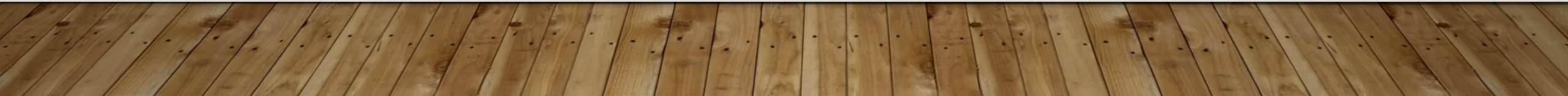


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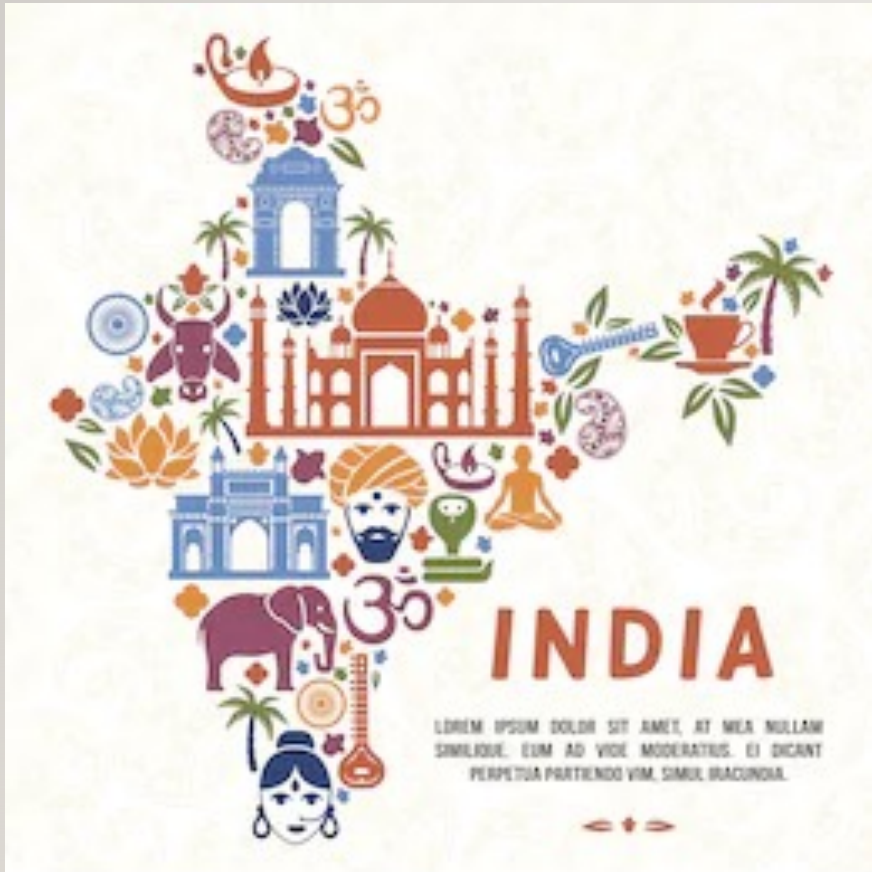
- Sucharitha Rajesh, DP2



India in the world



India - the diverse subcontinent



26 States, 26 cultures



And among this diversity...



Tamil Nadu

... is the language -

தமிழ்

Tamil

An ancient language....



The oldest Tamil writings are 5000 years old, and it is probably the oldest language known.

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...that still flourishes today.



*The Thirukural:
Translated today into 82 world
languages*

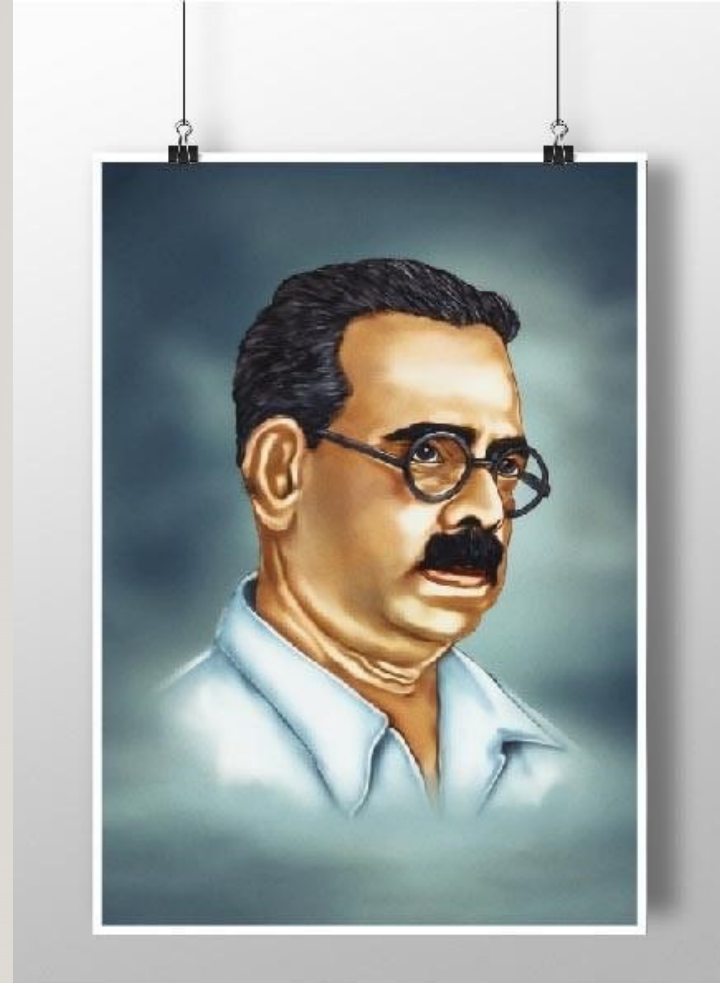


*The 133-foot statue of its author at the
cape of Kanyakumari*



*Bharathiyar - the poet of the
Independence struggle in India*

A song about this language:



Tamilukum Amudhendru Peyar:

Tamil is nectar, that sweet Tamil
is as precious as our lives.

Tamil is the moon, Tamil is the
water that sustains the soil of
our society.

Tamil is fragrance, Tamil is the
root of our honor and respect.

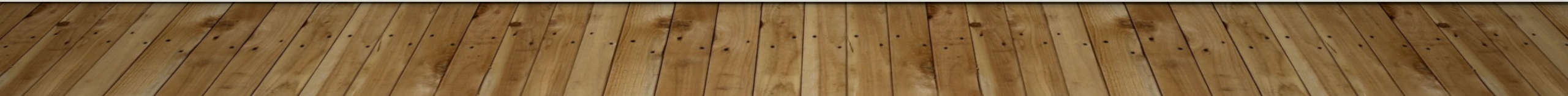
A bit of our culture...



*The temple at Madurai -
the ancient seat of Tamil scholars*



The Shore Temple - a UNESCO world heritage site



...our traditional classical dance...



Bharathanatyam
The sacred art form



...and our cuisine.



Learn some Tamil with me..

அ	ஆ	இ	ஈ	உ	ஊ	
a	ā	i	ī	u	ū	
எ	ஏ	ஐ	ஒ	ஔ	ஔ	ஔள
e	ē	ai	o	ō		au
க	ka	த	tha	ல	la	
ங	ñ [ṅ]	ந	na	வ	va	
ச	cha	ப	pa	ழ	zha	
ஞ	ñ [ṅ]	ம	ma	ள	la(!)	
ட	ta	ய	ya	ற	ṛ R	
ண	ṇ [ṅ]	ர	ra	ன	ṇ, N	



Can you pronounce this?



தமிழ்

...here are the basic words:

வணக்கம்.

Vanakkam. – Greeting

வாருங்கள்!

Vaarungal - Welcome

எப்படி இருக்கிறீர்கள்?

Eppadi irukkireergal ? – How are you ?

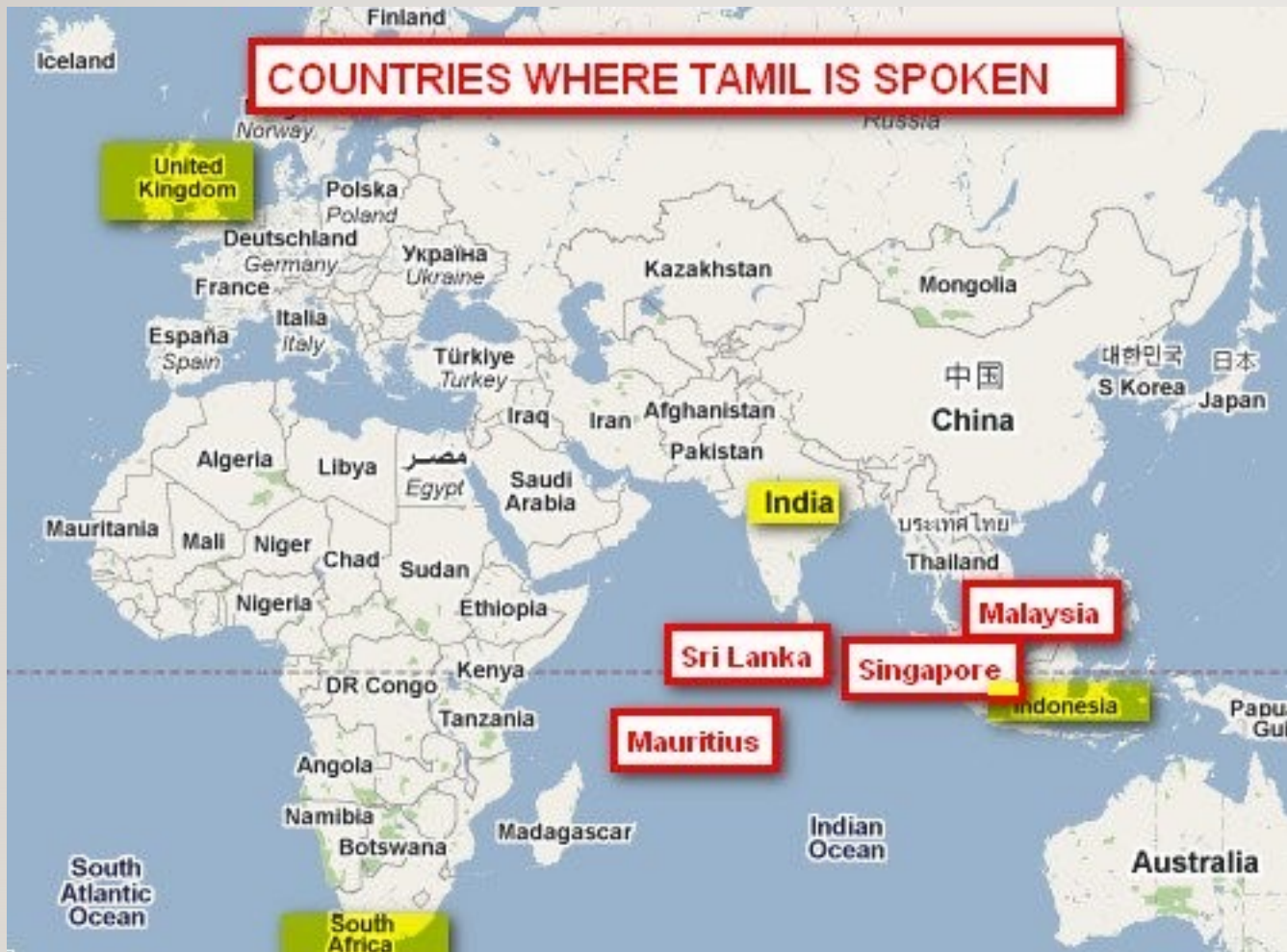
உங்கள் பெயர் என்ன ?

Ungal peyar enna? – What is your name?

என் பெயர்.....

En peyar... - My name is...

Tamil around the world...



Tamil is an official language of the government in...

- *Tamil Nadu*
- *Sri Lanka*
- *Singapore*

... and is spoken in

- *South Africa*
- *Malaysia*
- *Mauritius*
- *Indonesia*

and many other countries.

And a final note...

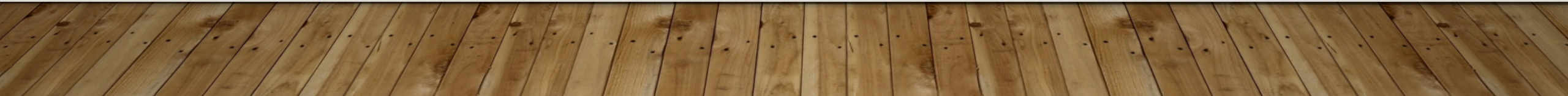
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And in Tamil...

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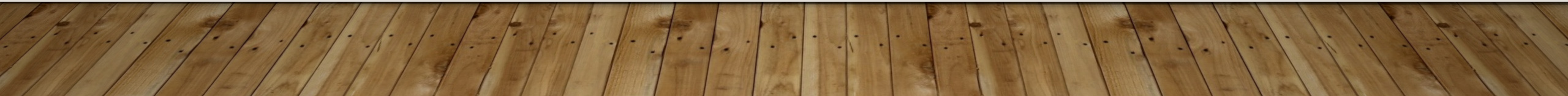
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நன்றி!

Nandri!

Thank you !