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**Mr. N. Thamotharam Pillay**, a self made successful businessman, printer and Gold Merchant would still travel by public transport, if the need arises. He is an independent man in many ways.

Born in **Araly West, Jaffna** on 15th February, 1901 he migrated to Malaysia (The then Malaya) at the age of 21 years in July 1922. His early education was in the Tamil School in Araly South followed by English Schooling in **Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai** and **Victoria College Chulipuram**. During the latter stages of his School days and after school he used to assist his father who was already dealing in jewels as well as in the running of the **Jaffna Furnishing House** in Jaffna. This aspect of the business required him to travel between Colombo and Jaffna often for the purposes of purchasing products for sale in Jaffna.

In 1922 he joined his brother **Mr. N. Arumugam** who was working as an overseer in Ampang and worked in the **Government Printing Department** for a short while. The salary was low and overwhelmed by a desire to enter the Commercial world he left the Printing Department and joined first the **Commercial Press** and then **Charles Grenier**. Both these presses were then the leading printers in Kuala Lumpur. While working and gathering knowledge of the printing business he started importing goods from India, mainly musical instruments, for sale in Kuala Lumpur and surrounding areas.

While in Ceylon as a student and young man **Mr. Pillay** had been handling and dealing with gold and jewellery on behalf of his father. It was only natural then that one of the first independent business venture of his in Malaya was dealing in gold and Jewellery.

Within 3 years of his migration to Malaya .ie. in 1924 he ventured into this business. **A. V. Chelliah Pathar Brothers** of No. 1 Batu Road was his principal goldsmith and supplier of finished products. Needless to say this venture was a success.

In 1937 Mr. Thamoatham Pillay established the **Lanka Financiers Limited** whose main line was money lending and jewellery. The office of Lanka Financiers Limited was situated on the top floor of Gian Singh and Co., even then one of K.L.'s leading landmark and trading houses. The Jewellery for sale was produced by goldsmiths in Pudu, the whole operation also belonging to Mr. Pillay.

Just before establishing the Lanka Financiers Limited, Mr. Pillay had tried his hand in the **Transport Industry** by operating 3 busses and a car for hire. This business he sold soon after its establishment.

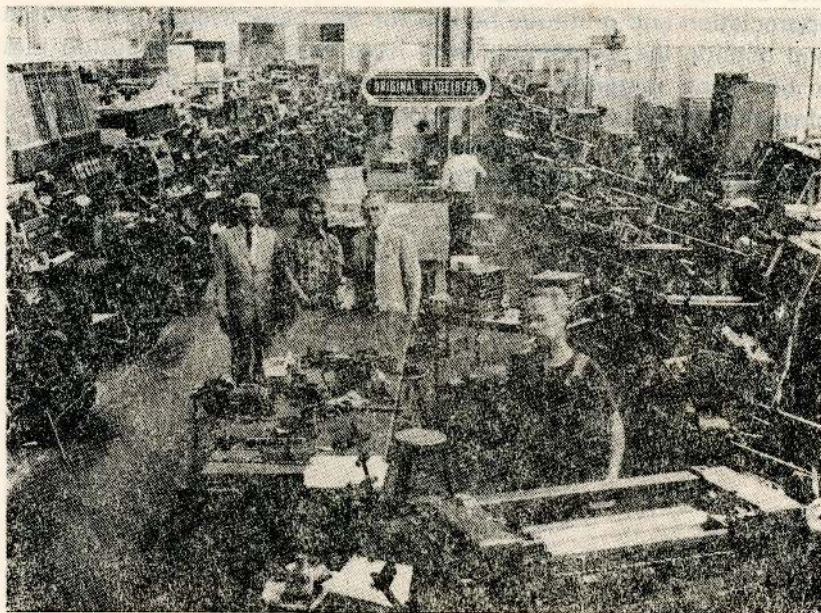
Wisely, Mr. Pillay liquidated his business during the Japanese occupation and took to the "rails." Commuting between various towns in Malaya and Thailand he traded successfully in various goods. Aided, no doubt, by his many Jaffna friends in the Railways, all of whom he fondly remembers with gratitude, he was a familiar and welcome figure in the Railway stations during the occupation.

The end of the occupation saw Mr. Pillay establishing the **Nethaji Diamond Co.** as a sole proprietorship at No. 224/226, Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur. To this day these premises remain as his operational centre. The company dealt mainly with Diamond imported from Rangoon and precious stones. His Rangoon dealer was **Mr. S. M. Shanmugam** and Mr. Pillay had to make frequent trips to Rangoon and other places when Malaya was still under the British Military Administration. These trips abroad were to serve him well as it helped establish valuable business contacts, particularly in India and Sri Lanka. As a sole proprietorship, **Netaji Diamond Co.** not only dealt with diamonds but continued with the business of jewellery and printing.

In 1963, the sole proprietorship was converted to a Limited Company as **N. Thamoatham Pillay & Sons Limited** which continued to prosper. During its heydays the company employed up to 50 over workers, both in the printing and goldsmith trade and was involved in the distribution and sale of jewellery throughout the country and Singapore.



The introduction of the work permit for non citizens affected N. Thamoatham Pillay & Sons Ltd. as most of the skilled goldsmiths employed by the Company had to return to India. The Business turnover was affected and the company scalded down its operations. Today located at the same premises as the Nethaji Diamond Co, N. Thamoatham Pillay & Sons Ltd operates successfully its gold and printing business albeit on a much reduced scale, serving perhaps a selected clientele but with the same high quality that it was famous for during its heights.



Mr. Pillay in his world tour visited Heidelberg Factory on invitation in 1973 with his son in West Germany.

Mr. Pillay married to the **Late Mdm. Annammah** has 2 Daughters and 3 Sons. Today at the age of 86 years he possess the same quiet courage, determination and independence that helped him build his business interests. A man of unassuming demeanour he still remains an active co-operator and can be seen attending the General Meetings of the Societies of which

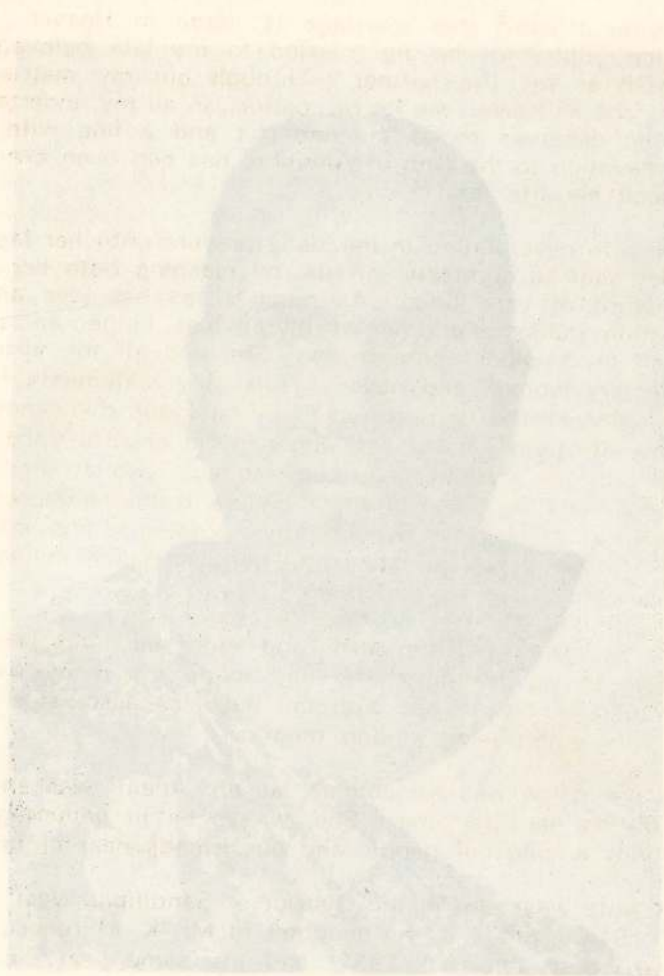
he is a member, sitting throughout the meetings keenly following the proceedings. Having had a checkered life, he has learnt well the lessons of life. Asked the secret of his success, he speaks of the need for the spirit of endeavour, hardwork and the ability to take both losses and gain in business with equanimity and poise.

Throughout his career he has regularly donated funds to many charitable religious and Tamil language organisations in Malaysia and Sri Lanka. In talking with him one becomes aware of the appreciation and gratitude he has for the many friends both within and outside the Community who have helped and supported him in his many ventures. In appreciation of the help and the many blessings he has received throughout his life he has decided to set up the **N. Thamotharam Pillay Education Fund** to be managed by the **Jaffnese Co-operative Society Limited**.



The Late  
Madam Annammah w/o Mr. N. Thamotheeram Pillay

THE LATE  
MADRAS ANNAIMATH W/O MR. N. THIMOTHARAN PILLAY



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## IN MEMORY OF MY LATE BELOVED WIFE M. ANNAMMAH

Saying a word that marriage is made in Heaven. This description imply, for having married to my late beloved wife Annammah as my life partner. Through out my married life with her, she had given me lot of comfort, in all my undertakings, which she deserves to be a wonderful and a fine wife. Her sincere devotion to the God of Almighty has had been exemplary all through her life time.

My wife never failed in her daily prayers until her last day, when her soul so suddenly left us, by clasping both her hands with a word of Lord Siva. As much I say her love and her co-operation, guidance and her worthy advices, helped and guided me in all my business enterprises. She had all the virtues of an exemplary woman and never against any statements for my actions. She always carried herself by her good demeanour and during my life time, I never saw anger in her cheerful face. Her kindness and her kind heart is commendable, which she helped to the needy and the under-privilege people in this neighbourhood. She patiently listened to every bodies problems, and consoled them amicably by her guidance and her assistance in whatever way she could be of help to them.

She is always soft spoken, and with her kind language, throughout in my business life, had made my many workers, either young or old to her, and my business associates, made herself very enterprising among them.

As her name was Annammah, as an 'Anam' was an angel to me during her life time. She always be in gatherings and in functions among our people and our friends near or far.

My wife was born in the District of Sandilipai West, Jaffna on 11:9:1914. She was the daughter of Mr. K. Murugesu. We both married in the year 1932, and the same year we came to Malaya. During this time, my married life, with her became a new leaf. Her co-operation, courage and her guidance to me in particular high, as we both worked whole-heartly, the same directions, to pave our way to success day by day. My tasks and untiring work and my perseverance brought great success

in my business, and in particular I owe my wife, the Divine was more than mine. She always adapted herself economically throughout her life time.

We both lived so happily, and were blessed with two daughters and three sons. May the Almighty Lord Siva shower and bless into them and also give them guidance and courage and help them to lead a godly and charitable life.

My wife entered eternity on 14-11-1978, may her Soul Rest in Peace.

My donation to the Education Fund with The Jaffnese Co-operative Society for the ever lasting memory to my late wife.

## முன்னுரை



திருவாளர் நா. தாமோதரம் பிள்ளை அவர்கள் கல்வி நிதியைத் தொடக்கியதின் நோக்கம், சமுதாய முன்னேற்றத்தைக் கருதியே. இவர் மலேசியா, ஸ்ரீ லங்கா போன்ற நாடுகளுக்குக் கடந்த காலங்களிலும் நன்கொடை வழங்கியவர்.

இவர் தமது 21-ம் வயதில் மலேசியாவுக்கு வந்து குடியேறிய நாள் முதல் கடின உழைப்பாலும், ஆழ்ந்த சிந்தனையாலும் நுண்ணறிவாலும் வாழ்க்கையில் முன்னேற்றங்கண்டவர். பத்தொன்பதாம் நூற்றாண்டின் இறுதியிலும் இருபதாம் நூற்றாண்டின் தொடக்கத்திலும் நமது முன்னோர்கள் இந்நாட்டில் குடிபுகுந்தவேளை பெரும்பாலும் அரசாங்க அலுவலர்களிலும் மலாயன் ரயில்வேயிலும் வேலையில் அமர்ந்து தங்கள் வாழ்க்கையை அமைத்துக் கொண்டார்கள்.

மற்றவர்கள் வாழ்க்கைத்துறையை விட இவர் தம் தந்தையிடம் கற்ற வியாபார நுணுக்கங்களின் வழி இவர் ஒரு புதுமையான வழியைத்துருவி ஆராய்ந்து வியாபார உலகில் மிக உன்னத நிலையைப் பெற்றவர். இதனால் வியாபாரத்தில் நல்ல வெற்றியும் கண்டவராவார். அவ்வேளையில் நம் சமூகத்தில் இவரைப் போன்று மிகச் சிலரே யாவார்.

இவர்களிலும் திருவாளர் நா. தாமோதரம் பிள்ளையவர்கள் சமுதாயம் மறக்கமுடியாத ஒரு நினைவுச் சின்னமாக தன்னை ஆக்கிக் கொண்டார்.

பிள்ளையவர்கள் தாம் பலமைல்கள். பல தொலைவுக்கு நடந்து சென்று கல்வி கற்ற சிரமத்தை நன்கு அறிந்தவர். இதன் மூலம் சமூகத்துக்கு கல்வி எவ்வளவு பெருமையுடைய தென்பதையும் சிந்தித்துத் தெளிவு பெற்றவர். இத்தன்மையால் பொருள் வளம் குன்றிய ஏழை மாணுக்கர்களுக்குத் தொடர்ந்து கல்வி நிதி வழங்கியது பெருமைக்குரிய செயலாகும்.

தற்போது இந்தக் கல்வி நிதி திருவாளர் நா. தாமோதரம் பிள்ளை கல்வி நிதியென்றும் இவர் வாழ்க்கைகுப்பின் இவர் நினைவாகவும் இவர் தம் மறைந்த மனைவியின் நினைவாகவும் திரு. நா. தாமோதரம் பிள்ளை அன்னம்மாள் ஞாபகார்த்த கல்வி நிதி யென்றும் வழங்கி வரும்.

திருவாளர் பிள்ளையவர்கள் நமது சமூகத்தில் அவ்வளவு பெரிய செல்வந்தர் இல்லையாயினும், தன் சமூகத்தின்பால் கொண்ட பரிவால் கல்வி நிதியை வழங்கி, வள்ளலெனும் பெரும் புகழை யெய்துள்ளார்.

யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கம் இந்தக் கல்வி நிதியை முன்மாதிரியாக வைத்து நல்ல சேவையாற்றும் என்பதையறிந்து தனக்கும் சங்கத்துக்கும் ஓர் ஒப்பந்தத்தை செய்துகொண்டார்.

நமது யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுக்கழக உறுப்பினர்களும், நிர்வாகிகளும் திரு. பிள்ளையவர்கள் யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கத்தை இக்கல்வி நிதியை நடத்த தேர்ந்தெடுத்தமைக்கு நன்றி கூறுவதுடன் சங்கம் பெருமிதம் கொள்கிறது என்பது வெள்ளிடை மலை.

திரு. சீசர் வெல்லிங்டன் அவர்கள் அவர்தம் பெற்றோர்களின் நினைவாகக் கல்விநிதி வழங்கியதைப் போன்று திருவாளர் நா. தாமோதரம் பிள்ளையவர்களும் கல்வி நிதியை வழங்கி யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்க வரலாற்றிலே சிறப்பிடம் பெற்றது மறக்க முடியாத நிகழ்ச்சியாகும்.

தனித்தன்மையால் முதிர்ந்த வணிகரான திரு. பிள்ளையவர்கள் சங்கத்தின்பால் கொண்ட நம்பிக்கையானது சங்கத்தின் நற்பெயருக்கும் ஓர் எடுத்துக் காட்டாகும்.



நாம் இவரை நமது அன்றாட வழிபாட்டில் நினைவு கூறுவோமாக.  
மேலும் இன்னும் பலர் இவரது இலட்சிய வாழ்க்கையை பின்பற்று  
வார்கள் என நம்புகிறோம்.



K. தில்லைநாதன்,

தலைவர்,

யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கம்,

கோலாலம்பூர்.

17-9-87.

## FOREWORD



With the establishing of the N. Thamo-tharam Pillay Education Fund, Mr. Thamo-tharam Pillay, has institutionalised his charitable donations which he has been making towards many organisations both here and Sri Lanka throughout his life. A migrant to the then Malaya at a tender age of 21 years he has succeeded through the spirit of endeavour, dint of hardwork and sheer grit. To appreciate his achievements we must go back in time to the latter half of the 19th and the early 20th Century when our forefathers migrating to Malaya were contended with a job in any government Department or the Malayan Railways.

This was not to be for Mr. Pillay. He possessed the spirit of adventure perhaps more than what others possessed, and an overwhelming desire to succeed in the business world – a desire he had cultivated under the tutelage of his father. He ventured forth and succeeded and continues to do so till today. There were few like him from within our Community at that time. Men such as these leave an indelible memory in the community's archives for succeeding generations to emulate.

Today Mr. Pillay must remember the miles he trekked as a youth to School and get an Education. He, nodoubt treasures education – a phenomenon of our community. Hence the establishment of the Education Fund which also provides for regular donations to charity. The Fund presently known as N. Thamo-tharam Pillay Education Fund will after the life in being of the Donor be known as the **N. Thamo-tharam Pillay and Annammah Memorial Education Fund** in memory of the Donor and his late wife Madam Annammah.

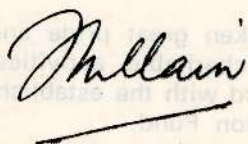
Mr. Pillay, I believe is not the richest man in our community in terms of material wealth, but he is endowed with blessings and wealth beyond materialism – love for human kind, including

his community. This is evident from his setting up of the fund to be administered by the **Jaffnese Co-operative Society** under a Deed of Trust entered into between Mr. Pillay and the Society.

I am sure that JCS members together with the Board of Management and I consider it a honour for Mr. Pillay to have chosen JCS to administer the Fund.

Mr. Pillay, together with Caesar Wellington who has set up an Education Fund in memory of his parents, have blazed a trail in the annals of JCS for which we shall always be grateful.

A self made hard-boiled businessman like Mr. Pillay has placed his trust in the Society. This is indeed an honour for the society. Let us remember him in our daily prayers and hope that many more will follow his fine example.



**K. THILLAINATHAN**

*President.*

Jaffnese Co-operative Society Limited, K.L.

17th September 1987.

## MESSAGE FROM A DISCIPLE AND ADMIRER OF MR. N. THAMOTHARAM PILLAY



I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mr. N. Thamotharam Pillay for having donated Ringgit One hundred thousand towards establishing the N. Thamotharam Pillay Education Fund which is to be administered by the Jaffnese Co-operative Society.

Mr. Thamotharam Pillay belongs to an elite group of people who have made indelible contributions to the community at large. His benevolence is well-known and he has generously contributed to welfare and religious organisations. He also believes that charity should begin at home. He takes an active interest in the welfare of his kin and has worked earnestly and relentlessly for their betterment.

Mr. Thamotharam Pillay has always taken great pride and pleasure in involving himself actively in charitable activities. He has now made another great stride forward with the establishment of the N. Thamotharam Pillay Education Fund.

He has, through his untiring and dedicated work, perseverance, simple honest and frugal life, reached the pinnacle of glory. His late wife played a major part in his rise to glory. She was to him, what Vasuki was to the great Valluvar. She was a great asset to him. She provided him with strong moral support that eventually led him to become actively involved in charitable and religious activities.

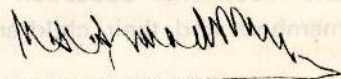
I had the opportunity to have been closely associated with Mr. N. Thamotharam Pillay, for about a year during the Japanese occupation. We travelled regularly on the roof-top of trains to Padang Besar in order to trade in various commodities.

Sentul J.C.S. Branch President, Mr. Thambinathan was also one of those who commuted with us. The journey from Kuala Lumpur to Padang Besar used to take two or three days but we travelled in the rain and heat without food nor sleep. However,

on one of those trips, I was mercilessly assaulted by the Japanese soldiers. I never ever wanted to go back to Padang Besar again after the incident.

The experiences that I have gained through my brief association with Mr. N. Thamoatham Pillay helped me immensely in evolving my own future. In certain aspects, we have some similarities but he is incomparable. He is a mountain and I am just a mole-hill.

I sincerely hope and pray that the fame and philanthropy of Mr. N. Thamoatham Pillay would be appreciated and remembered for many more generations to come.



**N. K. SINNADURAI**

**N.K.S. Store,  
43, Jalan Raja Muda,  
50300 Kuala Lumpur.**

## MALAYA ARULNERI THIRUKKOOTTAM

Arulneri Nilayam,

17, Jalan Chekor,

KUALA LUMPUR.

28 September, 1987,

### An Appreciation

I am pleased to learn that Mr. N. Thamothersham Pillay has created a Fund with the Jaffnese Co-operative Society Ltd. known as N. Thamothersham Pillay Education Fund, the income from which is to be channelled as interest free loans for Tertiary and Vocational education of the Jaffnese Co-operative Society members and their children.

It was the desire of the youths from Jaffna coming in search of employment in Malaya, in the earlier days to look for jobs in Government Departments and organised Organisations but Mr. Thamothersham Pillay was not attracted to this. Having gained valuable experience in dealing in gold and jewellery with his father, while he was a student, and with his experience in Printing Industry having worked for a short while in the Government Printing Department and with two leading presses in Kuala Lumpur, he ventured into business, resulting in the ultimate establishment of Messrs. N. Thamothersham Pillay & Sons Ltd., Jewellers and Printers. By dint of perseverance and honesty he was successful in business.

He realised the bleak future of the Jaffnese Community and the challenge the children have to face in this country, and he came forward to create an Education Fund to help the children in their education as is done by philanthropists and benefactors in other communities. I appreciate his magnanimous gesture. I have no doubt that many children will benefit by this.

Mr. Thamotharam Pillay is a Life Member of Malaya Arulneri Thirukkottam and has voluntarily undertaken to do, as his upayam, the Arumuga Navalar Guru Poojah, one of the twelve Guru Poojahs now conducted by the Thirukkoottam. In the Regulations for the Fund, he has made provision for the payment of annual donations, even after his death to various religious institutions and Malaya Arulneri Thirukkoottam is one among them.

May Lord Shiva Bless him and his family with prosperity.

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Saiva Pooshnam R. V. Kandaiah,

Saiva Siddhanta Kalanithi,

S. S. Puravalar,

*President.*

## TRIBUTE TO Mr. N. THAMOTHARAM PILLAY



Mr. N. Thamotharam Pillay has been associated with our Company since the early thirties when he first began to deal with us by purchasing gold. At that time he dealt mainly with my late grand father Mr. Ng Pian Onn and uncle Mr. Ng Ching Kwei who were already established gold merchants at that time. After my grand father and till to date he deals through me with our Company.

Throughout more than half a century of dealings with us he has from the beginning purchased only quality gold from us. Our respect for and trust in him has grown over the years so much so he occupies a special place in the hearts of our family members.

There was never a need to enter into legal contracts and documentation where he was concerned. His word has been his bond and still is.

As a result of my long association with him I have come to know of his quiet charitable deeds to many organisations all these years. His setting up the Education Fund under the auspices of the Jaffnese Co-operative Society is yet another milestone in the good deeds of this very kind, respectable and honourable gentleman. May the Lord, Almighty, bless him and his family.

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## TRIBUTE TO Mr. N. THAMOTHARAM PILLAY

Our family had the good fortune to have in Mr. N. Thamotharam Pillay an unparalleled family friend since the early 1950's. Often going out of his way to help our parents in their crises, he was a trusted and sincere friend, whom they felt they could always turn to whenever they found things beyond their control.

He shared many of the family's pleasant and not so pleasant memories. We shall always treasure the memories of our first trip to Morib in 1953, when motor cars were a rare luxury, and Mr. N. Thamotharam Pillay owned a Morris 10 even then. He sacrificed the whole of his Sunday (to a businessman, Sunday is his only free day) to take our entire family to the seaside.

He had the magnanimity to share with others the goodies that God has showered him with and we pray for his good health so that he would continue to do so for many more years in the future. Rare was such a friend in those days, and well-nigh impossible now !



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## கல்விநிதி நன்கொடையாளரின் செய்தி



“கல்வியே என்றும் அழியாச் செல்வம்” என்றும் “கற்கை நன்றே கற்கை நன்றே, பிச்சை புகினும் கற்கை நன்றே” என்ற ஆற்றோர் வாக்கிற்கிணங்க யாழ்ப்பாணச் சமுதாயத்தவர்கள் கல்வித்துறைக்கு எவ்வளவு முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுத்து வருகிறார்கள் என்பதில் எள்ளத்தீனையும் சந்தேகம் இருக்க முடியாது என்பது என்னுடைய தாழ்மையான கருத்தாகும். இத்துறையில் உயர்ந்த லட்சியத்தைப் பெறுவதற்காக ஒவ்வொரு பெற்றோரும் தங்கள் வாழ்க்கைத் தரத்தை எப்படி அமைத்துக் கொண்டார்கள் என்பதை என்னுடைய சிறிய நாவினால் விளக்கக்கூற இயலாது என்று என் உள்ளம் அச்சம் அடைகிறது.

எங்கள் சமூகத்தவர்கள் தங்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் உயர்தரக் கல்விப் படிப்புச் செலவுக்காக எவருடைய கையையும் எதிர்பார்க்கமாட்டார்கள் என்பது கண்கூடு.

தற்போது ஏற்பட்டுள்ள பொருளாதார மந்தநிலை காரணமாகவும், வெளிநாடுகளில் உயர்தர பட்டப் படிப்புக்குரிய செலவு முன்பை விடப் பலமடங்கு அதிகரித்து விட்டபடியாலும் எல்லாப் பெற்றோருடைய பிள்ளைகளுக்கும் இத்துறையில் பயின்று பட்டம் பெறுவதற்குச் சாத்தியம் அருகி வருகிறபடியாலும் எங்கள் சமூகத்தவர்கள் இதுவரையில் இத்துறையில் இயங்கிவந்த முக்கியத்துவம் நிலைபெற்று விளங்க என்னுடைய சிறிய கல்விநிதி நன்கொடையை யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கத்திற்கு அளிப்பதோடு இச்சங்கமே இந்நிதியை நிர்வகிக்கவும் அனுமதிக்கிறேன்.

என்னுடைய இனபந்துக்களும் நண்பர்களும் மேலே சொல்லப் பட்ட நன்கொடை நிதியை யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கத்திற்கு அளித்து இச்சங்கமே இந்நிதியை நிர்வகிக்க அனுமதி வழங்கத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்த காரணத்தை அறிய ஆவல்கொண்டார்கள். அவர்கள்

ஆவலை நீக்குமுகத்தான் கீழ்வருமாறு கூறுகிறேன். எனக்கும் இச் சங்கத்திற்கும், இச்சங்கம் ஆரம்பித்த காலத்திலிருந்தே நெருங்கிய தொடர்புண்டு. எனது வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு என்னும் இப்புத்தகத்தின் முற்பகுதியில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளபடி நான் மலாயாவுக்கு 1922-ம் ஆண்டில் வந்தபொழுது எனக்கு 21 அகவை ஆகும். அக்காலத்தில் சில எதிர்நோக்குள்ள யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர்கள் ஒன்று சேர்ந்து “யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவர் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கம்” என்ற ஸ்தாபனத்தை ஆரம்பித்தார்கள். சமூகப்பற்று நிறைந்தவர்கள், எங்கள் சமுதாயம் ஒங்கி வளர வேண்டும், சிக்கனமாக வாழ்ந்து கூட்டுறவு முறையில் பணம் சேர்க்க வேண்டும், அதன்வழி அங்கத்தவர்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரும் வாழ்க்கையில் முன்னேற்றம் காணவேண்டும் என்ற பெருநோக்கோடு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட சங்கம் என்று சொல்வது மிகை ஆகாது. ஆரம்பகாலத்திலிருந்தே சங்கத்தினுடைய கொள்கைகளுக்கேற்ப அங்கத்தவர்கள் எல்லோரும் ஒற்றுமைபட்டுச் செயல்பட்டு வந்த காரணத்தால், “விளையும் பயிரை முளையில் தெரியும்” என்பதற்கிணங்க, இச்சங்கம் ஒங்கி வளரலாயிற்று. அதன் வளர்ச்சியைக் கண்டு மற்றவர்கள் மிகவும் புகழ்ந்து உரைக்கும் வகையில் சிறந்து விளங்கிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

இச்சங்கத்தின் ஆரம்பகாலத்திலிருந்தே, இயற்கை எய்திய எனது அன்பிற்குரிய தமையனார் திருவாளர் நா. ஆறுமுகம் அவர்கள், அங்கத்தினராக இருந்துவந்துள்ளார்கள். சங்க ஆரம்பகாலத்தில் சங்கத்திற்கெனச் சொந்த கட்டிடம் கிடையாது. அச்சமயம் அரசாங்கப் பொருளகத்தில் வேலைபார்த்து வந்த திருவாளர் கணபதிப் பிள்ளையிடம் அண்ணருடைய சந்தாக் கட்டுவதற்கு அலுவலக நேரத்துக்குப்பின் “கிளாக் ஸ்திரீட்”க்குப் போவேன்.

முதன்முதலாகச் சங்கத்தின் அலுவலகம் “ஓல்ட் மார்க்கெட் ஸ்கூயர்”இல் அமைந்தது. அதன் நுழைவாசல் பின்புறம் அமைந்திருந்தது, என்ன ஆச்சரியம்! அடுத்துச் சிலவருடங்கள் சென்றபின் “ஜாவா ஸ்திரீட்டு”க்கு (Java Street) மாற்றப் பட்டது இச்சங்கம். நான் அடிக்கடி வியாபார அலுவலாகப் பட்டணத்துக்குச் செல்வ வேண்டி இருந்ததால், எனது நண்பர்களதும் சொந்தக்காரர்களதும் சந்தாக்களைத் திரட்டிக்கொண்டு சென்று மொத்தமாகச் சங்கக் காரியாலயத்தில் செலுத்திவிட்டு ரசீது பெற்றுச் செல்வேன்.

அநேகமாக இதே காலத்தில்தான் பல கஷ்டங்களுக்கிடையிலும் கூட இந்தக் கட்டிடத்தைச் சொந்தமாக இந்தச் சங்கம் வாங்கிக் கொண்டது மிகவும் போற்றற்குரிய ஒன்றாகும். அதன்பின் இச்சங்கம் ஓல்ட் மார்க்கட் ஸ்கூயரில் உள்ள 10-ம் நம்பர் கட்டிடத்தை வாங்கி அதனைச் சமீபகாலத்தில் நவீனமுறைக் கட்டிடமாக்கியது. அண்மைக் காலத்தில் துன் சம்பந்தன் சாலையில் ஒரு மிகவும் நவீனமான கட்டிடத்தை வாங்கிச் சங்கத்தின் தலைமை அலுவலகத்தை அமைத்துள்ள துடன் போர்டிக்ஸனிலும் ஒரு நவீன முறையிலான விடுமுறை பங்களாவையும் உடைமையாக்கியுள்ளது.

ஜப்பான் ஆட்சிக் காலத்தில், தற்காலிகமாக நமது அங்கத்தினர்ப் பதவியை நிறுத்த நேர்ந்தது. யுத்தம் முடிந்ததும் தொடர்ந்து அங்கத்தினராகி இன்றுவரை சங்கத்தில் நம்மை ஒரு உறுப்பினராக்கிக் கொண்டதை எண்ணிப் பெருமைப்படுகிறேன்.

கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கம் இயங்கி வருகின்ற விதிமுறைகள் என்னை மிகவும் கவர்ந்துள்ளதால், நான் எனது இனபந்துக்களையும் நண்பர்களையும் எங்கள் சங்கத்தில் நம்பிக்கை கொள்ளச் செய்து அவர்களை அங்கத்தினராகும்படி செய்துள்ளேன்.

சென்றகாலத் தலைவர்களில் பெரும்பாலோர் எனக்கு நன்கு தெரிந்தவர்களாவோர். அவர்கள் எல்லோருமே தன்னலமற்ற நேர்மையான சிறந்த சேவை செய்து சங்கத்தை இவ்வளவு முன்னேற்றப் பாதையில் வழிநடத்தி வளமிக்க பெரிய ஸ்தாபனமாகச் செய்துள்ளார்கள். ஆகவே இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் அவர்களுக்கு எனது மனமார்ந்த நன்றியறிதலைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

கடந்த 40 ஆண்டு காலமாக இச்சங்கத்தின் பெரும்பாலான ஆண்டுப் பொதுக்கூட்டங்களில் கலந்துள்ளேன். சங்கம் வளர்ச்சி அடைவதைக் கண்டு நான் மகிழ்ச்சியும் பெருமையும் கொள்கிறேன்.

தற்போதைய தலைவர் திருவாளர் K. தில்லைநாதன் அவர்கள் மிகவும் திறமையான முறையில் செயல்பட்டு வருகிறார்கள். அவருடைய உண்மையான அயராத அபார விவேகத்தினால் சங்கத்துக்குப் புத்துணர்ச்சியும் தென்பையும் தந்துள்ளார்கள்.

எங்கள் சமுதாயம், மற்றவர்கள் தாழ்மையானமுறையில் குறை கூறி ஏழ்மையை செய்வதற்கு இலக்காகாத முறையில், கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கத்தின் பொருளாதாரக் கணக்கு வழக்குகளை மேம்பட முறையில் நடத்திவருகிறபடியால், சில தோல்வி கண்ட கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கங்கள் போலன்றி, உயர்ந்த நிலையில் இருந்து வருகிறது.

எங்கள் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கம் கடந்த 50 ஆண்டுக்கு மேலாக பலவித சோதனைகளையும் சூழ்நிலைகளையும் திறம்படச் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டுப் பொருளாதார நிலையில் உயர்ந்துள்ளபடியால் அதன் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கும் பொருளாதாரப் பலத்தையும் ஆதாயத்தையும் கொடுத்துள்ளது. உண்மையில் இச்சங்கம் இயங்கி வருகின்ற திறனும் வேகமும் எனக்கு மிகுந்த நம்பிக்கையை உண்டுபண்ணியிருக்கிற காரணத்தால், இச்சங்கத்திற்கே கல்விநிதி நன்கொடையை நிர்வகிக்கும் பொறுப்பை வழங்கியுள்ளேன்.

என்னுடைய வாழ்க்கைத்துணைவி என்னைவிட்டுப் பிரிந்து இயற்கை எய்திய காலந்தொட்டு என்னுள்ளத்தில் எனது அன்பின் உருவமாகி விளங்கி வந்த என் இல்லத்தரசியின் நினைவின் சின்னமாக ஒரு கல்வி நிதி அன்றாடம் பெயரால் தொடங்கவேண்டும் என்ற எண்ணம் உருவாகிக்கொண்டிருந்தது. அந்த நன்கொடை நிதியின்மூலம் எங்கள் சமுதாயத்தில் உயர்தரக் கல்வி பெற வசதியற்றவர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வதே இதன் குறிக்கோளாகும். இத்தருணத்தில் எங்கள் சங்கத்தின் தலைவர் திரு. K. தில்லைநாதன் அவர்கள் மனம் உவந்து விலை மதிப்பற்ற உதவி அளித்ததன்மூலம் எங்கள் சங்கத்தின் பராமரிப்பில் நன்கொடை நிதி ஸ்தாபனம் செய்வதற்கு அனுசூலமாக இருந்தது.

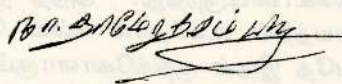
தற்சமயம் இரண்டு கல்வி நிதி நன்கொடை இச்சங்கத்தால் நிர்வகித்து வசதி குறைந்த அங்கத்தவர்களின் பிள்ளைகள் உயர்தரக் கல்வி பெறுவதற்கு உதவிசெய்து வருகிறது. ஆகவே இந்தவிதமான நிதி ஒரு முன்னோடியாக இருந்து இதர நல்லெண்ணமும் பரந்த உள்ளமும் கொண்டுள்ள சங்கத்தின் அங்கத்தவர்கள் முன்வந்து இந்த நன்கொடை நிதிக்கு மென்மேலும் உதவுவார்கள் என்று நம்புகிறேன்.

எங்கள் சங்கம் சிறந்த முறையில் செயல்பட்டு அங்கத்தவர்களுக்குப் பல நன்மைகளைச் செய்து பல நூற்றாண்டுகள் இயங்கி வருவேண்டு என்று எனது நல்வாழ்த்துக்களைச் சமர்ப்பிக்கிறேன்.

இந்தச் சங்கத்தின் நன்கொடை நிதியில் கல்வி அறிவு பெருபவர்கள் அதில் வெற்றி காணவும், சிறந்த பிரஜைகளாக வாழ்வதோடு தங்கள் மூதாதைகள் இத்துறையில் விட்டுச் சென்ற அடிச்சுவட்டைப் பின்பற்றித் தங்கள் சமுதாய மக்களுக்கும் உதவி வழங்குவதற்கு முன்வருவார்கள் என்றும் நம்புகிறேன்.

இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்தில், எங்கள் சங்கத்தைச் சிறந்த எதிர் நோக்கோடு ஸ்தாபித்து அயராது உழைத்து வந்த முன்புள்ள அங்கத்தவர் எல்லோருக்கும் எனது நன்றியறிதலைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். அவர்களது சிறந்த முன்னோடியான எண்ணமே எங்கள் சங்கம் இந்த உன்னத நிலைக்குவரக் காரணமாயிற்று.

நாங்கள் எல்லாருமே அவர்களுக்கு மிகுந்த கடப்பாடு உடையவர்களாக விளங்கவேண்டும் என்பதற்கு அவர்கள் செய்துள்ள சேவைகளே சரித்திரத்தில் சான்று பகரும்.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DONOR



The Jaffnese community has always accorded top priority to education, in preference to all other material pursuits in life, and this is adequately manifested by the many fine examples of families who have made selfless and enduring sacrifices in order to ensure that their children secure a fine education.

Members of our community have never depended on financial assistance from any quarter, relying instead solely on their own hard work and thrift, in order to find the necessary resources to finance the education of their children. This has been the cardinal principle by which our community has lived thus far.

The rapidly changing socio economic environment in our country, coupled with the escalation in tuition fees at all overseas institutions, has placed higher education beyond the reach of many. In order to perpetuate the community's traditional commitment towards the pursuit of education, I am doing my small part, by way of establishing the N. Thamotharam Pillay Education Fund which would be administered directly by the Jaffnese Co-operative Society.

I have been asked on many occasions by my friends and associates, as to my particular choice of the J.C.S., for the establishment and administration of this fund. Simple as it may seem, the answer would be incomplete if I do not trace the history of my early association with the J.C.S.

As indicated in the preamble to this booklet, I came to Malaya during July, 1922 at the age of 21. The "Jaffnaman's" community spirit was evident in many ways and I was greatly inspired by the unity and solidarity that prevailed during those years. It was around this time that a few public spirited individuals got together and formed the Jaffnese Co-operative Society, the principal objective of which was to encourage and instill thrift and self help. The prudence, foresight and conservative tradition of the founding fathers, have been preserved and jealously guarded throughout the years, thus enabling the Society to achieve the enviable position of being the strongest and best managed Co-operative Society in the country today.

My late brother, Mr. N. Arumugam first joined as a member of the J.C.S. In the early years, the J.C.S. could not boast of its own office building, and I can very vividly recollect going to see one Mr. Kanapathy Pillai at Clarke Street after office hours to pay my brother's subscriptions. (Mr. Kanapathy Pillai was working in the Treasury which was then located in the Secretariat Building).

The first office of the J.C.S. was established at "Old Market Square" and strangely enough the entrance to the office was through the back of the building. Later on the J.C.S. office was shifted to Java Street (as Mountmatten Road was then known) and as I used to come into town on business matters frequently, I used to collect the subscriptions of all my friends and relatives, and pay them collectively at this office.

Around this time the Society managed to purchase this building, which, considering the difficulties of that time, was indeed a tremendous achievement. Subsequently, the Society purchased No. 10, Old Market Square, which building was recently redeveloped into a modern commercial building. In recent years, the Society has managed to purchase a more modern office building in Jalan Tun Sambanthan where its Head Quarters is presently situated and the Society also own a holiday bungalow in Port Dickson.

There was a temporary break in my membership during the Japanese occupation but I rejoined the membership of the Society just after the war, which membership I have proudly continued to hold and cherish till today.

Being a firm believer in the virtues of the Co-operative principle, I have convinced each and every one in my family to become members of the Society and many of my relatives have joined as members upon my persistence.

Most of the past Presidents of the Society have been known personally to me and I wish to take the opportunity to pay tribute to their unselfish, devoted and honest leadership and service, without which an institution like the J.C.S. would not be in existence today.

Over the last 40 years I have attended most A.G.M's of the Society and I am proud to be associated with the J.C.S., whose growth and development over the years has been inspiring.

Your current president, Mr. K. Thillainathan is indeed a tower of strength and he has managed to mould the Society into a cohesive and dynamic organisation, and I am confident



that the Society will attain greater heights of achievement under his able leadership.

Our community, with its built-in system of checks and balances, and with the underlying tradition of honour and integrity of the "Jaffna" man cannot become a victim of abuses which have plagued so many Co-operatives in this country.

The J.C.S. has stood the trials and tribulations for more than half a century, and yet can creditably boast of its financial strength and the benefits that it has conferred on its members. In fact it is my fundamental conviction in the Co-operative principle coupled with the dynamism shown by the J.C.S. in particular, which prompted me to entrust the administration of the Education Fund to the Society.

For some time following the untimely demise of my beloved wife, I have been toying with the idea of establishing an Education Fund in her memory, in order to help the needy and less fortunate members of our community. Mr. K. Thillainathan, has been most encouraging in this respect and rendered invaluable assistance in helping to formulate and establish a fund within the ambit of the J.C.S.

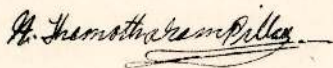
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I wish the J.C.S. the best of luck in all their future endeavours, and hope that they will continue to provide the inspirational leadership well into the 21st. century.

To all those beneficiaries of the Education Fund, I wish them every success, and trust that they will develop as good citizens and endeavour to emulate the fine example of our forefathers.

I wish to take the opportunity to pay tribute to the original founder members of our Society, for their foresight and unselfish attitude, without which the J.C.S. would not be a reality today.

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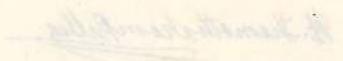
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3. The Trustees hereby declare that it will hold the amount of money in the Education Fund or such sum as may be in the account upon Trust to place all or part of it on fixed deposit annually with banks and/or invest the balance in the name of the Trustees and to hold such investment and the income derived therefrom upon the Trusts hereinafter declared namely:—
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(ii) to make annual payments to the following organisation after the lifetime of the Donor:—

- (1) Pure Life Society, Ibu Pejabat, Batu 6, Jalan Puchong, Kuala Lumpur;
- (2) Malaya Arulneri Thirukkoottam, No. 17, Jalan Chekor, Kuala Lumpur;
- (3) for promotion of Tamil Language contest that are organised from time to time by Societies and Organisations as the Trustees shall at their absolute discretion deem fit;
- (4) for promotion of Hindu Religious songs contest that are organised from time to time by Societies and Organisations as the Trustees shall at their absolute discretion deem fit;
- (5) Sivan Temple Araly West, Vaddukodai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka;
- (6) Saiva Children's Home (Orphanage) Kandy Road, Kaithady, Jaffna, Sri Lanka;
- (7) Rama Krishna Mission, 37, Jalan Scotland, 10450 Penang;
- (8) Malaysian Association for the Blind, Malaysia, P.O. Box 10687, 50772 Kuala Lumpur;
- (9) Persatuan Kanak-kanak Cacat Akal Selangor, 522 Jalan Abdul Samad, 50470 Kuala Lumpur; and
- (10) Pusat Kawalan Kusta Negara, Sungei Buloh, 47000 Selangor.

(c) application for the study loan shall be invited from all members in benefit as defined in the Bye-laws and by publishing a suitable notice attached to the Society's annual report or in the Society's newsletter which is circulated to all members. Members of the Board of Management of Jaffnese Co-operative Society Limited in office and their immediate members of the family shall not be eligible for this Study Loan.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STUDY LOAN FROM THIS EDUCATION FUND shall be confined to the following:—
  - (a) members who had continuously been in membership of the Society for a period of three (3) years at the time of application;
  - (b) children of members whose membership with the Society has been for a continuous period of five (5) years;
  - (c) children of any past member (deceased while in membership) whose membership with the Society had been for a continuous period of three (3) years.
5. The Trustees shall out of the interest earned from the Education Fund pay all costs and expenses of or incidental to the management of the Education Fund, if any.
6. The board shall submit annually for the information of the members of the Society a report on the Education Fund together with an income and expenditure account and balance sheet.
7. The Society's Auditors shall audit the Account of the Education Fund yearly.
8. The board will keep the Donor informed until his death annually the names of the students granted the study Loan from N. THAMOTHARAM PILLAY EDUCATION FUND with all relevant details and thereafter to the successors of the Donor's estate who shall be members of the Society.
9. The Trustees shall be at liberty to solicit and to receive further donations from any well wisher or well wishers from time to time to increase the capital of the fund.
10. The term Trustees in this Trust Deed refers according to the context to the Jaffnese Co-operative Society Limited to its Board of Management for the time being or to the committee appointed by the said Board from time to time.

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