



Greetings to the members of the Tamil Community in Sweden.


It is wonderful to note the efforts of the Stockholm Tamil Sangam to celebrate and preserve Tamil, a part of our collective heritage, by working with young children and youth here in Sweden.

Tamil is among the world's oldest continuously surviving languages and has a glorious tradition. It is often said that Tamil is more than a language and that it is a body of knowledge representing an ancient culture and sensibility. Tamil's rich heritage of poetry, literature, linguistic science, bhakti and philosophy is well known. It has been an expression for many faiths.

A classical language that developed several millennia ago in India, Tamil is today spoken by around 100 million people in various parts of the globe - not only in India but also in Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius and by the diaspora, including in Sweden.

It is good to note the special events being organized on Teacher's Day. 5 September celebrates the life and works of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India. He was not only a great scholar and philosopher but above all a wise teacher.

My best wishes to all of you in your commendable initiatives to take this rich tradition of Tamil forward.


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