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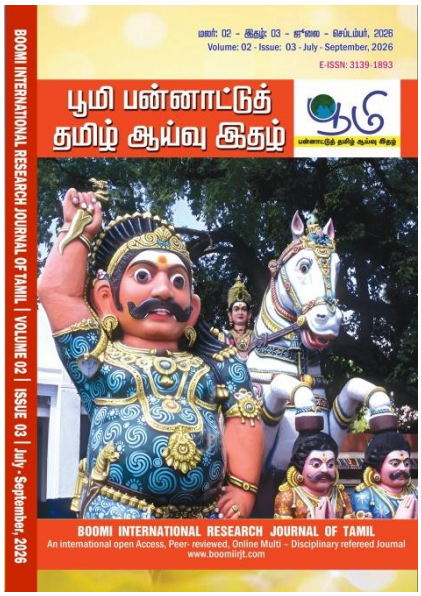

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Abstract

The preface of Tolkappiyam describes Tolkappiyar as one well-versed in 'Aindram'. Aindram is considered to be a lost Sanskrit grammatical treatise and this has aroused considerable debate among Tamil scholars. Various alternative interpretations of the term Aindram have been proposed. Arguments were made with alleged evidences both for and against the historical existence of Aindram. This article makes a comprehensive study of this subject.

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