

To members of the German Tamil Sangam e.V.

It is hard to believe that our time as executive board members are coming to an end. We have had the great pleasure of working with many of our creative and dedicated colleagues in our association as we tackled numerous activities and mitigated many problems. And in all of this, we have done our best to be good stewards of our organization as we pass on the responsibility to our next board.

Foreword: This report is prepared in a format, to provide a descriptive overview for the year 2022 on distinct aspects of meetings, events, communications, membership, and administrative details.

On 12th December 2021, the Executive board (Vorstand) was elected and on 07th January 2022 the current Board of Directors were entered Associations register (Vereinsregister), of the Stuttgart district court (Amtsgericht Stuttgart) with the following members assigned with distinct responsibilities.

- Prof. Dr. Thirumalaisamy P. Velavan as President
- Mrs. Sneha Narayanaswamy as Vice President Culture and Events
- Mrs. Subhashini Elankovan as Vice President Language and Integration
- Mr. Abdul Jabbar as Vice President Membership and Public Relations
- Dr. Sumathi Duraisamy as Treasurer

On 1 January: The total number of members of the association was n= 54

On 2 January: The **executive board meeting** for H1-2022 was held virtually with all Board members. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on 14 January 2022.

On 18 January: The **advisory board meeting** for H1-2022 was held virtually with advisory members. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on 20 January 2022.

On 21 January: The **executive and advisory board meeting** for H1-2022 was held virtually. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on 01st February 2022.

On 06 February: The **general body meeting** for H1-2022 was held online with 35 members. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on 20 February 2022.

In this year, we have conducted various activities to promote language, culture and integration, the three main pillars of the association. These activities include Tamil language courses, Tamil storytelling for our members' children, German language courses for our members; cultural events for Pongal in January, Women's Day/Ramadan in March, Tamil New Year in May and Deepavali in November; integration events such as info seminars with questions and answers sessions on various topics such as housing loans (February), school system in Germany (March), regulars' tables (Stammtisch) for children, adults and women as well as an excursion to the Max Eyth Lake in Stuttgart in July.

The German Tamil Sangam e.V., was pleased to award honorary membership 2022 to Prof. Dr. Padmashree. Solomon Pappiah, Mr. S. Raja and Mrs. Bharathy Baskar.



On 21 September: The **advisory board meeting** for H2-2022 was held virtually by advisory members. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on 22 September 2022.

On 24 September: The **executive and advisory board meeting** for H2-2022 was held virtually. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on Oct 27th 2022.

On 8 October: The **executive board meeting** for H2-2022 was held in presence (Hybrid) with all Board members. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on Oct 27th 2022.

On 04 December: The **general body meeting** for H2-2022 was held online with 23 members. The minutes of the meeting were sent to all members on the 25th December.

On 31 December: The total number of members of the association was n=76. The annual report has been sent to all members.

On 31 December: The diary providing a vivid overview of various aspects of meetings, events, communication, membership and administrative details during the calendar year 2022, the inventory list of all items purchased, all official documents related to association, bank, access to all electronic and printed files, access to Whatsapp forums where German Tamil Sangam e.V. was handed over/transferred to the executive Board 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served an organization that is of vital importance to so many people and that continues to fulfill our needs through your efforts and contributions. We wish you all a wonderful year and look forward to staying in touch and working with many of you in the years to come.

Yours,

Prof.Dr. Thirumalaisamy P. Velavan President On Behalf of all Executive board members German Tamil Sangam e.V.



Language and Integration

Foreword: This report is prepared in a format, to provide a descriptive overview to summarize our activities on Language and Integration for the year 2022.

Language

Previous Year Executive Committee (2021): Online Tamil Academy and California Tamil Academy were contacted by the previous board in 2021 and were informed that our association could not join California Tamil Academy as the requirements cannot be met. The total number of children in our association is less than < 50, and children cannot be segregated by age for different age groups.

Our approach in 2022 to set up a Tamil school for our German Tamil association.

April 07: A survey was conducted to find out the needs of the association members. Eighteen (18) members participated in the survey and expressed their needs.

April 29: Poll results shared. Children interested in learning Tamil ranged from 3 to 16 years.

May 15: First session of Tamil classes scheduled and "Tamil Story Telling Class" started.

May to July 2022: Tamil storytelling classes: These classes were held weekly from May to July 2022. (August - summer holidays). A "storytelling class" was set up for children to improve their listening skills and think in their mother tongue. Storytelling was done by previously identified volunteers from our forum. During these sessions, the children were encouraged to talk in Tamil, which helped to build more connections between them.

தேதி (ஞாயிறு 10 -11 am)	கதை சொல்ல உதவிய தன்னார்வலர்கள்	நடவடிக்கைகள்
மே - 22	கார்த்திக் ஜெயபால்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு, சிறிய தமிழ்ப் பாடலை ∴பிளாஷ் கார்டு விளையாட்டு விளையாடினார்
ஜூன் - 12	அருன்குமார் பாண்டியன்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு எண்கள் 1-20, நிறங்கள்
ஜூன் - 26	குழந்தைகள்-அதிதி பிரசாத் & ஆருஷி பிரசாத்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு எண்கள் 21 - 40 / 50, பழங்கள் மற்றும் காய்கறிகள்
ജൗതെ -3	சுபா பிரசாத்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு வாரத்தின் நாட்கள், விட்டு விலங்குகள் மற்றும் பறவைகள்
ജൗതെ -10	அப்துல் ஜப்பார்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு வடிவங்கள், உடல் பாகங்கள்
ஜூ லை -17	ஸ்ரீகாந்தன் கிருஷ்ணன்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு தமிழ் மாதங்கள், விலங்குகளின் ஒலிகள்
ஜூலை -24	வேலவன் திருமலைசாமி	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு காலநிலை மற்றும் பருவங்கள், பண்ணை விலங்குகள் மற்றும் பறவைகள்
ഈ லை - 31	அப்துல் ஜப்பார்	கதை சொல்லும் வகுப்பு சுவைகள் மற்றும் நறுமணங்கள், உணவு பண்டங்கள்

September 11: Tamil classes conducted by a Tamil teacher from Tamil Nadu. This teacher was already conducting classes for Tamil children living in Malaysia. A total of 13 children enrolled. Children are divided into two groups based on their age (5 to 8) and (9 to 14); A unique lesson plan is developed for each group. One hour lesson once a week (Sunday). A



teacher from Tamil Nadu starts to conduct classes through virtual mode from September 11, 2022

Outlook and future plan for language: A clear future plan has been drawn up to take the Tamil School forward into the next year. But the next board of directors will decide to proceed further. We are talking to Tamil Nadu government officials. We are trying to implement the newly introduced "Tamil Lobbying Corporation" scheme by the Tamil Nadu Government.

Integration

Information Evening on topics as below: (1). Home Loan Details in Germany; (2).-School system in Germany.

Free German classes for adults: Member Poorva Arunkumar volunteered and conducted the classes. Members are held at B1 level depending on their level in German. This was discontinued, as there were not enough participants.

Informal Tamil language and culture learning: Meeting once a month for children aged 9-16 years. Was very productive, and was successful and well acknowledged by Children's participation. A specific topic has been spoken about, including interactive events such as Quiz and others.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served an organization that is of vital importance to so many people and that continues to fulfill our needs through your efforts and contributions. We wish you all a wonderful year and look forward to staying in touch and working with many in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Subhashini Elankovan

Vice President Language and Integration On Behalf of all Executive board members German Tamil Sangam e.V.



Culture and Events

This report will provide an overview of the various events conducted through the year 2022. Most events were focused on taking Tamil forward to the kids in the Sangam, reliving the Tamil language for the adults, giving information to members that eases their life in Germany and others.. Major Tamil cultures like Pattimandram, Nadagam, Nadanam were incorporated to the maximum as and when possible.

30 January 2022 - Pongal event

This was held as an online event aiming to inculcate Tamil in regular life via various programs. A Pattimandram was organized under the leadership of Thiru S Raja with member participation. Quizzes, crosswords for both kids and elders on language and culture in both German and Tamil language were also part of the event.

23rd February 2022 - Infoabend on Housing loan

An informative session on housing loans and other loans in Germany by Mr. Mario as an online session. The session was well appreciated and attended by 15 member families.

13th March 2022 - Women's day celebration

This was held as an online event organized by male members of our Sangam. The event consisted of a motivational talk by our guest PROF. DR.. Francine Ntoumi, a special message to our German Tamil Sangam e.V. members from Mrs. Bharathi Baskar, followed by some interactive games.

27th March 2022 - Infoabend on German school system

This was an online information session about schooling options in the German school system given by Mrs. Jule Rüter. The event was attended by 20 families.

8th May 2022 - Tamil new year, Ramadan & Mother's day

It was decided to celebrate the Tamil new year, Ramadan and Mother's day together as a single online event and keep the event open for members and non members. In this event honorary membership of the sangam was awarded to Thiru. Solomon Papaiah, Thiru. S Raja and Thirumathi. Barathi Bhaskar. A pattimandram was organized under the leadership of Thirumathi Barati Bhaskar. Small kids recited Thirukurals and were awarded certificates signed by Thiru. S Raja sir. Some kids presented their greetings for their mothers in the form of videos. Others presented their talents such as singing, dancing, a drama by members of the sangam, and facts about Ramadan were highlighted.

02 July 2022 - Day trip for members

For an interaction among members and some fun time a one day trip was arranged at Max–Eyth See, Stuttgart as a face to face outdoor get together, 15 Adults and 9 Kids joined.



6th Nov 2022 - 2nd Anniversary & Deepavali event

The executive board cumulatively decided to organize a Face to face event to celebrate the 2nd year Anniversary and Deepavali at a hall, the event to be open for members and non members. The planning for the event began at the end of July by organizing a common meeting involving all members of the sangam. About 10 such meetings were organized to get different ideas from different members and support for different departments. About 15 members joined as volunteers along with the executive committee to take up various departments such as hall management, technical team, event management, catering team and compering team. The event was held at Festhalle Feuerbach, Stuttgart and had about 230 attendees including adults and kids. We had Mr Maximilian Mörseberg, MdB Member of Parliament Chairman for the Culture and Media Committee — Bundestag as the chief guest for the event. Also we invited Mr Jagan Krishnan, stand up comedian from India to perform at the event. The programs included, masquerade by kids on Tamil related personalities, Tamil recital by kids, musical instruments performance, drama by kids, Classical dance performances by member and non member kids, and many games for fun and entertainment.

Infoabend - German as a foreign language

This event was planned and canceled due to lack of participants.

Stammtisch

Different stammtisch events were organized for all adults, separately for women and for kids.

1) General Stammtisch

Mr. Dinesh Manoharan volunteered to initiate the stammtisch for all members in February 2022, to be held on the fourth Saturdays of the month (once in a month). Not many people turned up so unfortunately could not be continued

2) Women's Stammtisch

Ms. Shafina volunteered to initiate the women's stammtisch in February 2022, to be held on the first Saturdays of the month (once in a month). Started off well with a getting to know session. this was followed by a Mehendi art teaching session by Mrs. Shafina. Also a dinner was planned, but could not be carried out due to lack of response. No other members came up volunteering for organizing any other activity, hence the initiative could not be taken forward.

3) Kinder Stammtisch

The kids' stammtisch was initiated by Mrs. Purva Arun, Mrs. Nalini Karthik, Mrs. Suguna Subramanian, Mrs. Ashwini Jagadish in February 2022. The kids were split into 3 groups



- 0-4 years by Ashwini J
- 5-10 years by Nalini K
- 10 16 years by Suguna S

As it was difficult to maintain for the younger kids as an online stammtisch so only a few sessions could be possible. For the older kids it went well and had 4 successful sessions with different topics like powerpoint, Abitur, Programming, blood grouping, etc. Some sessions were canceled due to lack of participants.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Sneha Narayanaswamy

Vice President culture and events On Behalf of all Executive board members German Tamil Sangam e.V.



Treasurer

As per the Association Regulations (Vereinsordnung) §2.5.2 Budget for the financial year 2022 was prepared along with members of the board and presented at the General body meeting on 06.02.2022 and approved by the General Body on the same day.

As per the Association Regulations (Vereinsordnung) §4 Regulation for Membership fee (Beitragsordnung), the members were invoiced on 07.03.2022 to pay the membership fee within 31.03.2022. Unpaid members were terminated and removed from the membership list.

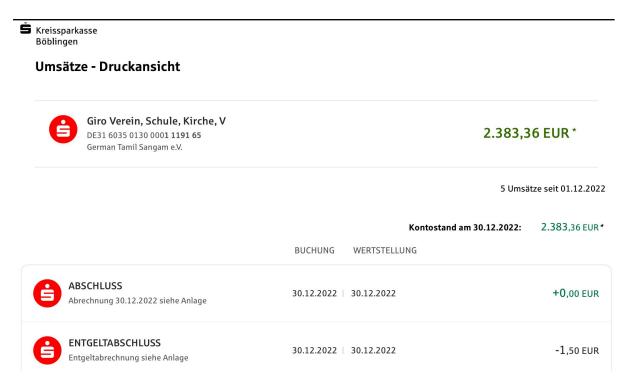
As per the Association Regulations (Vereinsordnung) §2.7 The executive board appointed Mr. Sesha Balaji V, present chairman of the advisory board as an auditor for this fiscal year 2022.

As per the Association Regulations (Vereinsordnung) §2.5.3 yearly income and expenditure statement for the financial year 2022 was closed on 01.12.2022 presented to the Auditor (Rechnungsprüfer) on 01.12.2022. The expected expenses for the month of december is presented in the form of liabilities. The income and expense statement was audited on 01.12.2022. The results of the audit were presented in the general body meeting on 04.12.2022.

In the year 2022, the Verein has total income of $7,987.40 \in$ in which the balance from 2021 is $1,801.73 \in$ and the Verein has a total expense of $5,604.04 \in$. The net balance is $2,383.36 \in$, which matches with the bank balance as on 31.12.2022. The statement of income and expenditure of German Tamil Sangam for the year 2022 is given below:

German Tamil Sangam e.V Statement of Income for the year 2022					
Income / Einnahmen	Euro	Expenses / Ausgaben	Euro		
Bank balance 2022 / Restbeitrag 2022	1,801.73 €	Bank	10.80 €		
Membership fees / Mitgliedsbeiträge	1,140.00 €	Postal/ Postfach	11.29 €		
Admission fees / Aufnahmegebühren	210.00 €	Notarkosten / Notary costs	24.51 €		
Donations / Spenden (General)	20.95 €	Event Expenses / Veranstaltungskosten (Diwali)	4,490.42 €		
Donations / Spenden (Diwali Event)	797.72 €	Language / Sprache (Tamil)	254.03 €		
Event Fee/ Veranstaltungsgebühr (Diwali)	4,017.00 €	Intergration Events / Integrationsveranstaltungen	102.76 €		
		IT Kosten / IT Expenses			
		(e.g. Domain, Video Konferenz, Mitgliederverwaltungstool)	369.32 €		
		Insurances / Versicherungen	340.91 €		
Total / Summe @31.12.2022	7,987.40 €	Total / Summe @31.12.2022	5,604.04 €		
Difference / Differenz @31.12.2022	2,383.36 €				





In order to simplify the membership fee and other fee collection process, the executive board decided to go with automatic collection of such fees through SEPA Lastschriftmandat. This process is ongoing. Tax for the year 2021 cannot be filed as the Annual report for the year 2021 is not yet completed as on 01.12.2021.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sumathi Duraisamy

Treasurer,

German Tamil Sangam e.V



Membership and Public Relations

- 1. Redesigned webpage
- 2. Removal of enrollment fee
- 3. Added the following amendments to "Vereinsordnung"
 - a. Adding Honorary members
 - b. Sangam branch setup in tier two cities.
 - c. Bubble team formation rules
- 4. Represented our sangam at the Republic Day Celebration event organized by Lapp Service GmbH event team on Behalf of Honorary Consul Stuttgart, on Friday, 11th February 2022 at hotel Pullman Stuttgart (Vollmoellerstraße 5, 70563 Stuttgart)
- 5. Represented our sangam greeting Minister, Thangam Thenarasu while he was here for the opening ceremony of the Agam Puram exhibition in Stuttgart Linden Museum. 6 Oct 2022
- 6. Represented our sangam in the opening ceremony of the Agam Puram exhibition in Stuttgart Linden Museum. 7 Oct 2022
- 7. Representing our sangam in the following WhatsApp forums,
 - a. Agam Puram STG Museum
 - b. Europe THFi
 - c. Europe Tamilargal Team
 - d. Association Stuttgart
 - e. Germany தமிழ் அமைப்புகள்
 - f. Köln Tamil Chair-Germany
 - g. Peace March Stuttgart

Membership counts as of each Month:

31. January: 75 28 February: 75 31 March: 76 30 April: 72

31 May: 74 30 June: 74

31 July: 74

31 August:74

30 September: 74

31 October: 75

30 November: 76 31 December: 76

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Abdul Jabbar

Vice President Membership and Public Relations On Behalf of all Executive board members German Tamil Sangam e.V.