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Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to write to you again to share updates on our activities while releasing the third edition of our "IATR Journal of Tamil Culture."

Last November, we successfully celebrated 60 years of the historic activities of our organization that took Tamil language, literature, culture and civilization to the international arena, through a one-day event at the Alumni Club of Anna University, Chennai. We were honored by the attendance of two ministers from the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon. Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mr. M. Subramaniam, and Hon. Minister for Higher Education, Dr. Govi Chezhan, who both addressed the gathering, expressed their support for our organization, and officially released our first printed edition of our Journal "IATR Journal of Tamil Culture." Later, eminent scholars, researchers and archaeologists from India, Sri Lanka, UK, Singapore, Canada and USA spoke on topics of their specialization on Tamil language, literature, culture and civilization.

Based on several feedback and suggestions we received from the scholars and academics at the event, our main focus this year will be to strengthen the organization by formalizing the relationship with the various national units, increasing membership and establish several area specific teams to facilitate members to participate in the activities of the organization and set up an endowment for maintaining the continuity of our journal.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the academics and scholars who came to our Golden Jubilee celebration, as well as to the numerous volunteers who helped make it a success. We also thank our general secretary, Mr. D. Gnanasekaran, and vice president, Dr. P. Marudanayagam, for their guidance.

Also, I take this opportunity to welcome our team coordinators for accepting to join the IATR family and assist in promoting its objectives and activities.

As always, we are grateful to Dr. V. Murugan for compiling this third edition of our research journal that also covers our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. The journal will be available on our website at <http://iatrofficial.org/iatr-journals> as an electronic copy. We request all scholars and academics to enroll as members in our organization, subscribe to our journal and participate in all its activities. They can also contribute by submitting their research work for publication.

As ever, I look forward to your support and cooperation.

With Warm regards

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