

Themes for the Expression Series on 'Thiruvalluvar Today'

1. 19th January 2015: Students may write an essay in about 1000 words or compose a poem based on any one of the following aphorisms taken from Thirukkural :

Theme: The Power of Virtue

Verse no 33 :

**Perform good deeds as much you can
Always and everywhere, o man!**

From 'Thirukkural'

Theme : Sweet Words

Verse no 91

**Pleasant words fall from the lips of virtuous men,
Full of tenderness and free from deceit.**

From 'Thirukkural'

Theme: Gratitude

Verse 102

**A help rendered in hour of need
Though small is greater than the world.**

From 'Thirukkural'

Theme: Good Decorum

Verse 138

**Good conduct sows seeds of blessings
Bad conduct endless evil brings.**

From 'Thirukkural'

Theme: Compassion

Verse 250

**Think how you feel before the strong
When to the feeble you do wrong.**

From 'Thirukkural'

Theme: Instability

Verse 339

**Death is like a slumber deep
And birth like waking from that sleep.**

From 'Thirukkural'

2. 20th January 2015: Students may submit one –act plays (script not to exceed 1000 words)/ drawing/painting/sketch on any of the following themes taken from Thirukkural:

Theme A: Personal and social

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| i) Loving-Kindness | ii) Hospitality | iii) Equity | iv) Self Control |
| iv) Good Decorum | v) Forgiveness | iv) Avoid Envy | vii) Charity |
| viii) Friendship | ix) Nobility | x) Restraining Anger | xi) Avoiding faults |
| xi) Truth-Consciousness | xii) Possession of wisdom | xiii) Freedom from sloth | |
| xiv) Deliberation before action | xv) Knowing proper time | | |

Theme B: National

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| i) The country | ii) Non Violence | iii) Education | iv) Just government |
| v) Avoiding terrorism | vi) Duty to Society | | |