

Tourist Spots In Chennai Are Well-Maintained But There Is No Way To Get Basic Information About Most Of Them - No Proper Phone Numbers Or Websites

Hullo, anyone there?

What if a tourist arrives in Chennai and decides to pay a visit to these major attractions?

Egmore government museum | The landing number listed on the website is often engaged or not answered. At times callers get a message that it's not a working number. Interestingly, the website is loaded with updated information about the artefacts. Timings and list of holidays are correct and updated on the website

Fort St George Museum | There doesn't seem to be an official website. A landing number listed on Google was answered once but subsequently, the phone went dead. A smart phone and Aadhaar number are required for tickets, but this isn't listed anywhere

Adyar Poonga | Either the landing number listed is busy or no one answers

Semmozhi Poonga | No official website or number listed

Guindy National Park | There was no answer for the longest time for the number provided on the website, but a second number finally worked, where a person said the park is closed and a notification of the opening will soon be published

Vandur Zoo | The landing number listed on the website does not work. A message to the WhatsApp number listed did not receive any reply. However, the timings and other details are listed clearly on the website

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A tour guide from the city once took a group of schoolchildren from Chennai all the way to the Keezhadi museum near Madurai, only to find it was closed that day. "There was no such information online, and no phone number listed to check. We were exhausted, disappointed. An entire day was lost for me as well as the children," he says.

Jeena G, a copy writer who is new to Chennai, recently decided to visit the Adyar (Tholkappia) Poonga with friends after hearing about the haven for nature lovers. They called the landing number listed online but the calls went unanswered. On seeing the park listed as 'open' on Google and the timings as 6.30am to 6.30pm, they decided to try their luck only to find the park closed owing to metro work. Even while it was open, the timings were erratic, say Chennaiites.

The experience is not new, says the tour guide; as there is no way to get updated information on the timings, holidays and entry fees of even major public institutions in the city. "Many cave temples and other historical monuments don't have phone numbers listed online. For the ones that do, the numbers often don't work. There have been instances where I have driven all the way to Pudukkottai and

COULD THIS BE THE ANSWER?

► An updated website with the timings, holidays, ticket charges and options for online booking listed very clearly on the home page

► Automated phone messages with the timings, ticket charges for adults and children, and most importantly, whether the institution is open on that particular day

► A chat bot which can answer frequently asked questions

► Employ people who have a background of, and are specifically interested in museums, art galleries, parks or zoos as the case may be

► Allow the public to volunteer for these institutions. The volunteers could update the information online, on the official website as well as on the social media pages. They could also help answer calls, besides assisting visitors

Kancheepuram only to find the monuments closed. Now I don't do tours without a recce."

A Google search makes it obvious that several people go through the same predicament. 'xyz museum WhatsApp number', 'xyz park timings Sunday', etc., are some of the most searched online, all of which yield no definite results.

The problem peaks during public holidays, when a lot of people from the city as well as tourists decide to visit these spots, which is also when the institutions, especially the smaller ones, might take a day off, but with no means of informing the public about it. "A centralised system where information about all major tourist attractions is available at a single click would be ideal," says a member of a city group which regularly conducts history walks. It's easier to rely on travel websites than the websites of the museums, where you sift through a lot to get the information you need, they say. Right now, most of the information available is provided by such travel

websites, but there is no real accountability

Why is it that nationally renowned public museums and multi-crore projects don't provide working phone numbers online or at least automated phone messages or a chat bot which can answer basic queries? M Arvind, commissioner, museums dept (FAC), says museums in the state come under different departments. "Only the Egmore museum and the 23 district museums come under us. We can list only landing numbers as mobile numbers will lead to unnecessary harassment of employees."

During working hours, the employees do their best to answer calls, but it is a "small department with little manpower," says Arvind. "Our focus is on curators, and we are not so updated in technology as to consider chat bots. It's a work in progress, but if there is such an issue, it should be addressed."

However, the problem is a larger one, where public museums are the last priority for both public and au-

thorities, says historian Anwar Kombal. "Not investing in a proper system of communication is not surprising. In the west, especially in the US, museums and the artefacts in them are precious and they have a very efficient system which is tourist friendly. In India, we have 800-year-old temples in every corner, which is why we don't value museums and monuments as a country."

The solution could very well lie in a system which has worked elsewhere in the world - employing people interested in particular institutions, be it museums or art galleries, not just as curators but as office staff as well instead of random appointments. The gov-run museum at Tirunelveli is an example. The tiny museum has been holding events involving the public almost every day, all of which are updated on their Facebook page thanks to curator M Sathyavalli. "I have given my mobile number on the Facebook page of the museum." Ironically, what worked for her is that she does everything herself which also gives some amount of control over things, she says.

What might help in larger institutions could be the service of local volunteers, she says. "The reason I have been able to achieve this much with limited resources is the help of volunteers - school and college students. Once they got to know the value of the exhibits, they were ready to help with everything," she says, adding that even people in their 70s turned up to work as volunteers for the museum.

JUST LOOKING LIKE A WOW!

Minimalism Is Out As People Open Their Doors To Maximalism

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Intricately-carved Ashtalakshmi doors, Athangudi tiles on the floor, bright green and blue chandeliers, wooden shelves and a blend of Scandinavian-style panels to make the most of the natural light - Renuka Anandaprabu and her husband Anandaprabu Rajendran have chucked the minimalism trend to include diverse elements in different colours and sizes to feel at home. Designers say minimalism, which had taken over social media and Pinterest boards, finally seems to have given way to maximalism.

"We wanted to convert our two-apartment building into a Chettinad-style villa. With 3,000sqft of horizontal space and six bedrooms, we designed it in a way that it retains the Chettinad culture and roots. The entire kitchen has woodwork with Athangudi tiles by the stove and on the floor," says Renuka, an entrepreneur.

If minimalism was all about 'less is more' and driven by neutral tones and clean lines, maximalism drives home the point of 'more is more' with visually striking but also functional spaces.

Rasana Chajjed, a homemaker, decided to use black and green in her house with traces of blush gold. "We got bored of the subtle colours and



less décor; and wanted to add more character to the house, so we decided to opt for maximalism. Despite people's reservations about using black which they feel may tighten the space, I was for it and went all out with the design," she says.

"Maximalism is not just about using bold colours and textures and filling up your space with décor," says Ram Krish, principal interior designer at Chennai-based design studio Bricks & Beams. "It's also about functionality with scope of scalability in the future. Your design should be put together in such a way that they are timeless and there is space for newer additions. It is similar to the Chinese concept of yin and yang, which means that it needs two elements to bring about balance: for instance, adding a wrought iron décor piece to a white wall."



BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: Renuka and Anandaprabu transformed their apartment into a sprawling Chettinad-style villa

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Encumbrances on property if any : NIL

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Item No	Name of work	value in (₹)	EMD in (₹)
01	Dismantling of Condemned Buildings (SA/56, SA/52 & SA/54 A-E) in SSE/W/SA section.	11,50,351/-	23,000/-
02	Collection and dumping of 50 mm machine crushed ballast at PTJ depot collection including loading and unloading	4,32,32,076/-	3,66,200/-
03	PTJ-Proposed Repairs to Water distribution system. Construction of OHT - 50000 litres capacity & individual storage water tank in staff Qrs.	2,48,50,900/-	2,74,300/-
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10	ADEN/ISA Sub Division - Zone 'C' - Virudachalam (Excl) - Talavasal (Excl) STAFF QUARTERS & Service Building (SSE/P/W/CHSM)	63,33,337/-	1,26,700/-
11	ADEN/ISA Sub Division - Zone 'C1' - Talavasal (Incl) - Salem Market (Excl) STAFF QUARTERS & Service Building (SSE/P/W/ATU)	63,33,337/-	1,26,700/-
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Hiring Services Of Chartered Accountant Firm For Statutory Audit Of State Health Society (SHS) & District Health Society (DHS)-(for The Financial Year 2023-24) under National Health Mission (NHM)

Govt of India (GOI) in partnership with the States is implementing the National Health Mission which comprises various programs, with the objective of improving medical facilities in the areas and seeks to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the population, especially the vulnerable sections. To facilitate implementation of NHM, State and District level entities (Health Societies) have been registered which work under the administrative control of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Karnataka State Health.

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2. Date for pre-bid conference: **06.06.2024**
3. Last date for submission of Proposal to SHS: **20.06.2024**
4. Date of opening of Technical bid: **24.06.2024**
5. Venue for Pre-bid Conference: Pre-bid Conference would be held at Office of Project Director-RCH, Arogya Soudha, Bengaluru-560023.

Sd/-
Project Director-RCH, State Health Society Karnataka.

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