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MADURAI: THE GATEWAY TO HERITAGE

Madurai: An indelibly vibrant city, utterly elucidated by ambiguous space and dynamic people and those of whom are embellished by intangible festive spirits. Ask Google, which is the oldest language in the World, it'll probably tell Tamil, ask it which is the cradle of Tamil? It'll probably tell Madurai. The Temple city of India, Food Capital of Tamilnadu, the City which never sleeps, this ancient town has a hell lot of names. It is the oldest continuous inhabited city in the world. The culture the people possess and the tradition they follow is a thing that no set of people in the world can have.

City like appearance and Village like culture is the hallmark of Madurai. Known as the Athens of the East, this city is the cradle of Tamil Civilization and the Tamil language itself. Even after 26 years of Liberalization and Globalization, the city hasn't lost its tradition and culture to the Capitalist Juggernaut. Be it Politics, Entertainment, Literature, Madurai stands as the most important center in Tamilnadu. The BO collection of a film is determined by the Audience in Madurai. The Political success of a person is also determined in Madurai, if I tell every successful politician in Tamilnadu started their journey in Madurai, it won't be an exaggeration.

The earliest known record goes up to 3rd century BCE, it has kept up with its rich tradition of quality education and knowledge since then Located on the banks of river Vaigai, Madurai is a colourful city with its culture comprising of music, food, festivals, history and social harmony. In a certain street you would find a mosque, a temple and a church all side by side together, establishing Communal harmony in a firm way. The temples in Madurai stood the test of time from as early as 3rd

century BCE. The Meenakshi Amman temple is the temple with most number of statues in its Gopuram which is a testimony of the craftsmanship of Madurai people.

The Message this city provides, Culture is the biggest asset of a nation is a thing that will stand for ages to come.