EARTH SYSTEM DYNAMICS EMBEDDED IN ANCIENT TAMIL CULTURAL REMAINS AND SATELLITES OBSERVED EVIDENCES, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The Tamil society is one of the oldest societies in the world as evidenced from the large cultural remains available in the form of literature, historical data, epigraphy, archaeology etc; These cultural remains have hierarchy of information on the ancient Tamils, their culture, social systems and civilization, ancient architecture, the different rulers/ dynasties—and their—contributions, maritime—histories and the inter/intra continental trades, their in depth knowledge—in astrology, astronomy, mathematics etc; Interestingly the ancient Tamils have meticulously documented all these in their above cultural remains. In the course of these narrations, there are mentions in many places about the planet Earth and it's dynamics, flow paths and the behaviour of the river systems, land-ocean interactive dynamics, natural disasters etc; These, on one side show the wisdom and the knowledge of the ancient Tamils, on the other side had information of contemporary relevance—to present day science and technology based development. In this connection, the present article brings out certain newer information on the citations—and descriptions made on—Earth system dynamics in these cultural remains and their confirmation by the modern satellite based remote sensing technology.

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