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RAMANATHAN DAY REMEMBRANCE

Seasoned Statesman Devout Devotee

"Sir P. Ramanathan was a hero of heroes having been a seasoned statesman and a devout devotee of God. His contribution to the people of this Island was spectacular. The Parameshwara College and the Ramanathan College are symbolic of his patriotic services. Shri Ponnambalavaneswarar Temple at Kochchikade indicates the depth of his religious practice"



said Mr. T. Somasundaram, President of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai in the course of his presidential address at the public meeting held at the Sabhai Navalar Ashram Hall on Wednesday November 20 in remembrance of Sir P. Ramanathan.

Shri S. Paranirupasingham, former Vice Principal of Parameshwara College, referred to the philanthropic gifts of the Great Patriot in the cause of Saiva Practice and Saiva Education and his rich endowments which reflected his conception of wealth as God-given and observed that the Public and the Authorities shoulder a heavy responsibility in utilizing these endowments according to the wishes of the Great Leader. Continuing Shri Paranirupasingham appealed to the people and the Government to introduce Prohibition and encourage the tapping of palms for sweet toddy so that the manufacture of jaggery might relieve the

people of the burden of economic stress in a way.

Selvan P. Raguprathy speaking next said that Sir P. Ramanathan was a political prophet in this that during his speeches on the Donoughmore Reforms he had visualised the plight of the people in the years to come.

Saiva Pulavar Sittampalam proposed a vote of thanks.

At Ramanathan College

Dr. K. Kailasapati, President of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Lanka speaking at the Ramanathan Day Meeting at the Ramanathan College, paid a deserving tribute to the Principal and staff of the College for observing the Memorial Day in a fitting manner.

The Campus President said that Sir Ramanathan belonged to that category of leaders who had the capacity to act and the courage of conviction and who made full and free use of their talents their wealth and their time in the service of society.

In the course of his address Mr. C. Kumarasuriar, Minister of Posts and Communications referred to the patriotic services of Sir P. Ramanathan for more than fifty years in all spheres of public importance and made special mention of the spectacular contribution of the great patriot in founding two first rate colleges, one for girls and the other for boys and maintaining oriental culture by means of higher learning in all subjects including the Fine Arts. The Minister analysed the contributions of Navalar Peruman and Sir Ramanathan observing that the former was the mother and the latter the father of the Renaissance Movement of that era.

Mrs. R. Arunachalam, Principal of the College
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LIMPING TELEGRAMS

A passenger by the Air Ceylon from Trichy to Jaffna took what he thought was prudent precaution to advise his uncle in Jaffna by telegram on November 14 requesting transport on November 16. The Air Craft arrived with the particular passenger on time at Palaly on Saturday but the uncle failed to appear on the scene as he could not have any intuitive instinct. The car hire from Palaly to the passenger's home was simply unnerving - particularly when the passenger saw his uncle's car lying lazily in the garage. The immediate conversation centred on the telegram that was still in transit then. The telegraphic message was however duly received on Monday morning seventy two hours after it was handed in and 15 hours after the passenger had left for Colombo. It will be two much to think that the hiring car man could have influenced the limp!

Transport facilities between Lanka and India suffer from this ineffective process of telegraphy.

Trade Unions in Typical Tune

Should the Curfew on Monday have been declared? The Unions, representative of the three contracting parties of the U. L. F., have expressed their views in unambiguous terms. The S. L. F. P. oriented Unions have not questioned the Curfew Order. On the other hand the G. C. S. U., S. T. U. C. have both deplored the Curfew Order. And so the trade Union concept has now been confronted with conflicting notions

Rallies require Additional Expenditure. This was the explanation given by the Premier. Surely it is absolutely so, not

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Tamil Manram of Jaffna Central College Celebrates Golden Jubilee

The Tamil Manram of Jaffna Central College celebrated its Golden Jubilee on Thursday (14-11-74) with Mr. Shanmugha R. Kumaresan, Teacher in charge of the Manram in the chair.

The meeting started with a song in praise of Mother Tamil sung by Mas. Kumarachandran.

Mr. Kumaresan in his presidential address said, "Our Manram (Association) should have celebrated the Golden Jubilee last year. But on account of some unavoidable circumstances the matter was postponed. Arumukha Navalar joined Jaffna Central College as a student when Rev. Peter Percival was in charge of the institution. Rev. Percival learnt Tamil from Arumukha Na-

valar and later taught Tamil at the Madras Presidency College and edited the Tamil daily 'Dinavartamani'. Scholars A. Moothathamby Pillai and Kalai Pulavar Navaratnam were also students of Jaffna Central.

Mr. R. N. Sivapirakasam Editor. 'Hindu Organ' was the special speaker. He said, 'You have a rich Tamil heritage. Many scholars have been moulded by your institution. The publication of your Manram - 'Madhya Deepam' Golden Jubilee Number contains very good articles."

Mas. S. K. Jothibala and Mas. R. Sarvanandan read poems composed by them (Tamil).

Mas. P. J. Gnanaseelan, Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

WEDDING INVITATION

RAJA RAJESWARAN - RANJINI

The wedding will take place according to Hindu rites of Raja Rajeswaran (Advocate) Attorney at Law & N. P. Jaffna son of Mr. S. Thangarajah (Advocate) & Mrs. S. Thangarajah of "Sarvalayam" No. 5, Chetty Street, Nallur to Ranjini M.B.B.S. (Cey) daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Kanagaratnam of Tellipallai on Sunday the 1st of December 1974 at the bride's residence between 10 A. M. & 12 Noon. Reception afterwards at bridegroom's residence between 6 P. M. to 8 P. M.

Relations and friends are cordially invited by both families.

(Bridegroom leaving his residence at 8-30 A. M.)

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What is on? Why.

Political Puzzle

The one day curfew on Monday November 18 in the City of Colombo came as a thunder bolt but without the attendant stormy weather.

What is on in the Sanc-

tion Sanctorum of the U. L. F. no one is able to guess. Why this wordy warfare inside the camp of the allies has still to be answered.

Ideological split may be the description ingenious journalists can give. The definition of the most

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THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

கங்காளன் பூசும் கவசத்திருநீற்றை
மங்காமற்பூச மகிழ்வாரே யாமாகில்,
தங்கா வீணைகளும் சாரும் சிவகதி,
சிங்கார மான திருவடி சேர்வரே.

The coat of mail of holy ashes worn by the bone-decked Lord, — if people take delight in wearing them lavishly, sins will not beset them. Godliness will be within their reach and they will attain the resplendent holy Feet (of the Lord),



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமசிவாயவே ஞானமும் கவிவியும்
நமசிவாயவே நானறி விச்சையும்
நமசிவாயவே நானறி நேத்துமே
நமசிவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

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LOFTY LEADERSHIP

Ramanathan Day invariably reminds the people of this ancient Isle of the ideal of lofty leadership and makes the country pray to God for the return to those cherished principles of political thinking.

This year this momentous day becomes more memorable for reasons well known to the people. The establishment of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Lanka in the extensive premises of Parameshwara College that was founded by Sir P Ramanathan with the declared intention of providing for higher education according to oriental tradition makes the occasion greater and more significant. The naming of the main hall as the Ramanathan Administration Block and the reorientation that has been lavishly given to the orient type buildings and above all the inclusion of the poojas and prayers at the College Sivan Temple in the daily procedure of this institution go a great way to create a convincingly congenial climate which will help the beginning of a new era of harmonious living in the midst of diversities of political approaches to the problem of resolving outstanding problems.

The Great Navalar and the revered Ramanathan had jointly and severally worked for the religious and cultural progress of the people on the basis of basically sound principles of education. These illustrious patriots had between them effected a reformation not in the revolutionary model but according to the accepted interpretations of Vedic and Agamic teachings as expounded in the Saiva Shastras and Thiru Murais. The rich heritage to which the people of Lanka are proudly heir is then the symbol of the significance of Saiva culture.

Ramanathan Day, therefore, has a message of methodical religiousness and implies the need for ideal educational establishments.

Another admirable feature of the Ramanathan day this year is the erection of the Ramanathan Statue in the heart of this historic city of Jaffna in front of the majestic Municipal Town Hall. The credit for establishing this popular method of universal remembrance of one of the noblest patriots of our country certainly goes to the City Fathers and the Mayor of Jaffna

Full forty five years have slowly passed since the ideal leader who inspired the entire nation to learn and practice lofty ways of thought, speech and action departed from this world. As we step on to the forty sixth year we have before us the imposing Jaffna Campus and the inspiring statue to rekindle in us the flame of patriotic service.

Campus (Jaffna) Commences Cultural Activities

Ramanathan Collections brought to the University Campus at Thirunelvely

The invaluable and impressive collection of books belonging to Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan have been brought to the University Campus at Thirunelvely. These books were kept originally at Parameshwara College and recently taken to Ramanathan College, as the buildings of the former were repaired to site part of the Jaffna Campus

Dr. K. Kailasapathy President of the Jaffna Campus and Dr. K. Indrapala, Dean of the Faculty of humanities took keen interest in bringing these books back.

The Ramanathan collection includes a wide range of books on various fields of knowledge like law, religion, archaeology, history, geography, medicine, science, literature, languages and administration. Besides, there are a few copies of some of the books written by Sir Ramanathan himself. Indeed, a good number of books in this collection are very rare. They number about 4000 and are an index to the vast knowledge and the versatile talents of Mr. Ramanathan who was a great lover of books.

These are going to be catalogued and kept separately in the Thirunelvely premises to perpetuate the cherished memory of Sir Ramanathan. The library of the Jaffna Campus with the remarkable collection of books from Jaffna College and those of Sir Ramanathan and a few others is going to be a great asset and is second only to the one at the Peradeniya Campus.

Presidential address at the Jaffna Archaeological Society

Mr. James Thevathasan Rutnam a well known scholar and President of the Jaffna Archaeological Society delivered his presidential address at the Ramanathan Hall of the

Jaffna Campus, on the 9th inst. at 5 p. m. Dr. K. Kailasapathy President Jaffna Campus presided. The subject of Mr. Rutnam was "the history of Archaeology in Sri Lanka".

At first, he briefly traced the history of archaeological studies in Sri Lanka up to recent times and gave some details of the great Constitution of Mr. H. C. P. Bell and Prof. S. Paranavitane. He referred to some problems in the works of these scholars, especially the inter linear inscriptions (discovered by the latter) which are existence of these records. He pleaded for a healthy relationship between the Sinhalese or the Tamils and stressed the importance of archaeology to unravel and fill in the gaps in the history of Sri Lanka.

This was the first public meeting in the Jaffna Campus after the opening on October 6 and it was well attended.

Inaugural address at the South Asian Studies Seminar

One of the important functions of a University is to encourage and foster research. In keeping with the ideal, an institute called the South Asian Studies Seminar is inaugurated at the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. This institute will not only hold Seminars but organise research projects and popular talks on subjects relating to South Asia.

The first in the series of Seminars was held on Saturday the 9th inst. when Mr. B. Bastiampillai, Senior lecturer in History Colombo Campus read an interesting and informative paper on "the administration of pearl fishing under P. A. Dyke. Government Agent Northern Province, Sri Lanka 1833 - 1867". The Seminar was presided over by Dr. W. L. Jeyasingam. In his presidential remarks, he said that Mr. Dyke set a high

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welcomed the Chairman, the Chief Guest and the large gathering present and stated that the College had been always functioning according to the precept of the revered founder.

Mrs. Rajaratnam, Vice Principal proposed a vote of thanks.

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merely rallies, but all functions that require additional attention of the Police and the Armed Services must be disallowed. This is a better way of balancing the budget.

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popular political slogan. Socialism has not been dearly given by the United Left Front though the L. S. S. P. exposition, and the C. P. interpretation necessarily differ from each other and the S. L. F. P. version is purely its own.

Where is which party is the question that is being freely discussed in the town and the village.

premium to the office of the Government Agent in the Northern Province said to be spurious records. Many serious scholars doubt the very and was popularly known as the "white raja" of the North.

Mr. Bastiampillai briefly traced the history of the pearl trade in Sri Lanka from the early days down to the 19th century. He analysed the scope, the problems and the profits of the pearl trade and the attempts made by the Government Agent to regularise this. He referred to the uncertainty and the hazards involved in pearl fishing. He mentioned that exorcisms were performed for the divers so that they may be free from the sharks, when they go into the sea. Though the majority of the divers were Catholics, they didn't hesitate to go through the exorcisms.

He also gave a brief life sketch of the Government Agent Dyke. The paper was fully documented. A lively discussion followed.

The Seminar was held on the 9th inst at 3-30 p. m. in the Senate room of the Jaffna Campus at Thirunelvely.

வாழ்க்கை வழாது பெய்க கி லெளஞ் அரசிக மன்னன்
கேசகிமுறை அரசு செய்க குறைவிடா துயிர்கள் வாழ்க
நான்மறை யறங்க லோகிக நற்றவம் வேண்டி மல்க
மேன்மைகொள் சைவநீதி விளங்குக உலக மெகிதாம்

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