

TRANQUEBAR CRAFT RESOURCE CENTER



The architectural features of the old buildings in Tranquebar are a charming synthesis of both European and Tamil building styles. The continued adaptation of old buildings for new purposes has the effect of weaving memories into the town's everyday life. The TCRC (Tranquebar Crafts Resource Centre) has been established on Goldsmith Street and features many elegant traditional details. It is the perfect venue for interaction between visitors and locals.

The TCRC has been designed as a space for exhibitions and workshops, or for just taking a moment's rest to soak in the place and its people. It is also a platform that transforms the earthy, simple local crafts into 'gifts from Tranquebar'. Here the TCRC takes on another role, as it is mainly a community-based entity that works with the local crafts and craftspeople around Tranquebar to improve livelihood opportunities. It will function as a place for *them* to learn new ideas, endorse good practices and meet qualified people who are otherwise not accessible to them through government projects and other initiatives.

For visitors, the TCRC is an exciting place brimming with new ideas. There is a display area to browse through the beautiful handiwork and meet the artisans personally. It is also an inviting place to relax, with a coffee shop featuring a simple, delicious menu and a tranquil ambience.

