WELCOME NOTE

ABOUT CHENNAI (TAMIL NADU) & SANKARA NETHRALAYA

CHENNAI FACTS AND FIGURES:

Chennai, formerly known as Madras is the fourth largest metropolitan area of India and the capital city of the Indian state of Tamilnadu. Located on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal, Chennai had a population of 4.2 million in the 2001 census within its municipal corporation.


ARRIVING AT CHENNAI:

By Air: Chennai International Airport functions as domestic and international airport. The airport is located in the Meenambakam township about 16 kms from the George Town area. The airport is connected with the city by road and railway services. Chennai International Airport provides direct flights to about 20 cities of the sub continent and several other international cities located in Middle East, Europe, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. The airport terminals feature facilities like free trolleys, wheelchairs, assistance to physically challenged, restrooms, postal services, STD and ISD phone facilities, restaurants and snacks bar, tea and coffee stalls and parking facility. There is a prepaid taxi service which can be availed of to reach several destinations in the city

By Rail: Central Railway Station is the primary railway station in Chennai city. The railway station forms the landing base to the travellers coming from the other cities and states. Some characteristic features of the railway station include a total of 14 platforms that include both long distance and suburban services, comfortable retiring rooms, baggage halls, eateries, a multitude of shops selling magazines and books, cassettes, compact discs, medicine and other supplies. The station is lined up with ATM counters, Internet cafes and food stalls.

Egmore Railway Station is another major railway station in Chennai. It is more than a halt station and is known to provide services to a number of cities and towns adjoining the city. Egmore Railway Station caters to the northern and western suburbs and several districts neighboring the city.
By Road: There are as many as five national highways that leads to the adjacent cities like Kolkata, Bangalore, Trichy (Tiruchirapalli), Pondicherry and Tiruvallur. There are two bus services, inter city and inter state which are also known by the names Tiruvallur Transport Corporation and J.J.Transport Corporation. For long distances there are two main stands in the George Town called Express Bus Stand and Broadway. The inter city bus station called called Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (CMBT) has the distinction of being the largest in the whole South Asian region.

TRANSPORT SYSTEM:

Chennai city has a vast network of roads that helps in easy mobility in the city. Buses: Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) plies regular, express and air-conditioned buses within the city. Bus passes can be purchased at the local terminus for discount travel.

Three wheeler vehicles known as autos are a popular transport means. The fare is fixed by the auto driver and is usually negotiable.

Call taxi systems are available. The numbers are

NTL call Taxi : Ph: 044 3000 3000 /Barathi Call Taxi Ph : 044 28142233
Fast Track Ph : 044 24732020 /Chennai Call Taxi Ph 044 25984455

COMMUNICATION: The Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) provides the phone connection for most landlines throughout the city. However a few private companies provide phone services as well. Cellular phones (Mobile phones) are popular in the city with a wide variety of network providers and shops selling mobile phones.

LANGUAGES: The native language is Tamil. However most of the city’s population speaks English. Most of the public and private signboards are in English.

WEATHER: Chennai is situated in the tropical zone and remains hot and humid throughout the year. April and May are the hottest months with the temperatures climbing to over 40 degree C and winter months which last from November through January the temperature is cool in the mid twenties. The northeast monsoons bring rains between October and December.

Venue for the Seminar is : Sri V.D Swami’s Auditorium, 7th Floor, KNBIRVO Block, Sankara Nethralaya, 18 College Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600006. Hence choose your accommodation near to it

http://www.hotelschennai.com/hotels
About Sankara Nethralaya(SN) & The SN Academy

Dear Friends,

Greetings from The Sankara Nethralaya Academy, Chennai!

I am sure you would be aware of Sankara Nethralaya’s pioneering role in the field of ophthalmology and its critical contribution to society through its far reaching blindness eradication initiatives being implemented since the past 3 decades. As the head of one of the nation’s premium educational institutions, I am sure it must of interest to you that the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge and learning through focused India centric RESEARCH and dissemination of the same through TEACHING AND TRAINING initiatives enjoy the same priority to us at Sankara Nethralaya, as providing quality eye care which is our core activity. Spreading of knowledge for the common good is a founding principle of the institution and the CU Shah Ophthalmic Post Graduate Training Center, the Vidyasagar Institute of Bio Medical Sciences and the Elite School of Optometry were started with this express objective.

I take pleasure in sharing some interesting developments in our academic arena in the last 3 decades which would give you a fair idea of our credentials in Teaching and Training and knowledge imparting. The academic activities of Sankara Nethralaya have encompassed Ophthalmology, Optometry, Nursing and Medical Laboratory Technology.

The ophthalmology and Post-graduate educational programs at C. U. Shah – Ophthalmic Post-Graduate Training Center, Sankara Nethralaya are recognized by the Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University; likewise the National Board of Examinations New Delhi has recognized the institution for a 3- year graduate training program in Ophthalmology known as the Diplomate of the National Board of Examinations. We are also recognized for the PhD in Ophthalmology program by our Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University.

The Elite School of Optometry was founded in the year 1985 to provide excellent teaching and training in optometry, the curriculum is modeled after the Bachelors in Optometry program offered by University of California, Berkley, California, USA, it is the only institution in India which offers the Fellow of the British Dispensing Opticians, the Master’s degree in Laboratory Technology MS (MLT) offered by the Vidyasagar Institute of Bio Medical Sciences and the 4 years Ophthalmic Assistant Program (BSOA) are recognized by BITS, Pilani.

The Medical and Vision Research Foundations have been recognized by prestigious national and international agencies for providing educational and training programs. They are namely Sir Ratan Tata Foundation, Mumbai, Orbis International, US, Carl Zeiss, Germany and Bausch & Lomb, USA.
In January 2010, Sankara Nethralaya decided to scale up its academic activities to the next level and “The Sankara Nethralaya Academy” was set up. The Sankara Nethralaya Academy functions as a unit of Medical Research Foundation and is avowed to employ a system of educating people by imparting knowledge through instructional courses, training classes, and usher in newer training/teaching methodologies including the use of IT. It is our objective is to teach courses that deal with A to Z in healthcare services including Hospital Management which has assumed great relevance in view of health care assuming great importance owing to the entry of corporate houses into health care delivery, increasing health care awareness among the general public and India especially Southern India emerging as a preferred health care destination.

The Sankara Nethralaya Academy’s courses in hospital management are backed by the expertise and rich experience gained over thirty years of running a highly successful and respected health care enterprise. We would consider it a privilege to be associated with an educational institution of your stature and strongly believe that a collaboration between our institutions would translate to great benefit to the student community in terms of opening the doors to a great learning and knowledge acquisition experience in health care and hospital management.

kindly visit our websites for more information.

http://www.thesnacademy.ac.in/
http://www.sankaranethralaya.org/
http://www.ekalavya.org/
http://www.omtrust.org/
http://omlog.org/
http://www.eso.sankaranethralaya.org/

You tube video on Sankara Nethralaya :

Sankara Nethralaya, a moving saga of dispelling the darkness of the blind with the Light of vision

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgHinpwPYtQ&list=UUM_JbKhm4m1iBsseWATndlg

Our Founder Dr S S Badrinath:

http://www.thesnacademy.ac.in/board-of-governors-dr-ssb.html.html

Mobile Eye Surgery Unit - Sankara Nethralaya & IIT Madras
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sankara%20nethralaya&sm=3

Amitabh Bachchan gives a touching intro to 'Insight' the poignant story of Sankara Nethralaya, its creator and noble objective

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tccj1OPRumc

We look forward to your Visit to our Sankara Nethralaya Main campus on 09.05.2014 for the National Seminar on Hospital Administration.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

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