, the Life of Pi, was centered around a Tamil shipwrecked boy that survived in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal Tiger named Richard Parker
Tuesday January 11th	Everyone has heard of Taekwondo, Jiu Jitsu, and Kung fu! Tamils have had their own martial arts called "Silambam" and it can be traced back to our ancient history. Silambam is a type of martial arts that uses the act of fencing and intricate footwork! There are classes taking place all over Toronto!
Wednesday January 12th	Tamil architecture can be traced throughout South East Asia to the Temples in Cambodia, where Tomb Raider was filmed with Angelina Jolie!
Thursday January 13th	Do you like Pie? Not the food, but the mathematical Pi! Because Srinivasa Ramanujan is a Tamil mathematician of the 20th century, independently compiled 3900 equations on number theory, infinite series, theta functions, partition formula and is often known as the Pi man!
Friday January 14th	C. V. Raman a Tamil physicist, who discovered when light traverses a transparent material, some of the deflected light changes wavelength. This discovery earned Raman 1930 nobel prize for physics.
Monday January 17th	Hey chess players! Want a record to beat?Viswanathan Anand is chess player from Tamil Nadu. In 1998, he became India's first Grandmaster at the age of 19 and he won the world chess championship title 5 times!

	That can definitely compete with the Queen's gambit!
Tuesday January 18th	Do you like swimming in the pool? Imagine swimming across a channel?! Now imagine doing it 6 times! That's what Kutral Ramesh accomplished to earn himself a space on the Guinness Book of World Records in 1996.
Wednesday January 19th	There's Hollywood, there is Bollywood, Nollywood, and there's KOLLYWOOD! Kollywood is the Tamil Movie Industry which releases hundreds of movies every year and it is based out of Chennai, India! In 1994 Miss World, Aishwarya Rai got her start in the Kollywood movie, Iruvar, before moving onto international fame.
Thursday January 20th	Ever look outside on a clear, cloudless night and see the twinkle of the stars above our city lights? In 1983, Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar, a Tamil physicist, was awarded the 1983 Nobel Prize for Physics for his work on the structure and evolution of stars. He showed that when the hydrogen fuel of stars of a certain size begins to run out, it collapses into a compact, brilliant star known as a white dwarf.
Friday January 21st	Have you heard of the lost kingdom of Atlantis? Ancient Tamil literature depicts a similar lost continent in the Indian Ocean known as Lemuria or Kumari Kaandam!
Monday January 24th	Tamil is the oldest living language in the world  The simple fact that the Tamil language is still in such wide use is as surprising as it is amazing. It is thought to have been born before 500 BC, as Tamil-Brahmin inscriptions from 500 BC have been found on Adichanallur, an archaeological site in Tamil Nadu. It's not the oldest language in the world, but it is the oldest living language that's still being used today.
Tuesday January 25th	Tamil is an official language in Singapore.  Apart from this, it is also recognised as a minority language in Sri Lanka, South Africa, Malaysia and Mauritius.
Wednesday January 26th	World musician, singer and music producer - A.R Rahman is Tamil. He has won two academy awards, two grammys, A golden globe and 32 filmfare awards along with many other awards to date.
Thursday January 27th	Kothu roti is a famous Tamil dish. Kothu means to chop and it's made of chopped bits of roti along with egg and a curry of all kinds depending on what you want. Kothu fest is a large street festival in Toronto and usually takes place in the summers.

Friday January 28th	In the ancient period, Tamil was the only language to have a separate community named as Mudhal Tamil Sangam and ruled by 89 kings, 4400 years long ago.
Monday January 31st	<p>Tamil is the first Indian language to be printed and published. In 1578, Portuguese Christian missionaries published a Tamil prayer book in old Tamil script named Thambiran Vanakkam, thus making Tamil the first Indian language to be printed and published.</p> <p>The Tamil Lexicon, published by the University of Madras, was one of the earliest dictionaries published in the Indian languages. According to a 2001 survey, there were 1,863 newspapers published in Tamil.</p>