

Pathirikai is one year already. At the very outset, let me thank the readers and subscribers for keeping the journal alive. Next I would like to thank the regular contributors, ané Vinayegum Caulee, Aca Kobashni Pillay, Aya Parama Mauree, Prof. Subramaniam, Aya Govindarajen Payanianadee, Ané Shiv Naraynen, Ané Naden Caulee and all others who have in some way contributed to keep the journal alive. I will fail if I do not mention the supporters of Pathirikai, since its very inception, Aya Naden Vydelingum, Aya Menon Murday, Aya Ganessen Annavee among others. It is indeed very important to have these people around oneself when venturing in such an activity. This is so because publishing a newspaper, whether online or in print requires lot of guts, efforts and time. The contributors and supporters give you the materials and the moral support you require to meet the ends.

Pathirikai took birth during the Deepavali 2011, and was announced as a source of light for the community. We do not aspire to become the source of light, but rather to be another source whereby information could be propagated to members of the community and the diaspora. During this one year we are very satisfied that we have been adopted by many members of the community, and that they regularly refer to Pathirikai for specific information. Our expectation were however much higher in terms of readership. We still have many young who despite using Internet and Facebook many times a day, have still not read Pathirikai, or even have not heard of it. My colleagues and I have been campaigning in many Kovils during Govinden and last Cavadee, but still many are left to be done. We need to get our people to read and subscribe to Pathirikai. It is very unfortunate that many of our former newspapers have died a silent death, caused by lack of interest of readers due to their editorial line and other factors such as accessibility. We are making every effort to have Pathirikai accessible to each and every one by using the most up-to-date means such as Internet, Facebook, Twitter etc. We are as well avoiding getting into polemical issues so as to remain independent of any institution. We give opportunities to everyone who wishes to express their opinions to do so through our interactive forums. We thus hope to be able to meet the need for each member of the community, youngsters and elders.

We have more challenges in the years to come. People are getting busier with their own activities and have no time for a side activity. We are not attracting new writers, despite our effort to train them in basic journalism. In my previous I have explained this state of affairs clearly.

So our appeal to each and every one is to support us in our endeavor. Our appeal to all sanghams is to use Pathirikai as a platform for sharing your information to your bhaktens and to other members of the community. Let's put our hands and minds together to achieve great heights. We badly need to concentrate our efforts to move forward in the same direction.

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