

## Memorandum on the Syllabus on Hinduism for G. C. E (A/L) 1971 & After

The Saiva Paripalana Sabha one of the oldest Saiva religious bodies of Ceylon, was founded in 1888 by the disciples of the illustrious Saiva religious leader Sri La Sri Atumuga Navalar. The chief aim of the Sabha was to resuscitate, promote and propagate the Saiva faith as conceived by Navalar. This Saiva faith is also known as the Saiva Siddantha of South India and Ceylon. It is a system which possesses merits of great antiquity and is heir to all that is most ancient in India and it is the religion of the Tamil people of Ceylon. "The Saiva Siddantha represents the high water mark of Indian thought and Indian life"—Rev. W. Goude.

The Saiva public of Ceylon had always pointed to the Educational authorities of Ceylon the merits of Saiva Siddantha and had it prescribed as the subject of Hindu Religion for all classes from Standard I to the G. C. E. O/L. Those in charge of drawing the syllabuses on Hinduism followed this tradition.

The Sabha now regrets very much that this tradition had been ignored while drawing the syllabus on Hinduism for the G. C. E. A/L for 1971 and after. The existing syllabus has a Section on the doctrines of Saiva Siddantha and include hymns from Thevaram, Thiruvachakam, Periapuranam, Thiruverudpayan and Mupporul-Vilakkam. All these had been omitted and portions extraneous to Saiva Siddantha had been included in it.

In this connection I like to point out the fact that we sent a telegram to you on 1-3-70, protesting against the change in the said syllabus.

"Strongly protest against the proposed change in the said syllabus on Hinduism for G. C. E. (A/L) without sufficient notice to Saiva Public. Respectfully request, withhold implementation of same, memorandum follows"

The Sabha appeals to you, Sir, most humbly to allow the existing syllabus on Hinduism for G. C. E. (A/L) to continue. This will maintain the age-old Saiva tradition of Ceylon and will be welcomed by all Saiva Religious bodies and Saiva Scholars of this country.

Jaffna

A. Thanabalasingam,  
Secretary, Saiva Paripalana Sabha.

## Reference to Shri S. Rajaratnam's Death at District Court

On March 17, when Mr. I. M. Ismail, District Judge came to the Bench along with Mr. R. Paraguru, Additional District Judge and Mr. J. J. F. A. Dias, Magistrate of Jaffna, Mr. K. E. Kathirgalingam addressing Court referred to the passing away of Mr. S. Rajaratnam, Advocate and said:

Before Your Honour begins work for the day it is my sad duty to refer to the passing away of Advocate Mr. Subramaniam Rajaratnam on the 12th

Courts, and the Judges and Lawyers of his time and he was in a pleasant mood. Little did we realise that death would remove him from our midst in such a short time. His visit to the Library, on his completing 60 years at the Bar was almost the end of an epoch.

Mr. Rajaratnam was born in an illustrious family at Kopy about 86 years ago, and would have completed his 87th year in July this year. His maternal uncle was Mr. Wyman Kadiravetrillai who functioned as Magistrate for several years at Kayts. His elder brother Mr. Kathiresu was a Proctor of this Court and he is famous for his N. T. V. Manual which was first published

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## Marxists Create Melée in West Bengal

## Disruptive Design Leads To Disturbances

If proof were wanted to show what type of rule the Marxists would impose if given the opportunity to govern, the glaring example of the disruptive tactics in West Bengal would provide the clue. West Bengal has always been the hot bed of revolutionary politics. The most daring political changes had been effected there in the past. The end of the Sen Guptas, Boses, Chatterjees, Mukerjee Chandra Pals could not have been but the birth place of the fight for freedom. But alas, the events of the last few years have made even W. Bengalees blush with bashfulness. Strikes have become commonplace as the common cold. Riots have become a regular feature like the brawls in beer restaurants. No man, woman or child can walk the streets of this stately country without walking into some disorder. Railway stations, omnibus depots and industrial centres are not the only places that become subject to the sudden hysteria of disturbances. Houses of Parliament are encroached upon by hooligans who masquerade as revolutionary politicians.

And now we see the very spectacle of the United Front cracking up and giving rise to a menacing reaction engineered by the Marxists. Times have gone when the Left Movement loomed large in the political horizon of India as a powerful and cohesive unit, claiming to speak in clear voice for the proletariat much more clear

than even the Marxist voices of Russia and its satellite states. What became suspect to disintegration by defying secessionists, events in the East have also started to take a surprising turn. YugoSlavia under Tito was one of the first to feel that Marxism was one thing as told by Marx and another as practised by the Russian Communists. This however led to theoreticians elaborating on the main thesis of Marxism against the background of subsequent diversions such as Leninism, Trotskyism, Stalinism, and of course Maoism. So much so the student of politics finds himself lost in a maze of magical theories all defined in the realm of imagination.

Kerala in the extreme South and Bengal in the North East keep the big sub-continent of Bharatha Nadu in terrible tension and add to the hopes of reactionaries. That West Bengal should be at present undergoing one of the worst trials and tribulations experienced by any country is itself evidence

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### STUDY OF GRAMMAR —A SPECIAL NEED

The structure of the present system of study, particularly of languages, is such that neither the teacher nor the student can rely on it. Hence even an attempt to bring about a correct change in the system of teaching that is obtaining now must be applauded.

For the last two decades or more the study of grammar whether English or Tamil has been systematically subjected to rough and irrational revision leading to utter collapse of the learning of languages. Grammar has become more bitter than gall and worm wood and consequently it has been removed from the syllabus on the teaching of language. The effect of this eccentric development in the affairs of education stands reflected in the results of public examinations.

Grammar according to men of learning is that part of the study of language which deals with the forms and structure of words and with their customary arrangement in phrases and sentences. To neglect the study of such a branch of knowledge is to dispense with the direct requirement of learning. The disregard of the discipline that is an essential in use of language has made education a mockery.

In this context it is heartening to note that a graduate teacher of English has brought out the 'Essentials of English Grammar' in book form. The publication is really essential. The approach to this remedying task

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lished in 1909. This book still remains the most authoritative book on conveyancing in our country. His cousin and brother-in-law the late Mr. K. Balasingham had written several books on the laws of Ceylon and is famous for his corpus juris. With this legal background, it is not surprising that Mr. Rajaratnam took to the legal profession and passed out as an Advocate in 1909.

Mr Rajaratnam had his early education at Jaffna Central College. It was at Central College that Sri Sri Arumuga Navalar the great Saiva reformer had studied and taught for several years before young Rajaratnam entered the portals of Central College. He shone in his studies and distinguished himself as a sportsman. He was a cricketer of high reputation and had been Captain of his College team. His prowess as a bowler helped

can be efficiently effected only by a graded effort in the direction of gentle persuasion by means of a thoughtfully arranged scheme of lessons on the Essentials of Grammar. This preliminary task was competently performed by the able author of the Essentials of English Grammar with the assistance of reputed lecturers in English. Drawing the student's attention to the unit of thought that is essential to the success of expression, the author has arranged the elaboration of the unit of thought and the comprehension of the entire subject in a masterly manner. A graphical study of the fundamental discipline that is Grammar has enabled the author express his grasp of the subject both effectively and efficiently. As appropriately stated in the 'Foreword' the author has 'held out a stretching hand to teachers and students in the restoring to them of a sense of direction.' This publication is of particular value in the sphere of education serving both as a hand book and a guide and making the teacher feel how it has facilitated the methodical study of Grammar. This book really answers a pressing demand. Teachers and students will all feel grateful to the able author and his competent colleagues.

his college win several matches. His interest in sports survived even after his school career. He was the founder member of the United Sports Club and encouraged sports in all schools and colleges under his management.

After Central College, Mr. Rajaratnam qualified himself at the Calcutta University to make him eligible to join as an Advocate student. From 1909, when he took his oaths as an Advocate Mr. Rajaratnam practised in Jaffna mainly on the civil side. He was a brilliant Advocate whose knowledge of the law was almost encyclopaedic. He maintained the highest traditions of the Bar while he practised and acted for the District Judge on several occasions with great acceptance to the Bar and the members of the public. Mr Rajaratnam has immortalised himself with his magnum opus 'The Rajaratnam Digest' and as long as the legal system of this country remains substantially in its present form, he would be remembered by the students of law, and the practitioners to whom this has remained a great boon. His ideas were much ahead of his times. Even in the third quarter of the 20th century when a good number of our politicians paid only lip service to the need to remove social disabilities in our midst, Mr. Rajaratnam advocated the need to remove social disabilities in the first quarter of the 20th century. What is more he had the courage of his convictions and practised what he preached. At that time the children of the so called depressed class had to sit on the floor. The children of the so called high class sat on the benches in the class rooms. To us now these look most cruel and unjust to innocent children, but at that time it was taken as a matter of course. Mr. Rajaratnam insisted and enforced the equal seating of all the children in all the schools and Colleges that were under his control. He encouraged the Youth Congress, and in its effort to remove social disabilities by equal dining and allowed the premises of his schools and Colleges to be used for such equal seating and dining. He was a man who had the courage of his convictions and some of the die harders burnt

down some of the schools he had built. Undaunted he rebuilt them and continued with his policy on this matter without regard to the objections of several members of the upper class who were also the patrons of the Hindu Board of Education. In fact, his defeat at the State Council Elections of 1935 is attributed to the antagonism he had created amongst the members of the so called high caste.

He entered political life early in his life and so became an elected member of the Legislative Council in 1924 and continued to be a member till 1931. During this time he acted in close collaboration with the late Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan and started the Hindu Board of Education of which Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan was the founder President and Mr Rajaratnam was the Secretary. The Hindu Board of Education was incorporated by Ordinance No. 23 of 1926, and when Sir Ponnambalam died, there were about 30 schools under the management of the Board. After the death of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan, Mr. Rajaratnam became the live wire of the Hindu Board of Education and he built up several schools and colleges through his efforts. When he handed over willingly the schools and colleges under the management of the Board of Education, there were 282 schools. Except for a few of these schools that had been handed over by Government who had started them, all the other schools and colleges owe their existence to the efforts of Mr. Rajaratnam.

Mr Rajaratnam was imbued with the ideas and inspired by the teaching of Sri Sri Arumuga Navalar. He believed that the Hindu children should be taught in a Hindu atmosphere. During his time the Hindu children attending non-Hindu schools had been compelled to attend the services held at that school. The children were even punished for wearing holy ash. Mr. Rajaratnam believed that it was not enough to build big colleges like the Hindu College, Parameshwara College and Ramanathan College and that the schools must serve the rural population and that schools must be opened in practically every village which needed a school. He could strike the right cord in the hearts of veritable misers and inspired them to become philanthropists in the sphere of education. Thus, through his efforts he gave a constructive shape and form to dreams to

la Sri Arumuga Navalar. In fact, he made the dreams of Arumuga Navalar a reality.

During his days as a Legislative Councillor, under the law, he was entitled to the use of the appellation of "Honourable" and even after the Legislative Council ceased to exist the average man spoke of him as 'Honourable Rajaratnam' till his end. In fact this term of honour was well deserved by him who was an honourable man always loyal to his friends and to his ideals. He was the last survivor amongst the members of the Legislative Council and he kept his close contact with his old colleagues like D. S. Senanayake, Sir Baron Jayatilake and Dr. C. W. W. Kannangara and when the United National Party was formed he joined that party as he believed that he and his colleagues who formed the party would serve the country well, and he was the President of the Jaffna Branch of the United National Party. In 1957, when his political opponents offered to allow him to be elected uncontested as Member for Kopy on condition he left the U. N. P. and contested the seat as an independent candidate he spurned the offer because he was an honourable man and because he was loyal to his colleagues and to his ideals though he realised that his defeat at the polls was very likely. During his days as a Legislative Councillor he agitated for the enforcement of the Conscience Clause in the schools which was openly flouting them and the Hindu children received the benefits of this clause mainly through his efforts.

In 1931 he threw up a lucrative practice at Bar and dedicated himself to the cause of Hindu education. He thought and lived for the Hindu Board of Education which was so dear to his heart. Though in his middle age he suffered from Asthma he would travel from Jaffna to Mullaitivu or even to Badulla and Delit to look after the needs of his schools ignoring his health. He was a great administrator, and he managed all these schools so efficiently that it would have been impossible for anyone else to fill his place if he had been removed from our midst before the schools were taken over by the State. We know every teacher in his schools, his good qualities, the shortcomings of each one of them and their back-

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ground. He had the backing of his colleagues on the Hindu Board of Education but till the last he remained in sole charge of all its activities. In 1960 when legislation was passed to vest schools the State, he welcomed the move by the Government. He felt that in Independent Ceylon the State should manage all the schools and colleges so that education with a national bias can be imparted to all the children and his organisation was one of the first to voluntarily hand over 282 schools and colleges in the same manner the BTS in the South handed over its schools and colleges. After the take over he was gratified to find that some of the schools he had, through his untiring efforts built up blossom into Maha Vidyalayas; but he was terribly pained and disillusioned when the Saiva Training College at Tinnevely was closed by the powers that be. He had built up this training college with the finest traditions to train teachers who could impart education in the proper Hindu or Saiva atmosphere. When the population is on the increase and more and more teachers are required he felt that the closing down of this fine institution was almost a crime. The Government had failed in its duty to maintain this school and to provide all the facilities that were being provided up to that time of take over though the very piece of legislation that authorised the take over of these schools and colleges required that it should be done. He felt that it was a breach of faith on the part of the Government and would have compelled the Government to do its duty if he had been a younger man and in good health. He registered his protest very vehemently and had to leave it at that.

After the schools were taken over, Mr. Rajaratnam concentrated his attention on the Hindu Orphanage run by the Board at Tinnevely. It was only last year that at a function on Deepapali Day when the orphan children of this institution who had nobody to give them a gift of new clothes were given new clothes and a treat. Perhaps his last speech at a public function was on this day.

As I stated earlier Mr. Rajaratnam thought ahead of his times. As a Legislative Councillor his illustrious brother-in-law Balamangalam advocated the conversion of the Jaffna Lagoon into a fresh water lake. That is being implemented now. As a Legislative Councillor when Mr. Rajaratnam advocated the diversion of the Mahaveli to the North, some called it a mad scheme. But, with the blessings of the World Bank Experts this proposal has now become a reality and he must have been gratified to find that a bill for the Mahaveli Diversion Project was passed only a day or two before his death. He has lived a full and dedicated life.

Mr. Rajaratnam leaves behind his elder sister who is 91 years old; his widow, and has three sons and three daughters who are well settled in life. It is a pity that none of his children have taken to the legal profession. Probably if he had remained in active practice, at least one of his sons would have been imbued with his love for the law.

To quote the English Poet, the life of this great man reminds us "that we can make our lives sublime and departing leave behind us foot prints on the sands of time."

May I request your Honour, on behalf of the members of the Bar and on my behalf, to cause a minute of these proceedings to be made and a copy of the minutes to be sent to the widow and children so that in their hour of sorrow they may take some consolation that this great man is remembered with reverence by his legal colleagues at our Bar and may feel happy that he has immortalised himself on more than one sphere of his activity.

Thank you.

Mr. I. M. Ismail, District Judge, in reply said:—

Mr. Kathirgalingam and gentlemen of the Jaffna Bar,

You have made reference to the passing away of one of the most distinguished sons of Jaffna in recent times. My colleagues and I were much impressed by these details

given by your spokesman, and many of these details, I must say, were unknown to us. Nevertheless, as pointed out by your spokesman it is clear that the late Mr. Rajaratnam did not confine himself solely to the legal activities. He was a distinguished Lawyer who actively practised in these Courts till 1931. He was also an active politician. In point of fact, one could say that he was a Statesman. He was also the author of a Legal Digest which was the bread winner of practically every Advocate and Proctor from the beginning of his career. All those who had to stumble through the first steps of trying to shape ourselves in practice owe our rise and our career thereafter we made at the Bar to Mr. Rajaratnam's Digest. It was not only useful to the practising lawyers but to Judges too when we deliver judgments in these Courts.

The late Mr. Rajaratnam was an eminent scholar and a great politician who had done very much to the public of Jaffna. He lived a long life and I must say a full life, and during this time he had done his best to the public of Jaffna and to the Hindus in particular.

The late Mr. Rajaratnam was selfless in his work, in his deeds and he never confined to himself but did a lot of service for the public at large without look for any reward. We are sorry that he had passed away from our midst.

Mr. Rajaratnam had lived however for more than the normal span of 3 score years and ten. I am told that it was a few weeks ago that he had walked into the Law Library and chatted with several members of the Bar, exchanged pleasantries and gave no indication that death was so near that he would be removed from our midst. Mr. Rajaratnam had the great qualities of a gentleman. He never asserted himself and was always prepared to listen to what others had to say. He always took the best of advice and tried to use it for the general benefit.

In accordance with the wishes expressed by your spokesman my colleagues and I associate ourselves whole heartedly with the very many sentiments that have been expressed, and will cause a minute of these proceedings to be forwarded to the members of the late Mr. Rajaratnam.

## Astrological

## WEEKLY FORECASTS

SRIPATHY

FROM 22 — 3 — 70

TO 28 — 3 — 70

ARIES Aswini, Bharani, Kartikai 1st part [Meda Rasi]

Health must be given particular care. Keep your temper under control. Expenses will be heavy but you will get enough to meet them. Spend Friday and Saturday with care.

TAURUS Kartika 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mithunashirsha, 1, 2, [Idapa Rasi]

Some old investments will bring in good results. You will find it difficult to have a say in things. Work will be heavy. Earnings will be likely. You may lose some money through your carelessness.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Vithana Rasi]

Financially a good week. Gain through lands and agriculture indicated. Professionally a very good week. Some unexpected gains indicated. Social success and fame also indicated.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poorsha, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

Clashes with relatives likely. You will have to work hard for your success. Strangers and foreigners will be helpful. Father's health will be affected.

LEO Maha. Pooru, Uttirai 1, [Singha Rasi]

You will have to face some criticisms and opposition this week. Domestic worries also shown. New ventures will be delayed. Paternal relatives may cause you some anxiety.

VIRGO Uttirai 2, 3, 4, Attai Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

Financially a good week. You will be able to triumph over your opponents. Minor health upsets likely. Beware of accidents and scandals.

LIBRA Chittirai 3, 4, Swathi Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

Domestic worries shown. Health too will suffer. You will have to be careful in all your undertakings. Abdominal complaints likely. Financially a fairly good week.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Expenses will be heavy. You may have to spend lavishly on entertain-

ments. Professionally a fairly good week. Opposition will melt away. Friends of the opposite sex will be helpful. SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1 [Thanu Rasi]

You will have no peace of mind. Health too will be unsatisfactory. Abdominal complaints and chest troubles likely. Financially a good week. CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2 [Makara Rasi]

Clashes with relatives shown. Vehicles will cause you some losses. Work will be heavy. Younger brothers and sisters will be helpful. Spend the 1st day with care. AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati, 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

Domestic worries likely. Minor health upsets shown. Sunday evening Monday and Tuesday must be spent with care. Rest of the week will be favourable.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revathi [Meena Rasi]

Quarrels and misunderstandings likely. You will have to work hard for your success. Troubles in the office likely. Spend Wednesday and Thursday with care. But your enemies will not be able to triumph over you.

## he Jaffna Co-operative Stores Ltd.

Whereas Mrs. Sita Villavarajan of 41 1st Lane, Rattalana, has applied to the Directors of the abovenamed Company for the issue of a Duplicate Certificate in respect of 1 Ordinary Share of Rs. 100/-, numbered 828, registered in her name, the original of which is represented to have been lost or mislaid Notice is hereby given that if within two weeks hereof no claim is made to or no objection lodged with the undersigned the Directors will proceed to deal with the application for Duplicate Certificate the original of which will be deemed to have been cancelled.

S Padmanathan,  
Secretary  
The Jaffna Co-operative  
Stores Limited.

420 Hospital Road,  
Jaffna,  
30th March 1970.  
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