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They get to know Indian way of life

Students from the United States descend on Madurai

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MADURAI: It was a sort of cultural medley as students from the United States of America, bearing south Indian religious marks such as 'holy ash' and 'kumkum' on their forehead, interacted with students of the American College here on Tuesday.

The event was part of Studies Abroad for Global Education (SAGE) summer programme. Students of higher secondary-grade from a cluster of schools having an impetus on environmental education in the US were part of the programme. The idea behind the initiative is to get students exposed to Indian arts and religion.

As part of the programme, the American students had a very informal interaction with their Indian counterparts, where they generally discussed about the everyday life practices of Tamils and various issues on Indian culture.

They were given an intro-



SEEING IS BELIEVING: American students interacting with students of The American College in the city on Tuesday. - PHOTO: S. JAMES

duction to Indian literature by Premila Paul, Reader in English. This included information about the works of Indian writers like Salman Rushdie, Vikram Seth, and Amitav Ghosh. The students

then met the college Principal, T. Chinnaraj Joseph Jayakumar, who briefly gave an introduction about the college and the education scenario in India. The students were also taken to various

places in Madurai. When asked by the Principal about the Meenakshi temple, the awestruck students said that the temple was huge when compared to other temples they had visited.