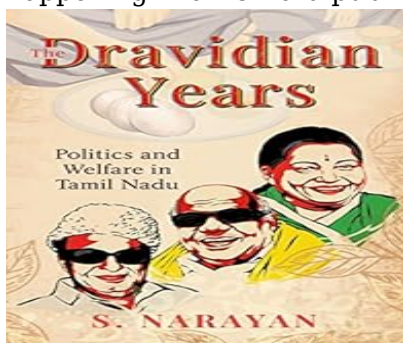


The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu By S. Narayan

Who can take the state forward? The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu என்ருல் நன்றியுடன் □ The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu The author is anecdotal to a fault but he brings out the behind the scenes working of the administrative apparatus in TN. The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu Good book to know about the political history of Tamilnadu and how different leadership style evolved and served linearly which made a tremendous impact on the growth of the state. Generally we get to know more about leader's ideology and the impact they have created in the society but in this book we could understand how they reacted to the demanding situations and how it made a significance. Though I differ in perception of him with respect to few matters.

From Haryana to Gujarat to Maharashtra numerous Indian states have been witness to protests by backward classes pressing for quotas and reservations. At an important juncture of Tamil Nadu politics it also makes us wonder: With no charismatic leader in the horizon as whole book is good starter for reading pertains to TN The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu Good insider account on administrative machinery of TN. b How? (Yapadi?) Deus Vult Gottfried The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu Over 35 years ago Manmohan Singh was taken by surprise as MGR the charismatic Chief Minister of the Tamil country abruptly walked out of a meeting in Delhi. The book throws light on the culture within the DMK and ADMK - both of which the philistine North Indian Brahmin news media mostly wrongly associates with terms such as freebies corruption and regional. Narayan served as a TN bureaucrat from 1967-1997 and later the union government including Vajpayee's PMO helping give the book an insider's fly on the wall view as well as an eagle-eyed broader perspective. He tells us how party cadres irresponsibly described as middlemen by the delusional urban media became the agents of grassroots democracy and created a framework of delivering social justice that is followed till date. But this book describes how the undemocratic hero-worshipping culture of the ADMK helped put in place what is possibly the world's most successful large-scale universal feeding scheme which radically improved human development. MGR simply fired those who didn't toe his line and the files approving the scheme were thin as Tamanna: and this undemocratic process - criticized as unscientific - worked! And then there are instances of how frameworks created in the early Dravidian years functioned on autopilot - like the early Jayalalithaa years. And how popular narratives got things wrong - the narrative on the creation of Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corp the largely leakage free PDS system that served as a model for the rest of the country even when there was ostensible governance chaos. And oh the role of the common man in pushing the governments to outdo each other - thanks to awareness created during the early Dravidian year grassroot movements to be read differently from literacy. As a person who is born and brought up in the state of Tamil Nadu I was deeply interested in knowing the historical causative forces that shaped the state as we have it now: This book is more focused on the bureaucracy and administrative hierarchy than politics, The extremely thorough case study of selected nutrition programs detracts from the overall structure or theme of administration in TN. Recommended to all those who are interested in politics and leadership, The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu An insight from former civil servant about TN and how bureaucracy contributed to progress which made TN a developed state . Administration machinery's commitment towards growth of the state was not recognised when we talk about factors attributed to it , In stark contrast is the exemplary case of Tamil Nadu which has managed to effectively integrate economic and development agenda for the backward classes into state policy, Jayalalithaa—the iconic leaders of Tamil Nadu politics—managed to effectively transform institutions and structures to deliver a social welfare agenda in the state: Was it pure charisma on part of these leaders that gave us the unusual story of politicians and bureaucrats working hand in hand to implement a social agenda? Written by S, Narayan who as part of the administration was both a witness to and a participant in these developments this book is an intimate narrative on the

Dravidian years of Tamil Nadu: The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu Tamilnadu owes its development to Periyar and self-respect movement. Over the 50 years of Dravidian rule Tami Nadu has grown into a model state for the rest of states in Indian union. There is a desperate need to revive Periyar's Dravidian ideology in the state at present: The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu A good summary of what worked well for TN over the last 50 years. But it doesn't have anything insightful to say about what didn't work well. Narayan with his long experience in Bureaucracy is not very critical about the many shortcomings - both political and administrative: The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu A Easy accessible read for general audience, How could Tamil Nadu reshape it's future to grow better socio-economically? For that - I'd have to read widely from all angles to give a cumulative case someday: The Politics of Welfare: A Case Study of the Midday Meal Programme 5: Why read this? For anyone wanting to know Political History of Tamil Nadu³, Why care about Political History? Because your future is shaped by policies [Income Growth Investment Education] 4, Other thoughts? Wish I could look at the numbers balance sheet finances of Tamil Nadu from 1960-now? 4: a -Why? It might give me exactly what happened decisions that shaped the future: Singh had innocently quizzed MGR about high spending on welfare schemes. Dravidian Years is a book by S Narayan one of the shocked bureaucrats who had to run after MGR to catch up with him as he left Singh shocked: It is an insightful insider account on how one of the country's poorest states became an engine of equality and enterprise: Narayan describes early DMK as a democratic setup committed to the ideals of eradicating social inequality. He also describes how grassroots democracy created too many power centres and contributed to leakages and lack of focus, DMK thinkers to date blame MGR for diluting the Dravidian ideology, He explains how it would have been difficult to execute under a democratic DMK elucidating how power structures are complicated, Read this book for plenty of such things that worked and why, The last two chapters based on second-hand inputs are a letdown and some are downright wrong broadbrushes. The book also suffers from some boring bureaucratic language despite perceptible best efforts by the author. The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu This book was written by Mr: But WHY?Unfortunately I was not able to find any answer whatsoever in any of the 9 chapters in this book, There are many areas of human development index where this particular state is leaps and bounds ahead of all other states in the country put together. There are many academic writings of economists and sociologists that tries to explain this phenomenon: They speak in numbers and jargons nor were able to find the link with the ideology that created the fertile ground for such a development, So it was with a great deal of interest that I picked up this book from my shelf: The initial chapters are a mere repetition of history that adds nothing much to the existing literature except for the fact that it is from the author's POV, The chapters then moves into reading of numbers just like anything else that I have read so far steering away completely from the theme, However there are some interesting snippets of information about the AIADMK rule of MGR which gave me some relief from the monotony. But I had to plod through the pages just for the sake of finish reading it, Quite apart this is the second book that I read in recent past that is replete with editorial mistakes: I was able to notice many jarring SPELLING mistakes ill formed sentences ill structured arguments: It is more disappointing to see this happening in an Oxford publication, The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu



. He emphasised on these points . In the fifty years of rule between them M. Karunanidhi MGR and J. Politically neutral. I'm interested in the question 1. I learnt a bit more on Political History from this work. Especially on MGR Party Structure. Outline: 1. The Social Reform Movement: Early Years 2. The DMK and Social Change: 1967 to 1977. Social Welfare and MGR: 1977 to 1987. The Tamil Nadu Integrated Nutrition Programme: A Case Study 6. The AIADMK after MGR: Jayalalithaa and Welfare 7. Welfare as Politics: The Post-1996 Scenario 8. Freebies for Votes: 2006 to 2016. Looking at the Future 2. Eg: Per capita incomes grew. From: a) Rs 2311 in 1990 b) Rs 11320 in 1997. c) It's at Rs.229000 now. 4. Narayan. But none too approachable for a layman like me. Alas I was disappointed is an understatement. I do not know what the editors were doing