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# **SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE OF CONTEMPORARY TAMILS**

**CASTE, RELIGION, WOMEN, POLITICS, EDUCATION, ECONOMY, TRADE  
AND RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES**

## **OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN TO THE WOMEN IN 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

1. Opportunities given to all women at high, higher level education.
2. Decision making self-help groups started.
3. Higher positions in Civil services, Police service and Forest, Foreign service.
4. Awarded about of child marriage, marriage registration and divorce.
5. Dailies, Weeklies, monthlies for women.
6. Women's wishes are asked in choosing her life partner.
7. 33% reservation for women in all sectors.
8. Large Number of Educators are women.
9. Shining at Private, Public and govt. sectors.
10. N.G.O's like Avai Illam started to uplift the destitute women.
11. Some Ladies are projected by present media in wrong ways. But women has a good position in all levels in all fields.

## **CHANGES IN THE ECONOMICAL CONDITIONS OF TAMIL WOMAN**

1. Due to gender equality, women's employment become increasing strong. This leads to increase in financial states to the women community.
2. Families under financial crisis get power to tackle the everyday's life.
3. Dowry, Male Chauvinism in the family are getting weaker. Money makes many things. In decision making of the family matters women are taking vital part. Employed Women get luxurious life with numerous means.
4. Thousands of women Engineers, doctors, consultants are working in MNC's with the knowledge of all. It is not easy to cheat them. By the economical opportunities to the women, they lead their family full equipped family.
5. Self help Groups make the women society to give awareness about money, selling and buying with neighbourhood and friends.

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6. Banks account and ATM usage are common today to all.
  7. The privileges to woman by the central and state govts. Leads raise their positions in the society.

## **ORIGIN & GROWTH OF DALITH MOVEMENTS**

1. The standard of Living of Daliths were miserable in India once. They lost their rights in socio-economic status in their life. They were neglected. This was continuing in the period of Nayakkas more. Daliths were suppressed by the upper communities.
2. In 1882, Ayothidasa Pandidhar started Dravidar Kazhagam. Then it changed as South Indian welfare sangam of Daliths.
3. Adhi Dravida Mahajanasaba, confederation of daliths, Social Justice Sangham were the associations started by some persons to keep their welfare. They gathered under are umbrella.
4. Street dramas, Therukkoothu were performed by the people of daliths to create the awareness among the people.
5. Journals like Anrormithiran, Boologa Viyasan and Adhi Dravida Mithiran were induced emotional feelings of their rights.
6. Ambedkar and Periyar tried to get reservation for dalit in the employment system.
7. After Independence, Sangam and Peravai were converted into political parties.
8. Dalith people are considered to be the people of Adhi-the first citizens of India.

## **TAMIL SCHOLARS TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE WOMEN**

1. Christian Missionaries during the British period gave remarkable service to the women's education and Health.
2. Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy made several attempts to raise the standard of living of women. She started 'Avvai illam' for destitute women in Adayar, Chennai. Maternity and child hospital was started by her efforts in Chennai.
3. Mayuram Vedanayagam Pillai wrote "Penmadhi Malai" which gave voice to women rights.
4. Bharathi and Bharadhidasan wrote many songs for the welfare of the women

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5. Dr.Dharumambal, Moovalur Ramamirtham, Anjalai Ammal, Ambujathammal, Asalambigai Ammaiyar were the women personalities who worked to create good lifestyle for women.
  6. Child Marriage, Devadasi System and dowry system are completely washed from in the Tamil society because of their efforts.

## **WOMEN’S**

The poet Bharathi took numerous efforts to raise the standard of women in the society. He emphasized chastity is common to both men and women. He insists that woman is not lower than men in knowledge and power. The persons who not favoured the educated women had died, he says.

Puratchikkavi, Bharathidhasan supported whole heartedly (on the path of his Guru Bharathi) to the uplift of women society. He raised the women status by arranging remarriage of widows.

Periyar’s contemplations on Women’s liberty made a revolution in the society. He advocated the theory of education higher education, Right to property, employment opportunities to women in Tamil Nadu

## **THE VALUES OF EDUCATION AFTER INDEPENDENCE IN TAMILNADU**

1. Women are higher in number than men in education.
2. Annamalai University was started in 1929 by Raja Sir Annamalaiyar, Loyola, Presidency, Kumbakonam, Trichy Saint Joseph are the colleges of higher education to our youngers, Thousands of Schools, Colleges, Universities, I.T.I., I.I.T., Polytechnic Colleges are seen all over Tamilnadu to raise our Standard of education.
3. The Chief Minister Kamarajar opened more than 26,000 primary, Elementary schools, high schools throughout Tamilnadu during his nine years rule.
4. Noon Meal scheme at school level changed into Nutritious Meal scheme. It gives meals to millions of our children.
5. Free Education upto college level, study materials, Scholarships are given to all students in the various names.

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6. Education Loans are given to the students, those who are willing to continue their higher education and economically backward.
  7. Opportunities given to youth to get higher education such as M.S. in engineering. Medicine in foreign countries also creates good revolution to our youths.
  8. In short, After Independence our education raised in higher level.

### **In Higher Education**

It was felt that the deficit of Engineering colleges and medical institutions in Tamil Nadu. With the policy of liberalization, self-financial colleges of Engineering and Medical are increasing to the numbers of candidates who wants to join the courses. Anna University is managing nearly 600 Engineering Colleges today.

Dr. M.G.R. Medical University has the authority to control all medical colleges in its boundary. Tamil Nadu has colleges for architecture, Arts and Science, para medical and catering training centres.

Distance education and open University makes the youth as graduates. Who can't continue their higher education.

After Independence, P.S.G of Covai, gets immense position in the higher education.

Gandhigram Deemed University and Tamil University are the institutions which makes the youth as researchers in the fields.

### **INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AFTER INDEPENDENCE OF TAMILNADU**

1. Nehru took a path of socialism to administer the Nation's growth. Russian model five year plans were implemented. Tamilnadu got good changes in the way of Industries.
2. Spinning Mills, Textiles Industries are widely seen in Covai, Erode, Karur, Salem, Tiruppur Districts.
3. Once the clothes manufactured from Binny Mills exported to foreign countries.
4. Handloom Textiles grew immense in numbers in Tamilnadu.
5. Co-operative Institutions started for the welfare the people.



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6. **Public Sectors:** NLC in Neyveli, BHEL in Trichy, HUF in Avadi, ICF in Perambur, HPF in Guindy, Ordinance factory in Avadi, Refineries in Manali, Narimanam, Atomic Power Stations in Kalpakkam and Koodankulam, Thermal Power stations in Ennore and Neyveli are the living examples of our Industrial growth.
  7. Industrial Estate in Guindy, Tambaram, Sriperumpudhur, Ambattur, Perundhurai are giving lakhs of employment chances to our youngers.
  8. Factories of TVS family are seen in Ambattur, Padi, Madurai, Osur and Puthukkottai.
  9. Chennai is called as 'Nambikkai Nagaram' gives job to all who comes there.
  10. (Detroit of India) Chennai is called as car city. Many foreign companies started vehicle manufacturing units in Chennai.
  11. T.C.S., C.T.S., Infosys, Accenture, are MNCs in the field of Information Technology in Chennai.

## INDUSTRIES IN TAMILNADU

1. Agriculture is a major profession of Delta region. Nearly Eleven districts doing this job like cultivate paddy, Sugarcane, banana. This area is the treasure of our basic needs.
2. Erode is famous for Turmeric cultivation and sugarcane. Erode Turmeric Sandhai is 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in India.
3. Textile Business take a major part in Karur, Erode, Covai and Tirupur.
4. **Neelagiri:** Coffee, Teas Estates, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Carrot, Eucalyptus, Honey cultivation are wide in this district. Also, Neelagiri called Queen of mountains attracts the tourists from all over the world.
5. **Covai:** This is called Manchester of South India which gives proper chances to our youngsters in the fields of Textiles, Household goods, Accessories, Mixy, Grinder, Spinning Mills, Motor Pumps industries.
6. **Others:** Tirupur, Called Kutti Japan gives jobs to Thousands in Textiles factories. Namakkal is famous for egg production. Dindugal is famous for lock manufacture and flower cultivation. It is called Holland of South India. Salem

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takes an important role in manufacturing Javvarisi and Iron. Earkadu is one of the Tourist spots called “Poorman’s Ooty”.

## “GO ABROAD TO SEEK WEALTH”

### Introduction

- Lack of employment, qualified jobless, irregular salary makes our youngers to seek the jobs abroad. Wealth of gulf countries, opportunities, higher salary, software skilled jobs, Mechanical Engineering jobs in MNCs attract our youths to foreign countries.
- **Multi National Companies:** These types of companies attract the youths who have not proper jobs in inland, easily ready to go without any conditions. They have proper employment as their qualification abroad.
- Indian Doctors, Engineers, Software professionals are ready to go to Germany, London, France, Singapore, Malaysia, Gulf nations for better employment and luxurious life and salary.
- Students at school and college level also take passports now-a-days. Family background, economy, standard of life, Children’s welfare pushes them towards the good jobs in foreign countries.
- **Self-Respect:** Youngsters are shying to work available in their native and ready to do same work in foreign countries.
- Foreign Exchange of money from world countries to Tamilnadu increases day to day. This is next to Kerala.

Major cities like Chennai, Covai, Erode, Tirupur are the shelters of North, North east states’ youths. But our boys and girls seek good jobs in foreign. This one is an irony in our life style!

### PEOPLE WELFARE SCHEMES

1. Farmers welfare schemes came under the rule of Rajaji. It gave a relief to Peasants.
2. Compulsory Education to children below 14 years, Noon Meal Scheme, nutritious scheme, Free Books, Buspass, Laptops and other 14 study materials are the students welfare plans.



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3. An Act in 1958 gives powers to Panchayat level at rural, urban areas.
  4. Loan schemes to farmers from the co-operative societies.
  5. Tamilnadu's Public Distribution system gets first place an all India level.
  6. Roadways connections joining rural, urban, State and National Highways for free transport. It is about 60,000 km.
  7. Thousands of Elementary Schools and high, higher schools are seen in Tamilnadu to educate the children.
  8. Separate Directorates to schools and colleges for sophisticated administration.
  9. State level planning commission to create plan for the state.
  10. Free Eye campaigns, Rehabilitation centres for physically challenged, Hand Rikshaw Abolition, Sewing Machines and Iron Box Distribution to women are socially improving the standard of living.

### **CULTURAL EXCHANGES IN THE LIFESTYLE OF TAMILS**

1. Words of other languages mingled with Tamil in huge level.
2. Western style costumes adopted by Tamil people.
3. Traditional hair style called Kudumi completely changed,
4. Large Number of educated women.
5. Women's travel abroad for education, Employment, Life settlement.
6. Liquors of western countries usage much in Tamils.
7. Traditional Siddha Medicine is going back, Alopahy came to primary level.
8. Claurinet and Band music are become common.
9. English Vegetables, Chrotence Plants. Nookul, Beetroot, Carrot.
10. The events not connected with Tamil culture such as Valentine Day and Parties.
11. Thus so many cultural exchanges are leading among the Tamils.

### **RELIGIOUS HARMONY**

1. We, the people of Tamilnadu have to be proud to live joining with each other without caring of religions. We have crossed the conflict of Saivaite-Vaishnavaite, Vadakalai-Thenkalai divisions in 18<sup>th</sup> century.
2. People of Islam and Christianity, Hindu Religions are living peacefully. They are following their ways of worship separately.

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3. Samarasa Sutha Sanmarkkam a new way of attaining God was formed by Vallalar.
  4. ‘யாதும் ஊரே யாவரும் கேளிர்’ in Tamil Tradition emphasise the world family. All religions have to mingle with the ocean of God, says of Vallar. Mary-Mari, Christ-Krishnan, Abraham & Ibrahim are same and one, Tamils think Thirumandhiram teaches us alike.
  5. One Race, One God. Acceptance and Tolerance are characters of Tamil.

### CULTURAL MOVEMENTS IN TAMIZHAGAM

1. **ThaniTamizh Iyakkam:** Due to the heavy mixing of other words into Tamil, Maraimalai Adigal started a movement of ‘ThaniThamizh’. It gives the routes to remake of our pure Tamil Words. Sanskrit names changed again to Tamil.
 

Mayuram	-	Mayiladurai
Vedaranyam	-	Thirumaraikkadu
Arunachalam	-	Annamalai. So the intervention of others into Tamil is controlled.
2. **Thamizhisai Movement:** Instead of music concerts with carnatic music changed by this movement. Raja Sir Annamalaiar started this in 1941. Famous personalities like M.S.Subbulaksmi, Ramaniammal, Pattammal also sang the songs of Tamil in the stage. Radio Broadcasted Tamil songs M.S.Subbulakshmi sang many Tamil songs like “காற்றினிலே வரும் கீதம்”. Odhuvars of Thevaram gets good position in Temples. Pasurams of Andal, Nammazhwar often are sung in the Vaishnava Temples.
3. **Anror Peravai:** Kamban Kazhagam, Muthamizh Peravai. Sekkizhar Manram, Kannadhasan Peravai, Elangovadigal Manram creates a genuine taste of Literatures!
4. **Writers’ Forum:** Progressive writers ‘Forum, creates new thinkings among the Readers. Kalki started ‘Tamil Ezhuthalar Sangam’ in 1946 in Chennai started. Thaninayagam started ‘Thamizh Kalai Mandram’ through these associations. Tamil readers get good criticism of modern Literature.

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5. **Tamizh Sangam:** In 1901, Pandithuraiar started 4<sup>th</sup> Tamil Sangam in Madurai. Karandhai Tamil Sangam, Delhi Tamil Sangam, New York Tamil Sangam, Chennai Tamil Sangam are motivating our culture.

### **SOME ADULTS IN THE WAYS OF IMMORALITIES**

1. Adolescence is a period of stress and strain. Teenagers, Youths both men and women are in the state of disturbed minds. They could not take the decisions for their future life. This is not suitable to entire youth community. Some of them are guided in the wrong way by media, friendships, immoral connections.
2. Lack of joint family system leads to irregular paths. Proper guidance and counselling only guide them in a right way.
3. In present days cyber crimes are created by their ignorance. They use mobiles, internets in the wrong ways some times.
4. Micro family systems are misguiding them directly or indirectly. They do not understand what is to be done for their better life.
5. Liquor is an another thing in the hands of some youngsters. It will lead them in a cruel manner for getting that evil. Some fellows are ready to lose their better chances indirectly.
6. Even college student also indulges in theft, chain pulling, murder, paid killing with their friends for easily getting luxurious life.
7. Over affection of parents on their children sometimes routes them this kind of immoral activities.
8. Frequently they are doing crimes for money.
9. These youngsters should be reformed by the elders, Teachers and parents. Then only Nation will stand better!

### **TAMIL PERSONALITIES OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ADMINISTRATION**

1. **Technology and Administration:** In present day. Tamils in various fields get top ranks by their talents and intelligence. We see some of the persons who are in the fields.

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2. **Thiru Chandrasekar:** He is the chairman of Tata group of companies. With the support of Ratan Tata Chandrasekar continues in the position of Charimanship for his efficiency of Administration.
  3. **Mrs. Indhira Nooyi:** As a Chennai Woman, She is the Chief Executive Officer of Pepsi Co. company for many years.
  4. **Sundar Pichai:** He is a man of Madurai. He is the C.E.O. of Google which is having No.1 Information Technology position in the world. He is the best of Software Engineers. He is a role model of our youngsters. Recently American parliament witnessed his explanations in person.
  5. **Mayilsamy Annadurai :** Son of Kongu Mandalam; He is the Director of Chandrayan I, Plan of ISRO.
  6. **Arunan Subbiah:** Son of Nellai; Mechanical Engineer Service in ISRO. He is the Director of making Mangalyan.
  7. **Smt.Valarmathi:** She is from Ariyalur. She is the Planning Director of indigenous first Radar Imaging satellite.
  8. **A.P.J.Abdul Kalam:** son of Mugavai. 11<sup>th</sup> President of India. Man, of Missiles. Victorian of Atomic Bomb in Bokron. Bharatha Rathna Awardee,
  9. **K. Sivan and Shivanadar:** They are personalities of IRSO and HCL respectively.

### Questions:

1. Evaluate the role of Tamil Women freedom fighters during the Gandhian Era.
2. Write about the Tamil scholars in the field of science and administration.