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## 100 years of Kudiyarasu

- Periyar, who started the movement for social change in Tamil Nadu, was the first magazine to put his ideas through writing, 'Kudiyarasu'.
- The contribution of 'Kudiyarasu' in the fields of rationality, women's liberation and abolition of caste is significant.
- On 02.05.1925 'Kudiyarasu' magazine was started with E.V. Ramasamy and V.M. Thanga Perumal as editors.
- Periyar continued as teacher after Thangaperumal stepped down as teacher in the following months.
- The first issue of 'Kudiyarasu' featured the songs of Mahakavi Bharatiyar as 'Ellarum Oru Kulam, Ellarum Oru inam, Jathigal Illaiyadi Papa'.
- Through his articles and editorials under the name EV Ramasamy and the pseudonym Chitraputran, he continued to advocate for the rights of the oppressed.
- The important contributions of the 'Kudiyarasu' were the work for the development of Tamil along with the Tani Tamil movement and continued to advance in the struggle for the right to the Tamil language.
- The fact that the journal was launched under the pure Tamil name of 'Kudiyarasu' is a testimony to Periyar's initiative in the use of Tanithamil. While working diligently to bring literature like Tirukkural to the masses, the 'Kudiyarasu' never hesitated to criticize irrational literature.
- In 1938 when Hindi was imposed in Tamil Nadu. This magazine has documented the entire history of Tamils' struggle against the imposition of Hindi, as well as campaigning on its impact.
- Articles opposing child marriage and advocating widow remarriage are innumerable.
- Not only Periyar but also Periyar's sister and publisher of the magazine were imprisoned in Kannammalam for writing an editorial (29.10.1933) entitled 'Why should the current rule be abolished?'.
- The 'Kudiyarasu' which played an unavoidable role in the social and cultural politics of the Tamils appeared till 05.11.1949.

## Supersonic Torpedo Missile Test Success

- The Torpedo Supersonic Missile has been developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) to improve the Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities.
- A supersonic torpedo missile was successfully test fired from Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha yesterday.

## Vice Chief of Naval Staff

- After Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi took charge as the Chief of Naval Staff yesterday, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan was appointed as Deputy Commander.
- He then paid tribute at the war memorial. Prior to this he headed the Personnel Division at Naval Headquarters.
- Vinash also served as Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier Kulish, Mysore and Vikramaditya and INS Vidhut.
- Swaminathan joined the Navy in 1987. Specializes in communications and electronic warfare.
- He has received specialized training in several disciplines, including the National Defense Academy and the United States Naval War College. For his services in the Navy, he has been awarded Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

## Inauguration of Herostone commemorating Tamils in Thailand

- The Second World War was fought from 1939 to 1945.
- At that time, 1.50 lakh Tamils were involved in the construction of the railway connecting Thailand with Burma (Myanmar).
- 70 thousand Tamils died due to diseases, workload, non-availability of food etc.
- The bodies of the dead Tamils were buried en masse in the Dhavaorn Buddhist temple complex in Kanchanaburi, Thailand.
- This location has now been identified. Those buried at the site were Tamils, as confirmed by DNA analysis of the skeletons found there.
- In order to respect the Tamils who were buried without any recognition, the Tamil Society of Thailand decided to set up a 'nadukal' according to the tradition of the Tamil community.



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