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Promotion of Saiva Siddantha Philosophy

In the context of the only after the lapse of 12 establishment of the years. Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka and the expression of opinion that Hindu Civilization, Hindu Philosophy should be provided for, and a short summary of the endowments that have been established for promotion of Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy at the Universities of Benares, Delhi, Calcutta, Allahabad, Lucknow, Aligarh, Madras, Annamalai, Mysore and Travancore is published below with a view to making the Hindus of Lanka feel what amount of work awaits to be done in this country in respect of our Religion.

Sri Arulnandi Sivacharya Swamigal Sivagnana Siddhiyar Lectureship Endowment

BY

His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Arulnandi Tambiran Swamigal Avergal of Tirupattur in memory of the late Srilasri Kasivasi Swaminatha Tambiran Swamigal Avergal, to encourage the study of and the spread of learning in the Saiva Siddhanta Sastras.

The terms and conditions of the lectureship are as follows:

The course of lectures which shall be not less than four, three in the Benares Hindu University and one in the Allahabad University, shall be delivered annually at the University centres fixed by the University on a subject explaining the principles of Saiva Siddhanta. The increase in the number of lectures shall be subject to the conditions in para 5 infra.

The lecturer shall be appointed every year by the Syndicate of the Annamalai University either from among the Hindu members of the staff of the University or other Hindus, experts in the Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy. Every year there shall be a new lecturer. The lecturer once selected may have a second turn

The lecturers shall be the result of a deep study of the sutras of (a) Sivagnana Siddhiyar, both Parapakkam and Supakam and the six old commentaries on the Siddhiyar and b) Sivaprakasam of Sri Umapathi Sivachariar.

The lecturer shall bring on his return a pot of the holy waters of the Ganges for presentation at the Lord Sri Nataraja Shrine at Chidambaram.

Saiva Siddhanta Endowment to Benares Hindu University Additonal Grant Rs

The endowment is founded by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Arulnandi Tambiran Swamigal Avergal of Kasi Mutt, Tirupattur, Tanjore District, in memory of the illustrious Founder of the Kasi Mutt at Benares Srilasri Kasivasi Kumara-gurupara Swamigal. This is intended for the advancement and spread of Saiva Siddhanta philosophy in Tamil and to provide for the purpose, a Chair in the Hindu University, Benares to be styled as "Kasivasi Kumara-gurupara Swamigal Saiva Siddhanta Chair."

A degree holder of any recognised University who is not only conversant in Tamil and English, but also qualified as a lecturer in Tamil and Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy shall be appointed to the Chair by the University. He shall belong to Saiva Religion with implicit faith in Saiva Siddhanta and be able to lecture to college students in Tamil on the said Philosophy.

Sir S. Radhakrishnan Saiva Siddhanta Scholarship Endowment to Hindu University Benares

This Endowment is founded by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Arulnandi Tambiran Swamigal Avergal of Sri Kasimutt, Tirupattur in the name

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St. John Ambulance Brigade Commended

"As the Commissioner, Col. D N. Jilla could not proceed to Jaffna for the Annual Inspection of the St John Ambulance Brigade, I had the privilege of visiting Jaffna and deputising for him," so stated Mr. F. O. Fernando, Deputy Commissioner, St. J. Amb. Brigade, Sri Lanka. Continuing he further said,

"The Parade of the various Ambulance and Nursing Divisions was impressive; the smart turn-out, the efficiency and discipline of those who took part did credit to the careful training and attention to detail given by the Area Commander, Muhandiram Dr. Rasiah and his band of co-workers. The First Aid demonstrations evoked the appreciation of all those who were present and were realistic. Well-staged competitions attract the general public and provide an opportunity for them to evaluate how valuable a knowledge of First Aid can be, in an emergency.

I was also impressed by the co-operation given to the St. John Movement in Jaffna, not only by members of the general public but also by various Departments including the G. A., the S. P., the Hospital Authorities and the Education Dept. The G. A., who is the President of the Jaffna Association Centre, presided at the complimentary lunch, graced by many eminent Govt. Officials and prominent members of the general public. He referred to Muhandiram Dr. Rasiah as the prime mover responsible for the growth of this Organisation in Jaffna, which had lived up to the traditions and ideals of the great Order of St. John, irrespective of race, class or creed.

The Jaffna Association Centre is most fortunate in having such an excellent team of organizers under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Wimal Amerasinghe, the G. A. of the

Dt. We are privileged to

Campus in the North: Some Comments

S. MURUGAVEL

We welcome the establishment of the Parameshwara Campus in the North both as an attempt at expanding opportunities for higher education to the youth of Sri Lanka and also as a genuine act expressing the United Front Government's concern for the social and cultural resurgence of the Tamil.

The Parameshwara Campus, it must be noted, is the first Campus to be established by the reorganised University of Sri Lanka. There is, therefore, the opportunity to build an institution that is not constricted by a colonial and necessarily alien educational ideology. It allows for the possibility of building an institution that is truly national in character—entirely based on the ideals and values native to the soil. The Parameshwara experiment might be in consequence a healthy example and also a forerunner to the orientations necessary to the other Campuses.

The sitting of a Campus is as significant as the personal and courses of study offered in it. The character and shape of an institution will be a great deal influenced by the physical and cultural environment in which it is founded. (Marx founded the Colombo site in close proximity to the Turf Club and the affluent housing estate of Chinnamon Gardens. Jennings chose a hilly retreat aim-

ing to shape an elite that could be alien in spirit despite its colour). It is a measure of the magnanimity and common sense of the U. F. government's attitude to the Tamil Minority to have accepted the site chosen and bequeathed by Ponnampalam Ramanathan. The Parameshwara site represents the very heart of Jaffna that is not soiled by colonial influence. It is a site that never in spirit accepted the superiority of the West. Agriculture and the traditional arts and learning flourish in this region. This is precisely the region where the patriotic Arumuga Navalar conducted his campaigns against the British and their mischievous educational policies. This site would necessarily link the University with the peasants and intelligentsia of the North and to that extent could lay claims to becoming a true people's University. It could help to realise the very ideals for which Ramanathan and Navalar struggled all through their active phase of public life. In short, it could help the people of Jaffna (and indirectly the entire nation) to rediscover their soul.

But recent developments would create nothing but misgivings in the minds among those who toiled for an enthusiastically welcomed the establishment of the University Campus in the North. We here refer to the sitting of a second Campus as it were at Vaddukkoddal (Jaffna College) which may develop to become the centre of University activity in the North. There is also the danger that reaction whenever it fails in open confrontation, tends to worm its way into conduct a campaign of subversion. We fear that the very ideals for which all patriotic forces struggled for will soon be nullified. We fear that it would soon become a mere

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THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

அரித்த உடலை ஐம்பூதத்தில் வைத்துப்,
பொருத்த ஐம்பூதம் சித்தாதுயிற் போந்து
தெரித்த மனது சத்தாதுயிற் செல்லத்,
தரித்தது தாரணை தற்பரத்தோடே.

Merging the pulverized (decayed) body in the five elements and the elements in which they so merge in the (subtle body made up of) mind, sound, &c (the Antakarana and Tanmatras) the evolution of Avyaktam (or unmanifested matter known as Moola Prakriti or Maya) — the whole abiding in the (Feet of the) Supreme Lord, — (contemplating thus) is Dharana (or steadfastness of mind).



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமச்சிவாயவே நானமுந் கலியுகம்
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி விக்கையும்க
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறிந் நேத்துமே
நமச்சிவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

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Persevere with Plants

The touching appeal of our popular Tamil Scholar Pandithamani Kanapathipillai to the people of the country exhorting them to preserve the palmyrah palm and enjoy its perennial produce has fallen on all ears. The Vija Dasami Festival included, amongst its usual demonstrations of skill in Fine Arts, the planting of palms. Educational institutions, commercial establishments, community centres and welfare minded individuals have responded to this relevant reminder of the duty of citizens.

Planting of trees had been a national habit with peasants during the days of the glorious past. The resulting prosperity could well be seen and felt. But the sudden passion for hundred per centum industrialisation has changed the age-old custom regardless of the fact that raw materials were needed for manufacture and that plants yielded these essential requirements. The country is in a critical state of confounding economy and even at this eleventh hour the measures that are necessary for remedy and relief must be taken by both the Government and the governed.

The palmyrah and the coconut are two of the most valuable palms gifted to this country by gracious nature. Perhaps the implication is that the people of this land deserve to be donated with something that would be fully made use of by them. But unfortunately the blessing of Mother Earth has not been received with a resolution to reap the fruits by industriousness and perseverance. All that remains is the natural scenery of hundreds of thousands of these tall trees bedecking the Arid North standing sentinel to the historic Northern Peninsula.

Coconut plantations have suffered likewise and the sea belt around the northern Province has been neglected by the failure to effect replacement. It is in this connection that Pandithamani's plea for planting all the time particularly making a beginning at the auspicious hour of Vijaya Dasami becomes highly appealing.

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apology for a truly national University.

It is not suggested that we are opposed to the take over of Jaffna College. On the contrary, we are of opinion that a take-over was long overdue. The secondary school should have been the first institution to be taken over. Ironically the Government has allowed it to survive and flourish

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THE SACRED SPORTS OF SIVA

V. SUBRAMANIAM
Saiva-Pulavar

Sambandar Cured Koon Pandian of His Fever

From Jagannatha Pandian down to Koon Pandian there were nine other kings. Koon Pandian being war-like and powerful went and conquered both the Sera and Sozha kings and took possession of their countries. But they humbling themselves, redeemed their countries; the first, by large numbers of elephants, horses and other gifts; and the latter by giving his daughter named Mangayarkarasi to the Pandian in marriage. One of the Sozha king's subjects named Kulachiral gave large gifts to the Pandian in lieu of the usual marriage portion, and the king being pleased with his conduct took him to be his minister.

It so happened that, as the king was deformed, he was persuaded to embrace the Jaina faith; and the Brahmins were in consequence distressed; their religion was depreciated, and the bare head, rolled up mat, drinking vessel suspended from the wrist by a cord, peacock fans, and other emblems of the Jaines, their disgusting poverty, and the more disgusting recitations of their books were everywhere perceptible. Notwithstanding, the queen and minister secretly preserved the Saiva faith and not daring to put the Viputhi (sacred ashes) on their fore-heads, they put upon the crown of their heads.

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Ramanathan Campus

ARUL TYAGARAJAH
(Vice-President, Colombo Vivekananda Society)

The Jaffna Campus of the University of Ceylon is now a Reality. Almost all the Tamils, not excluding the other nationals of Ceylon would like the Jaffna Campus being rightly named as Ramanathan Campus as suggested in the editorial of the Hindu Organ, dated October 4, 1974. The time will not be far, to witness the change of name. It was the wish of present Prime Minister and her beloved husband and the late Prime Minister to establish a University at Jaffna in the name of our revered leader Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan, and to name it Ramanathan University.

There is the Jaffna Kankesanturai Road. The Town Council for Chunnakam — Thanks to its Chairman's initiative — has named a part of the K. K. S. Road as Sir P. Ramanathan Road, with the object of honouring and perpetuating the memory of Sir Ramanathan. The Municipal Council, Jaffna, — which have erected a statue to Sir Ramanathan, the Kukulil Village Committee, the Uduvil V. C., the Chunnakam Town Council, the Mallakam V. C., the Kankesanturai Town Council, could do well jointly to give their earnest consideration and thought to re-name the whole Jaffna - Kankesanturai Road as this Road comes under their administrative limits. It will redound to the credit of the above-mentioned local bodies, if they could act swiftly in this matter.

The Nachimar Kovil Road may be re-named Sir P. Arunachalam Road. The present younger generation, perhaps may not be aware of the fact that Sir P. Arunachalam, the illustrious younger brother

of Sir P. Ramanathan was the father of Ceylon University Movement and that due to his persistent and ceaseless efforts and agitation, the University College of Ceylon was established in the early twenties. This blossomed out into a University (of Ceylon at Peradeniya) in 1942, as a residential University. Sir Arunachalam Mahadeva the distinguished son of Sir P. Arunachalam, had been the Principal of Parameshwara College, in the early twenties — where the present Campus is located. Therefore it will be quite appropriate and fitting to re-name the Nachimar Kovil road as Sir P. Arunachalam Road, thereby honouring the father of the Ceylon University Movement. Besides Sir P. Arunachalam was a great educationist, scholar, writer, administrator and a national leader.

But honouring the two great brothers, the Ceylonese nation in general, and the Tamil Community in particular is honouring itself.

The memories of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan and Sir P. Arunachalam should be honoured and cherished in every possible way, and every possible form. Towards that end all endeavours should be made.

Promotion of

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of Sri S. Radhakrishnan — a great philosopher, scholar, statesman and one time Vice-chancellor of the Hindu University Benares. This Endowment is intended for the promotion and spread of Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy and for the award of Scholarship therefor to the pupils of the Benares Hindu University. The endowment shall be styled as "Sir S. Radhakrishnan Saiva Siddhanta Scholarship Endowment."

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கோல்முறை அரசு செய்க குறைவினா துயிரின் வாழ்க
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