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"All resources are openly accessible through the portal. The Tirukkural Ground Truth Corpus is published progressively as verified transcriptions are completed (per-leaf Zenodo DOIs, CC BY 4.0). The digital archive is updated daily on an accelerated and mission-mode basis, ensuring the timely dissemination of newly verified manuscript transcriptions and related scholarly resources."

13 RESOURCES	80K+ HEADWORDS	6.28M CHARACTERS OF EXEGESIS

#	Tool	Description	Scale
1	**திருக்குறள் மூலத் தொகுப்பு** Tirukkural Ground Truth Corpus ***Ground Truth Corpus · Tamil HTR Specimens***	Verified palm-leaf transcriptions of the Tirukkural, released progressively as ground-truth training specimens for Tamil handwritten-text recognition. Each folio pairs the verbatim scribal reading with the critical-edition text, documents variants in paleographic notes, and carries translations and audio across 30 languages, with IIIF deep zoom and HTR-ready export.	64 leaves · 640/ 1,330 kurals (48.1%) · Zenodo DOIs
2	**சங்க இலக்கியச் சொல்லடைவு** **Index of the Sangam Classic Corpus** ***Concordance***	Searchable concordance of every word across the Eight Anthologies and Ten Idylls; traces any Sangam-era term to its source verse, with corpus frequency and semantic neighbourhoods.	Tolkappiyam + Eight Anthologies + Ten Idylls
3	**செந்தமிழ்ச் சொற்பொருட் களஞ்சியம்** Comprehensive Digital Encyclopaedia of Classical Tamil ***Digital Encyclopaedia***	Definitive lexicographical reference giving etymology, semantic range, attested usage across the Sangam and post-Sangam corpora, and citational scholarship.	6,758 entries
4	**தமிழ்க் களஞ்சியம் (ஒலிவடிவம்)** Tamil Lexicon: Audio Format (MTL, 1924–1939) ***Audio Dictionary***	Searchable digital audio edition of the Madras University Tamil Lexicon; 5,547 entries of Sanskrit origin (vaṭacol) are annotated for etymological provenance.	59,170 entries · 55,831 headwords
5	**பிங்கல நிகண்டு** Piṅkala Nigaṇṭu · Digital Edition ***Classical Thesaurus***	Digital edition of the classical thesaurus by Piṅkalar, organized thematically; preserves rare synonyms, regional vocabulary, and poetic registers for reading Sangam literature.	Thematically organized
6	**சேந்தன் திவாகரம்** Sēndan Tivākaram ***Earliest Nikaṇṭu (8th–9th c. CE)***	Digital edition of the Tivākara Nikaṇṭu — the earliest and most distinguished thesaurus-lexicon to appear in Tamil, composed by Divākara Munivar; the fountainhead of the nikaṇṭu tradition.	Earliest Tamil nikaṇṭu
7	**தமிழ் இலக்கணப் பேரகராதி** Tamil Grammatical Lexicon ***Grammatical Lexicon***	Digital edition of T. V. Gopal Iyer's seventeen-volume survey, traversing the Tolkāppiyam, Naṉṉūl, Vīracōḻiyam, and the full commentarial tradition.	14,252 entries · 8,613 headwords · 6.28M chars
8	**திருக்குறள் தொடரடைவு** Digital Concordance of the Tirukkural ***Concordance***	Complete word-by-word index to the 1,330 kurals of Tiruvaḷḷuvar, aligned in the keyword-in-context tradition for lexical, syntactic, and stylistic analysis.	4,898 headwords · 11,467 occurrences
9	**தண்டியலங்காரம்** Tantiyalaṅkāram · Grammar of Poetical Ornaments ***Alaṅkāra Treatise (c. 12th c.)***	Digital edition of the foundational twelfth-century treatise on poetical ornaments (alaṅkāra), with a complete concordance.	126 sūtras · 3 paṭalams · 98 sections
10	**நன்னூல்** Naṉṉūl ***Classical Grammar (12th–13th c.)***	The mūlam presented with the celebrated Mayilainātar commentary and the fuller Viruttiyurai — the standard grammar of later Tamil, composed by the Pavaṇanti Munivar.	mūlam + 2 commentaries
11	**இலக்கணச் சுருக்கம்** Ilakkaṇac Curukkam ***A concise Tamil grammar (19th c.)***	Ārumuka Nāvalar's concise grammar — orthography, morphology, and syntax — by the Jaffna Śaiva scholar and founding figure of Tamil prose and printing.	Orthography · Morphology · Syntax
12	**41 செவ்வியல் தமிழ் நூல்களின் முதற்பதிப்புகள்** First Editions of Forty-One Classical Tamil Texts ***Digital Archive***	The foundational corpus — Tolkāppiyam, the Caṅkam anthologies and idylls (Patiṉeṇmēlkaṇakku), the eighteen lesser texts (Patiṉeṇkīḻkaṇakku), and the twin epics — as one digital archive.	First Editions of Classical Tamil Literary Corpus (41 Texts)
13	**பாட்டும் தொகையும்** Pāṭṭum Tokaiyum ***Classical Poetry Archive***	Digital archive of Classical Tamil (Caṅkam) poetry — 'the Songs and the Anthologies' — presenting the foundational corpus in verse with commentary.	Sangam corpus · verse + commentary

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