

LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS

TILUNA arranged for a display of 1,170 embroidery pieces in December 2007 in Seethalakshmi Ramasamy College, Trichy.

Over 1400 students of the college took part in arranging linear display of the 1170 pieces for about 2 hours and this fetched them the prestigious entry into the Limca book of records.

INDIA BOOK OF RECORDS

We are also happy to notify here that TILUNA's "The Longest Half Cross Stitch Embroidery" has been selected as one of the Top 120 records of 2012 by the prestigious India Book of Records.

The executive committee of the TILUNA has now decided to market the Rajagopuram embroidery pieces with or without glass frame on a first come first served basis.



Alternative Book of Records

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CRAFTS TRADITION OF INDIA

The craft traditions of india is inexorably intertwined with the rich cultural legacy of the country and was revered and respected as they were associated with the religious and spiritual heritage. The concept behind Indian handicrafts in the early times was imbuing everything in daily life, no matter how common or mundane, with a touch of beauty and to add brightness to an otherwise dull and drab existence. The craftsman wanted to exhibit their creativity in each and every one of their creations though all of them looked almost alike. While the local environment made for divergence the common religious heritage always emphasized the basic unity of the people.

Contributions are eligible for exemption under u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.

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Trichy Innovative Ladies' United
Needlework Association

(TILUNA)

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It was a great sense of service and dedication which inspired a small group of women to launch a very unique project about a decade back. The Trichy Innovative Ladies' United Needlework Association (TILUNA) launched a marathon project of the reproduction of the Rajagopuram of Sri Ranganathaswamy temple with the tallest temple tower in the world.

Each RAJAGOPURAM EMBROIDERY

- Measured an area of 86 x 63 cms
- Covered an area of 6.9 sq.ft.
- Has a many as 82,875 stitches
- Total thread length 720 metres
- Of 10 different colours giving a three dimensional effect.

VISION :

The motive force behind TILUNA members in accomplishing this mammoth task was their concern for the differently endowed children with behavioral problems. The TILUNA members wanted to market about 1500 pieces their members have created and use the money to help individuals and institutions who work for the welfare of children with problems related to autism, deaf-blind, muscular dystrophy, hemophilia, cerebral palsy and different forms of mental illnesses.

DESIGN, DEVOTION & DEDICATION



Expert advice was sought from late Mr. Sivaprakasam of Srirangam who was the chief Sthapathi and overall incharge for the construction of the Rajagopuram of the temple in 1985 for the design to be printed on the half cross stitch embroidery canvas.

On hearing the noble task undertaken by TILUNA, Coats India, Bangalore came forward with the generous supply of about 1500 pieces cross stitch canvas materials for the embroidery pieces and Pony Needles Industries of Udthagamandalam donated about 60,000 needles.

The project was launched by Mr. K. Rajaraman then District Collector in January 1998. The association members contacted their friends in different towns, states and countries soliciting time and labour. The canvas with needles, thread etc. were sent to the volunteers. Each took about three to six months to complete the art piece.

TILUNA organized textile and handicrafts fairs for meeting the expenses of sending and collection of the finished pieces to the tune of about Rs.12 lakhs during the ten year period.

Art knows no caste, creed or linguistic boundaries and quite a few Christians, Parsis and Muslims too joined hands to make the venture a success.

The following are our beneficiaries



- Balalaya School, Trichy



- Blind School, Puthur



- Poornodhaya Trust, Trichy