

Rs 2-cr for desilting Kalingarayan canal

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Erode, Sept 5: The Centre has sanctioned Rs 2 crore for desilting 800-year old Kalingarayan canal in the district, Minister of State for Social Justice Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan has said.

At a function held in memory of King Kalingarayan here today, she unveiled his portrait and released a book, written by Baskaradasan, explaining the life history of the king.

In her speech, she praised the effort of Lingaya Goundar Kalingarayan in digging a canal and asserted that the technological aspect of the canal indicated the hard working nature of the people of Kongu region in yesteryears. She stressed the



Union Minister of State for Social Justice Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan releasing a book on King Kalingarayan at a function held at Erode on Sunday. Also seen are actors Sivakumar, Sathyaraj, Industrialists SKM Mayeilanandan, P.C.Duraisamy and U.R.Chinnaśamay Gounder.

need of protecting the canal and its water source for the overall benefit of the district and asked the people to emulate Kings Kalingarayan in promot-

ing caste affinity.

Judge R Sengottuvelan, actors Sivakumar, Sathyaraj, industrialists SKM Mayeilanandan, UR Chinnasamy, PC Duraisamy,

Kongu Research Centre organisers Pulavar Raju, Uzhavar Uzhapalar Katchi president Chellamuthu and KNS president Kaliannan also spoke.