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Title: Need to set up a University for Music and Fine Arts in Thanjavur.

*SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. I bow before Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu *Puratchithalaivi* Amma. I urge upon the Hon. Minister of Human Resources Development to take necessary action for setting up of a Music and Fine Arts University in Thanjavur. Tamil Music (Tamilisai) is 3000 years old. There are some important grammar books on Tamil Music like *Kalaria, Virai, Muthunaarai, Muthukurugu, Isainunukkam, and Panchamarabu*. Tamil Music (Tamilisai) is very ancient which is 3000 years old. There are seven notes in Tamil Music such as Sa, Ri, Ga, Ma, Pa, Tha and Ni. No one is able to find the eight note till now. *Pann* in Tamil is called as *Raaga* in Sanskrit, The word *Alatti* has a Sanskrit equivalent called *Alapana*. *Isai* is called as *Sangeet* in Sanskrit. This traditional and ancient music of Tamil Nadu should be preserved and passed on to the youth of this country. Hon. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has been taking continuous efforts in this direction with a foresighted vision. Government Music Colleges in Chennai, Tiruvaiyaaru, Coimbatore and Madurai; Colleges of Fine Arts in Kumbakonam and Chennai; Government College of Architecture and Sculpture in Mamallapuram; Unaided Private Colleges which teach Music, Drama and Fine Arts could be brought under one umbrella *i.e.* Music and Fine Arts University. There could be Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses on Music and Fine Arts offered by these institutions. I therefore urge upon the Hon. Minister of Human Resources Development to set up a University for Music and Fine Arts in Thanjavur with 13 full-fledged departments to teach Vocal music, Veena, Violin, Nadhaswaram (Nagaswaram), Thavil, Ghatam, Mridangam, Kanjira, Morsing (Mukharshanku), Flute, Bharathanatyam, Nattuvangam and Folk Arts. Thank you.