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Rebirth of Tamil Classics

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The event marked the release of five of its works that include Taravagam, the critical edition of Iraiyanar Kalaviyal, two ebooks, Tirukkural mobile application, and Ainthinai, an animation film.

U Ve Sa Semmozhi Taravagam is a unique Tamil word identification application for classical Tamil literature including Tholkaappiyam, Aganaanooru, Kurunthogai and Kalithogai. On the other hand, the critical edition of Iraiyanar Kalaviyal is an authentic version of classical Tamil texts.

Under this project, the various original manuscripts and texts were collected, digitised and

documented.

CICT has also brought out two of its publications, — the English translations of Iraiyanar Akapporul and Muttollaiyiram in ebook format. To cope with the emerging trends, Tirukkural Mobile Application has been developed to take classical Tamil directly to gen next.

The animation short film Ainthinai – the five landscapes of Sangam Literature — is the first of CICT's audio-visual infotainment products to capture the interest of youngsters.

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