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**BESTOWING OF DEVANEYA PAAVANAR, VEERAMA MUNIVAR AWARDS -  
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION : 31-08-2021.**

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In order to encourage and give fillip to Tamil Scholars, Govt. of Tamil Nadu have been continuously giving several awards. From this year onwards, four new awards will be given for which G.O. has been issued. Among these four awards, the awards given in the names of Devaneyya Paavanar and Veeramamunivar will be awarded under the auspices of the Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project, and the other two awards issued in the names of Arutperumjothi Vallalar and Karaikkal Ammaiyar will be awarded on behalf of Tamil Development Department. In order to encourage and give fillip for the research of Tamil root words, preparation of Tamil Dictionaries along with promoting upkeep and maintenance of pure Tamil. It has been intended to bestow the “Devaneyya Paavanar Award” for a meritorious and eminent scholar in Lexicography (Dictionary Production) of Indian origin. The Government have issued orders bestowing for the Veeramamunivar Award to a befitting scholar of repute who shall be a foreigner by birth, and whose mother tongue shall not be Tamil; he or she shall be a scholar of excellence and eminence who has strided on the path of Veeramamunivar replicating his literary and creative style; has produced minor literatures, and has brought out translation and also who has been an outstanding scholar on Lexicography and who has published Tamil Dictionaries. The awardee will receive rupees one lakh in cash and also a gold medal of one sovereign (one pound) along with a Citation. Those scholars who are qualified to receive the award (and prize along with Citation) shall download the Application Form from [www.sorkuvai.com](http://www.sorkuvai.com) and fill it up and obtain certificates from two eminent personalities - one from an University or College Professor and the other from an eminent Lexicologist - and enclose them along with their Bio-datas and Photos. The filled up applications shall be sent to the “**DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF TAMIL ETYMOLOGICAL DICTIONARY PROJECT**, Urban Administrative Building, No.75, First floor, Santhome High Road, M.R.C.Nagar, Chennai – 600 028.” either in person or by post on or before 31.08.2021.

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