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Title: Regarding celebration of Thiruvalluvar's Birthday on 17th January as National Thiruvalluvar Day.

DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR (PERAMBALUR): Thiruvalluvar was a unique poet and philosopher, who was born 2000 years ago. His literature by the name 'Thirukkural' is one of the unique contributions in the world. With a couplet of 1330, Thirukkural is considered to be the face and property of Tamilians.

The Thirukkural has 133 chapters each one of them having 10 couplets. Nothing is untold in this book like education, health, Government, justice, nature and so on.

If a man fully follows the advice and principles of Thirukkural, he will become a man of perfection and incomparable to anybody in the world. Our Prime Minister, nowadays, whenever he goes abroad, he gives a quote of Thirukkural. When he speaks about water, he quotes Thirukkural by saying "Neerindri Amayathu Ulagu". The book has been translated in several Indian and foreign languages like Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi, Karnataka, Malayalam, Manipuri, Oriya, Rajasthani, Sanskrit and Telugu. Also, it has been translated in Arabic, Chinese, Malai, Urdu, French, German, Italian, etc. It is the only book translated in so many languages. No other book can claim this status. As the year calculated before Christ and after Christ, in Tamil Nadu, we also calculate the year on the basis of Thiruvalluvar birth and we call it as Thiruvalluvar Andu. On 16th January, the birthday of Thiruvalluvar, Tamilians celebrate Thiruvalluvar Day. Thirukkural is not only for one language or community, it is a book for the whole world and all languages. So, I

appeal to the Government of India to celebrate Thiruvalluvar's Birthday on 16th January as a National Thiruvalluvar Day.