

SATTA KADIR - A PROFILE

INTRODUCTION

By convention, tradition and law, only English can be used in High Court and Supreme Court for arguments and proceedings in India. As a result, judgments are delivered in English, which is often understood only by the judges and advocates and not being intelligible to the ordinary people of India. . In Tamilnadu also, similar situation in the High Court of Madras and from 1857 till date, all the proceedings are only in English and there is no opportunity to file and argue a case or get judgment in Tamil. The people of Tamilnadu are at a loss to understand neither the court proceedings nor the verdict.

The Government of Tamilnadu decided to introduce Tamil as an additional court language in the subordinate courts to file and argue a case and get judgment in Tamil. This procedure is operational since 1975. But Lawyers, Judges, Legal luminaries, Litigants, Law students are facing problem in getting any law literature or material to comprehend the legal proceedings in Tamil. In the meantime, the people of Tamilnadu and the Bar Associations and the Government of Tamilnadu are working strongly to bring Tamil as an additional court language. The absence of a law journal further exacerbated the problem. The situation called for a law journal in

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Tamil as an effective means to disseminate knowledge related to legal norms in Tamil. Due to the above compelling professional reasons, we decided to start the Tamil Law Journal titled SATTA KADIR.

REGISTRATION

SATTA KADIR is a Registered Law Journal with the Registrar General of India and duly declared before the Chief Metropolitan Maistrate, Chennai, in the year 1992.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

To present Judgments of High Court and Supreme Court, Acts, Rules, Regulations and other related matters in Tamil and fight for the cause of introducing Tamil as the court language at all levels.

CONTENT - LAW

SATTA KADIR contains High Court Judgments, Supreme Court Judgments, Subordinate court judgments, tribunal judgments, commentaries, reports, book reviews, rules, acts, laws in Tamil. Apart from this, reviews on various judgments, rules and regulations, articles on legal issues by the experts, editorial, legal information are published in Tamil on monthly basis in SATTA KADIR.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

SATTA KADIR contains human rights news, human rights judgments, human rights commission reports, human rights education, National and International Acts. We always encourage to publish human rights law, judgments and commission reports from time to time.

LAUNCHING OF SATTA KADIR

SATTA KADIR as a law journal was officially launched on 29th October 1992 at a grand function held in the Museum Theatre in Chennai. Dr Avvai Natarajan, Secretary of Tamil Department, Government of Tamilnadu, presided over the function and Justice A.R. Lakshmanan, Judge of the Madras High Court, released the first copy of the journal. Mr. R. Gandhi, Mr Raveendran, senior advocates of the Madras High Court also received the first copy of the journal. Mr. R. Veeramani, Advocate & Industrialist, Mr Nallaperumal, Tamil Scholar, advocates, law students and the public participated in the inaugural function.

APPROVAL OF GOVT OF TAMILNADU

The Department of Education and the Department of Public Libraries of Govt of Tamilnadu approved the **SATTA KADIR** Law Journal in the month of November 1992 for circulation to all the public libraries. Subsequently, the Department of School Education,

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Department of Collegiate Education, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Department of Hindu Religious Endowment, Department of Local Administration, Department of Rural Development are subscribing to this Law Journal in their departments.

APPROVAL OF HIGH COURT OF MADRAS

The High Court of Madras approved this Law Journal and issued orders for purchase of copies to the High Court and Subordinate Courts throughout Tamilnadu. SATTAKADIR was appreciated by the judges, advocates and supported the journalists..

BEST LAW JOURNAL AWARD

The Government of Tamilnadu, Department of Tamil Development, have a scheme to give the best journals / books award for every year. In the year 2000, SATTAKADIR was selected as the best Law Journal and have given a cash award of Rs.20000/- in a function in Chennai, bearing testimony to the high standards of professionalism maintained by the journal all through.

TENTH YEAR CELEBRATION

SATTAKADIR on completion of 10th Year organized a special Seminar-cum-Celebrations in Hotel Taj Coromandel. We invited Hon'ble Justice AR Lakshmanan, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, to be the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Justice Jagadeesan, Hon'ble Justice Govindarajan, Judge of High Court of Madras, also

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participated in this function. Apart from this, Senior Advocates and Legal luminaries participated and highly commended the quality, contribution and effectiveness of the contribution made by SATTA KADIR.

WEB LAUNCHING FUNCTION

In 2003, SATTA KADIR organized web-launching function and created a website www.sattakadir.com The website was launched by Hon'ble Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India, at a colourful function in Hotel Woodlands, Chennai. Hon'ble Justice AR.Lakshmanan, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and other judges of Supreme Court and High Court also participated. Vivid demonstration of the operations of the site was made.

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SATTA KADIR website is very much attracted by the Tamil community all over the world. SATTA KADIR website includes Current issues, Old issues, various photographs, paper cuttings, reports, Editorial Board, Projects, Subscriptions, Advertisement tariff etc. After launching the website, it created a very good impact in the society on SATTA KADIR.

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SATTA KADIR AWARDS

SATTA KADIR constituted a Special Award in the field of Best Tamil Translator, Best Law Book Writer, Best Tamil Law Journal, Best Tamil arguing Advocate, Best Tamil promoting Law Professor, Best Tamil knowledge law college students. These awards are given from time to time to encourage Tamil as a legal language in Tamilnadu.

LAUNCHING OF SATTA KADIR E-PAPER

SATTA KADIR converted as E-Paper in the year 2007 at an event. Hon'ble Justice Sathasivam, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, participated as a Chief Guest and the Justice Gokale, Chief Justice of Madras High Court, also participated in this function. He appreciated the contribution of SATTA KADIR. Hon'ble Justice Sathasivam said in the meeting that SATTA KADIR should be purchased by all the public libraries, educational institutions, Subordinate Courts and Village panchayats. He appreciated the SATTA KADIR contribution and created a legal Tamil history.

20th YEAR CELEBRATION

SATTA KADIR on completion of 20th Year, organized a Special Book Releasing Function and Celebrations in Rani Seethai Hall, Chennai, and we have invited Hon'ble Judge Justice Shri Mukhopadyaya, Judge of the Supreme Court, Hon'ble Shri Salman Khurshid, Union Law Minister, Hon'ble Justice Dhanapalan, Judge of the Madras High

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Court, Hon'ble Justice Venkataraman, Judge of the Madras High Court, Hon'ble Justice AR Lakshmanan, Retired Judge of the Supreme Court, were participated and delivered speech on Judicial Language and SATTA KADIR contribution to the Society. On that day, we have given SATTA KADIR Awards to various Authors, Translators and Advocates. This function was reported in all the newspapers and Television.

HONOURING JUDGES

SATTA KADIR organized a special function to honour Judges, Advocates from time to time. We have organized a special Farewell Party to Hon'ble Justice K.N. Basha, Judge of the Madras High Court, Hon'ble Justice Venkataraman, Judge of the Madras High Court, retired from Madras High Court. SATTA KADIR organized special tribute for their services rendered in the field of judiciary. We have invited legal luminaries, advocates, well-wishers to attend the function in Hotel GRT in a grand manner.

LEGAL AID

SATTA KADIR is providing legal-aid to its readers from time to time from 1992 till date. We used to receive at least 1000 applications per year and we use to give our legal advice and some letters were sent to the Legal Aid Centre situated at Madras High Court campus for necessary advice. Apart from that, we use to forward the letters to the eminent lawyers, senior advocates to provide legal aid free of cost.

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SATTA KADIR PUBLICATIONS

SATTA KADIR is publishing books from time to time on various topics. We have published Judicial History of Tamilnadu, Sattamum Samuthayamum, Chennai and beyond the World, Chennai and Far East like many other books brought out by SATTA KADIR in Tamil.

SATTA KADIR BACK VOLUMES

SATTA KADIR back-volumes are very much attracted by Advocates, Law Students, Educational Institutions and Researchers. Apart from this, the Government of Tamilnadu had purchased 14000 copies of back-volumes and circulated to their departments for four years is indeed a great source of encouragement for further expanding the profile of SATTA KADIR. This was circulated under Anna Village Library Scheme. It boosted the image of SATTA KADIR all over Tamilnadu. The back numbers of the Journal serve as potential sources of reference materials for the advocates to draw on evidenced-based information and analysis contained in those issues of the Journal.

EXHIBITIONS

SATTA KADIR is participating regularly in Exhibitions and putting a stall for the back volumes of SATTA KADIR, and the increasing number of subscriptions add to our image building drive. .

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

SATTA KADIR Editor is regularly participating in the National and the International Seminars and Conferences, presenting papers and acquiring lot of new books for further enhancing the caliber of SATTA KADIR in a professional manner. He also participates in short-term programmes related to law across countries and continents in order to broaden the outlook and approach of the Journal and thereby keep pace with the rapidly changing facets of journalism in an internationally competitive environment. .

LAUNCHING OF SATT KADIR IN MALAYSIA

SATTA KADIR Law Journal was launched in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in the year 2005 at a function. Dato Seri Dr. Samy Vellu launched the journal. Two hundred participants subscribed for this journal as a mark of support and appreciation.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

The increasing number of appreciation and approbation won by SATTA KADIR every month lends credence to the authenticity, reliability and validity of information the Journal furnishes for the cause of fostering Tamil as an effective means of making rapt attention and apt response before the court of law while fighting for justice. The fact that Self-Respect Movement from Trichy invited Dr. Sampath and given an award to SATTA KADIR speaks volumes of the credibility of the Journal. .

Similarly Bharathidasan Tamil Mandram, Pondicherry, invited Dr. Sampath and gave award for SATTA KADIR. Tamil Department of Loyola College invited Dr. Sampath and had given the award / appreciation. Hon'ble Justice Raju of the Supreme Court, Hon'ble Justice Mohan of the Supreme Court have also appreciated about SATTA KADIR. Those awards lend credence to the high quality and effectiveness of service done by the Journal to the Tamil community.

MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION

SATTA KADIR mostly distributed through the Postal Dept by way of subscription and we are distributing through M/s Higginbothams all over Tamilnadu. We have some private book distributors who distribute SATTA KADIR in different towns and cities of Tamilnadu. We are trying to increase the circulation from time to time. We are also distributing SATTA KADIR in more than 20 countries and the people are showing interest in purchasing SATTA KADIR and keeping it as a good source of refrence.

ADVERTISEMENTS

In SATTA KADIR, we release advertisements received from various corporate companies and other business houses.

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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

SATTA KADIR is planning to bring out a fortnightly to increase the circulation of Journal and to highlight related activities. We are searching for funds from the corporate sector as part of social responsibility and solicit support from the governmental and public.

CONTRIBUTION – FUNDING

SATTA KADIR needs contributions from Corporate Companies, Donors and Well-wishers as donation for promoting the Journal in par with other leading Journals because of its proven impact and compact.

EDITOR & PUBLISHER

SATTA KADIR is owned by Dr. VRS Sampath, Advocate and a very popular public personality, running an NGO. He visited more than 25 countries all over the world.

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SATTA KADIR FOUNDATION

SATTA KADIR Foundation was established to formalize SATTA KADIR related serices like Free Legal Aid, Awards, Publication, Seminars, Workshops and complimentary distribution of SATTA KADIR and also to organize short-term Training Programme on Law and Peace education.

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CONCLUSION

SATTA KADIR is a very unique journal, promoting law in Tamilnadu. It is appreciated by all sections of people as a great asset to the professional practitioners law and the people of Tamilnadu, creating a history in the field of Legal Tamil in Tamilnadu.

'LET TRUTH PREVAIL IN TAMIL
BEFORE THE COURT OF LAW'