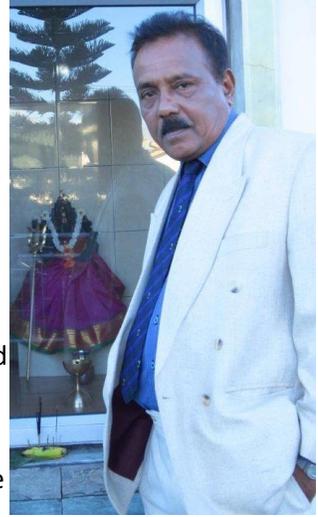


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1. Vanakkam Mr. Tandrayen. Following your recent calls for participation, through our columns, for discussion on issues affecting tamils in Mauritius, it appears that you are going ahead with the creation of a Tamil Front.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to explain to the Tamil community, the objectives of our action.

Primo, let me underline that we are not placing ourselves as challenger nor wish to replace the MTTF. Our main concern is to unite the Tamil Community and not to divide. The last population census would surely proved the declined in the numbers of the Tamil Community in Mauritius. In nearly all Tamil family in Mauritius, we do have at least one relative who has been converted to other religion or literally change his name to another religion. Furthermore we are assisting to another phenomena in Mauritius, Tamil people are acting as spectators to cavadee, Timeedee , canjee poossai etc while non Tamil people are practicing the ritual. Even Group of Bajanam are been performed by non Tamils.



The Tamil community are having so much urgent problems to solve rather than City Power or the Sanskrit language in our kovil. Or whether to call a priest Swami or Achagar. The latest saga in the Tamil community is the Panjangam. I shall cut short on this problem as I know that there have been many discussion on this issue but unfortunately there have not been able to have a consensus. And the Vaigasai cavadee have been celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th June. Other coming festivities with the same problem are schedule to come.

2. According to you, do we have any institution in Mauritius which should have played the role you are about to play?

Let me congratulate The Tamil League, The Tamil Speaking Union, The Northern Tamil Ass, and many other association and even The Pathirikai , who are trying to give the best of themselves, in many ways. While others are not playing the game because of politics. We have many representatives of institutions, Trust ,Association, Board, etc who show themselves only on the TV, on occasion of festivities with Politicians. While Tamil community have many problems in the drawer.

I put to all Tamil people some questions among many.

- Why do many CPE students(Tamils) got 5 A or A+ but a D or E in Tamil. Very few with A or B?
- Why do those same student stop the tamil language in the secondary classes?

- Why do other community have the possibility to chose or change their Public Holiday every year, while Tamil do not have the possibility.(Thaipoosum Cavadee 2013 Sunday. Public Holiday)?
- Why do the Tamil community which is one of the first Indian Community to come to Mauritius being considered as 'TIFRERE' instead of 'GRANDFRERE'?

Who should see into these matters?

Who should negotiate and inform our students the existence of scholarship from Tamil Nadu Or Malaysia etc...

La liste est longue, et j'en passe.

3. I would like to know how the front you are about to create will address the problems you have just mentioned?

We have organized many meetings with many individuals, groups, priest etc.. where the people were invited not only to listen our proposal but to share their feeling and comments. We are 100% confident. We are actually sending all documents for registration after what we are having a press conference. We are having one Executive committee regrouping members of kovil and Sangam all over the island. And a 2nd larger committee including members of our committee plus individuals such as Swami, Lecturers, Astrologers, Astronomers, Lawyers, Musicians etc.. to guide us in our further actions.

We shall focus our action on the unification of the Tamil Community, with common action as far as possible, in the ritual and the celebration of festivities. The issue of regular news letters is primordial.

4. Is there any other information you would wish our readers to be aware of?

We shall give you full details on the group in the press conference, but in the meanwhile we welcome new suggestion , comments and membership. Kindly send your details to rajenvigilance@yahoo.com or

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Mot de la Fin : **Mon reve c'est de finir avec les messages des Politiciens lors des Fonctions religieuses et culturelles.**

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