

TAMIL LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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ABSTRACT

The present paper examines the antiquity, development, literary richness, and cultural significance of Tamil language and literature. It highlights Tamil as a living and evolving language that has preserved its identity while adapting to changing social and communicative needs. Particular attention is given to the contribution of C. Subramaniya Bharathi and other important Tamil prose writers to the growth of modern Tamil prose. The paper also discusses the literary and philosophical importance of works such as Thirukkural and Kamba Ramayanam. It emphasizes the relationship between Tamil literature, cultural consciousness, and the Indian freedom movement. The study concludes that engagement with Tamil literature contributes substantially to an understanding of South Indian civilization and the wider cultural heritage of India.

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