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People back seer's arrest: Survey

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AN OPINION poll by a leading Tamil news magazine has shown that nearly 70 per cent of the people surveyed have approved the arrest of Kanch Shakaracharya Jayendra Saraswati.

The opinion poll conducted by *Junior Vikatan*, covering respondents in urban and rural areas showed that 68.72 per cent of the people felt that Jayalalitha's image has improved following the seer's arrest. Only 19.48 per cent thought otherwise. Another 11.80 per cent said the CM's ratings remained un-

changed.

Only two other issues have got higher positive ratings for Jayalalitha in the survey that covered seven issues — action against video piracy and the elimination of Veerappan.

"The polls clearly showed that the image of the Jayalalitha government has gone up since the Lok Sabha polls," the magazine concluded. In spite of the high approval ratings, only 27.09 per cent thought Jayalalitha should go for a snap poll.

More people thought Jayalalitha's electoral fortunes would improve if she went for a tie up with the Congress.