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## Distinguished Saiva Leader Departs From This World

Life Full Of Laudable Service To Religion,  
Language And Culture

As President Of Saiva Paripalana Sabhai And  
General Manager Of Hindu Colleges

We deeply regret to record the death of Sivaneri Kavalar T. Muttusamy Pillai, Bar-at-Law, President of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai and Trustee of the Sattanatha Temple.



Shri Muttusamy Pillai hailed from a very distinguished family in Jaffna that participated in the religious, social, and political affairs of the country.

After a sudden heart attack, Shri Muttusamy Pillai entered the Jaffna Civil Hospital a fortnight ago and appeared to have fully recovered from the effects of the disease when unfortunately a second attack overtook him in the early hours yesterday and the great Saiva devotee and worker passed away peacefully.

Shri Muttusamy Pillai was the second son of Mr. S. Tambyahpillai, a leading lawyer of his time. Dr. T. Nallathapillai is his elder brother and Dr. T. Sivaprakasapillai is his younger brother.

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## Gandhiji Centenary Memorial Articles

No. 14

By S. Sivasubramaniam  
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In a previous article, a praiseworthy event in the welcome speech of Sir D. B. Jayetilleke at a reception held in honour of a group of illustrious Indian leaders, and headed by Moulana Shaukat Ali, all dear colleagues of Mahatma Gandhi, who preceded Gandhiji in their visit to Ceylon, was given. At that time, Bharat and Pakistan both formed one unit viz the entire sub-continent of India. Also at that time, there was greater communal harmony both in India and Ceylon. Even as in the case of individuals, so also in the case of nations, communities and countries, it so happens that it is not always possible to continue to maintain a uniformly high standard of communal relationship in a multi-racial society. Eternal vigilance, and perpetual self-introspection are among the virtues required for the continuance of excellence in any sphere of life, individual or national and recommended by Gandhiji.

The valiant efforts now made by the Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, in spite of heavy odds, to revive the spirit of National Integration takes us back to the days when Hindu leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Muslim leaders like the Ali Brothers, worked together as a single team of Indian patriots for the common weal. The noble motive behind the action of the present Prime Minister of India in supporting the candidature of a Muslim leader, Dr. Zakir Hussain and having him elected as the President of the Indian Republic, is in keeping with Gandhiji's precious ideals and would have gladdened his heart. This action is a direct and tangible result of the Mahatma's philosophy of life and political conduct and it is eminently gratifying that the centenary period is witnessing such

Adverting to the reception referred to above held in honour of Gandhiji's colleagues Maulana Shaukat Ali and Dr. Kitchlew delivered inspiring addresses giving a vivid and correct account of the Mahatma's unique personality and services and the state of affairs in India about the year 1924. The two speeches will be included as items under the appendix owing to their great political bearing and historic importance, and will appear hereafter in these columns. Some extracts from the speeches of the Muslim leaders indicative of the real reverence in which Gandhiji was held universally and of the great affection of India and Indian leaders towards Ceylon are given below:—

1 "Moulana Shaukat Ali said that he would like to tell them something about Mahatma Gandhi. "He had known him (the Mahatma) intimately. He had worked with him day and night and they travelled together for long hours and on many an occasion the huge cloak of his had been useful in protecting the Mahatma... He had wrapped the Mahatma in that huge cloak of his and put him to sleep like a baby... The Mahatma had the strength of his convictions. His heart and lips always went together. When he gave a promise he meant to keep it."

2 "Speaking about Ceylon he said that the time was coming very soon when India would attain her freedom. He could assure them that

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Letters to the Editor

### "RAJAJI"

Sir,—My object in writing this letter is to bring to the notice of fellow readers the existence and greatness of a great Indian who celebrated his 90th Birthday early this year and one who has many admirers in our country too. I am referring to Sri C. Rajagopala.

chobari of South India, affectionately known to millions of Indians and Ceylonese as Rajaji.

Rajaji was twice Prime Minister of Madras and the first Indian Governor-General of free India. He succeeded the last Viceroy and the first Gov-

ernor General of free India—viz. Lord Louis Mountbatten (an uncle of Prince Phillip). Rajaji's daughter married the late Devadas Gandhi and Rajaji was a close associate and intellectual companion of Gandhi himself. Namagiri Ammal is the name of Mrs. Devadas Gandhi and through her, nonagenarian C. R. enjoys a happy home life of sorts in his unique fashion.

Once when Rajaji was (Continued on page 2)





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### DISTINGUISHED SAIVA DEVOTEE

Physical fitness and mental efficiency go together to make the more perfect man. And Siveneri kavalar T. Muttusamipillai who breathed his last yester morn aptly answered to this adage.

Inheriting a very impressive tradition of all round accomplishment, Sivenerikavalar Muttusamipillai began life as a physical culturist and a promising lawyer, immediately catching the fancy of the public. His scholarship at school gave him the impetus to make a great success of his professional practice. During the long spells of service as Acting District Judge of the District Courts in the Peninsula he proved to be an ideal Judge and would have been an ornament to the judiciary had he accepted permanent appointment. This was not the most impressive aspect of his fruitful life. His continuous and convincing contribution to the growth of education, particularly the scope of instruction with a strong religious background, was in the form of a guidance to the Jaffna Hindu College, the premier Hindu educational establishment in this country and the many sister colleges that were affiliated to this college.

The inherent spiritual inclination in Shri Muttusamipillai inspired him so much that at the appropriate point of life he began dedicating his thoughts and actions to the cause of Saivism. As President of the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabha, the oldest organisation in the Island that is strictly wedded to the sublime philosophy of Siddantha, Shri Muttusamipillai was able to do yeoman service to the people. Succeeding Mr. A. V. Kulasingam the versatile journalist and jurist as Editor of the 'Hindu Organ' Shri Muttusamipillai widened his sphere of activities. It

was a happy coincidence that as in journalism so in legal practice Shri Muttusamipillai followed in the footsteps of the veteran lawyer Mr. Kulasingam as Crown Advocate.

Here was a humble Saiva devotee who served the people in the best ways open to man, as guiding leader of Saiva Societies, directing administrator of educational associations and law giving arbiter. His love for the Saiva Scriptures particularly the Thirumurai and specially Thiruvasa gam was such that he learnt these texts and retained them in his never-failing memory. His mellifluousness was indicative of the smoothness of his sublime thoughts.

And the weighty words of Sri Ramakrishna would adequately describe Shri Muttusamipillai's ideal of life

Oh man prepare yourself for battle.

Ther see Death entering your house in battle array (Therefore) ride on the chariot of great virtue Harness to it the two horses of devotion and spiritual practice.

Stretch up the bow of knowledge, And set the unfailing arrow of the love of God...

### Letter To the Editor

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a young barrister he had to shoot under force of circumstance an innocent individual. C. R. was travelling by bullock cart at night that time and was carrying a revolver for self-protection. The victim of C. R. made the mistake of making a sudden and suspicious appearance near the cart and inquired something from C. R. and C. R. on his part misunderstanding the man's intentions shot him. The incident upset Rajji so much so that it changed the course of his life and he eschewed violence for good.

In the early issues of 'Ananda Vikatan' one finds interesting contributions on diverse topics by Rajji the young writer. He was also peculiarly cartoonised as கிருபர் சாதி, the roving reporter (in indirect fashion nowadays Rajji benevolently places his deep knowledge and wisdom at the disposal of fellow humans through Kalki. Rajji is also the author of works like 'வினாக்கள்' a recent edition of which was published by Bharata Vidya Bawan. As author Rajji is well known for his dedicated mission of

making the common man comprehend the nature and divine greatness of Lord Krishna, through his writings. A vaishnavite Brahmin himself, Rajaji is not averse to the present D. M. K. government of India adopting its own brand of religious freedom at practical level. Rajaji was a much respected and venerated figure at the second world Tamil conference held in Madras in January this year.

As P. M. of Madras Rajji did away with rice rationing and thus checked undue rise in the price of rice and enabled the available quantity of rice go round more fairly. Through this and similar measures C. R. assured the poor and ignorant millions of Tamil Indians of the Madras State of having some bread at least even if poverty and ignorance deprived them of the opportunity to prove satisfactorily to their fellow country men and the rest of the world that man does not live by bread alone. I stop here. May Rajji live to be a centenarian and may all factors combine to make his dream of nuclear disarmament come true is my humble prayer. Thank you

Yours etc.

S. Kumarakulasingham.  
Paiyagala South,  
29 6 68.

### Duty to the Public

Sir,

The Editorial in the 'Hindu Organ' of June 14 is excellent. It is worthy of some of the old editors like the late Messrs Chellapabpillai (Retired Chief Justice and first editor), Hon. A. Sabapathy Legislative Councillor and Mr. A. Cathiravelu, Crown Proctor and J. P. U. P. M. (father of Jaffna's Ex Mayor Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Advocate). A duty to the public has been well done by means of the editorial, which is distinguished by its spirit of independence, candour, and detachment.

However the public must be thankful to God and the persons referred to in your editorial that things are not worse. Let us all humbly pray and work for an improvement in our affairs.

I had the privilege of reading editorials written by the three great leaders referred to and of knowing personally the last two of them.

Yours etc.

S. Sivasubramaniam

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## REFERENCE AT THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Mr. I. M. Ismail, District Judge, Mr. R. Paramaguru Additional District Judge, Mr. M. Jameel Magistrate were accommodated on the Bench when Mr. Kulasingham said, 'Before we begin the work for the day, it is my sad duty to refer to the death of a very old friend and colleague of mine, Mr. T. Muttusamypillai. Mr. Muttusamypillai had been ailing for some time. I visited him more than once and there was no sign of death taking him away because of his splendid body and I thought he would recover from the illness, but fate has taken the other course and has taken him away from our midst.

For my part, I have lost a great friend and a great landmark in my life. Civil courts in Jaffna had lost a man, who excelled in the administration of justice.

Mr. Muttusamypillai was enrolled as an Advocate, I believe, in the year 1928 and had since then practised as an Advocate in Jaffna. I had great pleasure of enjoying his assistance as my Junior right from the start and he had appeared in many cases in those days with great distinction. He used to appear in both the courts at one and the same time.

He was resourceful and I was surprised to find that he did more work than he could do because all people entrusted their cases to him. I remember in those days Mr. J. C. W. Rock was the District Judge here. He and Mr. Muttusamypillai were lovers of physical culture and they found between themselves great affinity and this relieved me considerably of my work because I passed more of my work to Mr. Muttusamypillai and asked him to appear before Mr. Rock. He rose up in the profession. People who engaged his services were greatly pleased by his knowledge and the force of his character.

Eventually when I thought of giving up my duty as a Crown Advocate, I sought to see that Mr. Muttusamypillai was appointed to this post and he was appointed as the Crown Advocate, Jaffna. Everybody knows the calibre of Mr. Muttusamypillai as a member of the legal profession. He was conscientious; he had knowledge; he had caution and all the qualities which make a great advocate.

Later he used to act for long periods as Acting

Judge of this court and I had the pleasure of appearing before him on more than one occasion and the impression he created was that he would have been a great judge had he accepted a post in the Judicial Service. Fortunately for the Bar he did not accept a post in the Judicial Service. As a matter of fact, I find it rather difficult to make a reference to him as an Advocate because I had known him too well and been too intimate with him.

I must add that what impressed me greatly and the people know it was that he became deeply religious in the latter days. He was a student of Tamil Literature and a follower of Saint Manickavasagar and I trust that he thought of that great poet and sage in his last hours.

Not only as an Advocate, but as a public man he distinguished himself. He was associated with the activities of the Saiva Paripalana Sabha. He was a member of the Sabha and later he became the President of it. His work for the cause of the Hindu religious culture was considerable.

Later, I remember, he was the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Jaffna Hindu College and sister Colleges and later he became the Manager. He did excellent work for Hindu education because the Hindu colleges in the outstation and villages were affiliated to the Jaffna Hindu College Board.

Later, I think, I must say he was more wedded to religion and literature than to the law, but there was no slackening in the work entrusted to him by his clients. I always noted with great pleasure the manner in which he did his work.

He comes from a distinguished family—from a well known Hindu family. His late father Thambiahpillai was a proctor of this court and his grandfather was Dr. Sivapiragasapillai.

He was very patient and courteous to all people and I am sure his death will be widely regretted and he will be missed not only in our profession but also in the Hindu Societies of Jaffna. He has two distinguished brothers—Dr. Nallanathan and Dr. Sivapiragasapillai.

By the grace of God he had lived all these years, but the decree of Providence, unlike the decrees of

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## Reference at the...

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court, is difficult to understand. We can only accept the decree of Providence with reverent submission.

He leaves behind one daughter — wife of Mr. K. E. Kathirgalingam, our Crown Advocate

It is now, Sir, my sad duty to ask you to make a minute of these proceedings and forward a copy of same to Mrs. Kathirgalingam and Mrs. Muttusamipillai."

Mr. I. M. Ismail the District Judge said

"Mr. Kulasingam and Members of the Jaffna Bar — my colleagues and I learnt of the death of Mr. T. Muttusamipillai this morning with great regret and with a deep sense of distress.

Unfortunately after I came to preside in this court, I have not had the privilege of seeing Mr. Muttusamipillai appearing before me. But I do remember that in my earlier years as a Judicial Officer when I presided at Vavuniya Mr. Muttusamipillai did appear before me on more than one occasion and I must say he impressed me favourably not only by the presentation of his case but also by the great interest he had taken in the case for his clients. It is rather unfortunate that I did not have the privilege of seeing Mr. Muttusamipillai appearing before me in this court. However, there is no doubt that this Bar and the general public of Jaffna have lost one of their most distinguished lawyers, who had graced the Jaffna Bar for the last 3 or 4 decades.

From information available to us, it is apparent that he did not confine his activities solely to the sphere of law. He showed a great deal of active personal interest in the educational sphere pertaining to the large number of Hindu Colleges, which are scattered all over the Peninsula. I am also informed that he was the Manager of the Hindu Board and he put his heart and soul into the activities of the Board and whenever he could spare he devoted himself to the affairs of the Hindu Societies. Besides these, he was a great student of physical culture. He had an outstanding physique and a good personal ty.

I am also informed that he was a Saivite and whenever persons visited him he was able to entertain them according to their way of life.

It is no doubt a great loss to the public of

## Distinguished Saiva Leader.....

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Mr. Muttusamipillai chose his partner in life in the reputed family circle, Thillaiammah daughter of Mr. Chellappapillai, Asst. Collector of Customs. Maintaining the tradition of high family connection, his only daughter Manonmany was given in marriage to Advocate Mr. K. E. Kathirgalingam who emulating the worthy example of his father-in-law has become the Crown Advocate of Jaffna and had acted for the Judges of the District Court of Jaffna.

In 1961 Mr. Muttusamipillai at the request of the British Council visited England. During his stay in England he was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn). Later he visited West Germany to see the working of educational institutions.

The funeral took place on Thursday at 5 p. m. in the presence of a very large gathering of friends, relations, lawyers, judges, doctors, principals and staff of the educational institutions of Jaffna.

Mudr. C. Muttutambay Mr. N. Sabaratnam, Principal, Jaffna Hindu College and Mr. S. Eliathamby Proctor delivered the funeral orations.

Dr. T. Sivapragasapillai set fire to the funeral pyre at the family crematorium at Kombianmanal.

We extend our condolences to the bereaved family, Mrs. Muttusamipillai, Mr. K. E. Kathirgalingam Mrs. Manonmany Kathirgalingam (daughter) Miss Lalithambikai, Miss Vijayalathchumi and Master Senthikumar (Grand children, Dr. T. Nallai-nathapillai, Dr. T. Sivapragasapillai (brothers) Mr. S. T. Pillai (brother-in-law) and Mrs. Nallai-nayakam Pillai (Sister).

The Jaffna Hindu College, Kokkuvil Hindu College and Urumpiray Hindu College and the offices of the Hindu Organ were closed on Thursday and the District Court adjourned its sitting at 1 p. m.

Birth: 31 - 5 - 1902

Death: 11 - 7 - 1968

Jaffna, but the manner in which he conducted his cases would no doubt leave an inspiration to the Juniors of this Court in their practice.

I am also informed that the Judicial Service Commission offered a post on the Bench to him but he did not accept it because he could be of more useful service to the peo-

## Nallur Kandasamy Kovil — Annual Festival

## TRAFFIC NOTICE

The following roads will be closed for all vehicular traffic between 30-7-68 and 24-8-68 (both days inclusive) in connection with the above festival.

- 1 That section of Point Pedro Road between Arasady junction and the 2nd Mile Post.
- 2 That section of Temple Road between Pandarakulam Lane and Somasundaram Lane
- 3 That section of Chetty Street from Point Pedro Road to Chetty Lane.

NOTE: Bona fide residents of the area and all officials visiting the area on duty will be issued with Special Traffic Permits at the Temporary Police Station near Kandasamy Kovil at Nallur from the evening of 29-7-68.

## Deviation of Traffic

Drivers of all vehicular traffic are requested to use the following deviations:-

- 1 Navalar Road — Nallur Cross Road deviation when proceeding from the direction of Jaffna towards Kopay or in the opposite direction.
- 2 Wyman Road — Navalar Road — Nallur Cross Road deviation when proceeding along Arasady Road towards Kopay or in the opposite direction.

## Parking of Vehicles

For the convenience of the pilgrims three vehicles parks will be arranged at the following places and all drivers of vehicles are requested to use them for parking their vehicles.

- 1 At the Amman Temple grounds, for traffic approaching Kandasamy Kovil via Arasady Road.
- 2 At Kailasapillaiyar Temple grounds for traffic approaching from the South.
- 3 At Muthuraisanthai Market grounds for traffic approaching from the direction of Kopay.

S. I. Azeez  
Asst. Supdt. of Police  
Jaffna I.

Police Office, Jaffna  
4-7-1968.

ple of Jaffna as an advocate as well as a citizen of Jaffna in the many spheres of activities he took part.

He confined himself, I believe, solely to civil practice. From the time he started his practice he built up a lucrative practice. His efforts were awarded as Crown Advocate when Mr. Kulasingam retired from the office of Crown Advocate. I am also informed that he acted with distinction and impartiality for long periods on the Bench.

In deference to the wishes of Mr. Kulasingam, I shall certainly cause a minute of these proceedings made and a copy of it sent to Mrs. Kathirgalingam and Mrs. Muttusamipillai."

## Astrological

## WEEKLY FORECASTS

SRIPATHY

FROM 14 - 7 - 68 to 20 - 7 - 68

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

A good week for finances. Success in educational pursuits also promised. But minor health upsets likely. Some happy happenings in the domestic field indicated.

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

Success in new ventures promised. You will be able to triumph over your enemies. Gains through landed properties also indicated. Foreigners and strangers will be helpful

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

Work will be heavy but you will be sufficiently compensated. Some of your personal problems will be solved. Financially a good week.

CANCER Purnapooma 4, Poo-aa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

The first day of the week must be spent with care. Rest of the week will be favourable for new deals. But health upsets likely. Eye troubles likely.

LEO Maha, Poo-aa, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]

You will have to work hard for your success this week. Expenses will be heavy. Spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon with care. Rest of the week will be fairly favourable.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atta Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

Professionally a fairly good week. Gains through agriculture indicated. But there will be no peace of mind. Spend Wednesday evening Thursday and Friday with care.

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

Professionally a good week. New ventures will be successful. Fame and social success also indicated. Spend Saturday with care. Domestic troubles likely

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Professionally a fairly good week. Work will be heavier than usual. Some changes in routine shown. But triumph over enemies promised.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1 [Thanu Rasi]

Friends will help you out of difficulties this

week. Domestic peace also will prevail. But health will be far from satisfactory.

CAPRICORN Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiravonam, Avittam 1, 2 [Makara Rasi]

Old investments will bring in good results. New ventures also will be successful but delayed. Expenses will be heavy. Domestic worries also shown

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4 Satayam, Pooraddati, 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

You will be able to triumph over your enemies. Health should improve. Gains through agriculture promised. But domestic worries shown.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati [Meena Rasi]

There will be no rest. Health upsets likely. All is not well on the domestic side also. You will find it difficult to have your way in things.

## Gandhiji Centenary.....

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India was not going to forget Ceylon. They did not want to rob Ceylonese of their Independence and of their individuality... Ceylonese should come more often to India and establish closer relationship."

Dr. Kitchew stated 3 "That they in India had always looked upon Ceylon as a country for whom they had a great regard, a great affection and a great love. He regarded them as flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bones and if ever they wanted India's assistance and help, he thought that that help would be forthcoming from India in any shape or form they might require."

4 "They would stand, Indians and Ceylonese, shoulder to shoulder not only for the freedom of India and Ceylon but for the freedom of the whole East."

5 Dr. Seyed Mahmud advised the Mohammedans in Ceylon to join the Ceylon National Congress and not to be awayed by suspicions that the Sinhalese majority would harm them" (the Mohammedans).



