



மா வீரர் நாள் Maaveerar Naal 2024



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I remember the Heroes who served Tamil Eelam to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life from the Sri Lankan state genocide.



WHAT IS MAAVEERAR NAAL?

Maaveerar Naal is a remembrance day observed by Eelam Tamils to remember the ultimate sacrifice of those who fought for the liberation of Tamil Eelam.

WHY IS MAAVEERAR NAAL ON 27TH NOVEMBER?

It's held on 27th November, the date on which the first Tamil cadre, Lt Shankar, died in combat in 1982, becoming the first Maaveerar.

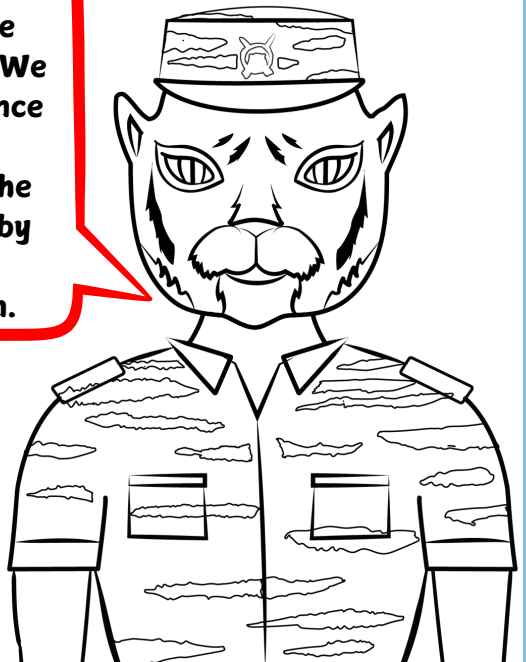
WHAT IS EEHAI CHUDAR, THE FLAME OF SACRIFICE?

It is a flame lit at 6:07pm Tamil Eelam time. This is the precise time when Lt Shankar became a Maaveerar.

Hi, I fought for the freedom of the Tamil Nation; I was a part of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. We emerged in May 1976, as a resistance to intensifying discriminative violence and genocide towards the Tamil people. We were founded by our honorary national leader, Methagu Velupillai Prabhakaran.

COLOUR ME IN

Follow this activity book to learn more about maaveerar naal and the sacrifices of our maaveerar.



தமிழீழத்தின் நவீன வரலாறு

Modern Tamil Eelam History #2

The Policy of Standardisation - 1971

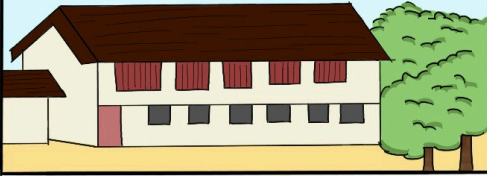
வணக்கம். I'm Puli Akka, I really like physics and want to be an engineer. Engineers make products which help people live safely and happily. But the racist Sri Lankan (SL) state is making unfair rules to stop Tamils like me from achieving our dreams.



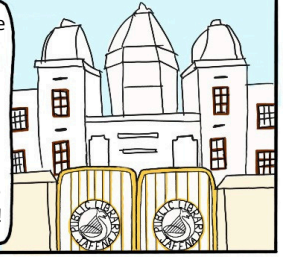
Ancient Tamil infrastructure like the Iranamadu Tank in Kilinochchi was one of my inspirations to become an engineer. This was built by the Tamils in the 15th century and it allows farms and people to have water and prevent flooding. How clever! I want to help build things too!



This is my school. I love maths and physics and really enjoy learning from all my teachers! கற்றுது கை மண் அளவு கல்லாதது உலகளவு - there's so much to learn!



The pride of Tamils is the Jaffna Library, so many amazing books which show our Tamil history and lots of books on maths and physics too! It's one of the biggest libraries in Asia, so there is so much to learn here!



In the SL parliament building, the SL state was creating unfair laws to Tamils. The 'Standardisation Act' meant Tamils had to get higher marks than Sinhalese students to go to university. Protests from Tamils were ignored.



Puli Akka misses getting a place at university due to the unfair Standardisation Act, because she is Tamil. Even though she worked really hard and deserved a place, the unfair laws against Tamils stops her dreams. The SL state does not invest in Tamil areas so there are no opportunities for youngsters.

1971 MARKS SHEET		
COURSE	TAMIL	SINHALA
MEDICINE	250	229
DENTISTRY	250	227
ENGINEERING	181	175
BIO-SCIENCE	204	183

In 1981, the Jaffna library was set afire by SL state forces.



The burning of the Jaffna Library felt like my home was taken away along with thousands of unique Tamil books. This shows how the SL state treats Tamils. There's no education or opportunities for youngsters like myself. I'm choosing to fight so future Tamils can feel safe and protected. I want to help future Tamils have opportunities and dreams. I hope for a Tamil Eelam where Tamils can flourish.



Colouring In

கறுப்பு - எமது விடுதலைப் பாதையில் இறப்பு, அழிவு, துன்பம் அனைத்தையும் சந்திப்போம்.

BLACK - Our journey to freedom will encounter deaths, destruction, misery and pain.

துப்பாக்கிமுனை - எங்கள் ஆயுதப் போராட்டம், வன்னியின் கடைசி தமிழ் மன்னர், பண்டாரவன்னியனின் கொடியில் காணப்படும் குறுக்குவாள் வடிவத்தை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டது.

THE CROSSED BAYONETS - Our armed struggle. It is based off the cross swords illustrated on Vanni's last Tamil king, Pandara Vanniyan's flag.

வெள்ளை - விடுதலை அமைப்பு, மக்கள் மற்றும் தலைவர்கள் அனைவரின் தூய்மையையும் நேர்மையையும் குறிக்கின்றது.

WHITE - The honesty, selflessness and purity in the citizens and leaders of Tamil Eelam.

மஞ்சள் - தமிழீழ மக்கள் சொந்த மண்ணில் தன்னாட்சி அமைத்து கொள்வது எமது அடிப்படை உரிமை என்பதை குறியீடுகின்றது.

YELLOW - The hope that Tamils will one day govern our homeland.

பாயும் புலி - புராதன தமிழ் பேரரசான சோழர் பேரரசில் இருந்து. புலி சோழர்களின் அரசுச் சின்னமாக இருந்து வந்துள்ளது.

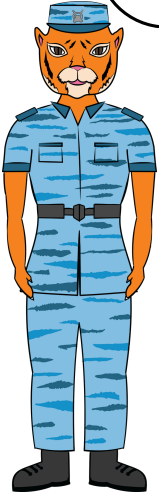
LEAPING TIGER - From the historical Tamil kingdom - Chola Empire. The tiger was the royal emblem of the Cholas.

செந்நிறம் - தமிழீழத் தனியரசை அமைப்பதோடு குழுகாய ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுகளை ஒழித்து மாற்றங்களை நிலை நாட்டுவது உண்மையான தேசிய விடுதலை குறித்து நிற்கிறது.

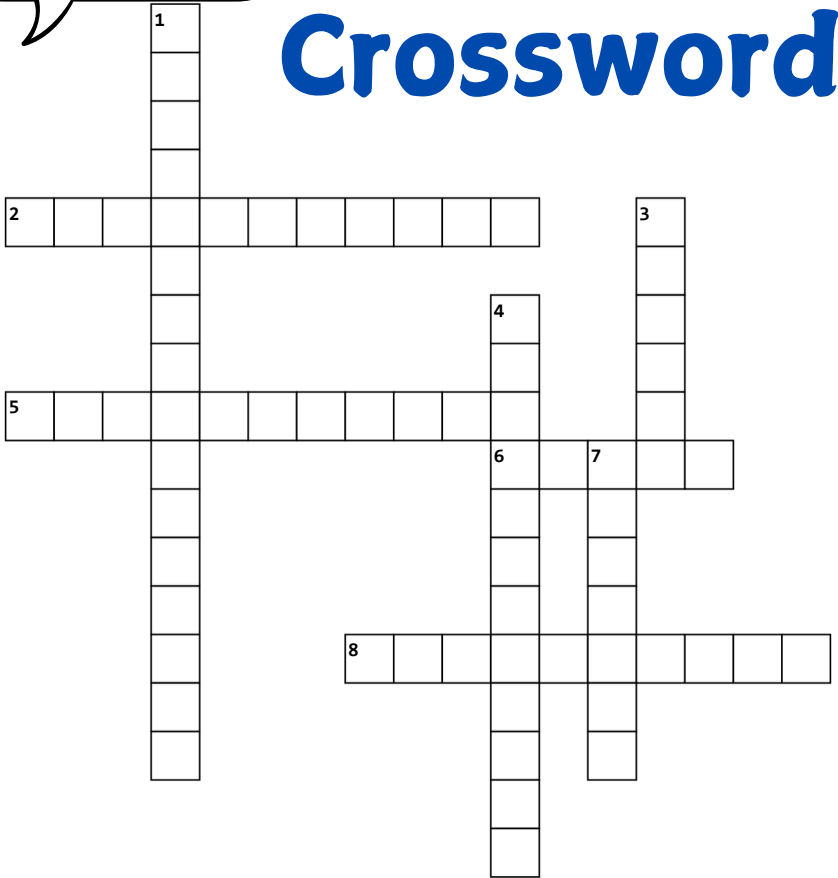
RED - Tamils will gain true freedom through elimination of gender, caste and class distinction through social justice across Tamil Eelam.



Find the TAMIL
Stall for
answers!



Crossword



Down

1. The voice of the Nation
3. National tree of Tamil Eelam
4. National flower of Tamil Eelam
7. The first woman martyr of LTTE

Across

2. The largest district and capital of Tamil Eelam
5. The flame lit at 6:07pm on Maaveerar Naal
6. Our mother tongue
8. Our identity

Word Search

P	M	T	R	I	B	U	T	E	V	E	E	C	K
M	A	T	N	H	I	R	H	C	I	L	G	O	A
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HERITAGE [பாரம்பரியம்]

MALATHY [மாலதி]

VITHUSHA [விதுசா]

THIYAGA THEEPAM [தியாக தீபம்]

LANGUAGE [மொழி]

KARUMPULI [கரும்புலி]

MARTYRDOM [வீரச்சாவு]

KARTHIGAI POO [கார்த்திகைப் பூ]

CULTURE [கலாச்சாரம்]

PATRIOT [நாட்டுப்பற்றாளர்]

TRIBUTE [அஞ்சலி]

STRUGGLE [போராட்டம்]

NOVEMBER [கார்த்திகை]

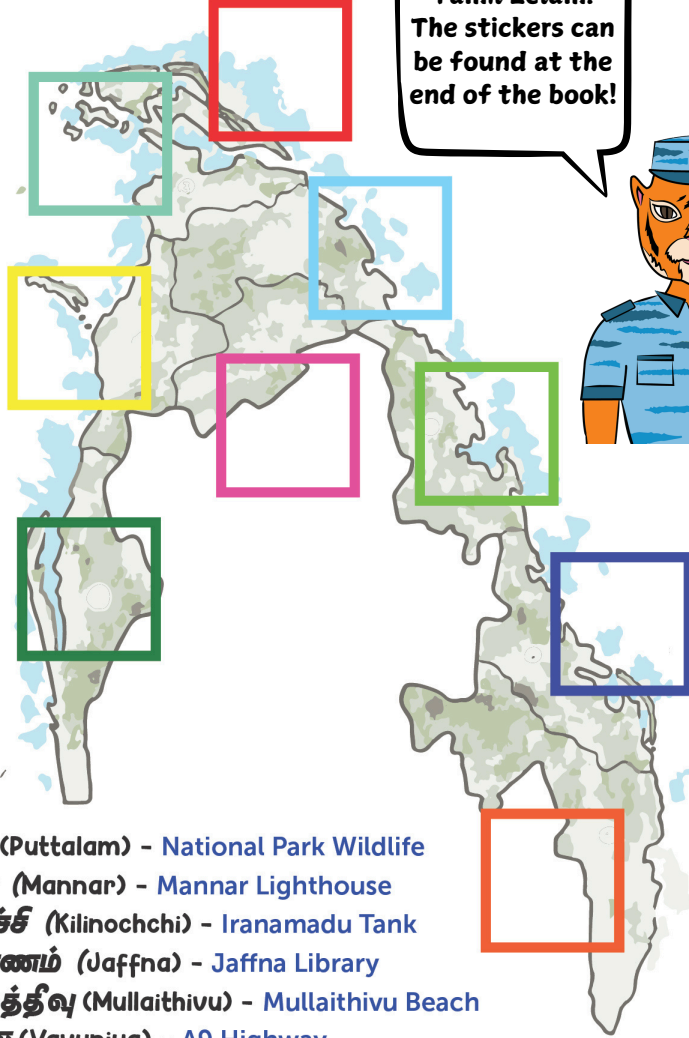
COMMON FLAME [பொதுச்சுடர்]

OPPRESSION [அடக்குமுறை]



தமிழீழம் Tamil Eelam

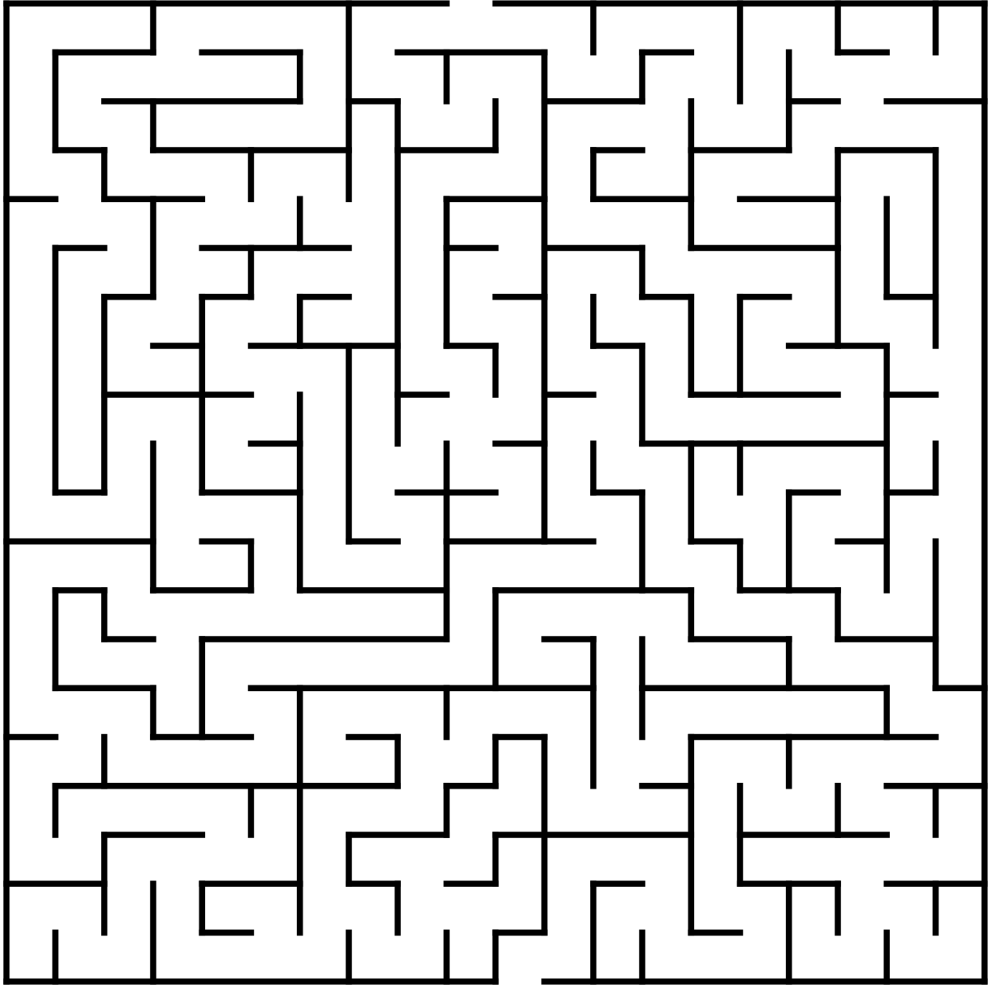
Stick the iconic
locations of
each district on
to the map of
Tamil Eelam.
The stickers can
be found at the
end of the book!



- 1 புத்தளம் (Puttalam) - National Park Wildlife
- 2 மன்னார் (Mannar) - Mannar Lighthouse
- 3 கீளினொச்சி (Kilinochchi) - Iranamadu Tank
- 4 யாழ்ப்பாணம் (Jaffna) - Jaffna Library
- 5 முல்லைத்தீவு (Mullaithivu) - Mullaithivu Beach
- 6 வவுனியா (Vavuniya) - A9 Highway
- 7 திருக்கோணமலை (Trincomalee) - Koneswaram Temple
- 8 மட்டக்களப்பு (Batticaloa) - Kokkadicholai Genocide Memorial
- 9 அம்பாறை (Amparai) - Agriculture at work

Maze

Help Puli akka
reach Tamil Eelam



STORY OF A MAAVEERAR

Vithusha, often called Brigadier Vithusha, was a courageous leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Her journey in the fight for Tamil freedom began in 1985, after witnessing the tragedy of the Kumudini boat massacre, where many innocent Tamils were killed. This painful event made Vithusha determined to stand up and fight for her people.



Vithusha had a close bond with her brother, Vithushan, who also fought bravely in the LTTE. Sadly, he lost his life in a battle against the Sri Lankan Army in 1999. Inspired by the need for justice, Vithusha joined the LTTE and began her training near Kilinochchi as part of the Freedom Birds program, a special training group for women fighters.

At first, she took charge of supplies and logistics during the difficult times when the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) was in Sri Lanka. But soon, her skills and bravery led her into direct combat. One of her early battles was at the Jaffna Fort, where she fought alongside her fellow fighters, showing incredible courage.

In 1983, the LTTE established the Women's Front of the Liberation Tigers, which grew stronger over time. By 1987, women fighters had their own training camp in Jaffna, and Vithusha played a key role in leading and inspiring these women. This was a difficult time for Tamil women, who faced great hardships due to the ongoing conflict, but many were motivated by Vithusha's example to join the fight for freedom.

Throughout her career, Brigadier Vithusha was known for her bravery and leadership. She took part in every major operation involving the Women's Brigade, becoming a symbol of strength and resilience. Her final battle was in 2009 during the intense Battle of Puthukkudiyirippu, where she fought until the end, never backing down.

Vithusha is remembered as a Maaveerar, a hero who sacrificed her life for the Tamil people. Her story is one of determination, strength, and hope. She showed that even in the face of great danger, it's possible to stand up for what's right. Today, Vithusha's legacy continues to inspire, reminding us of the power of courage and the spirit of freedom.

Vithusha's story is one of many of how discrimination fuelled many of the general public to become freedom fighters. As our National leader once said:

‘எமது போராட்டத்தின் வலிமை எமது போராளிகளினது நெஞ்சுரத்திலிருந்தே பிறக்கின்றது.’

‘The strength of our struggle is born out of the strong will of our warriors.’

Our struggle still continues today and it is our duty to continue our path to independence! What will you do to help Tamil Eelam?



THAYAGA KANAVUDAN

(Also referred to commonly as the 'Thuyilam Illam' song)

Authored by the Tamil Eelam revolutionary poet Puthuvai Ratnathurai. The song is played at every Maaveerar Naal event, as candles and lamps are being lit.

**An oath upon Tamil, the language we breathe;
An oath upon our guide, the creator of our history, our leader;
An oath upon those reposing (tiger) warriors (that closed their eyes) here,
We will not live downtrodden, we will not retire from
the struggle for Tamil Eelam, we swear.**

**To those sandalwood caskets who embraced death,
dreaming of the motherland;
Can you hear our humming cries here? You who live on in the trenches!
Your parents, your friends, your kith and kin – we have come!
Your comrades who battled beside you on those red fields – we are here!
[Oh please! Oh where?] Open your eyes just this one time, here.
Just show your revered faces once, and then return to your slumber.**

**We come to your gates, give us strength we pray.
We lay our hands on your tombstones
and make this promise –
Even when death comes, when the fire burns,
our blood will not sleep –
Our (the leaping tigers') thirst will not
be quenched until we have our homeland**

**In your last moments, your
mouths uttered those words,,,
Tamil Eelam
For which we will stand together
and make haste to attain;
In our leader's path, the Tamil nation
will see independence,
And we will endure any plight to
win in your honour.**

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the song



