

V. KRISHNA SWAMY IYER *
(1863-1911)



INTRODUCTION

"An extraordinary vigour and quickness of intellect, a sound knowledge of legal principles, a keen insight into human nature, a never-failing resourcefulness, a pluck that recognised no difficulties except to overcome them, an exuberant energy, a robust constitution, gifts of speech of a very remarkable order, and last but not least a high character"

-(Late Sir) PS Sivaswami Iyer

V. Krishnaswami Iyer was a man known for his philanthropist nature, as a dynamic leader, and founder of important public and charitable institutions. Though he was born in a lower middle-class family, he strived hard to attain great heights. After completing his law degree, he joined as a junior in R. Balaji Rao office at Mylapore. R. Balaji Rao was one among the stalwarts of Madras Bar and in recognition of his services the place where he lived was named after him as Balaji Nagar in Royapettah. Krishna swamy Iyer under the guidance of his senior lawyers was able to become an eminent lawyer

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S.SATYAMURTI*

(1887-1943)



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அஞ்சாமை ஈகை அறிவுக்கம் இந்நான்கும்
எஞ்சாமை வேந்தர்க் கியல்பு-382

anjaamai eekai arivookkam inhnhaankum
enjaamai vaendhark kiyalbu-382

The oldest Tamil literature Thirukural, a common creed for all the people provides guidelines for betterment of human life. This couplet from Thirukural number 382 from the chapter on Polity, speaks about the greatness of the King. It enumerates four qualities as essential elements of a successful leader. They are courage, liberty, wisdom, and energy. Sundara Sastrigal Satyamurthi is a man of such qualities who lived as an inspiration to others. He was a great freedom fighter, patriot, eloquent lawyer, visionary educationist, intense lover of art and culture. Though a lawyer by profession, he regarded the freedom struggle for swaraj as more important and the need of the hour. So, he left his lucrative profession and immersed himself into the freedom movement. He was a man of great character and calibre and has rendered selfless service to the society.

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M.BHAKTAVATSALAM
(1897-1987)



INTRODUCTION

வன்கண் குடிகாத்தல் கற்றறிதல் ஆள்வினையோடு
ஐந்துடன் மாண்டது அமைச்சு. -632

van-kaN kutikaaththal katraRidhal aaLvinaiyoadu
aindhutan maantadhu amaichchu - 632

This couplet from the sacred Thirukkural means, "The minister is one who in addition to the aforesaid five things excels in the possession of firmness, protection of subjects, clearness by learning, and perseverance". Sri Bhaktavatsalam was a renowned statesman of South India was endowed with such qualities. He had extraordinary organizational and administrative abilities. A dynamic leader of Madras, with clear vision and intelligence worked hard for the regeneration of Madras in all spheres. A veteran freedom fighter with strong patriotic feeling he endured innumerable sufferings for the cause of freedom of the country. His some of his close associates

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