

Sri la Sri Arumuga Naavalalar

A gift to the Saivites' from Eelam

This saint was born in 1822 at Nallur Jaffna and departed his soul in 1879 on his 57th Year. Naavalalar was a national hero, a fore runner in the freedom movement, a guardian of Saivism, master of the Tamilian prose and an excellent exponent and deliverer of the Saiva Doctrines.

Saivism, which was let with prestige and fame in Tamil Ealam and India from the Ancient days dwindled during the foreign rule of Portugese, Dutch and the British from the 16th to the 20th Century.

The conqueror demolished many Saiva temples and ill-treated the saivaites. Unable to resist the pressure of the foreign rulers and to beget favours many saivaites embrace Christianity.

Arumuga Naavaar could not bear these assaults on Saivaism. He conducted many debates and challenges against the foreign Missionaries. He held regular discourses expounding the glories and principles of Saivaism. He released many pamphlets, books and journals about saivaism. To facilitate his purification, he established his own printing press in Chittamparam of India and in Jaffna. He established many Saiva schools to educate the saiva children and their own cultural Environment.

Many Text like periya puranam, kandapuram, Nannool etc are in the verse form. These were difficult for the ordinary layman to read and understand hence Naavalalar wrote the text in the prose form and published them. He also authored many books like Saivavinaavidai ,paala padam, palapothini for young saiva children like us.

His work and service was much liked, appreciated and honoured by many who conferral titles as Naavalalar, author of prose form. Let us all follow and abide to the techniques explained by Naavalalar and live as good Saivaitis.

Thank you