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Special Lecture  
on

**Literature and Archaeology: A case study of  
Sangam Tamil Corpus**

by

**Dr. R. Balakrishnan IAS (R)**

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Author of the Book 'Journey of Civilization: Indus to Vaigai'



12th December 2022



04.30.PM



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## R. Balakrishnan IAS

R. Balakrishnan is an Indologist and Dravidian researcher. He holds a postgraduate degree in Tamil literature. He is the first student of Tamil literature to clear the Civil Service exam. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1984. His initial postings in the Tribal areas of Odisha triggered his interest in

Indology, Anthropology and Place - name Studies. He was inspired by Iravatham Mahadevan's work on Indus and its connections with the Dravidian civilization which increased his interest and curiosity in the field of Indus research. For the last 25 years he has been pursuing in-depth comparative study on the Indus civilization and the similarities with the Dravidian culture through the Sangam literature and with the new archeological findings. He formulated the 'Korkai-Vanji-Tondi Complex', using Geographical Information System tool. At present it is a complex in the Indus geography which was formally announced in 2010. His paper on High - West: Low - East Dichotomy of Indus cities and its linguistic paradigm gained wide attention. His Tamil book on the Dravidian foundations of Indus Civilization received high attention in the academia. As well as his recent book The Journey of the Civilization: From Indus to Vaigai river valley got huge attention of the professors, young researchers and the general public as well as the Tamil Nadu legislators and politicians.

He is an author, poet and has published several books in Tamil. After thirty - four years of service with the Government of Odisha and the Government of India, he retired from the Civil service in 2018. At present he is working as chief advisor to the Chief Minister Odisha. He is the Honorary Consultant at the Indus Research Centre (part of RMRL), Chennai.

