**CELEBRATING VAIGAI, THE MOTHER OF MADURAI**

When the evolution of Homo Sapiens happened, they began to settle along the river banks forming civilizations. The vibrant city of Madurai traces its origin to the great river Vaigai. Vaigai has been one such emotional attachment for Madurai and its people. The biggest event in Madurai, the Entry of Lord Kallazhagar is centered around the river Vaigai.

Of the three greatest dynasties of Dravidian Culture- The Cheras, Cholas and the Pandiyas, Pandian Dynasty flourished in trade and human resources. The river gave a whole Forest when people asked Flowers, it gave Honey when people asked water. Vaigai, the mother of Madurai, has always given people what they needed and even more.

There was a time when the Vaigai river was the lifeline for the region. Along its banks, people hunted, fished and lived. Settlements grew around which later powered for Industrial growth.

Lately, the condition of the river has further worsened, making it one of the most polluted river in the country. Adding to the woes of Inadequate rainfall for a decade, the dumping of garbage, encroachment on the banks of the river, excessive sand mining and other anti social activities have created a dull status for the holy river. It is always a thorn in the heart to see our beloved MOM getting polluted. It’s High time that we get a solution for that.

Quest 2018 emphasizes on Celebrating the MOM and Saving it. We believe in an everlasting inner change. We believe its the duty of the youth of Madurai to save the lifeline of their city. Its not only about saving the river, its about saving the heritage and history of the Mother of Madurai.