

விருந்தினர்கள் பார்வைக்கு

- அழைப்பிதழை நுழைவாயிலில் காண்பிக்க வேண்டுகிறோம்
- காலை 10.15 மணிக்குள் இருக்கையில் அமர வேண்டுகிறோம்
- அணிவகுப்பு அரங்கினுள் நுழையும்பொழுது அனைவரும் எழுந்து நின்று அவர்கள் அமர்ந்த பின்னரே அமர வேண்டுகிறோம்
- பட்டமளிப்பு விழா முடிவில் நாட்டுப்பண் முடிந்து அணிவகுப்பு அரங்கிலிருந்து செல்லும்வரை எழுந்து நிற்க வேண்டுகிறோம்
- குழந்தைகளுக்கு அரங்கினுள் அனுமதியில்லை
- கைபேசி, புகைப்படக்கருவி மற்றும் பை அரங்கினுள் அனுமதிக்கப்படுவதில்லை
- Kindly bring this invitation to the registration counter
- Guests are requested to be in their seats by 10.15 a.m.
- All are requested to stand up when the procession enters the auditorium. You can resume your seats after the members of the procession have taken their seats
- At the close of the convocation, all are requested to rise for the National Anthem and remain standing till the procession leaves the auditorium
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5^{ஆம்} பட்டமளிப்பு விழா Convocation

AGENDA

08.30 am	Registration	நிகழ்ச்சி நிரல்	பதிவு தொடங்குதல்
10.15 am	Registration Closes		பதிவு நிறைவுறுதல்
10.30 am	Arrival of Dignitaries		விருந்தினர் வருகை
10.45 am	Convocation Procession Starts		பட்டமளிப்பு விழா அணிவகுப்புத் தொடக்கம்
11.00 am	Invocation		தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து
11.10 am	Welcome Address		வரவேற்புரை
11.20 am	Declaring the Convocation Open		பட்டமளிப்பு விழா நிகழ்ச்சிகள் தொடக்கம்
11.25 am	Convocation Address		பட்டமளிப்பு விழாப் பேருரை
12.15 pm	Presentation of the Candidates		மாணவர்களை முன்னிலைப்படுத்துதல்
01.30 pm	Administration of Pledge		உறுதிமொழியேற்றல்
01.40 pm	Conferment of Degrees		பட்டங்களை அனுமதித்தல்
01.45 pm	Dissolution of the Convocation		பட்டமளிப்பு விழா நிறைவுறுதல்
01.50 pm	National Anthem		நாட்டுப்பண்
01.55 pm	Procession Returns		விழா அணிவகுப்பு திரும்பிச் செல்லுதல்

சனிக்கிழமை, 13.12.2014, முற்பகல் 11.00 மணி
Saturday, 13th December 2014, 11.00 a.m.

திருமந்திரம் அரங்கம், கற்பகம் பல்கலைக்கழகம்
Thirumanthiram Auditorium, Karpagam University
Coimbatore - 641021

நிகழும் ஜய ஆண்டு 2014 கார்த்திகைத் திங்கள் 27 ஆம் நாள்
சனிக்கிழமை, டிசம்பர் 13, 2014, முற்பகல் 11.00 மணிக்கு

5^{ஆம்} பட்டமளிப்பு விழா

பல்கலைக்கழகத் திருமந்திரம் அரங்கில் நடைபெற உள்ளது

திரு. வினோத் ஆர். சேத்தி அவர்கள்

செயற்குழுத் தலைவர், கேசிபி சுகர் மற்றும் தொழில் கழகம்

முதன்மை விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொண்டு

பட்டமளிப்பு விழாப் பேருரை நிகழ்த்த அன்புடன் இசைந்துள்ளார்கள்

டாக்டர் இராச. வசந்தகுமார் அவர்கள்

வேந்தர், கற்பகம் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

தலைமையேற்று, பட்டம் வழங்க இருக்கின்றார்கள்

தாங்கள் இவ்விழாவில் கலந்துகொண்டு

சிறப்பிக்க அன்புடன் வேண்டுகிறோம்

துணைவேந்தர்

மற்றும் நிர்வாகக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள்

The Vice - Chancellor
and
The Members of the Board of Management
request your presence at the

5th Convocation

on Saturday, 13th December 2014 at 11.00 a.m.
at University Thirumanthiram Auditorium

Shri. VINOD R. SETHI

Executive Chairman of the Board of KCP Sugar and
Industries Corporation Ltd

has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest
and
delivers the Convocation Address

Dr. R. Vasanthakumar

Chancellor
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will preside over the function
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Confer the Degrees

இதனை இதனால் இவன்முடிக்கும் என்றாய்ந்து
அதனை அவன்கண் விடல்.

திருக்குறள் - 52 : 7

*Assured this man will do this task this way
Leave it to him*

Thirukkural - 52 : 7



Shri. VINOD R. SETHI
Executive Chairman of the Board
of KCP Sugar and Industries
Corporation Ltd

Shri. Vinod Rajindranath Sethi, obtained B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering from IIT Bombay in 1984 and an MBA in Finance from Stern Graduate School of Business, New York University in 1989. A student with an outstanding academic record he earned a Beta Gamma Sigma Graduate Honors from New York University. It is no wonder indeed that his progress started here. Straight out of Business School, he joined Morgan Stanley in 1989. True to the saying that no one understands and appreciates the American dream of hard work leading to material rewards better than a non-American, Mr. Vinod Sethi pioneered international investing in India. As the good old proverb goes 'where there is a will, there is a way' Mr. Sethi's will definitely has helped him open the gates of success. Mr. Sethi founded the India business for Morgan

Stanley and was its Chief Investment Officer for 12 years. During his tenure, the India business grew to exceed Rs. 10,000 crores in assets under the management making Morgan Stanley one of the largest investors in India. He was appointed as the Chief Investment Officer for all of Asia except Japan in 1997-98.

Mr. Sethi's forte lies in finance, global perspective, strategic and investment planning. The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra. Lao Tzu says "Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small"; Mr. Sethi can be referred to as a man who lives by this philosophy, for, his success rate and perfection stand testimony to it. Mr. Sethi is the Executive Chairman of KCP Sugar and Industries Corporation Ltd. KCP is one of the oldest and most reputed Sugar-mills Ethanol-Bio fertilizer complexes in India. It has been consistently profitable and dividend paying company for over 5 years winning the prestigious National Energy Efficiency and Safety Awards for many years. It provides employment to thousands of farmers; it has paid farmers promptly for over 75 years and is the largest sugar producer in Andhra.

In the words of Confucius, "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

Mr. Sethi is a living example whose will, desire, and urge helped him unlock the doors of personal excellence. Mr. Sethi has been one of the early entrants in some landmark investments such as Infosys Technologies, Zee television, Hero Honda, Advanta India Ltd., HDFC among others. He has in-depth experience in secondary investing, IPO's, pre-IPO's, private equity and early stage financing.

Currently, Mr. Sethi runs his own investment firm. He is on the board of several Indian Corporates: United Phosphorous Ltd, Geodesic Ltd, GTL Ltd, Axsys Health Tech Ltd, among others.

விருந்தினர்கள் பார்வைக்கு

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சனிக்கிழமை, 13.12.2014, பிற்பகல் 03.00 மணி
Saturday, 13th December 2014, 03.00 p.m.

திருமந்திரம் அரங்கம், கற்பகம் பல்கலைக்கழகம்
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நிகழும் ஜய ஆண்டு 2014 கார்த்திகைத் திங்கள் 27 ஆம் நாள்
சனிக்கிழமை, டிசம்பர் 13, 2014, பிற்பகல் 03.00 மணிக்கு

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பல்கலைக்கழகத் திருமந்திரம் அரங்கில் நடைபெற உள்ளது

திரு. த. ஸ்டாலின் குணசேகரன் அவர்கள்

தலைவர், மக்கள் சிந்தனைப் பேரவை, ஈரோடு

முதன்மை விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொண்டு

பட்டமளிப்பு விழாப் பேருரை நிகழ்த்த அன்புடன் இசைந்துள்ளார்கள்

டாக்டர் இராச. வசந்தகுமார் அவர்கள்

வேந்தர், கற்பகம் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

தலைமையேற்று, பட்டம் வழங்க இருக்கின்றார்கள்

தாங்கள் இவ்விழாவில் கலந்துகொண்டு

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துணைவேந்தர்

மற்றும் நிர்வாகக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள்

The Vice - Chancellor
and
The Members of the Board of Management
request your presence at the

5th Convocation

on Saturday, 13th December 2014 at 03.00 p.m.
at University Thirumanthiram Auditorium

Shri. T.STALIN GUNASEKARAN
President, Makkal Sinthanai Peravai, Erode.

has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest
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தாமின்து புறுவது ஁லகுதின் புறக்கண்டு
காழறுவர் கற்றறிந் தார்

*That what delights him delights others
Delights a scholar*

திருக்குறள் – 40 : 9

Thirukkural - 40 : 9



Shri. T. STALIN GUNASEKARAN
President
Makkal Sinthanai Peravai
Erode

Shri. T. Stalin Gunasekaran, prominent orator, writer, and social worker is a lawyer by profession. It is said that successful people don't do different things but they do things differently. Shri. Stalin Gunasekaran is one visionary who did things differently and climbed the ladder of life. He started social work through an establishment called the Student Development Club at the early age of ten. Right from 1980, he has been aggressively caught up in student welfare organisations. He formed the 'Bharathi Youth Club' which went on to celebrate its Silver Jubilee. He is also known for his 'Bhagat Singh Youth Club' and 'Elaignar Ezhutchi Club'. Later on all these associations were amalgamated to form the Makkal Sindhanai Peravai, a non-political organisation.

Makkal Sindhanai Peravai has its branches in several parts of Tamil Nadu and has been successful in creating social awareness among the youth of Erode. Shri. T.Stalin

Gunasekaran has chaired quite a few prestigious offices. He has been the Secretary of the Erode Thamizh Elakiya Peravai and Head of the Tamil Nadu Journalists Association. He is also Director of Century Publishing House and Editor of 'Your Library', a monthly periodical.

As an orator, for the past 30 years he has been delivering lectures in various parts of Tamil Nadu as well as across the country on varied topics for social welfare and social change.

He has been conducting Bharathi Vizha in Erode for the last 33 years. During the last 18 years, Bharathi Vizha is conducted at the State level by Makkal Sinthanai Peravai and the Bharathi Award is presented to the best scholar of the state.

During the past 13 years he has been involved in honouring government school teachers for having produced 100% results in the public examinations. This year alone 1250 teachers have been felicitated.

One of his celebrated books Varalaatru Paathaiyil (2007) received the 'Best Literary Thought Award' from the Chennai Literary Thought association. Another book of his titled Viduthalai Velviyil Thamizhagam highlights the role played by the people of Tamil Nadu during the freedom struggle.

They say that "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies and the man who never reads lives only once", not only Shri. Stalin Gunasekaran is an avid reader but he's a man who has behind him an illustrious record of community service. To help those that read and to infuse reading habit in youngsters Shri. Stalin Gunasekaran made his most distinguished contribution of bringing in a library at his native place in Erode which was built at the cost of Rs. 2. He has personally contributed around 6000 books to the library. He has also started private libraries in various parts of the city. Since 2005, he has been conducting a National Level book Fair in Erode. In 2014, the Fair sold books worth a breathtaking Rs. 7 Crore within twelve days with more than 12 lakh people visiting the trade fair.

Shri. T. Stalin Gunasekaran's inspirational vision and altruistic fortitude have touched and infinitely enhanced the lives of many through his distinctive rhetoric proficiency and communal activities. He is very widely appreciated and respected by his peers for his involvement to civic life. Sir, we consider it a unique privilege to extend a warm welcome. May this become an event to be recalled with much joy and nostalgia in the years to come!



ஒன்றா உலகத்து உயர்ந்த புகழ்அல்லால்
பொன்றாது நிற்பதுஒன்று இல் திருக்குறள் - 24 : 3

*Save fame unique and towering, nothing stands
Undying in this world Thirukkural - 24 : 3*

ANAND KUMAR

Shri. Anand Kumar born on January 1, 1973 in Patna, Bihar is a celebrated mathematician and columnist for various national and international mathematical journals and magazines. Fascinated by mathematics from a very early age he started a mathematics club the 'Ramanujam School of Mathematics' during his graduation. In 1994, he got the opportunity to pursue higher education at Cambridge University. The untimely demise of his father altered the course of his education as he was unable to find a sponsor. Shri. Anand Kumar had to forego the opportunity to help his mother in her small business enterprise in the evenings and wrote mathematical theory and articles during the daytime. He also tutored students in maths to earn extra money.

Having witnessed the pangs of poverty, Thiru. Anand Kumar decided to do something to help brilliant students from underprivileged sections of the society, who fade away without getting the right opportunities. This motivated him to start 'Super 30', a programme initiated in Patna, Bihar in 2002. He utilized his education as both teacher and tutor, primarily for students preparing for the scholastic aptitude test. 'Super 30' coaches economically backward students for IIT-JEE, the entrance examination for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT). Every year 30 students are selected to attend the course. During 2003 - 2014, 308 students out of 360 have made it to the IITs. What is most remarkable is that Shri. Anand Kumar does not receive any financial support for Super 30 from any government as well as private agencies, but manages on the tuition fee he earns from the Ramanujam Institute.

Shri. Anand Kumar has earned an exceptional repute for ushering in a silent social transition through his revolutionary education initiative Super 30. In March 2009, Discovery Channel broadcasted a one-hour long program on Super 30 and half-a-page had been dedicated to Shri. Anand in The New York Times. Super 30 received praise from United States President Barak Obama's special envoy Mr. Rashad Hussain, who termed it the 'best' institute in the country. Time magazine has selected the institute in the list of Best of Asia 2010. Newsweek Magazine has taken note of the initiative and included Super 30 in the list of four most innovative schools in the world. He has been selected by UK based magazine Monocle from among the list of 20 pioneering teachers of the world.

Throughout his distinguished career Shri. Anand Kumar has been awarded numerous awards and recognitions. He is in the Limca Book of Records (2009) for his contribution in helping economically poor students pass the IIT-JEE by providing them free coaching. Shri. Anand Kumar has been awarded Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Shiksha Puraskar in November 2010. He was awarded the Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar Yuva Puraskar 2010 by Akil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in Bangalore. He was also honoured by Government of British Columbia, Canada. Thiru. Anand Kumar has been awarded 'Baroda Sun Life Achievement Award' by Bank of Baroda in Mumbai. He was also awarded the S.Ramanujam Award for 2010 by the Institute for Research and Documentation in Social Sciences in July 2010 and the prestigious Ramanujam Mathematics Award (2014) at the Eighth National Mathematics Convention in Rajkot. The Honorary Doctorate Degree (*Honoris Causa*) has been conferred on him by Karpagam University in appreciation and recognition of his distinguished contribution to the field of Mathematics and for his service to mankind in a very innovative way refining the lives of those he touches.



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மதிப்புறு டாக்டர் பட்டம்

Honorary Doctorate (D.Sc.,) *Honoris Causa* to be conferred on:

Thavathiru Ooran Adigal, Samarasa Sanmarga Aaraichi Nilayam, Vadalur.

Thiru. T. Stalin Gunasekaran, President, Makkal Sinthanai Peravai, Erode.

Shri. Anand Kumar, Teacher, Super 30, Patna, Bihar.

சனிக்கிழமை, 13.12.2014, முற்பகல் 11.00 மணிக்கு

Saturday, 13th December 2014, 11.00 a.m.

திருமந்திரம் அரங்கம், கற்பகம் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

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யான்எனது என்னும் செருக்குஅறுப்பான் வானோர்க்கு
உயர்ந்த உலகம் புகும். திருக்குறள் - 35 : 6

*His is the world beyond heaven
Who is free of the delusion of "I" and "Mine" Thirukkural - 35:6*

THAVATHIRU OORAN ADIGAL

To be a man is tough, and to be more than just a man is even tougher and Thavathiru Ooran Adigal is way ahead of it. He has in him not just what we call human attributes but what it takes to be a hue-man. Thavathiru Ooran Adigal was born on May 22, 1933, in Tiruchirapalli. He served as the Town Planning Inspector in Trichy, Vellore and Thiruvaramangam from 1955 to the next twelve years.

Spirituality is a domain of awareness, even at forty, fifty and above not many have neither the maturity nor the attributes to even understand the concept of spirituality and service but Swamiji at the young age of 22 founded the "Samarasa Sanmarga Aaraaichi Nilayam" and as Lao Tzu said "The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step" Swamiji's initial step kick started with his research on areas like Tamil religion and moral ethics and he went on to become a sage then. From then on, Vadalur turned out to be swamiji's residence and he became an ardent devotee of Saint Ramalinga Adigal known as Vallalar who preached non- violence, vegetarianism, poor feeding, light worship and lived for religious harmony, righteousness in all endeavours, social reforms, removal of disparity in the name of caste, religion and language. For a period of 25 years he served as a trustee of the morality centres in Vadalur. He is the Vice President of "Tamizhaga Thuraviyar Peravai" as well.

Francis Bacon says "Journeys at youth are part of the education; but at maturity, are part of the experience" Swamiji's books testifies this saying and asserts his experience to add to his credits further. Most of the books he penned were published by the Samarasa Sanmarga Aaraaichi Nilayam. The most prominent and famous books of Adigalar are Vadalur Varalaru (1967), Ramalingarum Tamizhum (1967), Ramalinga Adigalin Chidhambara Anubavangal (1969), Vallaalar Kanda Murugan (1978), Valluvarum Vallalarum (1980), Arutpa Thirattu (1986), and Vallalarum Gandhiadigalum (2006) and many others.

To put in order all six holy divisions of "Thiruvarutpa", Adigalar devoted his time and efforts in researching and went on to accomplish the task triumphantly. He with his innumerable efforts and dedication started work on the Thiruvarutpa Prose Segment and Thiruvarutpa Collection and with great aplomb published a rehashed version of the same shortly.

Thavathiru Ooran Adigalar had also been to many famous Universities in and around Tamilnadu to address gatherings with due regards to the trust. Swamiji had also been on a number of pilgrimage tours and been to holy places from the Himalayas to Kanyakumari. His accomplishments stop not there, for, Adigalar has also visited a number of countries like America, France, Germany, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. The Honorary Doctorate Degree (*Honoris Causa*) has been conferred on him by Karpagam University in appreciation and recognition of his valuable services to society.



தாம்இன் புறுவது உலகுஇன் புறக்கண்டு
காழறுவர் கற்றறிந் தார் திருக்குறள் - 40 : 9

*That what delights him delights others
Delights a scholar Thirukkural - 40 : 9*

T. STALIN GUNASEKARAN

In a world that over-values rugged individuality, competition and efficiency, it is rare - and so very refreshing - to find someone whose life's work disrupts business-as-usual in order to make us wiser, more kind, more connected, and more just.

Thiru. T. Stalin Gunasekaran, born on 3rd June, 1960 in Erode is a renowned orator, writer, and social worker is a lawyer by profession. He started social work through an organisation called the Student Development Club at the early age of ten. Right from 1980, he has been actively involved in student welfare organisations. Later he formed the 'Bharathi Youth Club' which went on to celebrate its Silver Jubilee. He is also known for his 'Bhagat Singh Youth Club' and the 'ElaignarEzhutchi Club'. At one point all these associations were merged to form the MakkalSindhanaiperavai, a non-political organisation.

MakkalSindhanaiperavai has been successful in creating social awareness among students and the youth in Erode. The association has its branches in several parts of Tamil Nadu. Thiru.T.StalinGunasekaran has chaired several prestigious offices. He has been the Secretary of the Erode ThamizhElakiyaPeravai and Head of the Tamil Nadu Journalists Association. As an orator, for the past 30 years he has been delivering lectures in various parts of Tamil Nadu as well as across the country on varied topics for social welfare and social change. The Independence Day special magazine he compiled for JeevaMuzhakkam, to commemorate the Independence day golden jubilee celebrations made many heads turn and won accolades.

In 1986, he met one of the freedom fighters, Kalpana, and listened to her brave experiences during the freedom struggle. He also travelled to Kanpur to meet Captain Lakshmi who served in the women's division in Nethaji's Indian National Army. He visited several other freedom fighters and gathered information about their experiences. His speeches on various freedom fighters delivered under the title 'Suthanthira Sudargal' is now available in CDs.

He has been conducting Bharathi Vizha in Erode for the last 33 years. During the last 18 years, BharathiVizha is conducted at the State level by MakkalSinthanaiperavai and the Bharathi Award is given away to a selected scholar of the state. During the past 13 years he has been conducting a ceremony where government school teachers are honoured for having produced 100% results in the public examinations. This year alone 1250 teachers have been honoured. His book Desa Viduthalaikum Thyaga Sudargalum is very popular. Another book Varalaatru Paathaiyil in two volumes was published in 2007 and received the best literary thought award from the Chennai Literary Thought association. His talks on popular radio programmes have been published under the title Mei Varuththa Koolitharum.

His book Viduthalai Velviyil Thamizhagam talks about the role played by the people of Tamil Nadu in the freedom fight. Over six years were spent in compiling and publishing this great work. He has travelled far and wide to collect valuable information connected with this book. Currently he is working on the third volume of this work.

Thiru. T. Stalin Gunasekaran has a distinguished record of community service. His most notable contribution is his efforts to inculcate the reading habit among the youth and public in general. To this effect, a huge library was built at the cost of Rs. 2 lakhs at his native place in Erode. He has personally contributed around 6000 books to the library. Later it was handed over to the government. He has also started private libraries in various parts of the city. A thousand students from about sixty-four schools across the state were selected to receive copies of his Viduthalai Velviyil Thamizhagam. He is also Director of Century Publishing House and Editor of 'Your Library', a monthly magazine. He is instrumental in including reading habits amongst youngsters.

Since 2005, he has been conducting a National Level book Fair in Erode. In August 2014, the Fair sold books worth a stupendous Rs. 7 Crore within twelve days with more than 12 lakh people visiting the exhibition.

The Honorary Doctorate Degree (*Honoris Causa*) has been conferred on him by Karpagam University in appreciation and recognition of his inspirational vision and selfless determination and for his contribution to public life.