



Mullai Periyar Dam: - A Brief History (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Mullai Periyar Dam is an architectural and engineering marvel . The year was 1876. Madras Province was in the grip of a famine. It lasted for two years, spreading across the subcontinent. More than a million people died of starvation in Madras Province alone. Overall, the famine is estimated to have killed as many as 10 million people, a tragedy that went largely unnoticed in the rest of the world. During the Madras famine, while people across the province were dying without water, a tiny south-western region was struggling with severe floods due to heavy rains that killed quite a few as well. The contrast was stark. However, a solution was mooted to tackle both problems-building a dam in the province across its largest river (the Periyar,) that flowed in the forest areas (mullai): the Mullaiperiyar dam. If part of the Periyar, which emptied into the Arabian Sea, could be diverted eastwards, then the deaths on both sides could be prevented. It wasn't a new idea. It had been suggested a century earlier by Muthu Irulappa Pillai, the prime...



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