GLOSSARY

Backward castes:

Those whose ritual rank and occupational status are above “untouchables” but who themselves remain socially and economically depressed Grounder, Vannier, Devar, Pillai, Reddiar, Naidu, Chettiyar, Asari, Barber, Dhobs.

Caste Hindus:

Those falling within the caste system, or all non-Dalits.

Village Panchayat:

Village council Local Self Government

Scheduled castes:

A list of socially deprived (“unroughable”) castes prepared by the British Government in 1935. The schedule of castes was intended to increase representation of scheduled-caste members in the legislature, in government employment, and in university placement. The term is also used in the constitution and various laws. Pallar, Paraiyar Chakiliyar, and Mathari are comes under this category.

The Hindu (TH):

India’s National Newspaper (in English)

The Hindu Folio:

Additional issue with the Hindu, India’s National Newspaper (in English)
Thinaamani (TM):

Tamilnadu’s (Regional) Newspaper (in English)

The Deccan Herald:

India’s National Newspaper (in English)

Women forum:

Women’s club workers in grassroot level for common purpose.

Dai:

Attending deliveries (childbirth) in local, mostly coming from the Barber caste,

Mullaippari:

Rearing with paddy, Bajra and beans of during festival times (women)

Kabbadi:

A national game originated from India a team of nine players in each team.

Ooilattam:

A dance movement as a team with folksong, during festival (men)

Peacock Dancee:

Decorating like, “peacock and dance. During festival times (man)

(singel)
Chilambattam:

Two members opposite playing with a stick during festival (men)

Devarartam:

Decorating themselves and playing with a dance movement as a team during festival (men)

Kumrni:

Group of women moving & Clapping in round with folk songs during festival

Kol attain:

People playing with small sticks (2) in a group with music

Pet Breaking:

A local festival competition conducted in villages by tinning a pot with gifts which has to be broken by the competitions.

Cock Fighting:

Two cocks (opposite) fighting a competition conducted with a pair of cocks with beating

Jallikattu:

Bull race, and one can catch it and get a reward for it (men).

Thayam:

Folk indoor game (women) played on the floor with a pair.

Pannaguli:

Folk indoor game (women)
Village Planning Committee:

   Group of people, experienced elders, adults, format & committee to
work for the development of their village.

Karakattam:

   Women dancing for a songs holding karagam, (a decorated pot) on
their heads.

Adupuli Attain:

   Folk indoor game (men) pair.

Adalum Padalum:

   Emerging recently in rural areas, by a cultural group entertain
mass with songs & dance during the festival.

Fair Price Shop:

   Public distribution system.