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Chennai, 14 Oct 2026: Joseph Vijay on today paid tribute to freedom fighter and martyr Sankaralinga nar, who sacri ficed his life after observing a 76-day hunger strike demand ing that the state be renamed Tamil Nadu, and said his sacrifice would forever remain a symbol of Tamil identity and self-respect.

In a social media post marking Sankara linganar's death anni versary, the Chief M inister recalled his unwavering determi nation to secure the name Tamil Nadu for the state through a peaceful protest.

Vijay said Sankara linganar remained steadfast in his princi ples and his commit ment to the dignity and autonomy of Tamil Nadu, refusing to compromise even at the cost of his life. “His unparalleled sacrifice, which demonstrated that the identity of the Tamil people was greater than life itself, des ervestobe inscribed in golden letters in the history of Tamil Nadu and India,” Vijay said.

The Chief Minister said Sankaralinganar's determination to protect Tamil Nadu's unique identity and the rights of Tamil people should continue to inspire future genera tions.

Sankaralinganar undertook a prolonged hunger strike in 1956, demanding that the then Madras State be renamed Tamil Nadu. He died on October 13, 1956, after fasting for 76 days. The state was officially renamed Tamil Nadu in 1969.