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Compiling of the Classical Tamil Thesaurus

For the Western languages led by English and French, several types of dictionaries and thesauruses continue to be released. Though the Tamil language is much more ancient than those languages and has literature spread over more than thirty centuries, no such complete lexicographic dictionaries are available. “*Uriiyal*” (Semantemes) of *Tolkāppiyam* paves the way for the appearance of *Nikaṇṭus* which came out in large numbers in the succeeding centuries. But no thesaurus of the Western type for Classical Tamil is yet to make its appearance.

The compilation of the Classical Tamil Thesaurus will be started with CICT's collected corpus of 2,28,098 words related to Classical Tamil texts. This task of compilation has been entrusted to the following departments viz., the Department of Linguistics and Grammar, and the Department of Lexicography. It is estimated that the compiling process of the Classical Tamil Thesaurus will be completed within two years.


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