# A Study on the Origin and Growth of the Salvation Army in Tamil Soil

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### **Abstract**

The international church of Christianity and also the non profitable organization is Salvation Army. The Missionary had provided disaster relief, emergency reliefs, social services, the medical services and also this Army was founded in 1865 C.E in IN London by Mr William Booth and Mrs Booth with aim of saving poor from poverty. He was enthusiastic also and he willing to grow the company across international. The Frederick Tucker who was an important catalyst for such specific projects to move to Indian sub continent. This Army is a the Christian organization that spreading the gospel ideas by putting it in to practice through charitable works. The Colonial missionaries and officials from varieties of denomination and group, included this Salvation Army, and worked jointly on various of number of social services.

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### Introduction

The early history of this Salvation Army in Indian subcontinent was the disruptions and even a disdain for the colonial chieftains and rulers. For English "the edifying mission," and various Christian missionaries sought converting native population are very crucial and thse missionaries travelled as lords and they disseminated way of their life. This Salvation Army was known as the "Ratchaniya Senai" in Tamil language and "Raksha Sainyam" in the Malabar region Malayalam. This Army is an charitable organization which affiliated with International Christian's Church. All the Territories in India includes Tamil Nadu. Over IOOO churches can also be found in the Tamil Nadu including modern Pudhucherry. Here are the numbers of listings for educational institutions residencies, and also medical services. This Army provides various services included medical, education and social.

# The Congregation

This Army was founded in the year 1865 C.E in impoverished London by the William Booth with goals of lifting spirits for the depressed classes. From the humble beginning, the services that flourished and also spread from capital and whole countries and of becoming one most important charity organizations. The division was also clearly magnificent organization even before very single Army agent, they left from England. During British Empire, when influence of the city and British patriotism were also reaching to the world and Booth founded his eligion.

The Army expanded this operations in overseas during 1880s as strange forces of western world attempt to add to their influences over all the countries and soaked with the mighty rivalry. The cadets of this Salvation Army established number of stations in more countries in the International Headquarters of London and all of them who had

similar bringings together ideologies and also objectives. General Booth was very eager and also prepared expanding his organization throughout all countries world, but Frederick Tucker who spend up process of going to the Indian sub continent.

The Exhaust himself was the very product of ruling class in the **Britain** and Empire. Frederick who researched work of the Indian preachers and he were backed by the churches. The Tucker, two others made entire Army force that, accord to military analogies, initially invaded to India. General Booth who abandoned efforts to make the objectives called as Salvationists began missions and to spread new ideas to India.

"Methodist Episcopal" Church's Rev Fox, Gladwyn and Northrup, met Salvationists in Mumbai docks after also they have even enlisted number of help of some other Christian preachers in the city of Bombay and to help complete the plan. Tucker who said that area polices had also actually approved of Army's sizable outdoor and assembly in the city of Bombay.

### **Activities**

Notwithstanding fact that local governments appeared to be determined to limit activities of Salvationists, Tucker appeared to be very similarly resolved also to disregard limitations of legislature. These Salvationists fought their converting weren't intended and to trouble anyone or also make the social strife. Subsequently, they subsided into work Indian sub continent, going throughout wide open settings up mission and pick up change over. Albeit considerable lawful inconveniences and had also decreased, these missionaries who kept on also being met by number of challenges. As Salvationists, they attempted and to make suitable missions notwithstanding tempest and ailments, their trouble are additionally aggravated by restricted asset.

Consequently, evangelists of Salvationist plainly confronted very enormous difficulties regard Indian social practice and also connections of the families. Salvationists weren't really main missionary's organization chip away in India subcontinent. The Missionary Society, a few figured out also how to increase efforts of them abroad in late 19th century C.E. The Army was the regular of the Christian churches, and its efforts of them to operate among inhabitants of Indian sub continent were also representative of the British missions that all through time, accorded to overall increases in the initiatives of the British evangelist.

### **Tamil Nadu**

The operation of the Army, which also began in the Madras in the year 1882 C.E., spread over all the Presidency and also flourished with the 163 corps and some districts, and 3 divisions in the addition to number of very important focal point and 3 women officials, specially Captain Lieutenant Victoria and with Usha who arrived in the Madras presidency and to begin their services. Previously, the Captain Bullord visited Madras to learn whether the Army employments may be also possible.

Four women officials have arrived in Indian subcontinent at that time from the London. Selina Roffe. enthusiast was wed to Henry Bullard and their unions were registered by the Rev. George on 1883. The Following nuptials, newlyweds boarded immediately train for Madras, where who arrived on Sep five and took over the leadership of divisions of southern India as the divisional leaders. In 1886 C.E., from 28th of May to 4th June, representatives which from Indian sub continent attended world congress also . The delegates of India also were first ro ask not to demands appointments of more evangelists However, creator agreed sending more and more authorities to the Indian sub continent after see the enthusiasm sand hearts of Indian gatherings. More

than 150 persons who registered names at time call was also made.

Then they travelled to Tamil country. When the William Stevenson who accepted control of Army work in South in the year 1886 C.E. and he succeeded Bullard in south. William adopted name Yesurathinam,

# Conclusion

This Salvation Army that might give state with several and important services. Together also with the pioneer professional, activities of missionaries from the different faiths and organizations, such as this Salvation Army and worked on various assistance initiatives like educational and medical institutions. They provided the emergency hospitals for differently disabled schools for all the children and also food for the victims of starvations. Such of the efforts which earned missionaries respects both people of India and officials of British

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