

The American Muthamizh University Its Origin, Objectives And Contribution – A Historical Study

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Abstract

The American Muthamizh Academy is one of the significant global Tamil institutions established with the aim of promoting Tamil language, literature, culture, and research at an international level. Founded in the United States by Thazhai Ra. Udhayanesan, the Academy has played a major role in integrating Tamil scholarly traditions with global academic frameworks. This thesis attempts to study the origin, objectives, organizational structure, activities, and contributions of the American Muthamizh Academy to Tamil studies. The research highlights the Academy's importance in preserving Tamil identity among the Tamil diaspora and strengthening Tamil research in the global academic arena.

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Purpose of Research

Tamil is the oldest and richest language in the world and it is a symbol for all Tamils around the world. The language has been passed down from generation to generation among Tamils living abroad. The establishment of the America muthamizh university. The role played by Thazhai Ra. Udhayanesan is remarkable. He loved the Tamil language and literature very much. Although he was neither a poet nor a novelist, he was a force that took Tamil works to the world stage. His contribution in the fields of media, newspapers, conferences, and book publications is remarkable. Thus, he is a multifaceted person. The purpose of this research is to reveal its Origin, Objectives, and Contribution to Global Tamil studies for America Muthamizh University.

Research Methodology

This Research was conducted based on primary and secondary sources. The sources for this study were articles, novels, newspapers, interviews, field research, books, etc. This study was conducted based on information obtained from these sources. The sources of the study were collected through libraries.

Research Plan

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Introduction

Tamil Mamani Thazhi Ra..Udhayanesan is a great cultured person, writer and a great social activist. He was born in Thalayatham in the Kudiyatham area of Vellore district. His parents are Mr. Rajipillai and Mrs. Nesamani Ammal. He studied at a school in Kudiyatham and obtained a master's degree in history from the University of Madras. He was born in Tamil Nadu and crossed the ocean and crossed the continent to settle in America. Even though he left his country, he did not forget his mother tongue and motherland.

He has started the organization “American Muthamil Literary Council in America” and is a pioneer in preserving and promoting the Tamil language, its nature and development.

Concept of Mutthamizh and Global Tamil Institutions

The concept of Muthamizh is deeply rooted in Tamil intellectual history. It emphasizes the holistic development of Tamil through:

- Iyal – Literary and linguistic studies
 - Isai – Tamil music and musical traditions
 - Nadagam – Tamil drama and performing arts
- Global Tamil institutions aim to protect these dimensions in a modern, multicultural context. Institutions like the American Muthamizh Academy serve as platforms where Tamil identity is preserved while adapting to contemporary academic and cultural environments.¹

Origin and Foundation of the American Muthamizh University

The American Muthamizh University was founded in January 2022 the United States by Thazhai Ra. Udhayanesan, a Tamil scholar, researcher, and cultural activist. His vision was to create a permanent academic institution that would bring together Tamil scholars, writers, researchers, and artists from across the world.

The foundation of the Academy reflects a response to the challenges faced by Tamil communities abroad, such as language erosion among younger generations and the lack of institutionalized Tamil research platforms outside India and Sri Lanka.

Founder: Thazhai Ra. Udhayanesan

Thazhai Ra. Udhayanesan is a prominent figure in global Tamil scholarship. His contributions extend across Tamil literature, research, and organizational leadership. As the founder of the American Muthamizh Academy, he emphasized:

- Academic rigor in Tamil research
- Global collaboration among Tamil scholars
- Documentation and dissemination of Tamil heritage

His leadership transformed the Academy into a recognized international Tamil research body.²

1. Thazhai R. Udhayanesan, Foundations of Global Tamil Education (New York: AMU Press, 2024)
2. America Muthamil University, “Digital

Archives and Manuscript Preservation **Objectives of the American Muthamizh University**

The major objectives of the Academy include:

- Promotion of Tamil language and literature at the international level
- Encouragement of Tamil research and scholarly publications
- Organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops
- Preservation of Tamil cultural identity among diaspora communities
- Recognition of Tamil scholars through awards and honors
- These objectives highlight the Academy's commitment to both tradition and modern academic practices.

Tamil Work through the American Muthamil University

Tamil Mamani Thazhai.Ra.Udhayanesan has started a major Tamil development university called the American Muthamil University, which is registered online. This university conducts traditional grammar classes and courses that include cultural elements for global Tamils. Ancient certificates and degree certificates are awarded upon completion of studies. There are mandatory subjects for a useful future society to be informed. These subjects are the subjects of this university. The title of "Honorary Doctor" is awarded to outstanding creators and writers who have contributed to the Tamil language.

On February 18, 2022, the doctoral degrees were conferred on the works of the Artist, Amutha Bharathi. Poet K.N. Kalyanasundaram, Mr. Aroor Tamil Nadan, Mrs. Andal, Priyadarshini and Pawalar Saraswathi Bhaskaran for their excellent work in Tamil. In addition, in 2022, 14 eminent personalities including film maker Jomalluri, Tamil singer D.K.S. Kalaivanan, and poet R.Uma Bharathi were conferred honorary doctorates. The American University of Tamil

Studies is conducting online courses on traditional grammar, eloquent poetry, and tribal linguistic culture with eminent professors.

Academic and Cultural Activities

- The American Muthamizh Academy conducts a wide range of activities:
- International Tamil conferences
- Research seminars and symposia
- Publication of research papers and books
- Cultural programs related to Tamil music and drama
- Educational initiatives for younger generations
- These activities strengthen the global Tamil intellectual network.³

Thazai Ra. Udhayanesan, Ullaga Muthamil Kootamaipu, First edition - 2023

Role in Tamil Diaspora and Global Identity

For the Tamil diaspora, the Academy functions as a cultural anchor. It helps second- and third-generation Tamils reconnect with their linguistic and cultural roots. By operating in the United States, the Academy bridges Eastern and Western academic traditions.

Contribution to Tamil Research and Publications

One of the significant contributions of the Academy is its emphasis on research publications. By providing a platform for Tamil scholars worldwide, it has contributed to the expansion of Tamil studies as a global academic discipline.

Challenges and Future Prospects

- Despite its achievements, the Academy faces challenges such as:
- Funding constraints
- Generational language gaps
- Balancing tradition with modern academic demands

- However, its future prospects remain strong due to increasing global interest in classical languages and indigenous knowledge systems.

Conclusion

The American Muthamizh Academy stands as a symbol of Tamil intellectual resilience and global presence. Founded with a visionary purpose, it has successfully contributed to the preservation, promotion, and advancement of Tamil language and culture beyond national boundaries. Its role in global Tamil studies is both significant and enduring.⁴

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