



Hindu Organ

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SAIVA RELIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM

Forums have become a permanent feature of the literary world. Discussions and dialogues in public do tend to create a taste for deeper investigations regarding matters of academic interest. However, these exchanges of viewpoints remain as they are without being put to use for the benefit of posterity.

The All Ceylon Saiva Maha Sabha in a sudden flush of enthusiasm had been conducting a forum on the subject of compiling a publication in the form of what is popularly known as encyclopaedia with reference to Saiva Literature. Inspired by the holy atmosphere of the venue of these discussions - MavaiKanthaswamy Kovil - the members of the Saiva Maha Sabha have decided to start working on the compilation of short notes on terms that frequently occur in the context of Saiva religious ceremonies, chantings and studies with a view to publishing a Saiva Samaya Kalanchiam (ஸவ சமய காஞ்சியம்)

The word encyclopaedia having a Greek derivation primarily stands for all-round education. In the course of evolution of ideas, the term now refers to a book giving information on all branches of knowledge or of one subject, usually arranged alphabetically. But by inference the word is capable of being used in a restricted sense to indicate a Saiva Samaya Kalanchiyam.

Whatever may be the literary meaning of the selected term, it is noticeable that a certain idea is meant to be conveyed.

Hence for all intents and purposes this proposition certainly has an appealing effect. The Saiva World, therefore, owes a duty to the organizers of this laudable project.

In this connection we have always been stressing on the need for expert expositions on words that

Letter to the Editor

A NATIONAL LOSS

One of the shining lights in Social, Cultural, Religious, in the public life of Sri Lanka has disappeared recently. The passing away of Mr. K. Alvapillai from our midst is a great loss to the country. He was an official administrator in the service of the Government, both during the British era and thereafter when our country regained its National Independence. He was in many ways excellent as a Civil Servant. Under the old system during the British days when the Judiciary and Civil Service were not separate units, he had functioned as a Judge as well. As a Civil Servant, he was universally considered one of the most efficient in the entire Administrative System. He performed duties entrusted to him with uncommon industry, diligence and efficiency. As one in charge of the Food Supply of the country at a critical time, his services were acclaimed as being of a high order. He worked laboriously both in and out of Sri Lanka for the State in this direction and was a successful envoy par excellence. Earlier he was the Secretary of an important Education Committee which made recommendations of a far reaching nature affecting the country and which system is still in vogue. He also served as a member of the Royal

Commission on the Co-operative movement. facts and figures were at his fingers' ends. His memory was prodigious. He appeared to work without a diary. In the cultural, educational and religious fields, he was connected with several of the Institutions and organisations working for the common weal. He was very ably assisted by his wife's partner, Mrs. Alvapillai in his efforts so piously directed for the welfare of society and the service of Religion. The Congress of Religions of Sri Lanka, the Vivekananda Society, Colombo the Tamil Sangam, the Thiruketheeswaram Temple Restoration Society, the All Ceylon Hindu Congress, the Hindu Temples Congregational Prayer Movement, the Sri RamaKrishna Mission, The Ceylon Tamil Women's Union, Ramanathar College Old Girls' Association (Colombo Branch) are among the few of the many Institutions which Mr. & Mrs. Alvapillai served assiduously, unremittingly, enthusiastically, and in a very devoted manner and in some of which they held the highest honorary offices. Whenever any public cause which according to his mind required support he and his wife unhesitatingly and wholeheartedly did their best. He was well versed in religion and philosophy and Tamil. He was a devotee of Saiva Siddhantam in a special manner, while being friendly and differential towards all religious denominations. The ancient Saiva Mutt or Atheneum of Mathurei in India conferred on him the title of Siva Nari Chemmal in recognition of his invaluable service to religion.

It will be difficult to find his like in a hurry and to fill the void created by his demise.

It is sad to reflect that a healthy person like him succumbed prematurely to unexpected illness though his life was full of years, honours and service. In

illness too he set an excellent example. He tried to bear up his sufferings with great mental fortitude, which could only result from a deep religious background. In his affliction he expressed the definite opinion that it is part of karma in human existence to undergo suffering, physical and otherwise, and thus work out ourselves our salvation and obtain Divine Grace, according to some religions, and

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