Birth Centenary Celebrations of Legendary Tamil Poet Kannadasan

The birth centenary of legendary Tamil poet, lyricist, and Sahitya Akademi laureate Kannadasan is being commemorated.

Kannadasan, known as Kaviarasu, was an eminent Tamil poet, author, film lyricist, and State Poet Laureate of Tamil Nadu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Kannadasan was born as **Muthaiah** in **Sirukoodalpatti** village in present-day **Sivaganga district** of Tamil Nadu.
- In his early political and literary career, he was actively associated with the **Dravidian movement** before later adopting a spiritual path.
- He earned distinction by serving as the **State Poet Laureate** of **Tamil Nadu**.
- His birth **centenary** marks national recognition of his vast contributions to Tamil literature, poetry, and cinema.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Kannadasan received the **Sahitya Akademi Award** in **1980** for his historical novel '**Cheraman Kadhali**'.

He was honored with the title '**Kaviarasu**' (King of Poets) for his legendary poetic excellence in Tamil.

His major prose works include the acclaimed multi-volume work '**Arthamulla Hindu Matham**' and the Christian epic '**Yesu Kaviyam**'.

Kannadasan authored notable autobiographical books titled '**Vanavasam**' and '**Manavasam**'.

He edited and published popular journals including '**Thendral**', 'Kannadasan', and '**Mullai**'.

The Tamil Nadu Government erected the Poet Kannadasan Memorial Building in **Karaikudi**, **Sivaganga district**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Kannadasan (born Muthaiah) won the 1980 Sahitya Akademi Award for 'Cheraman Kadhali' and was Tamil Nadu's Poet Laureate.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 8 in Group 1, Group 2/2A, and Group 4 exams covering Tamil scholars and literature.

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