



Temple Entry Proclamation

Exhibit by Arun Kumar

On 12th November 1936, Temple Entry Proclamation by His Highness Sree Padmanabhadasa Vanchipala Sree

Chithira Thirunal Sir Balarama Varma II, Maharaja of Travancore as follows:

"Profoundly convinced of the truth and validity of our religion, believing that it is based on divine guidance and on all-comprehending toleration, knowing that in its practice it has throughout the centuries, adapted itself to the needs of changing times, solicitous that none of our Hindu subjects should, by reason of birth or caste or community, be denied the consolation and the solace of the Hindu faith, we have decided and hereby declare, ordain and command that, subject to such rules and conditions as may be laid down and imposed by us for preserving their proper atmosphere and maintaining their rituals and observances, there should henceforth be no restriction placed on any Hindu by birth or religion on entering or worshipping at temples controlled by us and our Government."



Stamps of four Denominations (6 Cash, 12 Cash 1.5 Chukram, 3 Chukram) as a Souvenir to Temple Entry Proclamation.

Movements which lead to Temple Entry Proclamation

Earlier in 1920-21, Ezhavas under the leadership of **Sree Narayana Guru** raised protests against the untouchability and other caste based issues. He united Ezhavas for the upliftment of the society.



Ezhava representative to the Legislature Poet **Kumaranasan**, was to raise question in Legislature for the use of public roads by all.



Vaikom Sathyagraha which started as early in 1924 was a instrumental in the decision of Temple entry Proclamation. **K. Kelappan** was leading the Sathyagraha, who is also called as "Kerala Gandhi".



Gandhiji visited Kowadiar Palace in 1925 and 1937 to visit HH Maharaja of Travancore



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Mahatma Gandhi in an open letter, addressed to Sree Chithira Thirunal, wrote: "People call me "The Mahatma" and I don't think I deserve it. **But in my view, you have in reality become a "Mahatma" (great soul) by your proclamation at this young age, breaking the age old custom and throwing open the doors of the Temples to our brothers and sisters whom the hateful tradition considered as untouchables."**

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