

## **Write-up on “Opening up of Raj Bhavan Chennai for Public viewing”**

Raj Bhavans across the country have generally been inaccessible to common man. A few parts of the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Mumbai Raj Bhavan have been open to the public for viewing.

Raj Bhavan Chennai has got a long history and heritage which everyone would be curious to know and experience. Thiru CH. Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu has ordered for opening of Raj Bhavan, Chennai for public viewing as of Mumbai Raj Bhavan and Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Any citizen who would like to visit Raj Bhavan can first register online through website of Raj Bhavan at, '[www.tnrajbhavan.gov.in](http://www.tnrajbhavan.gov.in)' and book their date of visit on payment of Rs.25/- (Rupees twenty five only) per head. The visits will be allowed only from 4.30 p.m. to 06.30 p.m. on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Visitors will get SMS confirmation and Email acknowledgement to make it easy for them to enter Raj Bhavan. They have to carry the original ID Card to have access into Raj Bhavan along with the copy of email received by them.

The Visitors will be taken on tour inside Raj Bhavan in battery operated vehicles. The following will be the route and places of visit:

### Arrival at Reception Lounge

1. Nursery & Duck Pond
2. Durbar Hall
3. Gazebo
4. The Main Lawns – Deer sighting place
5. Love Birds Nest
6. Presidential Suite
7. The Herbal Garden
8. Oval Garden
9. Silver Jubilee Garden
10. The Front view of Raj Bhavan
11. Viewing of Forest upto Polo Vista
12. The Main Gate of Raj Bhavan
13. Back to Reception Lounge via White House road

Visitors will be served with light refreshment during the tour.

The Visitors can get acquainted with the Forest, trees, plants, deer and all other nature's gift abundantly available in Raj Bhavan Chennai. They can see the heritage buildings which were constructed hundreds of years ago.

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