



STRONG MINDS from Tamil Nadu

In the heartland of Tamil Nadu, where the echoes of the oldest language resound, a tapestry of illustrious minds keeps getting woven. These luminaries are exemplars of formidable intellect and resolute determination. The annals of history bear witness to the fact that true strength resides in the recesses of one's mind, empowering these remarkable individuals to forge groundbreaking paths.

As we embarked on the task of curating this distinguished list, we found ourselves confronted with a formidable challenge. Tamil Nadu's heritage does overflow with legends, from the wisdom of Thiruvalluvar to the valor of Velu Nachiar, the vision of Nataraja Mudaliar, the reformist zeal of Periyar, the philosophical depth of JK, the political sagacity of MK, the charisma of MGR, and many more like CK Prahalad, and P. Susheela. The list is truly endless.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
T. V. Sundram Iyengar



JAN 2024

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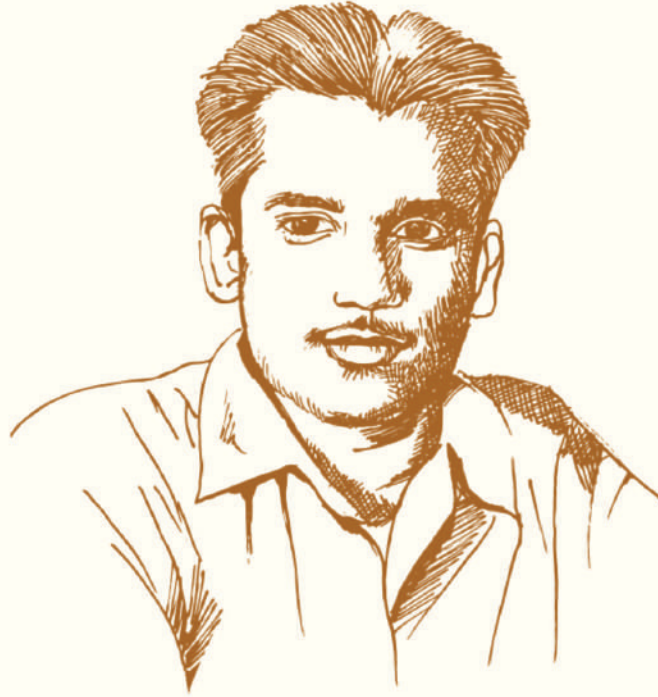
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யானையின் வலிமை

T. V. Sundram Iyengar was a Visionary Industrialist and an Automobile Pioneer from Thirukkurungudi. As a forward thinker, he designed and set up a gas plant during World War II petrol scarcity. A staunch follower of Gandhian principles, the company he started in 1911 is now one of India's biggest business conglomerates.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Chinni Krishnan



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"What a rich man enjoys a common man should be able to afford" was the grand noble vision of this man from Cuddalore which manifested as the Sachet. Known as the father of Sachet Revolution, his idea of providing affordable portions to consumers across products and services and the huge market it created is often referred to as the 'Sachet Economy'.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
M. S. Subbulakshmi



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யாழ்ப்பாணத்தின் வலிமை

This music genius from Madurai was the first musician to be awarded Bharat Ratna and the first musician to receive the Ramon Magsaysay Award. As the Cultural Ambassador of India, she has performed across the globe including at UN General Assembly, Edinburgh International Festival and Royal Albert Hall.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy



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யாழ்ப்பாணத்தின் வலிமை

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy born in Pudukottai was the first female student to be admitted into a men's college in India. She was the first woman Legislator in British India and the first woman in the Madras Corporation. The Adyar Cancer Institute started by her was the second of its kind in India. Today it treats nearly 80,000 cancer patients a year.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
S. Rm. M. Annamalai Chettiar



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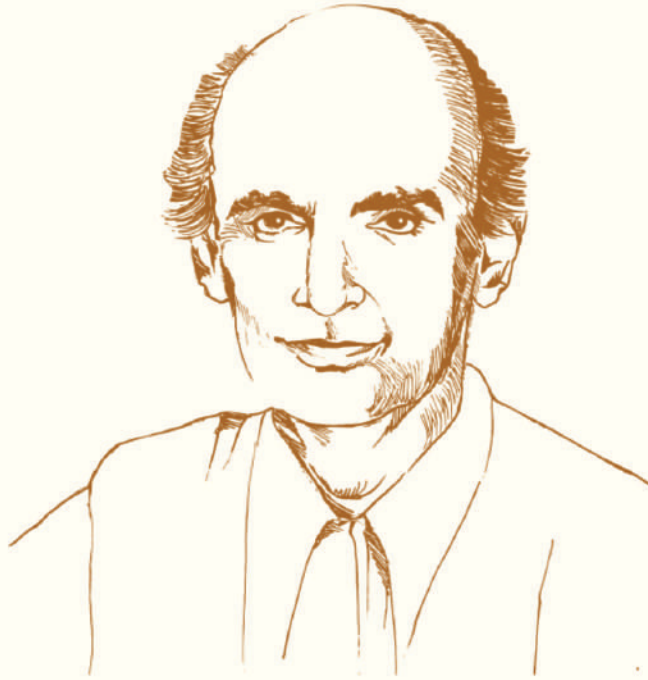
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யானையின் வலிமை

S. Rm. M. Annamalai Chettiar from Kanadukathan was an industrialist, banker, educationist and philanthropist. His family traditions of piety, charity and devotion to business were exemplified by him. He founded Annamalai University and supported many educational institutions. He co-founded Indian Bank and was the first Governor of the Imperial Bank of India.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Gopalswamy Doraiswamy Naidu



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G.D. Naidu known as the 'Edison of India', from Coimbatore built the first electric motor in India. His other inventions were super-thin shaving blades, a distance adjuster for film cameras, a fruit juice extractor, a tamper-proof vote-recording machine, and a kerosene-run fan. He also researched and identified new varieties in cotton, maize, and papaya.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Rukmini Devi Arundale



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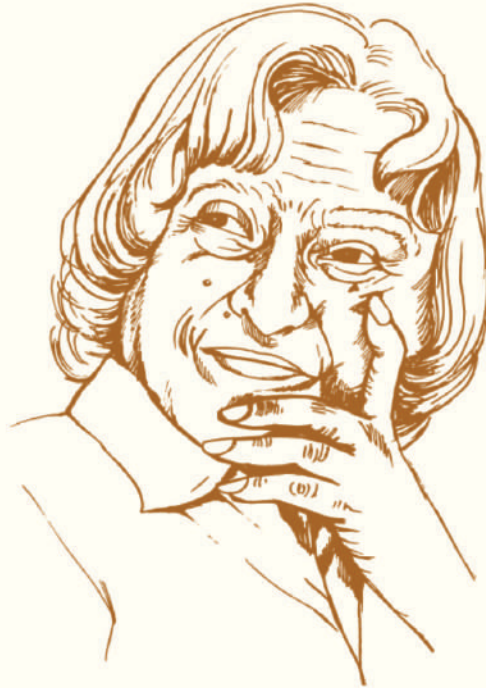
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She was the theosophist, Bharatanatyam dancer and activist from Madurai who became the first Indian woman to be nominated to Rajya Sabha. She founded Kalakhestra, Animal Welfare Board of India, Indian Vegetarian Congress (World Veg Council), College of Fine Arts, The Besant Theosophical High School among many other.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



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Abdul Kalam from Rameshwaram was an aerospace scientist and statesman who was the 11th President of India. Referred to as "Missile man of India" and 'People's President' he returned to his civilian life of education, writing, public speaking, and public service after his presidency. He is the recipient of innumerable awards including Bharat Ratna.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Sir C. V. Raman



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யானையின் வலிமை

This physicist and Nobel laureate born in Tiruchirappalli discovered the modified scattering light know as 'Raman Effect' on 28 Feb 1928, the day that is celebrated as National Science Day in India. He was also the first recipient of Bharat Ratna. He was the first Indian Director of Indian Institute of Science and set up Indian Academy of Sciences and Raman Research Institute.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
M. S. Swaminathan



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யாழ்ப்பாணம் வலிமை

This visionary from Kumbakonam known as the 'Father of India's Green Revolution', was responsible for averting famines in the 1960s through scientific agricultural practices. Recipient of numerous awards including World Food Prize and Albert Einstein World Science Award, he was described by UN as 'The Father of Economic Ecology'.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Srinivasa Ramanujan



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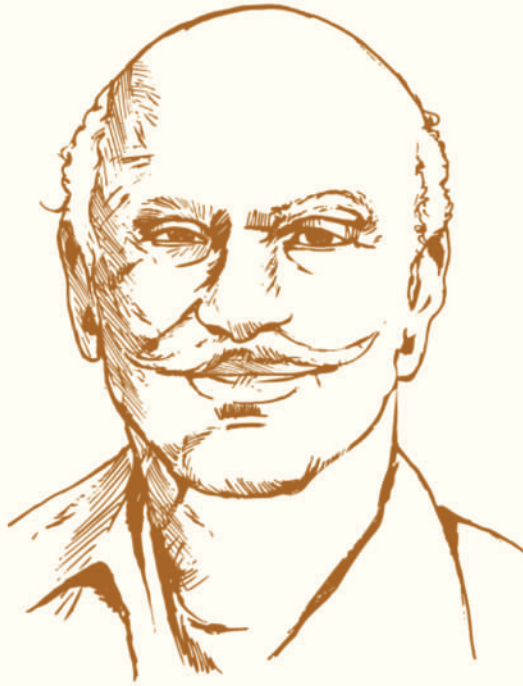
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This self-taught mathematical genius from Erode made extraordinary contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series, continued fractions and more. Many of them were considered unsolvable at that time. He became the youngest to be a Fellow of the Royal Society and the first Indian to be a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu
Captain V. Sundaram



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This pilot from Coimbatore was the first to take a photo of Taj Mahal from the air. He and his wife as co-pilot flew many well-known people like Jawaharlal Nehru and their record of flying a piston-engine aircraft from London to Madras in 27 hours remains unbroken. He founded The Blue Cross of India, a shelter for animals in Chennai that has become the largest of its kind in Asia.

Thus, with a sense of serendipity, we embarked on a 'lucky-dip' selection for the first twelve luminaries to feature in this year's calendar. We eagerly await the response from our discerning audience such as you, and if you all so wish, this tribute to the 'Strong Minds from Tamil Nadu' can continue next year or could potentially evolve into a timeless book of inspiration and legacy for generations to come.

We eagerly await your feedback and suggestions. Let us also know if you want us to send to this someone you know who would appreciate and treasure this.

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