

Acknowledgements and Disclaimer

The Tamil texts presented on these pages originate from my research project, which was generously funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) when I was teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Some of these details are given in my book *A Reference Grammar of Classical Tamil Poetry*, published by The American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, 1992.

All the texts were entered on Macintosh computers initially by me and later on by others as noted next.

Texts and Personnel

When the Macintosh was released and proper fonts were available in the mid-1980-s (pre-Web era!), I typed the early Tamil texts (eṭṭuttokai எட்டுத்தொகை, pattuppāṭṭu பத்துப்பாட்டு, cilappatikāram சிலப்பதிகாரம், maṇimēkalai மணிமேகலை, muttolāyiram முத்தொள்ளாயிரம், and some of the didactic texts known as the patinēṅkīlkkanaṅku பதினெண்கீழ்க்கணக்கு)—all preceding and following the research grant from NEH.

Later on, graduate students (R. Chandrakumari, Bruce Perry, and Devika Govindachari) at the University of Pennsylvania, funded by the NEH grant, entered the following texts: most of the didactic texts (patinēṅkīlkkanaṅku பதினெண்கீழ்க்கணக்கு), iraiyaṅār kaḷaviyal urai இறையனார் களவியல் உரை, kallāṭam கல்லாடம், and cācaṅamālai சாசனமலை.

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Fonts

These texts use the Tamil and TimesIndian fonts created by George Hart (University of California, Berkeley) in the nineteen-eighties. Recently, G. Hart mapped the original Tamil font to a Tamil font supplied by Mr. P. Chellappan (of Palaniappa Brothers, Chennai, and former president of KaniTamilSangam) through Mr. P.K. Sivasamy (a.k.a. Ramesh) of Hosur, India. My sincere thanks to all of them.

Disclaimer

1. Availability of the entire corpus. I haven't had sufficient time to edit all the texts that were typed into the computer. Therefore, only a small number of texts among the entire corpus are currently made available on these pages. Hopefully, as time permits, some day I would be able to get them all ready for the Web usage.
2. Accuracy of the text entries. I've checked the text entries several times for accuracy. Nevertheless, one may find an occasional typographical error.
3. These texts are not intended to replace the traditional printed copies.
4. Everyone would be able to view the PDF documents, but searching for a term/word may be difficult due to the keying.

Web Usage

- It is easy to browse a PDF text on a Web browser.
- If you are interested in searching for a particular word/term in a specific text, you can use the Search feature in the PDF document. However, due to certain limitations of the media, texts typed in the TimesIndian font are relatively easy to search on a Mac. You need a key for the search, which I've provided. For example, to search for "long a" (అ) you need to hold down the option key and then press "a."