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108TH FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



First Event of the Celebrations

The Alagappa University, Karaikudi, celebrated the 108th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Dr. Alagappa Chettiar today (6-4-2017) in all fervour and jubilation.

The grand function started with Vallal Alagappan Museum being declared open by Tmt. Umayal Ramanathan, Life Member of the Syndicate of Alagappa University, in the presence of Thiru AL. Ramanathan, Thiru Vairavan Ramanathan and Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar. Mr. K.R. Ramasamy, M.L.A. and the prominent citizens of Karaikudi, graced the occasion by their presence.

The function was presided over by Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. He said that Alagappa University has established this museum in living memory of its matchless Founder Vallal Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar, who opened the gates of learning to the rural masses living in and around Karaikudi by the establishment of a number of educational institutions.



He added that this museum houses different memorabilia such as objects of Alagapparr's personal use, snapshots of his childhood memories, photographs of the members of his family and of educational institutions and industries run by him and also rare pictures of his meeting with the great personalities. The museum also depicts several charitable projects initiated by Vallal Alagapparr such as hospitals, hostels and similar other institutions catering to the felt needs of the people.

There is a mini theatre with facility to screen a documentary film portraying the humanitarian measures and selfless services of Alagapparr for the uplift of the people at the lower strata of the society in addition to his laudable achievements during various stages in his career graph. He hoped that the museum, with its visual highlights, would leave a long-lasting living memory in the minds of the visitors.

Earlier, floral tributes were paid by Tmt. Umayal Ramanathan, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries at Vallal Alagapparr Memorial.

Second Event of the Founder's Day Celebrations

In continuation of the 108th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Alagappan, a grand function was organized at L.C.T.P.L. Auditorium.



Presiding over the gala function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, gratefully recalled the yeomen services rendered by Alagappan to the cause of education in this part of the country. He described the Founder's life as a saga of hard work and munificent philanthropy and said that the institutions started by him have been a perennial source of benefit to the rural youth of Tamil Nadu. He is a real synonym for philanthropy. The Vice-Chancellor stated that today Alagappa University has secured a place of pride among the top 100 higher educational institutions at the national level.

Thiru Soma Valliappan, Writer and H.R. Consultant, Chennai, in his Founder's Day Oration, described Alagappan as a multi-faceted personality who could achieve multi-tasks with great success, as he rightly believed in the mantra "Thinking Big"; indeed, he thought big and achieved great things in the fields of education, industry and business. He was convinced of the benefits of education and used all his influence for establishing educational institutions for the benefit of the society. He was man of compassion and action and he did whatever he loved and could succeed magnificently in all his endeavours.

Dr. R. Dhandapani and Dr. V. Alagappan, Syndicate Members, Mr. A.K. Varadharajan, an Alumnus from Singapore, Mr. AL. Ramanathan, Mr. Vairavan Ramanathan and Mr. Muthupalaniappan offered felicitations. Dr. S. Rajaram, Mr. M. Balasubramanian and Mr. Arulsamy spoke on the occasion.



The other highlights of this year's function were the release of French and Hindi translations of Vairavan Ramanathan's book "*The Beautiful Mind*" an authentic biography on the life and achievements of Alagappa Chettiar. Another book titled "*Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar -- A Living Legend*" by Dr. M.K. Ganesan was also released. This book is a historical study of Alagappar's life and contribution based on invaluable source materials henceforth unreferred to and it sheds light on the still unexplored areas in Alagappar's life history.

The translator Prof. Chinnappan and the author Dr. M.K. Ganesan were honoured on the occasion.

Dr. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., welcomed the gathering. Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabhu, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks.

Third Event of the Celebrations

The Alagappar Alumni Park was declared open by Prof. A. Athichapillai, in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar. A large number of alumni, prominent citizens of Karaikudi, general public and students attended the function.

Prof.V.Balachandran
Registrar i/c.