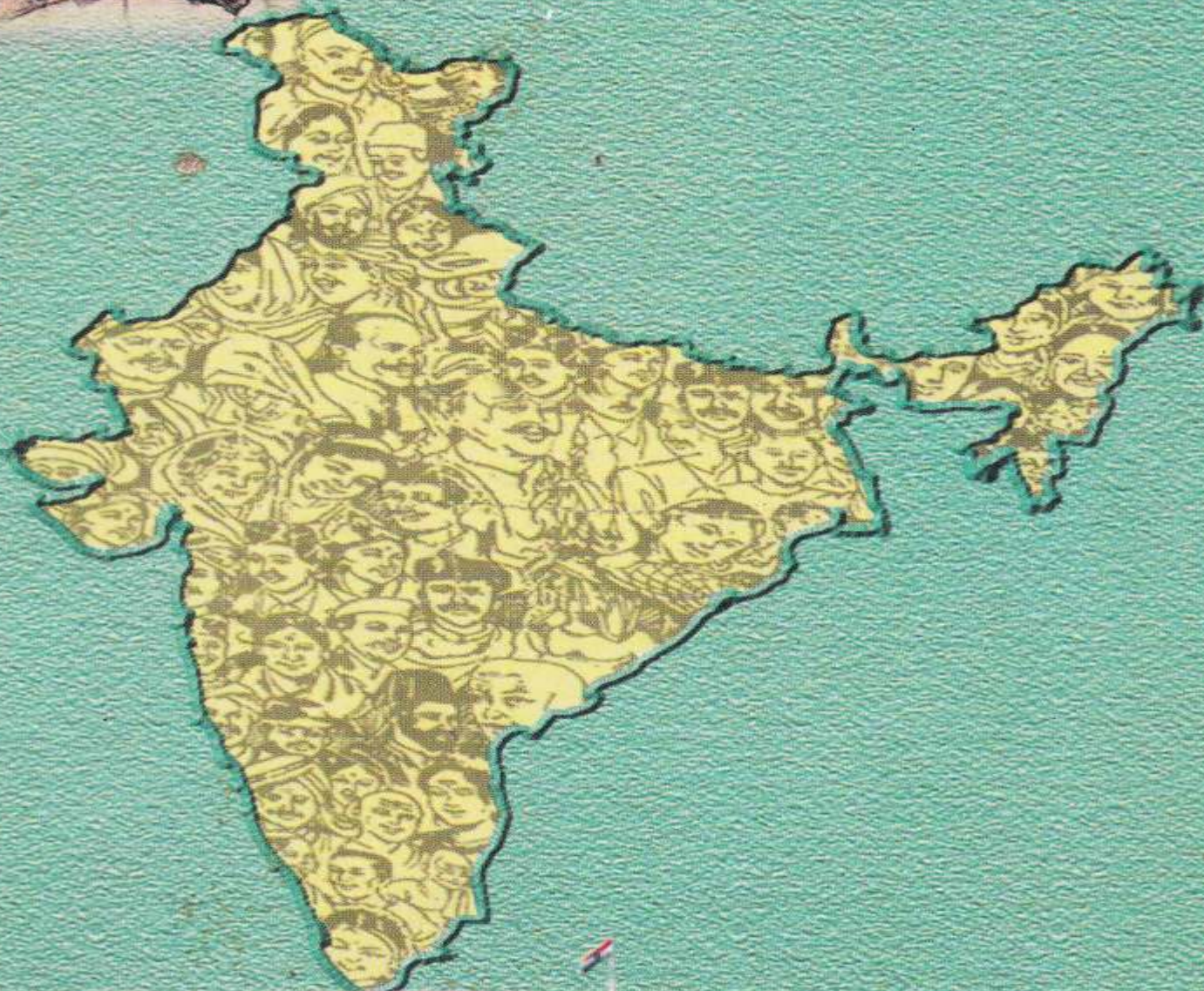


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DECLARATION OF MDMK

Anna's will

Dear brother, they know not of what mettle I am made up. Never have I been mad after power. Nor am I happy of being the Chief Minister of our State under a constitution which on paper is federal but in actual practice tends to get more and more centralised. On that account I do not like my good friend E.M.S. declare that it is my intention to irritate the Centre or pick up quarrels with Delhi. That helps none.

True, a sense of determination at the appropriate stage is all important. But this should be preceded by educating the public on federalism itself. In that, dear brother, I am quite confident of your active co-operation and intimate participation.

If, by being in office, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (D.M.K.) is able to bring to the notice of the thinking public that the present constitution is a sort of Diarchy by the back door that would be a definite contribution indeed to the political world.

(Hail the Dawn - Home Rule - 12.1.1969)

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