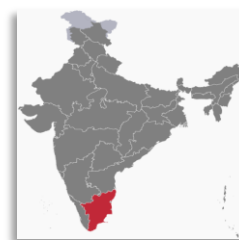


Five Great Persons From Tamil Nadu, India

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Tamil Nadu is the southernmost state of India. It is the tenth largest Indian state by area and the sixth largest by population. Tamil Nadu is the home of the Tamil people, who speak the Tamil language, one of the oldest languages of the world. Chennai is the Tamil Nadu's state capital. Hundreds of thousands of great persons were born in Tamil Nadu and became famous for their remarkable contributions in various fields namely political leadership, freedom fights, nation building, science, medicine, agriculture, technology, arts, culture, literature, education, social service. From the extensive list of hundreds and thousands of great personalities from Tamil Nadu, this one-page exhibit presents five of them belonging to different fields.

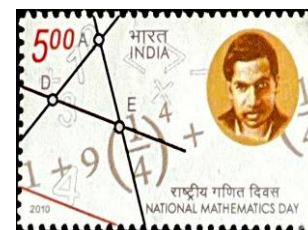


Tamil Nadu state of India



⇐ **Thiruvalluvar** was an Indian poet and philosopher. He is best known as the author of the *Tirukkural*, a collection of 1330 couplets on Ethics, Political and Economic matters, and Love. Each couplet is made of seven words, four words in the first line and three words in the second line. *Tirukkural* is considered an exceptional and widely cherished work of Tamil literature. India Post commemorated Thiruvalluvar by issue of this stamp in 1960 (Size W 2.9 cm x H 3.4 cm).

Srinivasa Ramanujan (1887–1920) was a mathematician. He made substantial contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions, including solutions to mathematical problems then considered unsolvable. He was awarded Fellow of Royal Society. Ramanujan was well known for his complex Sum, Theta functions, Prime, Constant, Master theorem. India Post commemorated Ramanujan with issue of many stamps. This (W 3.8 cm x H 2.4 cm) was issued in 2010. ⇒



⇐ **C. Subramania Bharati** (1882–1921) was a Tamil writer, poet, journalist, Indian independence activist, social reformer, and polyglot. He was a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry and is considered one of the greatest Tamil literary figures of all time. His numerous works included fiery songs kindling patriotism during the Indian Independence movement. He fought for the emancipation of women, against child marriage, vehemently opposed the caste system, and stood for reforming society and religion. India Post commemorated Subramania Bharati with issue of many stamps. This stamp (Size W 2.9 cm x H 3.4 cm) was issued in 2010.

Ramaswamy Krishnamurthy (1899–1954), better known by his pen name Kalki, was an Indian writer, journalist, poet, critic, and Indian independence activist who wrote in Tamil. He founded a magazine, which was also named Kalki, in 1941. Kalki's writings include over 120 short stories, fifteen novels, three historical romances (Ponniyin Selvan, Sivagamiyin Sapatham, Parthiban Kanavu) editorials and political writings and hundreds of film and music reviews. Kalki quit his studies and joined Indian National Congress in response to Mahatma Gandhi's 1921 call for non-cooperation movement. India Post commemorated Kalki by issue of a stamp in 1999 (Size W 2.9 cm x H 3.4 cm). ⇒



⇐ **Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam** (1931 – 2015) was an Indian aerospace scientist and statesperson. He studied physics and aerospace engineering and spent four decades as a scientist and science administrator, at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Kalam came to be known as the "Missile Man of India" for his work on the development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology. Kalam was elected as the 11th president of India in 2002, widely referred to as the "People's President".



Kalam was a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour. India Post commemorated Kalam by issue of a stamp in 2015 (Size W 2.9 cm x H 4.9 cm).