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Thillaiyaddy Valliammai

- Thillaiyadi Valliammai was born **on February 22, 1898** in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Her father Munusamy Mudaliar, Mother is Mangalathammal. Her parents' native place is Thillaiyadi village in Mayiladuthurai district.
- Valliammai's patriotism towards India is admirable even though she has never been to India.
- She participated in the Gandhiji's crusade against apartheid in South Africa.
- She was arrested and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment. Valliammai, who was freed from illness, died on **February 22, 1914 at the age of 16.**
- In 1971, the Government of India established the Thillaiyadi Valliyammai Memorial Hall with a public library in Thillaiyadi village ,in present Mayiladuthurai district.
- She was sick in prison and when she was released she was bare bones and skin.
- Then someone said, why don't you register as a South African instead of suffering as an Indian?What are you going to do fighting for an India that doesn't even have a national flag? When asked,

Valliammai tore off her saffron, white and green saree and chanted

"Our flag is our motherland"

- Gandhiji designed the national flag in the form given by Valliammai.
- A commemorative stamp was issued in her honor on 31st December 2008.

Memorial hall

- The Tamil Nadu Government has constructed a memorial hall at Thillaiyadi, Tharangambadi circle, Mayiladuthurai district to commemorate the sacrifice of Thillaiyadi Valliammai.
- This memorial pillar is built on the spot where Gandhi visited Thillayadi on 01/05/1915. In front of it, 'Thillaiyadi Valliyammai Memorial Mandapam' has been built.

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- Here a statue of Thillaiyadi Valliammai is placed in the hall. A library is functioning here through the Public Library Department.

Centenary Commemoration

- To go to Tarangambadi and Thillaiyadi Gandhi along with his wife Kasthuribai arrived at Mayiladuthurai on the night of 29th April 1915 by Tuticorin Express train and reached Tarangambadi the next day in a double horse drawn Charade.
- He was welcomed by satyagrahis and public at Tharangambadi Danish Fort grounds.
- On 1st May, Gandhi moved from Tharangambadi to Thillaiyadi. Many people from Thillaiyadi region also participated in the crusade with Gandhi in South Africa.
- A memorial pillar has been erected at Thillayadi where Gandhi sat and addressed the public
- Centenary commemoration of Gandhi's visit to Thillaiyadi was held at Thillaiyadi Tyagi Valliammai Memorial Hall on 01/05/2015.
- The centenary memorial inscription which is now erected near the 'Gandhi Memorial Pillar' at Thillaiyadi was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Tiruppanandal Kasimada.

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