

**EULOGY READ BY MR RAJAN KRISHNAN AT THE FUNERAL OF MR M PARAMANTHAN ON 18 AUG 2023
AT MANDAI CREMATORIUM**

Dear family and friends of our dear friend Param,

Namaskaram

It is with a very heavy heart that I stand here to say a few words of my friend, colleague - Param ; and in many ways also a mentor to myself and a great number of us.

Almost of all of my personal and working relationship with him was within the sphere of the various activities of the Hindu Endowments Board and Hindu Advisory Board. - temples and religious activities.

For a person to commit so much of his life selflessly, to one cause ie. The Hindu community through the temples and its various social and religious activities for about 40 years, he must be driven by a deep passion, quiet and sustained determination and a clear vision for the improvement of society.

I have never seen Param daunted by the complexity of the challenges that he faced in the tasks he undertook because he felt, it was his duty to do so. He approached situations calmly galvanizing the resources available to him – and this mainly consisted of the large network of friends he had established.

His contributions and efforts were not limited to temples and issues of the Hindu Endowments Board but also extended to ground issues involving the public, liaison with various government authorities and policy makers as well as several independent or private temples.

Param was a charismatic leader, always approachable with a relaxed and smiling countenance. His resilience, quiet demeanor, patience and knowledge enabled him to play a role as a mediator and mentor to bring different groups with diverse views, together to find an amicable solution on a common ground. This we all know is not an easy task, dealing with different organizations and sections of the public. One of the best example was the key role he played in the establishment of the Arulmigu Velmurugan Nyana Muneeswarar temple in Sengkang.

Param was the “go to” person for dispute mediation and resolution in this religious landscape, as he had earned the trust and faith of so many people that they willingly seek him out when faced with challenges. And he willingly obliged though many a time he had to take a firm stand in his own disarming way.

Under his leadership, he encouraged and motivated many young people to take up leadership roles in temples, social activities and community organisations. This had helped to strengthen and broaden the management bandwidth of these organisations.

Today we reap the benefits of his lifetime effort.

Param has left a huge legacy, which no one single person that I know, can fulfill. He has been my silent role model in so many ways.

He has shown me what a resolute inner determination deep faith, sincere care and a clear objective coupled with a quiet and unassuming demeanor can achieve.

Param you were never one to stand in front and when the task is done, you can be seen standing back watching others benefitting from your efforts. That has been your nature.

As you are one with the Almighty Brahman, watch over us and guide us, as we carry on with our tasks here.

To his wife Pushpa and daughter Dharshini and all members of his family my heartfelt condolences as we share in your sorrow.

Om Shanti