

**PRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDES OVER  
INTERACTION WITH RESEARCH SCHOLARS WHO ARE  
UNDERGOING SPECIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS ON  
SELECTED UNSUNG FREEDOM FIGHTERS IDENTIFIED BY SIXTEEN  
STATE UNIVERSITIES FROM TAMIL NADU, AT RAJ BHAVAN,  
CHENNAI**

To acquaint our new generation with their sacrifice and to foster the sense of nationalism dreamed of by our great freedom fighters, the movement of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav started across the country. In this direction, Raj Bhavan Tamil Nadu took the initiative to identify, document, and celebrate the unsung heroes of Tamil Nadu. On the birth anniversary celebrations of Nethaji Subhas Chandra Bose held at Raj Bhavan, Chennai, the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of State Universities urged the state universities of Tamil Nadu to identify the unsung freedom fighters of Tamil Nadu as per their territorial jurisdiction and conduct an evidence-based Special Research Project. Tamil Nadu has contributed profoundly to the freedom struggle, yet a very limited number of freedom fighters are acknowledged, and in many of the cases, there is sufficient information available. There is a dire need to document the true stories of the forgotten freedom fighters.

Following this, review meetings of the Hon'ble Governor with all the research scholars, mentors, and guides, and the Vice-Chancellors of sixteen State universities have been held at Raj

Bhavan, Chennai, from 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Hon'ble Governor reviewed the special research projects carried out on 90 Unsung Freedom Fighters by the Research scholars of 16 State Universities and interacted with the research team.

During the series of interactions, the Hon'ble Governor participated in the individual presentations of all the researchers. He shared valuable suggestions and recommendations with the research scholars and their mentors. He emphasised conducting comprehensive research by exploring, corroborating, and integrating the socio-cultural, political, and economic background of that time and drawing references from state and national Achieves, Oral History through folk songs and takes, going through records such as prison records, and also the news articles of that time. This is a modest initiative by Raj Bhavan to give due recognition and respect to our great freedom fighters and will be expanded further.

The details of unsung freedom fighters identified by the research scholars are:-

Sl.No	Name of the Freedom Fighter identified (Thiru/Tmt.)	Native District	University
1	<b>N. Chinna Annamalai</b>	<b>Sivagangai</b>	<b>Alagappa University (Interacted on 02.05.2023)</b>
2	<b>S.V. Muthuvadugunatha Periya OodayaThevar</b>	<b>Sivagangai</b>	
3	<b>A.K. Chettiar</b>	<b>Sivagangai</b>	
4	<b>Gandhi I.B. Arrangesamy Raja</b>	<b>Virudhunagar</b>	
5	<b>P.S. Vasanthan</b>	<b>Virudhunagar</b>	
6	<b>Rukmini Lakshmipathi</b>	<b>Madras Presidency</b>	<b>Anna University (Interacted on 02.05.2023)</b>
7	<b>Kalki Sadasivam</b>	<b>Trichy</b>	
8	<b>Ganapathy Dikshitar Subramania Iyer</b>	<b>Thanjavur</b>	

9	M.David	Vellore	<b>Annamalai University(Interacted on 03.05.2023)</b>
10	Subbayya Achari	Sivagangai	
11	Uzhavan Appavu	Salem	
12	D. Govidasamy Padayachi	Cuddalore	
13	D. Nainiappa Pillai	Cuddalore	
14	V. Sudharsanam Naidu	Cuddalore	
15	N. Annamalai Pillai	Thiruvannamalai	
16	M. Anjalai Ammal	Cuddalore	<b>Bharathiyar University (Interacted on 03.05.2023)</b>
17	M.P. PeriyasamyThooran	Erode	
18	Ambujammal	Coimbatore	
19	Kovai Subri (K.Subramaniam)	Coimbatore	
20	Kovai Khaddar Ayyamuthu(C.A. Ayyamuthu)	Coimbatore	
21	Malayandi Venkitapathy Ethalappa Naicker	Tiruppur	
22	P. Kamala Ramaswamy	Tiruchirappalli	<b>Bharathidasan University (Interacted on 04.05.2023)</b>
23	Kodumudi P. Rajagopalan	Karur	
24	Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai	Vedaranyam	
25	Ladapuram M.Gurusamy Naidu	Perambalur	
26	A.R. Ruthirapathi	Tiruvarur	
27	N.G. Rajan	Nagapattinam	
28	S. Satyamurthi	Pudukottai	
29	Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan	Dindigul	
30	A. Chidambaranathan Nadar	Kanyakumari	<b>Madurai Kamaraj University (Interacted on 04.05.2023)</b>
31	A. Alagumuthukone	Thoothukudi	
32	V. Virupatchi Gopal Naicker	Dindigul	
33	J. George Joseph	Madurai	
34	N.K.A.B. Pandian	Tirunelveli	
35	J. Dhasan	Tirunelveli	<b>Manomaniam Sundaranar University (Interacted on 09.05.2023)</b>
36	S. Nallaiah	Tirunelveli	
37	A. Masilamani Pillai	Thoothukudi	
38	M.Muhammad Ismail Sahib	Tirunelveli	
39	S. Selvanayagam Subbiah	Kanyakumari	
40	V. Krishnamoorthy	Dindigul	<b>Mother Teresa</b>

41	<b>M. Raju</b>	<b>Dindigul</b>	<b>Women's University (Interacted on 09.05.2023)</b>
42	<b>Vanthondar K. Sankaran Iyer</b>	<b>Sivagangai</b>	
43	<b>Mrs.Janaki Ammal</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	
44	<b>Kulandhai Velu @ Sakkarai</b>	<b>Coimbatore</b>	
45	<b>M.Sivakamiammal</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	<b>Periyar University (Interacted on 10.05.2023)</b>
46	<b>S.S.V. Govindasamy Chettiyar</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
47	<b>A.K. Sankaran</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
48	<b>N.V.Rajan</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
49	<b>N.Theerthagiriyar</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
50	<b>N.Thangavelu</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
51	<b>C.M. Marysamy Gowda</b>	<b>Krishnagiri</b>	
52	<b>M.R.Srinivasan</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
53	<b>G.Subbiah Pillai</b>	<b>Thanjavur</b>	<b>Tamil University (Interacted on 11.05.2023)</b>
54	<b>Malaya Ganapathy</b>	<b>Thanjavur</b>	
55	<b>Sokkalinga Rajaliyar</b>	<b>Tiruvarur</b>	
56	<b>S.Natarajan Pillai</b>	<b>Thanjavur</b>	
57	<b>T.Ramaiah</b>	<b>Sivagangai</b>	
58	<b>Muthukarupa Pillai</b>	<b>Kanyakumari</b>	
59	<b>Maveeran Marudhanayakam (Mohammed Yusuf Khan)</b>	<b>Ramanathapuram</b>	
60	<b>SIR SubbaiyarSubramania Iyer</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	<b>The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University (Interacted on 11.05.2023)</b>
61	<b>KTM Ahmed Ibrahim Sahib</b>	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	
62	<b>V.V.S. Aiyer</b>	<b>Trichy</b>	
63	<b>Seshadri Srinivasa Iyengar</b>	<b>Ramanathapuram</b>	
64	<b>S. Manjubhashini</b>	<b>Chennai</b>	
65	<b>Akkur Ananthachari</b>	<b>Ranipet</b>	<b>Thiruvalluvar University (Interacted on 17.05.2023)</b>
66	<b>K.R. Kalyanaraman</b>	<b>Ranipet</b>	
67	<b>K.R. Jamadhagni</b>	<b>Ranipet</b>	
68	<b>V.M. Obaidullah Sahib</b>	<b>Vellore</b>	
69	<b>K.M. Swaminathan @ K.M.Annal Thango</b>	<b>Vellore</b>	
70	<b>K.Perumal</b>	<b>Chennai</b>	<b>University of Madras (Interacted on 17.05.2023)</b>
71	<b>N. Ramakrishnan</b>	<b>Chennai</b>	
72	<b>V. Gandhi</b>	<b>Madras</b>	
73	<b>Dr. P.S. Srinivasan</b>	<b>Kanchipuram</b>	

74	<b>S.Nagaraja Sarma</b>	<b>Thiruvallur</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu Open University (Interacted on 18.05.2023)</b>
75	<b>P.B.K.Raja Chidambaram</b>	<b>Chengalpattu</b>	
76	<b>M. Rajaram K+omda</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	
77	<b>N. Halasyam Iyer</b>	<b>Trichy</b>	
78	<b>K.A. Kasi Viswanatha Mudaliyar</b>	<b>Namakkal</b>	
79	<b>Thiagi R. Singaravelu</b>	<b>Tiruvarur</b>	<b>TN Physical Education and Sports University (Interacted on 18.05.2023)</b>
80	<b>N.S. Sivalingam</b>	<b>Nagercoil</b>	
81	<b>T.M. Ranganathan</b>	<b>Thanjavur</b>	
82	<b>V. Vettai Dhevar</b>	<b>Sivagangai</b>	
83	<b>P. Sachidhanandam</b>	<b>Dharmapuri</b>	
84	<b>C. Vijayaragavachariar</b>	<b>Chengalpattu</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University (Interacted on 18.05.2023)</b>
85	<b>K. Ramasami Mudaliyar</b>	<b>Karur</b>	
86	<b>V. Rani Veerammal Nachiyar</b>	<b>Tenkasi</b>	
87	<b>S. Esakkimuthu Chettiyar</b>	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	
88	<b>G. Ramaiah</b>	<b>Namakkal</b>	
89	<b>K. Somasundaram Pillai</b>	<b>Thoothukudi</b>	
90	<b>Pazha Subramaniya Chettiyar @ Alappan</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	

During the review meeting, Prof. R.Velraj, Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Dr.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Prof. RM Kathiresan, Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, Prof. M.Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Dr.K.Kala, Vice-Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University, Prof. Dr.N.Chandrsekhar, Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Prof.R.Jagannathan, Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University, Dr.V.Thirualluvan, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Dr.N.S.Santhosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Prof.S.Arumugam, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Dr.M.Sundar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Dr.T.Arumugam, Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University, Prof.S.Gowri, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, Dr.K.Murugavel, Registrar (i/c), Bharathiar University, Prof. P.C.NagaSubramani, Registrar (i/c), Tamil Nadu

Teachers Education University and faculties of Madurai Kamaraj University participated in the interactions on various dates concerned with their Universities.

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