

# Description and Rationale

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## Title

*Kutiyaracu*

## Project Description\*

Ingesting at CRL of digitized images of the Tamil periodical *Kutiyaracu* and cataloging the digital resource. The digital images are being provided by the University of Chicago Library.

## Reasons for Consideration\*

The following description is taken from the Wikipedia entry for “Kudi Arasu” --

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kudi\\_Arasu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kudi_Arasu)

A Tamil weekly magazine published by Periyar E. V. Ramasamy in Madras Presidency (present-day Tamil Nadu) in India.

Periyar started Kudi Arasu on 2 May 1925 in Erode with K. M. Thangaperumal pillai as the editor. Its initial publications were issued weekly on Sunday with 16 pages at a cost of one anna. In November 1925, Periyar quit the Indian National Congress after his failed attempt to bring reservation for non-Brahmins in educational institutions and government jobs. He started the Self-Respect Movement to propagate self-respect among Indians, especially Tamils. The magazine became the mouthpiece of the movement. The magazine circulated in the Tamil diaspora, for which Thamizhavel G. Sarangapani played a prominent role. It had Periyar's wife Nagammai, his sister Kannammal and his brother E. V. Krishnasamy as the publisher for a period of time when he was on tour or arrested. It ceased publication on 5 November 1949.

Periyar wrote several articles on women's rights, on atheism and against the caste system. Others like M. Singaravelu wrote many articles on socialism.

The Madras government of the British Raj banned the magazine at several occasions for various reasons including sedition and for propagating communism.

## Publishers

Published by several publishers from different cities in the Madras Presidency and Tamil Nadu over the life of the publication, beginning in 1925.

## Proposal Contributors

The University of Chicago Library paid for the digitization of the periodical. The digital assets are being contributed to SAMP for presentation via the CRL Digital Delivery System.

# Details and Sources

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## Resource Types\*

- Serial

## Regions\*

- South Asia

## Countries of Origin\*

India

## Major Languages

Tamil

## Source Format\*

- Paper previously scanned to create digital images

## Target Format

Digital images are being supplied to CRL

## Identifiers

The following records describe holdings of ink print: OCLC: 416949521 & OCLC: 691593008.

## Source and Holdings

Following is an enumeration of the digitized issues:

Malai 1, Malar 23 (11. 10.1925)- Malai 1, Malar.26 (01.11.1925)  
Malai 1, Malar 28 (15. 11.1925)- Malai 1, Malar 48 (25. 04.1926)  
Malai 2, Malar 1 (02. 05.1926)- Malai 2, Malar 19 (05. 09.1926)  
Malai 2, Malar 21 (19. 09.1926)- Malai 2, Malar 25 (17. 10.1926)  
Malai 2, Malar 27 (31. 10.1926)- Malai 4, Malar 3 (13. 05.1928)  
Malai 4, Malar 5 (27. 05.1928)- Malai 4, Malar 6 (03. 06.1928)  
Malai 4, Malar 8 (17. 06.1928)- Malai 4, Malar 14 (29. 07.1928)  
Malai 4, Malar 16 (12. 08.1928)- Malai 4, Malar 39 (20. 01.1929)  
Malai 4, Malar 43 (17. 02. 1929)- Malai 4, Malar 46 (10. 03.1929)  
Malai 4, Malar 48 (24. 03.1929)  
Malai 4, Malar 50 (07. 04. 1929)- Malai 4, Malar 53 (28. 04.1929)  
Malai 5, Malar 2 (12. 05. 1929)- Malai 5, Malar 6 (16. 06.1929)  
Malai 5, Malar 9 (07. 07.1929)  
Malai 5, Malar 11 (21. 07. 1929)- Malai 5, Malar 26 (03. 11.1929)  
Malai 5, Malar 30 (01. 12. 1929)- Malai 5, Malar 45 (06. 04.1930)  
Malai 5, Malar 47 (20. 04. 1930)  
Malai 6, Malar 41 (08. 02. 1931)

Malai 7, Malar 1 (03. 05. 1931)- Malai 7, Malar 2 (10. 05.1931)  
Malai 7, Malar 4 (24. 05. 1931)- Malai 7, Malar 36 (03. 01.1932)  
Malai 7, Malar 38 (17. 01. 1932)- Malai 7, Malar 40 (31. 01.1932)  
Malai 7, Malar 42 (14. 02. 1932)- Malai 8, Malar 52 (23. 04.1933)  
Malai 17, Malar 36 (17. 06.1944)- Malai 17, Malar 52 (7.10.1944)  
Malai 18, Malar 10 (16. 12. 1944)- Malai 20, Malar 30 (03. 05.1947)  
Malai 21, Malar 1 (13. 09. 1947)- Malai 22, Malar 47 (30. 07.1949)  
Malai 22, Malar 51 (27. 08. 1949)- Malai 23, Malar 4 (01. 10.1949)  
Malai 23, Malar 07 (22. 10. 1949)- Malai 23, Malar 9 (05. 11.1949)

## Physical Details

5,890 digital images.

## Intellectual Property Considerations

Given that IPR has not been explored, the resource will need to be restricted to SAMP/CRL members.