

## **Tamil Heritage Month January 2020**

**Fun Fact: Did you know that January is Tamil Heritage month? To Celebrate, we will be making daily announcements!**

Day	Announcements - Quotes/Facts	Reference
Day 1 Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	What is the world's oldest surviving language?  It's Tamil! The earliest Tamil writing is attested in inscriptions as early as 450 B.C.E!	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Tamil-language">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Tamil-language</a>
Day 2 Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	In 2004 Tamil was declared a classical language of India by UNESCO, meaning that it met three criterias: its origins are ancient; it has an independent tradition, and it possesses a considerable body of ancient literature.	<a href="http://www.thehindu.com/2004/09/18/stories/2004091806530100.htm">http://www.thehindu.com/2004/09/18/stories/2004091806530100.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/memory-of-the-world/memory-of-the-world-nominations-2011/full-list-of-current-nominations/current-nominations-c-to-d/classical-tamil-manuscript-collection-of-the-dr-uvs-library/">http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/memory-of-the-world/memory-of-the-world-nominations-2011/full-list-of-current-nominations/current-nominations-c-to-d/classical-tamil-manuscript-collection-of-the-dr-uvs-library/</a>  <a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/Tamil-language">https://www.britannica.com/topic/Tamil-language</a>
Day 3 Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	77 million people all over the world speak Tamil! Tamil is an official language in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, in the countries, Sri Lanka and Singapore. It's also spoken in South Africa, Malaysia, Fiji and Mauritius.	<a href="http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Tamil_people">http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Tamil_people</a>  <a href="https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/t/Tamil_people.htm">https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/t/Tamil_people.htm</a>

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Day 4 Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tamil is pronounced as Tha-mil not Tam-il. Did you know there are many words in the English language that got its roots from Tamil words? Such as catamaran which comes from “kattu maram” and cash which comes from the Tamil word “casu”	<a href="https://www.dictionary.com/browse/catamaran">https://www.dictionary.com/browse/catamaran</a>
Day 5 Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	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!	<a href="http://www.thehindu.com/features/metroplus/society/sailing-in-search-of-history/article8537040.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/features/metroplus/society/sailing-in-search-of-history/article8537040.ece</a> <a href="http://www.ancient-origins.net/myths-legends/lost-continent-kumari-kandam-001941">http://www.ancient-origins.net/myths-legends/lost-continent-kumari-kandam-001941</a>
Day 6 Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Did you enjoy Jai Ho! By the Pussycat Dolls? Guess what? The Composer is a Tamil man named AR Rahman! Other famous Tamils are: MIA, Mindy Kaling, Sundar Pichai the CEO of google, Aziz Ansari, Indra Nooyi the CEO of Pepsi	
Day 7 Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thai Pongal (Thai – Pon-gaal) is one of the most important Tamil festivals that is celebrated. Thai Pongal is mainly celebrated to convey appreciation for a successful harvest.  The festive days are from January 14th to 16th. That is why January is Tamil Heritage Month!	<a href="https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2017/01/14/statement-prime-minister-canada-thai-pongala">https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2017/01/14/statement-prime-minister-canada-thai-pongala</a> <a href="http://www.pongalfestival.org/pongalfestival.html">http://www.pongalfestival.org/pongalfestival.html</a>
Day 8 Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Just like epic Greek Poems like the Odyssey, or Iliad by Homer, Ancient Tamil Literature has epic poems too!	<a href="http://www.famousfix.com/list/tamil-poets">http://www.famousfix.com/list/tamil-poets</a> .

	The famous Tamil philosophy literature Thirukkural by saint Thiruvalluvar had been translated to more than 82 languages, with 57 versions available in English.	
Day 9	What do you use when you need to know the answer to something? If you said Google, we've got news for you!	<a href="http://www.businessinsider.com/how-sundar-pichai-rose-to-become-ceo-of-google-2014-10">http://www.businessinsider.com/how-sundar-pichai-rose-to-become-ceo-of-google-2014-10</a>
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	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!	
Day 10 Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	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	
Day 11 Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	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!	<a href="https://roots.sg/learn/resources/ich/silambam">https://roots.sg/learn/resources/ich/silambam</a>
Day 12 Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tamil architecture can be traced throughout South East Asia to the Temples in Cambodia, where Tomb Raider was filmed with Angelina Jolie!	<a href="https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/masala-noodles/why-angkor-wat-should-be-part-of-indian-history-lessons/">https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/masala-noodles/why-angkor-wat-should-be-part-of-indian-history-lessons/</a>
Day 13 Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Do you like Pie? Not the food, but the mathematical Pi! Because Srinivasa Ramanujan is a Tamil mathematician of 20th century, independently compiled 3900 equations on number theory, infinite series, theta functions, partition formula and often known as the Pi man!	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/Srinivasa-Ramanujan">https://www.britannica.com/biography/Srinivasa-Ramanujan</a>

Day 14 Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	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.	<a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1930/">https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1930/</a>
Day 15 Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	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!	<a href="https://www.kreedon.com/chess-players-india/">https://www.kreedon.com/chess-players-india/</a>
Day 16 Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	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.	<a href="https://www.yahoo.com/news/kutraleeswaran-india-forgotten-swimming-sensation-174357242.html">https://www.yahoo.com/news/kutraleeswaran-india-forgotten-swimming-sensation-174357242.html</a>
Day 17	There's Hollywood, there is Bollywood, Nollywood, and there's KOLLYWOOD! Kollywood is the Tamil Movie Industry which releases hundreds of movies every	<a href="https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0706787/bio?ref_=nm_ov_bio_sm">https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0706787/bio?ref_=nm_ov_bio_sm</a>

Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	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.	
Day 18 Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ever look outside on a clear, cloudless night and see the twinkle of the stars above our city lights? Well in 1983, Subrahmanyan 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.	<a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1983/">https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1983/</a>

Day 19 Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup>	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!	
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