



Kerala in The Classical Age

500 BCE - 500 CE

Online classes on
The Written Sources of The Classical Age



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A series of online lectures by Dr. K.V. Balasubramanian and Ms. Vaidehi Herbert on Kerala in the classical age and its larger context through the literary sources of the period.

Mode of delivery: Online via Google meet

Language: English

Date of commencement: 11th December 2022

Total number of sessions: 17 (tentative)

The classes will be on every Sunday 9:30 a.m. IST

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Vaidehi Herbert – has translated all the 18 ancient Sangam books and 10 post-Sangam works to English. She has been teaching Sangam literature for the past 7 years. She lives in Hawaii, U.S.A. She has won several awards and accolades for the services she rendered to classical Tamil language and culture.

This site provides free access to her translations of the eighteen Sangam books,
<https://sangamtranslationsbyvaidehi.com/>

Dr. K.V. Balasubramanian – is a renowned scholar of Tholkaappiyam, Sangam literature, Thirukkural, Silappathikaaram, Manimekalai, Bhakthi literature and more. He has authored 108 books. He is also a researcher and a prolific poet. He has taught at various universities including the Thanjavur Tamil University. Many of his books are included in the curriculum of Tamil universities and schools. He has received many awards and recognition for his phenomenal contributions to Tamil literature. Since retirement, he has been teaching Silappathikaaram and Thirukkural in Thanjavur and writing on different aspects of Sangam literary corpus.

Both Ms. Vaidehi Herbert and Dr. Balasubramanian graciously refuse monetary benefits for their engagements in teaching, translating, and sharing their wealth of knowledge.

Course content and schedule (tentative)

Vaidehi Herbert

1. Introduction to Sangam Poetry (December 11, 2022)
2. The Thinai concept (December 18, 2022)
3. Fauna in Sangam Poetry (January 1, 2023)
4. Flora in Sangam Poetry (January 8, 2023)
5. Astronomy in Sangam Poetry (January 15, 2023)
6. Food in Sangam Poetry (January 22, 2023)
7. Geography: towns, rivers and mountains mentioned in Sangam Poetry (January 29, 2023)
8. Pathitruppathu: the book dedicated to Chera Nadu (February 5, 2023)
9. Poet Kings of Chera Nadu (February 12, 2023)
10. Society and economy: trade, craft, and architecture in Sangam (February 19, 2023)

K.V. Balasubramanian

1. Tolkappiyam – historicity of the ancient Tamil literature (February 26, 2023)
2. Historicity of Sangam Poems (March 5, 2023)
3. Thirukkural (March 12, 2023)
4. Silappathikaaram (March 19, 2023)
5. Silappathikaaram (March 26, 2023)
6. Manimekalai (April 2, 2023)
7. Manimekalai (April 9, 2023)

