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About Bharatheeya Itihasa Sankalana Samiti

The objective of Bharatheeya Itihasa Sankalana Samiti is to write Bharatheeya history from a national perspective.

The British distorted Bharatheeya history; destroyed / perverted the tradition, heroes, culture, literature and language. Hence the samiti coordinates patriotic, bold and incorruptible scholars & historians to write history truthfully on the basis of facts and evidences.

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Martyr Devasahayam Pillai Myth or Reality?

An academic dialogue

6th January 2013, Sunday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Venue

APN Plaza, Chettikulam Junction
Nagerkoil, Kanyakumari District



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About the Programme

"History is a Rear-View" Mirror"! This implies the importance of history in shaping the present and planning the future. Freedom movements, social reforms and political revolutions around the world were caused by historical events of the past which motivated people to dream, sacrifice and strive towards a cause they desired to achieve. In this context, the role of history is of paramount importance and distortion in the narration of history, if not challenged and corrected undermines the nation and national ethos.

The fable of St. Thomas in India, the Sainthood of Francis Xavier and the racial and racist Aryan Invasion Theory crafted by Robert Caldwell etc., became the foundations of Indian history without much historical analysis. The recent addition to this long list of distorted history is the making a saint out of martyrdom of Devasahayam Pillai. As a first step towards making a Saint, the Pope declared him a 'martyr' on June 28, 2012.

On closely examining the documents and references cited by the church, it is found that the story of Devasahayam Pillai was concocted by the Indian Church with the full support of the Vatican. Conferring martyrdom to Devasahayam Pillai is actually to accord historic authenticity to this fable. In this process the Church, with this fraudulent rendition of history has made a noble and generous king as a murderer and Indian society has been portrayed as a regressive society. Indians have been painted as a barbaric race. Indeed, a monumental fraud has been perpetrated.

In this background Bharatheeya Itihasa Sankalana Samiti is organising an academic dialogue titled "**Martyr Devasahayam Pillai – Myth or Reality**" at Nagerkoil on **6th January 2013**. Eminent historians will discuss and debate on all sub themes concerning Devasahayam Pillai martyrdom.

Theme

Myth of the Martyrdom of Devasahayam Pillai

Sub Themes

- ✦ Consistency / Inconsistency of the Devasahayam Pillai fable
- ✦ Socio-political situation of Travancore during Marthandavarma raja's regime
- ✦ Religious tolerance in the state of Travancore
- ✦ Christian agenda and designs
- ✦ Theology of Martyrdom and Sainthood in Christianity
- ✦ History of distortions in India and abroad
- ✦ Relevance of Martyrdom in today's context



Programme Schedule

Inaugural

- 09.00 AM Invocation song and lighting of traditional lamp
- 09.05 AM Welcome Address : **Mr. J. Chandrasekara Sharma**, Secretary, Bharatheeya Itihasa Sankalana Samiti, Tamilnadu
- 09.10 AM Presidential Address: **Dr. S. Padmanabhan**, General Secretary, Kanyakumari Historical and cultural resource centre
- 09.25 AM Key Note Address: **Dr. C.I. Issac**, Vice- President, Bharatheeya Vichara Kendram

Technical Sessions

- 09.45 AM **Technical Session I**
Chairperson: **Prof. Dr. T.P. Sankarankutty Nair**, Director, Institute of Kerala Studies, Thiruvananthapuram
- 11.15 AM **Technical Session II**
Chairperson: **Dr. M.G. Sasibhooshan**, Dean Academic Affairs, Centre for Heritage Studies, Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala, Tripunithura.
- 12.45 PM Lunch
- 01.45 PM **Technical Session III**
Chairperson: **Dr. M.P. Ajith kumar**, Prof of History, SD College, Allepey
- 03.15 PM **Technical Session IV**
Chairperson: **Dr. S. Padmanabhan**, General Secretary, Kanyakumari Historical and cultural resource centre, Nagerkoil

Valedictory

- 04.15 PM Presentation of Recommendations by Historians and Researchers
- 04.30 PM Valedictory address by **Dr. V. Umayorubhagan**, Principal, Noorul Islam College of Arts and Science, Kumarakovil
- 04.45 PM Vote of Thanks by **Mr. T.V. Rengarajan**, South India Organising secretary, Bharatheeya Itihasa Sankalana Samiti
- 04.50 PM National Anthem

