



## More Topics

### 5. Contributions of Tamil during the Middle Ages (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Century) to World Civilization

- The origin and growth of epic as a major literary genre in Tamil
- Tamil devotional movement and its contributions to Tamil ethos

### 6. Contributions of very distinguished individual scholars (More..)

Dr.Alexander Dubiyanskiy	Dr. Brenda Beck	Dr. Caldwell
Prof. David C. Buck	Dr.David Shulman	Dr.Dennys Hudson
F.W. Ellis	Prof. M.B. Emaneau	Dr. Filliozat
Dr.Grove	Prof.Hardy	Prof.John Marr
Prof.K. Kailasapathy	Dr. Michael Rabe	Prof. Noboru Karashima
Dr. Rudin	Prof.Ruth Walden	Prof. Susumo Ohno
Prof.Thomas Burrow	Prof.Vacek	Dr.William Harman
Ziegenbalg	Other scholars (specify)	

### 8. Modern Tamil Literature

- Preservation of Tamil language and culture in the Diaspora countries
- The participation of Tamil Diaspora scholars in Tamil studies.

### 9. Tamil Language, Linguistics, Manuscriptology and Early Printing History

- Contributions of Philology and Linguistics to the study of Tamil languages
- Comparative study of Dravidian languages starting from Caldwell and its impact on Tamil studies all over the world.
- Study of genetic relationship among languages focusing on Tamil language
- Tamil-Semitic, Tamil-Basque, Tamil-Scythian,Tamil-Altaic,Tamil-Sumerian,Tamil-Mangoloid researches and findings
- Historical Linguistics, Descriptive linguistics in the study of Tamil language
- Stylistics, Sociolinguistics, Dialectology
- Teaching of Tamil as a foreign language



10. The flourishing of music, dance, painting, sculpture, Folklore, and architecture in ancient Tamil Nadu
  - a) The elite and folk traditions in Tamil
  - b) The growth of classical tradition from the oral folk tradition – aspects of oral literature in early classical texts
  - c) Folk literature, folk arts –their regional variations, villuppattu, kaniyankuttu, Terukukuttu, Thevarattam, Udukkaipattu, itinerant folk troupes and their social and economic conditions.
  - d) Various aspects of folk studies – current trends in Tamil Folklore-Folk ballads in Palm leaf manuscripts
  
11. External History of Tamils
  - a) Tamils as a sea-faring race and their voyages mentioned in early Tamil literature
  - b) Tolkāppiyam and other classical literatures on circumnavigation
  - c) Commercial contact with Rome and Yavana settlements in Tamilnadu- excavations of Mortimer Wheeler in Arikamedu - Roman coins
  - d) Contact with Palestine and other regions
  - e) Trade with Asian countries – East Asia – China, Korea, and Japan
  - f) Chinese trade with Tamils – Direct land route to Kancheepuram
  - g) The silk route and spice route – their role in the external history
  - h) Trade with Arabs and Syrian merchants and their settlements in Tamil Nadu.
  - i) Southeast Asian contacts as revealed in Manimekalai and other works
  - j) The naval power of the Cholas- conquering of Kadaram, part of Srilanka etc.,
  - k) Reference to Siam (Thailand), Sumatra, Sornabhumi, Arinagar and other lands in Tamil literature.
  - l) The impact of Chola Temple Art in Combodia, Thailand etc.,
  - m) Tamil settlements in early Middle Ages in various countries
  - n) Tamil Diaspora countries and the lifestyle of the Tamils