The statement "History of a nation is the History of the masses" underlines the role of the people in effecting social and political changes. But the role of the leaders in influencing the political, social and economic trends can never be underestimated. Thomas Carlyle, the chief exponent of the 'Greatmen Theory', meant only the role of the leaders when he remarked "History of a nation is the chain of biographies of the leaders of the nation". The present study, "The Political Career of K. Kamaraj - A study in the Politics of Tamilnadu (1920-75)", is in consonance with Carlyle’s concept.

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