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Honourable Minister of Tamil Nadu



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K. Stalin** handed over letters of Internship to the students selected under 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme at the Global Technology and Innovation Centre at Porur, Chennai on 05.10.2023.

October 01: National Voluntary Blood Donation Day



'Share blood, save lives, help Tamil Nadu achieve cent per cent target'

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** on National Voluntary Blood Donation Day - 30.09.2023.



Every year, October 1 is being observed as National Voluntary Blood Donation Day to create awareness about blood donation among people. This year's focus for the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often".

Though science has made many inventions, it is yet to make artificial blood. During blood donation, only 350 ml of blood is taken out of about 5 litres of blood from the body. It takes just 20 minutes for blood donation. After the donation, the blood donor can do his regular work. Healthy people in the 18 to 65 age group can donate blood once in three months.

By donating blood once at regular intervals, new cells are formed in the body and their health is protected. Volunteers can donate blood at the Government Blood Banks and in Blood donation camps.

To monitor the activities of the blood donation centres, blood donation camps and blood donors can register in the e-RaktKosh portal. People can get the required units of blood through this portal.

One unit of donated blood can save 4 lives. The Government of Tamil Nadu felicitates the blood donors and organizers of the blood camps by giving them certificates of appreciation and medals. I am really happy that the State has the top place in the country in voluntary blood donation and has achieved 95 per cent of the target in voluntary blood donations through the Government Blood Banks. This year, I am confident that the State will achieve cent per cent of the target. I appeal the people to donate blood voluntarily and help save the lives of people.

**'Let's donate blood happily!
Let's save human lives!!**

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Ulluva dhellaam uyavullal matrathu

Thallinum thallaamai neerthu -Kural 596

One should always cherish lofty aims. Even if they are not attained,
one must not give them up.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural

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First Wrapper

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K.Stalin**, on 02.10.2023, at the Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram, Chennai, as part of the '**Glowing Tamil Nadu, Glittering Tamilians**' function got up to applaud space scientists from Tamil Nadu for their great achievements, honoured them with commendation certificates and mementos.

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Scholarships in their name to encourage scientific quest among students

Hon'ble Chief Minister honours nine ISRO scientists from Tamil Nadu with Rs.25 lakh

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the '**Glowing Tamil Nadu, Glittering Tamilians**' felicitating function to nine ISRO scientists, who brought glory to India and Tamil Nadu, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, at the Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram, Chennai - 02.10.2023.

My warm welcome to all of you.

I am honoured to stand before you today. I am honoured to stand before you not only as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, but I am more proud of being born as a Tamil.

Nine scientific geniuses from Tamil Nadu who made the world turn towards India, are sitting on this platform. This fills my heart with joy.

Mahakavi Bharathiyar in one of his songs said that Tamil Nadu is proud of the birth

of Kamban, who gave Kamba Ramayanam, of Valluvan for giving Thirukkural and of Ilango for Silappathikaram. If only Bharathiyar was alive today, he would have sung in praise of ISRO Sivan, Mylswamy Annadurai, Narayanan, Sankaran, Rajarajan, Asir Bhagiyaraj, Vanitha, Veeramuthuvel and Nigar Shaji, who were all born in Tamil Nadu.

You, scientists, stand tall here as Tamils, who have made the world proud of India. We

wanted to gather all of you in one place and offer our felicitations to you.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for accepting our invitation and coming here.

August 23 is an important day not only for India but also for the world. The day, India landed on the Moon. Lander successfully landed on the Moon with its Chandrayaan spacecraft!

Soviet Union in 1959, USA in 1964 and China in 2013 have done this feat.

India launched its mission to the Moon in 2008. In 2023, the objective of that mission had been achieved. This means India has the honour of being the fourth country to touch the Moon.

India has achieved excellence that no other country has. Chandrayaan-3 has landed and started exploring the hitherto unknown south polar region of the Moon. The director of the Chandrayaan-3 project is Veeramuthuvel, who hails from the Southern part of India, particularly Tamil Nadu.

Along with the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon, the news that Tamils are flying high in space exploration spread widely. On behalf of crores of people of Tamil Nadu, I congratulate, appreciate and admire all of you, who have brought such a



glory to Tamil Nadu. As the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I salute you all.

This auditorium was built by our leader Kalaingar in the name of our mentor, Perarignar Anna. It is a very fitting tribute to invite you to this place and hold a felicitation ceremony for you.

Why was not Einstein born in this country? Why didn't a Thomas Alva Edison emerge in this country? It was Perarignar Anna who asked these questions with a tinge of longing.

As we see on this stage, so many scientific personalities have been born in Tamil Nadu. I said that it is very appropriate to hold this ceremony in this auditorium, which has been named after Perarignar Anna. Our Tamil knowledge itself is scientific knowledge. As the Kural says, one should discern the truth from diverse sayings by subjecting them to scrutiny. Our Tamil literature has taught us such scientific knowledge.

Tholkappiyar has said that the world is a mixture of five things: Earth - Fire - Air - Water - Sky. Our Tamil race divided the earth into five and had the three-fold aims of life. In this, the knowledge of Tamils in astronomy was unique. In the second poem, of the Puranaanuru, 'Nilam Enthiya Visumbum' is sung about the sky. The anthology ends with 'Maa visumbin Venn Thingal' in the 400th song.

Ilangovadigal in his Silappathikaram Epic praised both the Sun and Moon. Sivaka Chinthamani also sang about the Moon. Tamil literature always celebrated the sun, the moon and the sky.

The reason I am saying all this is that the knowledge of Tamil Nadu was scientific knowledge without prejudice against and for anything. That is what you all as scientific geniuses have achieved.

More to the point, six out of these nine scientists had studied in Government schools. That is what we can be greatly proud of. They were born in a poor families in nondescript places, but they got educated and progressed in life. As first generation graduates they rose to become scientists. Of them, two in particular are women.

It is a matter of pride to see this platform itself as a symbol of social justice. Revolutionary Poet Bharathidasan longed for the day when all Tamils would be educated. When will their wisdom, prowess and love, rise gloriously like the Himalayas, he asked. This is the day. These nine geniuses symbolise that achievement.

As far as I am concerned these scientists are the mentors of the younger generation. The younger generation must move forward as their guides and role models.

Dr. K. Sivan was born in Sarakkalvilai in Kanniyakumari District. He joined ISRO in 1982 and rose to the position of ISRO Chief in 2018. He is of high calibre and a project co-ordinator for sending 104 spacecrafts into orbit. He is the chief architect of the simulation



software, SITARA, which is the backbone of the real-time and non-real-time trajectory simulations of all ISRO launch vehicles.

While Chandrayaan-2 was not a complete success, no one could have forgotten his expression of sadness and tears, his contribution and unwavering attachment for the mission!

The esteemed Dr.Mylswamy Annadurai was born in the village Kothavadi near Pollachi. He worked in ISRO for 36 years and three years at ISRO Space Research Centre as Project Director. He was instrumental in piloting various spaceships. He was the one who fixed the Indian flag on the design of Chandrayaan-1. He began study in a pyol school and has literally touched the sky.

The esteemed Dr.V. Narayanan was born in Kanniyakumari District. He is the Director of Thiruvananthapuram Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre. His role in most of the rockets produced by ISRO is immense. He was instrumental in the development of the Mark-3 rocket used to launch Chandrayaan-3, and is a two-time recipient of ISRO's Best Scientist Award.

The esteemed Thiru. A. Rajarajan was born in Kancheepuram District. He is the Chairman of the Accreditation Board at ISRO. His role in making robust motors for Gaganyaan and

S.S.L.V is immense. He is the recipient of ISRO Merit Award in 2015.

The esteemed Thiru. M.Sankaran was born in Tiruchi. He served as the Director of the U.R. Rao Satellite Centre. He has devoted himself to work on all three projects, namely Chandrayaan 1,2,3. He also worked on Aditya L-1 space mission to study the Sun. Our Sankaran proved that technical equipment can be manufactured indigenously.

The esteemed Thiru.Asir Bhagyaraj was born in Thoothukudi. He involved himself in advanced testing of spacecraft engines. He established modern facilities in rocket stage integration. It was his group that organized the G.S.L.V. His contribution was important in incorporating high technologies.

Tmt. M. Vanitha is from Chennai. She was the Director of the Chandrayaan-2 project. She was also instrumental in designing Mangalyan. She holds the distinction of being the first woman scientist to serve as Programme Director at ISRO. She also received the Best Woman Scientist Award.

Respected Tmt. Nigar Shaji hails from Shenkottai, Tenkasi District. He has been working in ISRO since 1987. He was the Project Director of the ISRO's Solar Programme Aditya L-1.

Dr. Veeramuthuvel was born in Viluppuram. He is the director of the Chandrayaan-3 project, which was launched on August 23. He has said, "I studied in a Government school till 10th standard. I was an average student in school.



I had no idea where and what to study next". Veeramuthu was born in an ordinary family and has created a historic record.

What is the pride of the Tamil Nadu and to Tamils is this:

1) Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai was the Project Director of Chandrayaan – 1. On October 28, 2008, it began to orbit the moon. It discovered the presence of water molecules on the moon.

2) Chandrayaan-2 was launched on July 15, 2019. Tmt.Vanitha was the Project Director of Chandrayaan – 2. It was during that period that Dr. Sivan was the Chairman of ISRO.

3) Chandrayaan -3 launched now had Dr. Veeramuthuvel as its Project Director.

This is the greatest pride of Tamil Nadu. In recognition of this honour, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, I would like to make two announcements.

First Announcement:

I am very happy to announce that these nine scientific geniuses who have brought pride to India and Tamil Nadu and will continue to do so, will be awarded Rs. 25 lakh each on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

There is no criterion for your knowledge. The Government of Tamil Nadu has given this

amount as a token of its recognition for your hard work. I request you to accept this and make India more proud.

Second Announcement:

You know about my dream project 'Naan Mudhalvan'. We have started the Naan Mudhalvan project to make the students of Tamil Nadu realise that it is not enough to get a degree; one must excel in education, in intelligence, in thinking ability and in multifaceted skills.

Last year alone, we have provided training to 13 lakh students against a target of 10 lakh. We nurture our students to be all-rounders.

Multinational companies are increasingly coming to Tamil Nadu to set up business. We are making the youth of Tamil Nadu eligible for jobs. Similarly, we want to groom students who are good in science. I think it would be very appropriate to make an announcement on this platform.

We are going to implement this program to create an interest in scientific inventions among students studying engineering. Under the quota of 7.5 per cent given to Government school students, we are going to provide scholarship in the name of meritorious scientists to 9 students who have completed their graduation in engineering and continue their master's degree course after receiving Government education scholarship. Through this, all their fees including tuition fee and hostel fee will be met by the Government. The students will be selected by a panel headed by scientists. A corpus fund of Rs. 10 crore will be created for this scholarship.

The purpose of lauding these nine scientist sitting here is not only to honour them, but to create the motivation for more such scientists to emerge.

Our Government has made arrangements for 58 lakh college and school students to watch this programme. I request the students who are watching this programme to develop scientific interests and good personality traits. We should have more and more scientists from the student community. They must become front-ranking scientists like those sitting on the dais. That is the aim of this Dravidian Model Government. Those who have been honoured today are not only scientists but will show the way to others to excel in science.

The present success is due to the combined efforts of thousands of scientists of ISRO. For this, I congratulate and appreciate the present ISRO Chief, the esteemed Dr. Somanath.

My hearty compliments to all scientists of ISRO. Only due to your efforts, the country stands tall in the field. In other countries there may be sophisticated equipment. But only in India you have technically skilled people.

Let all your research continue till we succeed in sending humans into space. May all your research about the sun and the moon achieve success.

May all scientific endeavours including that of sending man to space become successful.

Let us protect India! Let us study the world beyond the country.

Nandri, Vanakkam.



Hon'ble Chief Minister calls for greater participation in Grama Sabha meetings

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** addressed '**Grama Sabha**' meetings through video conferencing - 02.10.2023.

My greetings to all the people who have come here to participate in the Grama Sabha meeting.

Only after the Dravidian Model Government came to power, grama sabha meetings are held regularly without any break.

We are holding the grama sabha meetings regularly, so that the voices of rural people can be heard at all times and in all circumstances.

Democracy was first born only in the villages. According to historians, the Uthiramerur area near Kancheepuram was the cradle where the democratic process flowered.

The Uthiramerur inscription is a proof of this fact. According to the inscription, the names of all those who contested were noted down in palm leaf manuscripts and were put in a pot. From that one palm leaf was taken and the name mentioned in the manuscript was declared elected. This is known as the 'Kudavolai' system. That is how the system of democracy set up came in Tamil Nadu.

If you see this, democracy was first born in villages. As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned the system of Grama Sabha was in existence since the Chola Period.

During the Chola period, there were assemblies known as 'Oor' and 'Mahasabhai'. Of these, the Mahasabhai is similar to the present Grama Sabha. This Grama Sabha is like the base of the system, where people play a major role in discussing their requirements, selecting the beneficiaries and in implementing welfare schemes.

The Grama Sabha is like the Parliament at the National level and Legislative Assembly at the State level, where the voice of the people is echoed.

Though the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act, 1994 makes the meeting of the Grama Sabhas atleast twice a year mandatory, it was amended to 4 times per annum by Muthamizharnigar Kalaingar. The present Dravidian Model Government made it 6 times a year.

Now the Grama Sabha meetings on Republic Day, World Water Day, Labour Day, Independence Day, Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Panchayati Raj Day, every year.

If an organization is to be strengthened, then it should be given powers and finance resources should be created for it. At present, Grama Sabhas have been given more powers. The

Sabhas have powers to approve the development schemes for the Grama panchayats, monitor the progress of schemes as well as the revenue and expenditure of the panchayats, select beneficiaries and supervise schemes.

The Government has increased the limit of expenditure for each Grama Panchayat from Rs.1,000 to Rs. 5,000. The Grama Panchayat should concentrate more on helping the poor and downtrodden, and on the welfare of the differently-abled persons, elders and children. The Sabhas should be like a bridge for all the efforts of the Government has been taking for education. Recently, the Government has launched the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme'. I hope your children are having breakfast at school. About 10 lakh children are taking breakfast in Tamil Nadu. You should support the 'Ennum Ezhuthum Scheme' and School Infrastructure Scheme and in improving them.

Those who participate in the Grama Sabha meeting should tell people in other villages who have not participated in the meeting in their villages. You should participate in the Grama Sabha meeting and make it a constructive platform for exchanging your views.

You should discuss only the views that help the development of Panchayats. You should try to learn from the officials about the schemes that are being implemented through their Departments. You should ensure that tribals and women participate in the meetings. Their views should be given importance. You should ensure that the selected schemes are for the common benefits of the grama sabha. You

should maintain the record of the meeting and the views expressed in the meeting.

The sabha must undertake constructive activities like improving the water resources, importance of water, rejuvenation of ground water and protection of water bodies. The sabha must take a vow to ensure maintenance of a pollution-free environment and protect general health through management of solid and liquid wastes. I appeal to the panchayat presidents to support such schemes.

Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam of providing Rs. 1000 per month to women heads of families is being implemented. About 1,06,50,000 women are benefiting under the scheme. Left-out women heads can apply for appeal. Mostly rural women are benefitted under the schemes. The money is highly useful to them. This scheme increases the money supply in rural areas. No-cost bus service for women was introduced by the Government immediately after coming to power, to help the economic development of women.

For the girl students of Government schools, we are giving Rs. 1,000 per month for their higher education. Our Government has presented a separate budget for agriculture. Through this the cultivating area and also agricultural productivity has been increased. We have rejuvenated the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam. Through this, we are concentrating more on the development of rural areas and rural people.

All sectors should progress and all Districts should prosper. That is our motive. Not only the urban areas, rural areas also should develop.

I always used to say that the State's development is not confined to economic or industrial development. It should be the development of society. If it is to be a reality the villages should develop fully. Keeping this in mind, we are executing various schemes.

Today is October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He said India lives in

its villages. He was for Grama Swaraj and self-reliant villages.

The present Dravidian Model Government, led by Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin, will always strive to work for self-reliant, self-sufficient and socially developed villages with all facilities. We will work, work, and work. Nandri, Vanakkam.

November 14: Birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

'Protector of Democracy'

The sad news hit our ears on May 27. It was more like a shaft of hot fire. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the defender of democracy has died. One couldn't believe it, but it has happened. It is said that death is natural. Those who are born have to die. Men come and men go. But there is an overwhelming onrush of sadness that cannot be stopped by such consolations.

We have lost such a fortune. We sigh in disappointment that the star of hope has vanished. The country is suffering like a boat caught in a heavy storm; the 'world mother' is shedding tears.

Hearing the news of his demise, the white dove that he released even as he strove to ensure that the world did not turn into a hunting ground of vultures, a battlefield where wolves feasted, is twitching its wings in pain. Pandit Nehru was the only man after Mahatma Gandhi who had the privilege of occupying the hearts of people right from the Himalayas to Kanniyakumari. He is no more today. But the principles of democracy which he nurtured are very much alive; strengthening them further is the tribute that those who remain, render him. The services he has rendered are legion. There are other essential things to be achieved.

The best heart-felt monument to him is to score victories in the spheres in which he progressed. He was a noble leader who built the platform of reason in the garden of democracy and held the flag of peace high above the world. We show our gratitude to him by protecting that garden from withering and the platform from collapsing. The country expected many more things from him. By then, Nature has finished its work. The crown has crumbled, but the renown remains. Long live the name of Nehru!

— Speech of **Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar** on the radio in 1964, on the demise of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.



Towards a green Tamil Nadu

Hon'ble Chief Minister asks District Collectors, Forest Officers to take co-ordinated action



Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the District Collectors and Forest Officers Conference, held at Namakkal Kavignar Maligai in the Secretariat - 03.10.2023.

Welcome to all of you. Both forest protection and environment protection are two major policies of this Government.

The campaign to revive the use of 'Meendum Manjappai' (Yellow cloth bag) is close to my heart. Since the yellow bag is rooted in our culture, it is your duty to convert it into a people's movement. You must create awareness about plastic pollution among people and make them take interest in natural materials.

By following this, our State will move towards a green future. The District Collectors as well as the Forest Officers should take speedy measures to prevent usage of plastic materials.

Apart from creating awareness about 'Meendum Manjappai', the District Collectors and Forest officers must involve school students, self-help group members and the public in the movement and encourage them to use non-plastic materials.

I appeal to all Collectors and Forest Officers of the coastal districts on this occasion to take measures to ensure permanent steps for the protection of coastal areas. You must keep in mind the fact that only if you involve people in these efforts, your actions will bring the desired result.

I appeal to both officials on this occasion to protect forest animals and natural resources in the forests through co-ordinated action. The man-animal conflict should be resolved. You must ensure that the relief announced by the Government for the affected families is given without any delay.

You must also ensure that the climate change strategies are implemented at the local level and through that the people are protected. You must concentrate on retrieving Marsh lands, sea weeds, sea rocks and coral reefs. It is really heartening to know that our State stands first in this regard with 14 Ramsar Wetlands.

Through 'Green Tamil Nadu Mission', 18 species of Sangam Age trees have been planted by the Government with the co-operation of the people. I appeal to the District Collectors and the Forest Officers to take special efforts to protect these trees.

I am happy to inform you that the Green Tamil Nadu Mission is keen on planting the Sangam Age trees and in retrieving the soil wealth of the State. The mission is providing job opportunities to rural and urban people, especially for women.

The Forest Rights Act recognizes the rights of the forest dwelling tribal communities and other traditional forest dwellers and individuals to forest resources. So far 11,245 certificates for individual rights and 650 certificates for common rights have been given. I request the officials to take early action on pending applications that are under consideration.

On this occasion, I appeal to the District Collectors and Forest Officers to act with coordination and take swift decisions on this issue. With these words, I conclude my speech.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Hon'ble Chief Minister asks SPs to be more watchful in the coming months



Valedictory address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the conference of the Superintendents of Police and Police Officials, held at Namakkal Kavignar Maligai at the Secretariat - 03.10.2023.

My warm welcome to all of you.

Various issues were discussed during the day-long advisory meeting today. I appeal to you to take those things in your mind and act accordingly.

The most important duty of a Government is to maintain law and order in the State. Only in a peaceful State, all sectors will grow. As I have been emphasizing repeatedly, the Police should prevent crimes from happening rather than think only in terms of reducing the number of crimes.

The police should be on the side of the affected people and the poor people. This Government is always for the welfare of the weaker sections and the poor as well as women and children. When a common man approaches the police station with the confidence that action will be taken on his petition/complaint, it is the duty of a Government to honor his confidence.

In every police station, the Government has created a receptionist post to receive petitions from the public and to guide them properly. The receptionist should be used only



for that purpose. I heard that the receptionists are being used for other work. That should be avoided. All the complaints/petitions should be recorded in the website and acknowledgement receipts should be given.

Last year, I issued a directive that all Police Commissioners and the Superintendents of police must conduct grievance meetings on every Wednesday. On that day, you should receive petitions from the public in person.

If you receive more petitions or repeated petitions from a particular area, then you should visit the police station concerned in person and study the issue. You must try to find the reason why more petitions or repeated petitions come from that area and try to solve the issue.

Government advocates, Government advocates on the criminal side, Assistant/ Joint Directors and the Directorate of Prosecution should co-ordinate in filing criminal cases and the status of criminal cases should be reviewed every month. In POCSO cases, the expert reports of the Forensic Department

must be obtained as early as possible as their reports are the main evidence.

DIGs should review the pending cases once in a month and the Zonal police heads once in 2 months.

All pending arrest warrants should be executed to maintain a peaceful atmosphere and if necessary, Goondas Act should be utilized to maintain peace.

Only if the criminals are punished quickly, the affected people will have faith in law enforcement authorities. So the Police Commissioners/District Police Superintendents should review this every month and send a report to the Government.

All pending complaints/petitions, their nature and petitions for which criminal reports have to be filed should be reviewed at the police station itself. Besides, you should monitor the follow up action.

During the last two-and-a-half years there was no major law and order problem in the State and it has been maintained properly.

The causes for communal and caste clashes should be found out at the initial stage itself and they should be prevented then and there.

You must carefully handle issues relating to law and order issues and communal feelings and with the co-ordination of all Departments under the District Administration, you should find amicable solutions.

You must be careful to a greater degree in the next seven, eight months. With Lok Sabha Elections round the corner, right from the constable to higher police officials, you should be cautious and watchful.

You must also monitor the events in social media.

Proper steps should be taken to maintain law and order and peace.

After listening to the proceedings throughout the day, I firmly believe that you will serve in the best manner in your district.

I conclude my speech with the confidence that you will all function in a manner to maintain law and order and ensure peace in your respective districts/corporations and bring good name to the districts.

Nandri! Vanakkam!



News in Picture

Death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar



On the occasion of 'Mahakavi day', the death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar on 11.09.2023, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru.P.K.Sekar Babu, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R.Priya, Member of the Legislative Assembly Thiru. D.Velu, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Thiru.M.Magesh Kumar, Director of Information and Public Relations Thiru. D. Mohan I.A.S., Representatives of local bodies and Government higher officials paid floral tributes to the portrait of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, placed near his statue at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai.

Hon'ble Chief Minister motivates District Collectors for the best implementation of welfare schemes

Valedictory address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the two-day conference of District Collectors, held at the Secretariat - 04.10.2023.

My warm welcome to all of you.

During the two-day conference, we discussed the progress of various development projects in the State and had a fruitful interaction.

After recovering from the dreaded Corona pandemic, heavy rains and natural calamities in the past one and a half years, we are taking the State's economy on the path of growth, with effective planning, execution and financial management. I am happy to recollect that in this challenging task, all of you worked in a co-ordinated manner.

To give the best Government to the people, many Administrative steps have been taken, about which you all know. Such conferences have become necessary to strengthen the administrative set up for the benefit of the people and for field workers to get constructive suggestions from you.

Whatever be the scheme, it should not be considered as the Chief Minister's scheme or the ruling party's scheme. Government employees must take the schemes as their dream schemes for the people's welfare and involve themselves fully in their implementation. Only then will it reach the people and benefit them in a proper

manner. That is why the schemes are called the children of officials. If the officials take interest, then the schemes will grow. Otherwise, they will perish. Officials cannot remain as separate individuals and function independently. As they are the representatives of the Government, they should forget their personal interests. The period they do so will be a golden period. The Government that functions in this way will be the best Government.

The most important role of the District Collectors is running the District Administration by co-ordinating with various departments. You are the Administrative Head of the district. Only you can co-ordinate various Departments in your district. By doing this effectively, Government schemes can benefit the people.

To plan, execute and give proper guidelines, expert committees which give proper suggestions have been formed. Similarly, the State Policy Development Council also guides the State through various suggestions.

In this way, the State's important schemes are getting a good response from the poor people. Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam is especially getting good appreciation from women. This scheme was launched last month



on the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna. Applications were distributed to about one crore and 63 lakh women without any difficulty and the completed applications were received. That itself is a great achievement. Not only that, those applications were processed within a short period through the latest computer technology. About one crore six lakh women were selected and Rs. 1,000 was deposited in their bank accounts. This is yet another big achievement. This is the first time in the country that such a large number of beneficiaries were selected in a transparent manner. This scheme is one among the schemes that portrays the administrative capability of the State.

The smile on the face of every woman beneficiary is the result of your hard work. I thank and congratulate every one of you for your efforts on successfully launching the scheme on the scheduled date.

At the same time, the left out beneficiaries have submitted applications and those applications are being processed. I appeal to you to find solutions to them as per law and standard procedures.

You all know that the present Government has been implementing many special schemes. I would like to mention specifically, the free bus travel scheme for women, Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, Illam Thedi Kalvi, Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kakkum 48, Pudhumai



Penn, Naan Mudhalvan, Chief Minister's breakfast scheme, Kalaingar's all village integrated agricultural development scheme and Ensure Nutrition Scheme.

I would like to congratulate you all for your role in the successful implementation of the Breakfast Scheme. I appeal to you to show special attention to the scheme so that it can continue successfully.

On this occasion, I appreciate and congratulate you for successful and speedy implementation of the Government's special schemes. At the same time, I would like to point out some slackness in implementing the schemes. I had pointed this out to you during my review meetings. You should all keep these things in mind and implement the schemes within the time frame.

The Government is striving hard to create more employment opportunities to the youth by developing various industries through policies and by attracting foreign investments. Overall, the State is progressing in the correct path in education, social parameters and economy through our schemes.

Not only the schemes mentioned above, but also for other projects of the Government to reach the targeted people, the district administration must function without any setback. You should be in direct touch with the poor and the downtrodden. Apart from conducting review meetings, to know how far the Government schemes have reached the beneficiaries, you must also try to find reasons why benefits have not reached them.

In many districts, there are land-based issues, especially measurement of common land

and temple land. Sometimes they become law and order issues. So the Survey Department, Revenue Department, Local Bodies and Police should organize separate monthly review meetings to resolve these issues.

Review the functioning of Government Hospitals at regular intervals. You must know the quality of the medical services being provided. The doctors too may have some issues. Learn about them and address them. Education and the medical services are the two great priorities of the Government. You must keep this in mind and function accordingly.

It has come to the notice of the Government that some of the circulars of the departments did not reach the Village Administrative Officers. To take the complete details of the Government schemes to the grassroots and to solve the practical problems being faced, you must conduct periodic review meetings of VAOs. I feel that these meetings will bring the desired result.

You must function without any delay and slackness in implementing schemes for the poor and downtrodden. This is my humble request. If you keep this in mind, it will bring growth and happiness to the people of Tamil Nadu.

Sometimes, the media and the public point out the small mistakes in the implementation of Government schemes. For example, the number of bus trips, and their standard in the cost-free bus travel for women, the quality of medical facilities, getting Government permission and

certificates for road and sewage structures. The expectation of people from Government schemes must be met fully.

In the 'Mudhalvarin Mugavari' Department, the petitions I received during my tours should be given primary importance. The shortcomings in Government services cannot be set right by issuing directives from the Secretariat. The district administration should also co-operate for their implementation. For the district administration to function effectively, employees at the taluk levels should execute their duties properly. It is with this motive only that I am touring the districts, under the 'Chief Minister in the field visit' scheme and reviewing the law and order issues directly.

I would like to mention one major social issue to you. Domestic violence against women is a social crime. This Government will not tolerate any violence against women and children. You all know that the Government takes stringent action against such crimes. The affected people give petitions in local police stations. You must review those complaints and the follow up action once in a month. For this, the Home Secretary must decide on a procedure and circulate it to the District Collectors and police officers. I request you to bring this into action from next month.

Though the Government schemes are common to all districts, they differ in some districts and the issues that arise have to be solved based on the social and economic situations prevailing in those districts. I hope

the conference serves as the forum for settling those issues.

You are in the position of guiding your district administration. You must be a bridge between the Government and the people. You must ensure that instead of adopting usual procedures, you use modern technology to avoid delays.

Recently, I handed over appointment orders to the successful candidates of the TNPSC examinations. At that time, I advised them that they should ask the petitioners to sit before hearing their grievances. That itself would allay half of their sense of grievance. I would like to repeat the same advice to you also. You must instruct all sub-divisional officers to follow this way.

We are in our present positions only to serve the people. You should not forget this. I came to know that in some districts, the public could not meet Collectors, except on grievance day. This is not fair. I appeal to you. Whenever you are at the headquarters, you must mandatorily allot separate timings for meeting the people.

During road accidents and natural calamities, you must visit the spot immediately. You must supervise the relief operations and be the helping hand of the Government to the people.

Since the Lok Sabha election is round the corner, you must complete the on-going projects before the beginning of the code of

conduct of election rules comes into force. The Government has given many promises and is implementing many welfare schemes. All these schemes should be completed as early as possible. We will get name and respect only to the extent of their implementation. Any fault in executing the schemes or slackness will bring a bad name to the Government. As the election is fast approaching, there will be more complaints. Try to solve the problems that come to your knowledge. If you do this, there will not be any adverse comment against the Government. You must keep this in mind and execute your duties.

The Government will take into account your suggestions and remarks during the past two days.

I would like to make some announcements in this conference.

Firstly, the allowance for students staying in Government school hostels will be increased from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,400. Similarly, the allowance for college students staying in Government hostels will be increased from Rs.1,100 to Rs.1,500. Through this hike, 1,71,844 students will be benefitted and the Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 68.77 crore. I am happy to inform you of this, as this expenditure is an investment for education.

Secondly, as requested in the meeting I had with the police officers, the assistance to those rehabilitated from the illicit liquor

trade will be increased from Rs.30,000 to Rs.50,000.

Thirdly, as per the advice of the Hon'ble High Court, it has been decided to implement video-conferencing since there are practical difficulties in taking the trial prisoners to courts.

Fourthly, for renovating the men and the women hostels of Adi Dravidar, tribal, backward and the most backward class students, a special plan has been prepared and the same will be implemented in 2 years.

Fifthly, to expedite the work of the link roads to the residential areas of tribal people, a steering committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary will be set up.

With these announcements, I conclude my speech by offering my greetings and best wishes to the District Collectors, District Police Superintendents, and Forest officers for their good performance.

96th Birth anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan

News in Picture



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of Sivaji Ganesan kept near his statue at the Sivaji Ganesan Manimandapam, Adyar, Chennai, on the occasion of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan's 96th birth anniversary on 01.10.2023.



Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over order for Vallalar International Centre at Vadalur

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 05.10.2023, at the closing ceremony of the one-year 'Vallalar - 200' events held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, on behalf of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, announced that a Vallalar International Centre would be set up at a cost of Rs.99.90 crore at Vadalur in Cuddalore District. The order for the centre was handed over to Vallalar grand festival Committee Chairman, Dr. B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also released a book titled, 'Vallalaarin Irai Anubavangal' (Vallalar's Divine Experiences) on the occasion. He also

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the closing ceremony of the one-year 'Vallalar - 200' on 05.10.2023.

felicitated the Chairman of the Special Committee and members by offering shawls and presenting them mementos.

He also declared open a special photo exhibition compiled of Vallalar grand festival programmes, which were held for 52 weeks and also inaugurated the 'Annadhanam'.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that every year the birth anniversary of Ramalinga



Adigalar, i.e., October 5, would be observed as 'Thaniperungkarunai Naal'. Subsequently, from 2021 onwards, October 5 is being celebrated as the Day of Supreme Mercy.

In the budget demand for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department for the year 2022-2023, it was announced that the commencement of 156th year of establishment of Vallalar's Dharmasalai, on 25.05.2022, commencement of the 200th year of Vallalar's birth, on 05.10.2022, the 152nd year of his 'Jyoti Darshan' combining these three events, his 200th incarnation year from October 2022 to October 2023 would be celebrated for a year. These 3 major festivals would be held in major cities for 52 weeks. A special committee would be set up for this purpose.

Accordingly, a special committee, consisting of 14 members, was formed under the leadership of Dr. B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar, in order to conduct the festivals in a grand manner for 52 weeks from October 2022 to October 2023.

The first programme was held on 05.10.2022 at the Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Karpagambal Marriage Hall, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai, under the presidency of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. On the occasion, he inaugurated the Vallalar grand Festival, released the "Vallalar – 200" logo, postal cover and special souvenir, and also inaugurated the year-long 'Annadhanam'.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 25.04.2023, handed over a cheque for Rs. 3.25 crore as a grant from the Government of Tamil Nadu to the Chairman of the Special Committee. The grant is for conducting the triple jubilee celebration of Vallalar and for the 'Annadhanam'.

Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly, representatives of local bodies and high Government officials participated in the various programmes held for 52 weeks in major cities, celebrating the greatness of Vallalar. They also gave prizes and certificates to students who won the competitions and inaugurated the 'Annadhanam'.

At the valedictory function of the "Vallalar – 200" one year series of functions, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the order for setting up the Vallalar International Center at Vadalur, Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs.99.90 crore to the Chairman of the



Special Committee, Krishnaraj Vanavarayar. Further, the Hon'ble Chief Minister released a book on 'Vallalar's Divine Experience'. He felicitated the chairman and other members of the committee for successfully organizing the 52-week three-day festival by offering them shawls and mementos. The other members are Dr.Sathiyavel Muruganar, Thiru. K.N. Umapathi, Thiru. Siva Meiyappan, Dr. Ulaganayaki, Thiru. Mei. Arulnandi Sivam, Thiru. K. Umapati, Thiru. N.Ilango, Thiru. M. Kalaiselvan and Thiru. G. Chandrakasu.

After that, the Hon'ble Chief Minister opened a photo exhibition on Vallalar's life and the celebrations of 'Vallalar-200' and inaugurated the Annadhanam.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the function:

I would like to convey my warm regards to all of you.

I am very happy to participate in this auspicious ceremony organized by the Hindu Religious

and Charitable Endowments Department as 'Thanipperum Karunai Day' (Day of supreme mercy), to mark the 200th birth anniversary of Arutthiru Vallalar, who lived and showed us the moral that "everyone, high and low, should live in harmony in the world".

Generally speaking, the centenaries and birth anniversaries are celebrated on a particular day. But, Hon'ble Minister Sekar Babu, whom I fondly call 'SIyal babu', is celebrating it throughout the month and throughout the year.

He is celebrating the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaighnar every day. He is happy only if monthly festivals are held!

He does not do anything just as a formality. Whatever task is entrusted to him, he does it with intrinsic commitment and conducts himself as if he is different from others. This festival event is an example of that.

Our Dravidian Model Government which announced the celebration of Thanthai Periyar's

birth anniversary as Social Justice Day and Annal Ambedkar's birth anniversary as Equality Day, declared that the day of advent of Arutprakasa Vallalar will be a 'Thanipperum Karunai Day' (Day of Supreme Mercy). Last year, we celebrated 200 years of Vallalar's birth, 156 years of the Dharma Salai started by him, and 152 years of the lamp lit by him as a triple festival on the 5th of October.

I participated in that function and released the logo for the 'Vallalar - 200' function. A postal envelope and a special issue were also released. I also started the Annadhanam on that day for every year. A cheque for Rs.3.25 crore was also issued for that. It was not just a one-day event. Hon'ble Minister Sekar Babu announced that it will be held throughout the year. I was also curious to know how they would conduct it the rest of the year. After looking at the list, I was amazed.

From last year October to this year October, for 52 weeks, it had been decided to hold the grand festival in major cities of Tamil Nadu. A 14-member committee was formed under the chairmanship of Dr. B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar for this purpose. According to their advice, all 52 weeks of programmes have been completed.

I attended the first event in Chennai. After that, the Vallalar grand festival has been held in 50 cities for 50 consecutive weeks. This closing ceremony, which I am attending here now, is the 52nd!

For me, it's not just the closing ceremony; it is a gratifying consummation!

We have fulfilled our duty and shown our respects to Vallal Peruman. A series of Annadhanams have been held in 21 divisions.

In the name of Vallal Peruman who lit the fire of the 'Anaiya Aduppu', the hearth in which the fire is never extinguished, to alleviate the pangs of hunger, the Government has conducted Annadhanam. Essay writing, elocution and painting competitions have been held for school and college students on the life of Vallalar and prizes and certificates given to winning students.

Festivals that quench the hunger for knowledge and the hunger of the stomach have been held. I commend the work of the Hon'ble Minister Thiru.Sekar Babu, Principal Secretary of HR and CE Department Thiru. Manivasan I.A.S., Officer on Special Duty Thiru. Kumaragurubaran I.A.S., Commissioner Thiru. Muralidharan I.A.S., and the additional Commissioner Thiru. Sankar I.A.S. On behalf of all of you, I thank them.

Arutthiru Vallalar is the most important guide needed in this period. Religion is an individual's choice! It is a person's individual right! But a bunch of people use religion and spiritual feelings for politics and try to benefit from that.

The people of Tamil Nadu are rational people who understand that politics is different and spirituality is different. At a time when some are trying to confuse the people, Vallalar presents us with the key to knowledge.

Arutperumjothi Ramalinga Vallalar was the one who made people realize that caste, religion and creed are false, and he sang that blind customs should be buried deep.



Such divisive powers fade away in the light of Vallalar's knowledge. Some people don't like us upholding Vallalar. We praise Periyar but celebrate Vallalar too! That is what they cannot digest. They wonder, how is it that these people say that they are the Dravidian Model Government, but are looking after temples so well.

Two days ago, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who visited Telangana state for election campaign, spoke about the temples of Tamil Nadu. Whether he goes to Madhya Pradesh, Andaman or Telangana – he speaks only about Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu is a State he cannot forget.

He has openly said that the DMK Government has seized Hindu temples in Tamil Nadu and that it is misusing the properties and income of the temples. I categorically deny this allegation. I convey my strong condemnation to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for this. A Tamil daily has published this as a headline. One of the executives of the newspaper is one

It was Vallal Peruman who sang, "In castes, in religions, in religious norms, in battles of castes, in tribal fights, the world prides itself in vain and perishes."

Today we must sow the thought of Vallal Peruman that all is one. Before the assembly elections, in the election manifesto issued by the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, we had said that 'Vallalar International Centre' would be set up in Vadalur as the 419th promise.

It was said that this will be done in honor of Arutprakasa Vallalar's teachings of Samarasa Suddha Sanmargam to maintain caste and religious harmony. We have placed before you the order of that centre. All the work will be done quickly and it will be completed very well.

The first Vallalar Nagar in Chennai was created by the then Chief Minister Kalaignar. When we came to power, we declared Vallalar's birth anniversary as a Day of Compassion.

of the trustees of a famous temple. Does that mean he has seized the temple? In the same newspaper last June there was an article about the excellent performance of the HR and CE department.

I am reading that article. The article is titled: 'The money from temple Hundials is safe!' (Kovil undiyal panam engum pogaadhu). It had conjectures and facts. "From the time Hundials were placed in temples, the offerings of cash and kind of devotees have been safe. They are handled with extreme caution. The records of donations are taken to the HR and CE department office the day after the counting is completed and noted in the registers there. A copy of the same is also sent to the audit department. Strict security arrangements, not followed even in private companies, are followed". It is not Stalin who is saying this, but the publisher of the newspaper.

He also says something else. I don't want to name the newspaper but you can understand. What he says is, "Some people, in keeping with their imagination, think that ten percent of the cash donations go to this Minister – 10 percent to that Minister. This is nothing but their ignorance". This is not Stalin who is saying this but the publisher of that newspaper.

In the same daily, the Prime Minister's lie has been published with a lead headline. Is it right for a person holding the responsible post of Prime Minister of India to spread false, defamatory news? Is it proper to go and talk about the functioning of one state in another state? Is it just? What is the need of the Prime Minister of India to create the false impression that the D.M.K. Government has encroached on the temples and misused the revenues since coming to power? Who is he speaking for? Whose voice does he echo?

Temple lands worth more than Rs.3,500 crore have been recovered during these two years. Is this wrong? Tell me, is this wrong? 1,000 temples have been consecrated. Is this wrong? Rupees Hundred crore has been allocated for the restoration of 112 historic temples dating back 1,000 years. Is this wrong?

In this financial year alone, 5,078 temples are to be renovated, including 1,250 temples in Adi Dravida and tribal areas and 1,250 rural temples. Is this wrong?

What is the fault that the Prime Minister is referring to? The fault lies in the Prime Minister's point of view. For us too, we are running a regime with a general principle of 'everything for all'. We are running a benevolent Government. That is why we worship Vallalar in the form of mercy.

To mark that, I would like to make an announcement in the 'Vallalar - 200' programme.

It is with pleasure and pride that I announce at this moment that the new bus stand to be built on 17 acres in Cuddalore District capital will be named after 'Arutprakasa Vallalar'.

Following the footsteps of Vallalar whose heart was moved even by withered crops, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam regime will forever function as a regime that goes to the succour of all beings that suffer. Confirm it!

Special training for 2,500 qualified energy experts

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Hitachi Energy's Global Tech and Innovation Centre



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, at Porur in Chennai on 05.10.2023, declared open the Global Technology and Innovation Centre of the Hitachi Energy India Ltd., of the Hitachi Group of companies of Japan to provide skill training to 2,500 youths who have specialized in the energy sector, facilitating higher employment to them.

Tamil Nadu is in the primary position in India in many economic indices. To retain this position, to attract huge investments for creating more employment opportunities for the youths thereby improving their standard of living and to ensure equal growth throughout the State, the Department of Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce has been taking various measures.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open the Global Technology and Innovation Centre of Hitachi Energy India - 05.10.2023.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has amended the rules of the Business Facilitation Act suitably to get a license for starting new business easily. The amendments have helped the State to improve its position in doing easy business from 14th position to the 3rd position. Tamil Nadu is concentrating on attracting more investments not only in some particular sectors, but in spheres like electric vehicles, batteries, green energy, space and defence. To improve department-wise investments, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been releasing



sector specific policies and industrial parks with adequate infrastructure.

To achieve the Hon'ble Chief Minister's ambitious target of a One Trillion US dollar economy, investors conferences were held to attract investments not only from within the country but from other countries. Following these conferences, so far 241 new investments have been ensured, with a total investment of Rs.2,97,196 crore, facilitating employment to 4,15,282 persons.

The State Government is planning to host global investors meeting on January 7 and 8 in Chennai to attract more global investments. The Department of Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department is doing the spade work.

M/S. Hitachi Energy India Ltd.

The Hitachi Group of Company, with its headquarters in Japan, has thousands of subsidiaries throughout the world and it is one of the 500 Global Fortune Companies. Hitachi

Energy is one such subsidiary company with headquarters in Switzerland. Its subsidiary, Hitachi Energy India Ltd, started its energy project in February, 2023 in Chennai.

This company has started its Global Technology and Innovation Centre on a 3 lakh sq.ft area in Porur, with a separate research centre on a 50,000 sq.ft area.

Through this project, 2,500 employment opportunities are to be created for the doctorate and post graduate experts in energy. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the centre. On the same occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, as a token, handed over admission letters for internship in the Global Technology and Innovation Centre to 6 candidates, under the 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme.

In the last 2 years, more than 30 global capability centres have been set up in the State, which will improve the competitiveness of Tamil Nadu at the international level.

**Speech of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M. K. Stalin at the function**

I extend my warm welcome to all of you.

As one of the world's Fortune 500 companies, a group with more than a thousand subsidiaries and with various industrial production centers, Hitachi is one of the world's most famous industrial companies.

This company completed its energy production project in Tamil Nadu last February. The present function is only a continuation of the project.

The news that this group is opening its global technology and innovation centre in Tamil Nadu, especially in Chennai, is a matter of pride for me, for the Government of Tamil Nadu and the State. For this, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the group and the Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi Energy.

The fact that you are starting this in Tamil Nadu in a span of seven months, is a sign of good governance in Tamil Nadu. Thank you for your trust in our Government and in the State. We want to strengthen your confidence in us further. We are making all-out efforts to attract massive investments to the State. By creating a large number of employment opportunities for the youth of Tamil Nadu, the state's economy will grow.

Our Government continues to take various initiatives in consultation with economists to continue the State's economy in the development path.

To attract investments, we are setting up sector-specific industrial parks with world-class infrastructure facilities. We are issuing sector-specific policy statements to encourage investments in emerging sectors.

Accordingly, in research, development and innovation projects, we plan to attract a large number of Skill Development Centres.

This is our effort to attract huge investments in this sector. It is imperative that our industry also changes and travels at the same pace as technology advances globally. With a view to encouraging these efforts and attracting investments in this sector, 'Tamil Nadu Research and Development Policy – 2022' was released by me in July last year.

After the publication of this policy, there has been a great change in the fields of Research, Development, Innovation, Global Skill Development Centres etc. It offers huge opportunities for industry, academia, innovators and entrepreneurs. Over the past two years, there has been a increase in the number of Global Capability Centres for research and development.

Over the past two years, more than 30 GCCs have established new companies or planned expansions. As a State that excels in the manufacturing sector, Tamil Nadu can be proud that it is showing good growth in GCCs, research and development. This will greatly benefit the development of the State. Seeing the growth of Tamil Nadu's economy

at this pace, we are confident of achieving the goal of a Trillion dollar Economy by 2030.

Under the guidance of the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission, some studies were carried out on behalf of the State Department of Economics and Statistics. The media had written special articles based on the statistics available at that time.

Media reports that Tamil Nadu will become a trillion dollar economy very soon, give us hope. When I went to Japan on an official visit, the warmth and hospitality with which I was received made me wonder for a minute whether I was in Tamil Nadu. The connections between Tamil Nadu and Japan are many. In Tamil Nadu, there is a large Japanese population.

Within India, Tamil Nadu has always been a leading state for Japanese investments. Countless Japanese companies, including Hitachi, have chosen Tamil Nadu and set up their projects here. Out of the 12 industrial cities established in India, under the Japan-India Investment Promotion Partnership, 3 cities are located in Tamil Nadu. Along these lines, it is heartening that Hitachi is not only setting up its factories in Tamil Nadu, but also expanding them massively. Such world-class innovation and technology hubs coming up in Chennai shows how much potential our local talent has on a global scale. I extend my congratulations and appreciation to Hitachi Energy for introducing this state-of-the-art technology.

This innovation, technology centre should support their inclusive growth journey and guide their future growth. With that, I also request you to establish your future projects more and more in Tamil Nadu.

The 3 lakh sq.ft. innovation and technology centre also has a 50,000 sq.ft. dedicated laboratory. The scheme aims to provide high-quality employment of skilled and technical professionals in the energy sector.

2,500 people will get higher employment through this project. We are undertaking various activities to train the youth, professionals and young entrepreneurs in Tamil Nadu in cutting-edge and advanced technologies.

Centre of excellence for advanced manufacturing and industrial innovation centres have been set up. The Government of Tamil Nadu has set up these centres in collaboration with France's Dassault Systemes, Germany's Siemens and American multinational GE Aviation. A world-class industrial innovation centre has been set up at SIPCOT Industrial Parks in Hosur and Sriperumbudur.

I request all the companies to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their business development. We are going to host the Global Investors Meet in Chennai next January. Various companies from all over the world are flocking to Tamil Nadu. It is gratifying that Hitachi has started this technology centre before the investors' meet.

In normal practice, it is for the Government to give a call to the companies to attract investments. But because companies like Hitachi are closely related to Tamil Nadu and the Government of Tamil Nadu, there is no need for such a call. We have organized investor conferences in partnership with companies like yours. I hope

you will invite other Japanese companies like you to participate in the conference.

I conclude my speech by once again wishing you success in your business endeavours.

Nandri, Vanakkam.



115th Birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna

News in Picture



On the occasion of the 115th birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru.P.K.Sekar Babu, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R. Priya, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Thiru.M.Magesh Kumar, Members of the Legislative Assembly Thiru.Thayagam Kavi, Thiru. I. Paranthaman, Thiru. Idream R Murthy, Thiru.J.J.Ebenezer, the Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department Dr.R.Selvaraj, I.A.S., Chairman of standing committee (works), Greater Chennai Corporation, Thiru.N.Chitrarasu paid floral tribute to the portrait of Perarignar Anna, kept near his statue at Anna Salai, Chennai, on 15.09.2023.

Hon'ble Chief Minister flags off auto-rickshaws for 148 women drivers and 2 transgenders



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at a function organized by the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department in the Island Grounds on 05.10.2023, distributed the subsidy of Rs. One lakh each to 148 women and 2 transgenders for the purchase of auto-rickshaws, under the Scheme for purchasing autos on subsidy for 500 women drivers and transgenders who are members of the Tamil Nadu Unorganised Drivers and Automobile Workshop Workers Welfare Board.

In the budget demand for the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department for the year 2022-2023, it was announced that Rs. One lakh each would be given as subsidy to 500 women drivers, who are members of the above board, for the purchase of auto rickshaws for self-employment.

As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the scheme at the Secretariat on 10.07.2023 by handing over registered documents and permits

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** distributed new auto-rickshaws to women drivers and transgenders - 05.10.2023.

of new auto rickshaws to 10 beneficiaries. Again on the Independence Day celebrations on 15.08.2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the extension of the scheme to transgenders.

As a continuation of the scheme, a Government Order was issued on 16.08.2023 for extension of the Rs. One lakh subsidy scheme for purchase of Electric/CNG/LPG auto rickshaws and taxis for commercial purposes and for transgender drivers.

At the function, held at the Island Grounds, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin distributed new auto rickshaws bought under the scheme to 148 women drivers and 2 transgenders and handed over the incentives to women and transgender drivers. ●



991 schemes costing Rs. 17,140 crore during 2023-2025 under 'Chief Minister in Your Constituency' scheme

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin chaired a high-level committee meeting under the 'Chief Minister in Your Constituency' Scheme at the Secretariat on 07.10.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Muthalamaichar Scheme' on 07.05.2022, under Rule 110. In this connection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister wrote to all the Legislators on 22.08.2022 asking them to list out 10 long-pending demands in their respective constituencies to their District Collectors.

A Government Order was issued on 28.09.2022 listing out the guidelines for the implementation of the scheme. As per the G.O. the district-level committee, headed

by the respective District Collector and the MLAs, reviewed the demands received from the MLAs and recommended 1,896 demands to the Government for consideration.

The recommended demands were sent to the departments concerned for their detailed reports. Accordingly, the existing schemes were categorized by linking the on-going schemes with the schemes that are to be executed during 2023-2024 and then approved by the sanction committee, under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, on 08.09.2023.

In the high level committee meeting, held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin, sanction has been accorded for executing 788 works, valued at Rs. 11,239 crore in 2023-2024. For the financial year 2024-2025, 203 works are to be taken up at a cost of Rs. 5,901 crore.

‘No effort will be spared in getting Tamil Nadu farmers their due share of Cauvery water’



Speech of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,
Thiru M. K. Stalin while
moving a special resolution in
the Tamil Nadu Legislative
Assembly - 09.10.2023.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Today is a historic day. It is a day on which we direct our thoughts, energies and our declarations, I would say, towards our duty of protecting our basic rights over the waters of the Cauvery.

First, I would like to assure this House that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, whether it is the ruling party or in the Opposition, will always and under all circumstances be firm in asserting our rights over the Cauvery waters.

After this Government took over, the Mettur Dam is being opened steadily for the Cauvery delta farmers. In 2021, the Dam was opened for Delta irrigation on June 12 and in 2022 it was opened well in advance i.e., on May 24 itself.

Canals in all the Cauvery Delta Districts were de-silted, so that the water reached tail-end areas in time and the crops flourished. As a result of this, we have achieved a record of 46.2 lakh tonnes of paddy production in 2021-2022 and 45.9 lakh tonnes in 2022-2023 in the Cauvery irrigated area. Production also increased. Cultivation area also extended. This achievement continued this year as well.

In this year, as on 1st June, 2023, Mettur Dam's capacity was 69.7 TMC. Keeping in view the water level and South West Monsoon forecast, we opened Mettur dam for irrigation on 12.06.2023. When the water level of Mettur dam is more than 50 TMC, it is customary to open the Mettur dam on June 12 to allow the farmers to plant crops during the season. We formally opened it.

The released water also reached the tail-end areas. Our agriculturists also did all the spade work to cultivate the Kuruvai crop this year as in the previous years.

In such a situation, Karnataka is creating an artificial crisis. It has not provided a proper water supply to us this month. I consider it my duty to give in detail in this House, the efforts we have made in this regard.

Last June we received only 2.833 TMC at Biligundlu, instead of the 9.19 TMC we were supposed to get.

Following this on 03.07.2023, the Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Thiru. Duraimurugan met the Union Minister for Jal Shakti in person. The Minister insisted upon the Union Minister to urge Karnataka to release the June and July quota of water for Tamil Nadu immediately as per the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources met the Hon'ble Union Minister again on the 5th and urged them to do so.

Even after this, Karnataka did not give us the water that it should have given for the irrigation

year 2023-2024, stating that it is a deficit year due to failure of the Southwest monsoon. As the Government of Tamil Nadu felt that in such a situation the crop would be affected, the Hon'ble Water Resources Minister urged the Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti on 19.07.2023 to immediately instruct the Cauvery Water Management Authority to direct Karnataka to provide water to Tamil Nadu on a monthly basis as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Following this, on July 20, the Water Resources Minister again met the Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti in person and urged him to resolve the issue. Even after this, Karnataka did not follow the Hon'ble Supreme Court directive.

On July 27, despite the combined capacity of 4 reservoirs in Karnataka being 84 per cent of the 30-year average and the inflow into those dams being 51 per cent of the 30-year average, Biligundlu received only 13 per cent of water.

This was pointed out to the Chairman of the Cauvery Water Management Authority and he was requested to direct Karnataka to immediately release water to Tamil Nadu. Following the series of such efforts by the Government of Tamil Nadu, on July 25, the Karnataka Government was ordered to release 11,000 cubic feet of water per second from Kabini Dam for 6 days.

In the 83rd meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Committee, held on July 31, the Government of Tamil Nadu requested an order to Karnataka to provide water to Tamil Nadu as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court verdict. However, it directed Karnataka to release only 10,000 cubic feet of water per second for the next 7 days from August 1 to Biligundlu.

I also wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on August 4 asking him to direct the Union Jal Shakti Ministry to compensate for the shortage of water that was due to us from Karnataka. This was followed by a meeting of

the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee held on August 10, in which Karnataka was asked to release 15,000 cft of water at Biligundlu for the next 15 days from August 11. At the regulation committee meeting on August 5, the commission reduced this supply to 10,000 cubic feet. Protesting against this, the members of the Government of Tamil Nadu staged a walkout.

In this connection, the Government of Tamil Nadu, in consultation with the senior advocates, filed a petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on August 14 asking Karnataka to immediately provide 24,000 cubic feet of water and the shortfall of 28.849 TMC water. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, after hearing the petition, directed the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee to file a report in this connection.

Following this, in the Cauvery Water Management Commission meeting held on August 15, Karnataka was ordered to supply 5,000 cubic feet of water per second for 15 days.

In these meetings, despite our insistence that Karnataka should be directed to address the already outstanding deficit, the Commission did not issue any order.

Therefore, on September 19, the Hon'ble Water Resources Minister met the Union Minister for Jal Shakti with the leaders of the Tamil Nadu Parliamentary parties and submitted a petition. They demanded that the Cauvery Water Management Authority be instructed to immediately direct Karnataka to supply 12,500 cubic feet of water for the next 15 days. However, the Union Government did not take any action on this petition.

Meanwhile, on September 19, the Karnataka Government filed a petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court seeking an order to reconsider the decision taken by the Cauvery Water Management Authority in its 22nd, 23rd and 24th meetings. After hearing these petitions, the Hon'ble Supreme Court ordered that the orders issued by the Cauvery Water Management

Authority should be obeyed and all the petitions related to this case should be closed.

The Cauvery Water Management Authority, in its 25th meeting held on September 29, directed Karnataka to release 3,000 cubic feet of water per second at Biligundlu.

As Karnataka is currently supplying less than this quantity at Biligundlu, Tamil Nadu Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, in a letter written to the Chairman, Cauvery Water Management Authority on 06.10.2023 pointed out that Karnataka has not followed the order of the Commission and urged it to take immediate action.

In this case, the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee is scheduled to hold its next meeting on 11.10.2023. That is, it is to be held in the next two days.

In this meeting, in this deficit year of 2023-2024, we want to insist that the committee and the commission must make up for the deficiency in the quantity of water to be provided by Karnataka, and provide water for the next 10-15 days. We will also consult legal experts and take appropriate legal action if it is necessary.

As the Government of Tamil Nadu, in the meetings of the Cauvery Water Management Commission and the meetings of the Cauvery Water Regulating Committee, had consistently argued strongly, from 01.06.2023 to 03.10.2023, despite the deficit year 2023-2024., we realized 46.1 TMC of water in Biligundlu.

This irrigation year being a deficit year, up to 05.10.2023, 90.25 TMC water was released from the Mettur Dam for irrigation. Through this, water has been supplied to 6 lakh acres in the Cauvery delta for the cultivation of Kuruvai and Samba under the turn system. In this situation we need to get our due water for the remaining days and save the kuruvai crop and the samba crop to be planted next.

Therefore, I urge this House to pass the following resolution to press the Union Government to protect the welfare of our farmers and the people at large. Cauvery water is not only necessary for the food needs of the people of Tamil Nadu, but also to protect their lives!

We will champion their cause and get the people of Tamil Nadu their due without giving up under any circumstances.

The Union Government should act properly and provide Cauvery water to the people of Tamil Nadu. The D.M.K. has made all efforts for this. I assure the Members of the House that the Government will make all efforts for this. In the same spirit, I request that this resolution be passed on behalf of this House.

Already, a resolution has been drawn up and a copy of it has been given to the members of the House. I now propose a revised resolution refining the form of the Government resolution already given.

Special Resolution by the Government

“The basic foundation of Tamil Nadu is agriculture. The House unanimously urges the Union Government to direct the Karnataka Government to release water to Tamil Nadu as defined in the final judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and to protect the livelihood of the farmers of the Cauvery Delta.”

I request all the members of the House to unanimously accept and pass the above amended resolution proposed by me. ●

155th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

News in Picture



On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 155th birth anniversary, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.R.N.Ravi** and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** paid floral tribute to a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi placed near his statue in the Government Museum Complex, Egmore, Chennai on 02.10.2023.

New Samadhanam Scheme offers waivers for traders and commercial establishments



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 'Samadhanam Scheme' - 10.10.2023.



Hon'ble Speaker sir,

To find solution to the long-pending problem between the Commercial Taxes Department and the traders and commercial establishments and to protect the interest of small traders, I would like to announce a 'Samadhanam Scheme' under Rule 110 of the Legislative Assembly.

In connection with the tax due to the Government by the traders, there were about 2,11,607 demand cases. The number of traders and commercial establishments is 1,42,569. The estimated amount due to the Government through these cases is about Rs.25,000 crore. The very high pending cases

have been causing heavy work load for the Commercial Taxes Department, besides putting the traders to great difficulty. The income due to the Government of Tamil Nadu is also very high.

Of these cases, most come under the Tamil Nadu Commercial Taxes Act and the Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Act. These two Acts and other related Acts were merged and in their place G.S.T. has been brought into force from 01.07.2017. Despite the new Act, the tax due to the Government under the earlier taxes, the interest on tax dues and the fine are still pending against many traders.

The traders have been placing a demand before the Government that the issue should be settled by giving concessions to traders in repaying their tax dues. Taking their demands into consideration, this Government decided to announce a 'Samadhanam Scheme'. Though many such 'Samadhanam' schemes were announced in the past, the new scheme has been designed with many features and concessions.

Under the new scheme, traders who have tax arrears up to Rs.50,000, including interest and fine, in an assessment year, are completely exempted. This exemption is applicable for every assessment year. This is the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu that complete tax exemption is given to small traders. I am happy to inform you that the concession will benefit 95,502 small traders connected with 1,40,398 cases.

Other traders, apart from those who are given complete exemption and commercial establishment are classified into 4 categories:

- Those with arrears between Rs.50,000 and Rs.10 lakh;
- those with arrears between Rs.10 lakh to one crore;
- those with arrears between Rs. One crore to Rs. 10 crore and those with arrears above Rs. 10 crore.

Those in the first category, pay 20 per cent of the total dues or certain percentage of the tax dues, interest and fine and get relieved from the pending cases;

This scheme has been designed in such a manner that those in the remaining 3 categories also get relieved from the pending cases if they remit a certain percentage of the total tax arrears, including the tax dues, interest and fine. Separate guidelines have been prepared for those who accept the Samadhanam Scheme and for those who go for appeal without accepting the scheme.

The other important concession of the scheme, is that the accrued interest till the date the traders remit their tax dues will be fully exempted.

The scheme which I hope will meet the long-pending expectation of traders will come into effect from 16.10.2023 and will be in force for 4 months, that is, up to February 15, 2024.

I appeal to traders to make the best use of the Government's attempt and thereby find a solution to the pending cases and pay the tax arrears to the Government. I also wish that their establishments grow in business.

'Government taking appropriate steps for release of life-term Islamic prisoners'

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, The Hon'ble Leader of Opposition and members Thiru. M.H.Jawahirullah Khan, Thiru. K.Selvaperunthagai, Thiru. Sinthanai Selvan, Thiru. Chinnadurai, Thiru. Ramachandran, Thiru. G.K.Mani, Thiru. Jagan Moorthi, and Thiru. Boominathan have placed their views about the prior release of life-term Islamic prisoners in the State prisons through special call attention motion.

We are not ready to place any contrary or opposing views. The Government is ready to accept those views with a full heart and readiness.

First of all, I would like to give the relevant explanations to this House regarding the release of life prisoners. It is to consider and examine the condition of Tamil Nadu prison inmates, who have completed their sentences of 10 years, 20 years, life sentences, and elderly inmates, infirm inmates who may have various comorbidities, may be terminally ill, mentally retarded inmates, differently abled inmates, on a humanitarian basis. A committee consisting of 6 members under the chairmanship of Hon'ble High Court Judge N. Authinathan (retired) was constituted by this Government on 22.12.2021.

Based on the judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the laws and regulations in force in this regard, the committee was constituted by the Government to examine their cases and make appropriate recommendations for their release. The committee submitted its report to the Government on 28.10.2022. In that report, only 264 life sentence inmates were recommended to the Government for release by the committee.



Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, to a call attention motion in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on early release of life-term Islamic prisoners - 10.10.2023



Based on that, on 11.08.2023, the cases of 49 eligible life convicts were reviewed by the Government on 11.08.2023 in view of the 115th birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna and the relevant files have been sent to the Hon'ble Governor for his approval on 24.08.2023. Out of them, 20 inmates are Islamic inmates. I wish to inform this House that once the approval of the Governor is obtained, all the inmates will be released.

I also wish to inform that this Government will take the next steps regarding the release of the remaining life convicts as recommended by the committee. I would like to make some further comments in this House on behalf of the Government, regarding the presentation of prisoners.

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, which has always been working in the path of Pagutharivu Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Perunthagai Anna, and the protection of minority people, our Leader of Tamil race Kalaignar, I announced on 13.09.2021, on the occasion of the 113th birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, that

in the case of life sentence prisoners, who are serving a long term of imprisonment in prison, appropriate orders were passed for commutation of sentence and prior release on grounds of goodwill and humanity. I would like to register this fact here.

Likewise, 14 life prisoners under the Advisory Board scheme and 15 life-prisoners on medical grounds and court orders have already been released. Accordingly, cases of 566 life convicts were reviewed and 335 life convicts have been released till 08.10.2023. 9 of them are Islamic prisoners. Some people are trying to create the impression that none of the Islamic prisoners were released and that no efforts have been made for their release. I inform this House through them that the Government of Tamil Nadu is taking appropriate steps in this matter as per the legal procedure.

Here the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition spoke about this issue with great concern. Since the AIADMK is speaking today about Islamic jail inmates, I would like to ask them: why did you turn a blind eye to this issue when you were in power for 10 years?

Those who burnt alive the school girls in a bus in Dharmapuri in broad daylight were released on the occasion of MGR's centenary. Why did you not take any step to release the Islamic prisoners on the same ground? Not only that, you have not taken any action regarding the release of Islamic prisoners while in power; everyone here knows why the ADMK, which blindly supported the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Census, is now showing sudden affection for the Islamic prisoners; We know too. I shall only record here that the minority brothers and sisters know better than that and conclude my speech with this explanation.

News in Picture

119th birth anniversary of 'Tamizhar Thanthai' C.P.Adithanar



On the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary of 'Tamizhar Thanthai' C.P.Adithanar, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers paid floral tribute to his portrait kept near his statue in Egmore, Chennai on 27.09.2023.



Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stones for many projects in Kolathur Constituency

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Anandan Park which was reconstructed at a cost of Rs.11.30 lakh at Thanthondri Amman Koil Street which comes under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency, renovation works of Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar bus stand at a cost of Rs.6.27 crore and 20 renovation works in Kolathur area at a cost of Rs.1.26 crore, on 12.09.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the renovation works of Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar bus stand, in S.R.P.Temple (North) area which comes under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency; it is to be reconstructed with various facilities including staff rooms, first-aid room, passengers waiting room, shops, toilet

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the completed projects, laid the foundation stone for the new projects and handed over various welfare assistance to the students in Kolathur Assembly Constituency -12.09.2023.

facilities, on behalf of Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, at an estimate of Rs.6.27 crore.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister opened the Anandan Park, at Thanthondri Amman Koil Street, Thiru.Vi. Ka. Nagar Zone,



which has been reconstructed with various facilities including footpaths, green lawn, 20 HP motor for water fountain, benches, electrical facilities, under the capital fund, at a cost of Rs.11.30 lakh.

Later, in a program held at Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar Zone, Poompohar Nagar, 4th Cross Street Park, repairing works of Integrated Child Development Centre at 4th Street at a cost of Rs.1.26 crore under Capital Maintenance Fund; Integrated Child Development Centre located at 1st Street, Jaibeem Nagar; Integrated Child Development Centre located at 1st Street, Theeti Thottam; George Colony Park located on Gurusamy Street; Kennedy Square Park, located at Chennai Square, 1st Street, Chennai; K.K.R. Avenue Park, located on Pallavan Road; Municipal Park located on 5th Main Road, Jawahar Nagar, a park located in Mahavir Nagar, a park located at Anjugam Nagar 4th Street;

Construction of footpath in playground located on 2nd main road, Ram Nagar, other improvement works, extension of footpath to park located

on 4th street, Poompohar Nagar, conversion of Thangal Mayan ground on Pallavan road into LPG crematorium, Upgradation of ware washing room on the ground floor and other infrastructural facilities at Perunthalaiyar Kamarajar Kalyana Mandapam located at S.R.P. Koil North Street, Upgradation of Ward Office at Subramaniapuram 2nd Street, Repair and Upgradation of Chennai Primary School Campus at Srinivasa Nagar 3rd Street, Repairing and Upgradation of Amma Unavagam at 18th Street Anjugam Nagar Repairing and Upgradation of Lotus Pond at Haridas Nagar 1st Street, Upgradation of Public Toilet in Kamaraj Nagar, Upgradation of Health Inspector Office located on Nermai Nagar Main Road, Renovation of Chennai Middle School located at S.R.P. Koil North Street;

These 20 restoration works were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin.



Incentives for winners of Junior Women Football Tournament



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin presented cheques worth Rs.One lakh each, to the winners of the Hero Junior Women's U-17 National Football Championship held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 20.09.2023 to 30.09.2023, at the Camp Office, Chennai on 05.10.2023.



Manimandapam and statue for Thiyagi Immanuel Sekaranar

Announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin – 11.09.2023.

It was a long-standing demand of the people of the area that a Manimandapam should be constructed with a statue of Thiyagi Immanuel Sekaranar. In this case, members of the Devendra Kula Vellalar Education Committee, Devendrar Culture Association as well as Tmt.Suriya Sundari Prabha Rani, daughter of Thiru. Immanuel Sekaranar and Thiru. Chakravarthy, his grandson met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin in person and put forth their demand.

Thiyagi Immanuel Sekaranar was born on 9th October 1924. His native place was Sellur Village, Mudukulathur District. In 1942, he took part in the

Quit India Movement against the British and went to jail. It is noteworthy that he also fought for the liberation of the oppressed.

To fulfill the long-standing demand of the public, in order to honor the social contribution of Thiyagi Immanuel Sekaranar on the occasion of his birth centenary, a manimandapam with his statue will be built at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore by the Government of Tamil Nadu, in a place owned by Paramakudi Municipality, Ramanathapuram District, where Immanuel Sekaranar was buried.

News in Picture 132nd birth anniversary of Former Mayor Sivaraj



On the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of former Mayor Sivaraj, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation and Government higher officials paid floral tribute to his portrait kept near his statue at Clock Tower, Thangasalai, Chennai on 29.09.2023.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for 162 multi-storied flats at Rajathottam in Kolathur



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** laid the foundation stone for 162 multi-storied flats in the Rajathottam scheme area in Kolathur - 12.09.2023.



Old building of Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development in Rajathottam Scheme area



New building to be constructed by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development in Rajathottam Scheme area

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board laid the foundation for 162 multi-storied flats, to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 27.03 crore, at the Rajathottam Scheme area under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency, on 12.09.2023.

The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board was set up by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in 1970 to provide flats with all facilities for poor families in urban areas. As the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Thiru. M.K.Stalin felt to upgrade the standard of living of poor people in urban areas, it was necessary to provide drinking water facilities, health, power supply, transport, education, medical facilities, solid waste management and common area facilities, he issued on 01.09.2021, an order changing the name of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board to Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board. The purpose of the name change was to underscore the fact that apart from changing the slums, the standard of living of the people who had been living in the slums should be improved. The Government has been implementing many schemes with this motive.

Foundation stone for 162 multi-storied flats at Rajathottam Scheme area in Kolathur Constituency

84 flats of 326 sq.ft. area each in ground and 2 floors were constructed in the year 1975 in Rajathottam Scheme area, Kolathur. Over the years, the flats became dilapidated and unfit for occupation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for construction of 162 flats with pillar plus 9 storeys at a cost of Rs. 27.03 crore.

Each flat will be of 410 sq.ft. area in the multi-storied building and will have multipurpose room, bed room, kitchen, separate bath room and toilet facilities. Electricity facility and drinking water facility will be provided to every house. In this project area, facilities like,

two lifts, a generator, rain water drainage, street lights and concrete roads will be provided.

These new flats will be allotted to the 84 existing flat occupiers and the remaining flats will be allotted to the economically weaker sections. The construction cost of Rs. 17 lakh for each flat is shared with a subsidy of Rs. 7 lakh by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Rs.1.5 lakh by the Union Government. The Government also issued orders that the balance Rs. 7.67 lakh will be met by the Government of Tamil Nadu and fixed the contribution of a tenant at Rs. 83,000.

The remaining 78 flats will be allotted to economically weaker sections. Their fixed contribution of Rs.7 lakh is reduced by Rs. 2 lakh and fixed at Rs. 5 lakh by the Government of Tamil Nadu, taking into consideration their economic condition.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued an order that the ex-gratia amount to the tenants of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board would be increased from Rs.8,000 to Rs.24,000. As per the order, the 84 tenants of Rajathottam Scheme area will be given Rs.24,000 each. The total incentive of Rs.20.19 lakh was handed over on 30.08.2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Since coming to power, the present Government has constructed 15,505 flats at a total cost of Rs. 1,583.41 crore for the homeless poor and the slum dwellers.

Gandhi Adigal Police Medal to five Police Personnel for prohibition enforcement



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has ordered the award of Gandhi Adigal Police Medal to (i) Thiru. G.ShashankSai, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, Viluppuram District (ii) Thiru. B.Kasiviswanathan, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Central Intelligence Unit, South, Chennai (iii) Thiru. K.M.Muniyasamy, Inspector of Police, Red Hills Prohibition Enforcement Wing, Avadi Police Commissionerate (iv) Thiru. A. Pandian,

Sub-Inspector of Police, Central Intelligence Unit, Madurai Zone and (v) Thiru. J.Ranganathan, Head Constable 318, Ranipet Police Station, OD at Central Intelligence Unit, Ranipet for their outstanding work in Prohibition Enforcement. The Medal will be given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin on the occasion of Republic Day on 26th January 2024. A cash award of Rs.40,000 to each of the awardees will be presented along with the medal. ●

Anna Medals to 100 Police Personnel for outstanding devotion to duty

In recognition of the Outstanding Devotion to Duty of the Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Prison Service, Home Guards, Finger Print Science and Forensic Science Officers/ Personnel in the State and also to encourage them, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals are announced and awarded on the occasion of Perarignar Anna's Birthday on 15th September, every year.

This year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister have ordered award of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Anna Medal to 100 Police Personnel/Officers from the rank of Grade-I Police Constable to Superintendent of Police, 8 Fire and Rescue Service Personnel/ Officers from the rank of Upgraded Leading Fireman to Deputy Director, 10 Prison Service Personnel/ Officers from the rank of Grade-I Warden to Assistant Jailor, 4 Home Guards Officers/personnel from the rank of Home Guard to Area Commander, 2 Officers from Finger Print Science Unit in the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police and 2 Officers from Forensic Science Department in the rank of Deputy Director for their Outstanding Devotion to Duty. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** issued orders for Anna Medals-14.09.2023.

Thiru. M.K. Stalin have ordered "Anna Medals of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu" in recognition of their admirable work.

Also, two absconding criminals involved in the crime of gang rape and robbery were arrested in Sayalkudi Police Constabulary area on 25.03.2022, when Thiru. K. Navaneetha Krishnan, Assistant Inspector, Serious Crime Squad, Ramanathapuram District, was severely beaten by the enemy and sustained a severe cut on his left thigh, but with his courageous act, he helped arrest two enemies. In this attack, he has been very helpful in saving the life of Chief Constable Karuppasamy. By appreciating the bravery and actions of Thiru.K. Navaneetha Krishnan, Assistant Inspector, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin have ordered "Anna Medals of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu" for his gallantry action. ●

Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open 1,591 houses at 19 Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open 1,591 houses in 19 Sri Lankan Tamils Relief Camps at a function in Melmonavur in Vellore District -17.09.2023.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Public and Rehabilitation Department, at a function in the Sri Lankan Tamils Relief camp at Melmonavur in Vellore District on 17.09.2023, declared open 1,591 houses, constructed at a cost of Rs. 79.70 crore in 19 such rehabilitation camps in 13 Districts.

At present there are 104 temporary camps set up in 29 districts in the State, in which 58,272 persons belonging to 19,498 families are accommodated. During the 2021-2022 Assembly session, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said the Government would assure safe, protected, and upgraded life for the

Sri Lankan Tamils living in relief camps. He also announced on the occasion that the name of Sri Lankan Refugees Camps would hereafter be Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camps.

The monthly honorarium for the Sri Lankan Tamils and the clothes, vessels and educational assistance to them, under welfare schemes, would be increased. Free LPG gas connections, burners and cooking gas subsidies and a social investment fund for self-help groups would be provided. For the youth, skill development training with employment opportunities would be provided. These schemes are being implemented in a fair manner.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister also announced that 7,469 dilapidated houses in the various Rehabilitation Camps would be replaced with new houses. In the first phase, 3,510 houses would be constructed for which Rs.176.02 crore was allotted.

In continuation of this, 3,510 new houses in 35 rehabilitation camps in 20 districts under the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department are being constructed. Of these 1,591 houses in

19 camps, built at a cost of Rs. 79.70 crore, were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Of these, houses in Vellore District were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister directly and other houses in 12 Districts were declared open through video conferencing. As a mark of handing over the houses, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over keys to 5 families and 8 household articles and tree saplings and educational equipment to students.



1,591 reconstructed houses in 19 Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camps have been declared open

In Vellore District at the Melmonavur Camp 220 houses, at a cost of Rs.11 crore, Erode District Bhavanisagar Camp, 420 houses, costing Rs. 21 crore, in Salem at the Pavalathanur, Athikattanur and Kurukkupatti Camps, totally 244 houses, costing Rs.13.22 crore and 20 houses in Thammampatti camp; in Virudhunagar District, totally costing Rs.7.02 crore, 62 houses in Sevalur Camp at a cost of Rs. 3.11 crore, 8 houses in Anuppankulam Camp at a cost of Rs.40 lakh, and Kullursandai 70 houses at a cost of Rs.3.51 crore; in Coimbatore District, 112 houses in Kottur Camp at a cost of Rs.5.60 crore, in Tiruvannamalai District, Pudhipalayam and Paiyur Camps, 111 houses at a cost of Rs.5.57 crore at the integrated colony, in Sivagangai District, 90 houses in Okkur Camp at a cost of Rs.4.51 crore, in Thoothukudi District, 52 houses in Thapathi Camp at a cost of Rs.2.60 crore, in Dharmapuri District, 50 houses in Chinnaru Dam Camp at a cost of Rs.2.51 crore, in Krishnagiri District, Pambar dam Camp 37 houses at a cost of Rs.1.86 crore, in Tirunelveli District in Samugarengapuram Camp 35 houses at a cost of Rs.1.77 crore; in Madurai District, Thiruvathavur Camp, 30 houses at

a cost of Rs.1.51 crore and in Tiruchirappalli District, Vazhavandankottai 30 houses costing Rs.1.51 crore. Totally 1,591 houses were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister earlier announced that drinking water, power supply, toilets and road facilities would be either newly provided or renovated. Basic facilities have been provided in 19 camps in 13 Districts at a cost of Rs.11.33 crore, thereby assuring better conditions of living for the rehabilitated Sri Lankan Tamils.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also interacted with Sri Lankan Tamils through video conferencing. He enquired about the education and basic facilities in the new houses. One of the long term residents of the camp said that the present new house was very convenient, and easily accessible to the PDS shop, Anganwadi Centre and Library. He also thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin for providing new houses with all facilities.

Earlier, The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited a photo gallery of new housing units built in 19 Sri Lankan Tamils rehabilitation camps in 13 Districts.

Sanction orders for Rs.10.85 crore investment in 8 startups

Hon'ble Chief Minister releases Startup and Innovation Policy-2023



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 20.09.2023, on behalf of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, released the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy 2023, inclusive of 50 action plans for improving the environment for startup companies. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the occasion, also handed over sanction orders for Rs. 10.85 crore to 8 startups as equity investment, under the exclusive fund for the SC/ST/Tribal Entrepreneurs.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** distributed sanction orders for Tamil Nadu SC / ST entrepreneurs - 20.09.2023.

With a view to improve the Startup EcoSystem in Tamil Nadu and create a conducive atmosphere for startup companies in the State, the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy-2023 was released. The policy's aim is to attain the Tamil Nadu Government's target of one trillion US dollar economy by the year 2030 and to encourage the participation of startup companies in achieving the target.

The policy is also aimed at increasing the number of Startup companies in the State and also for the



expansion of the existing Startup companies. This policy will also be an impetus to upscale the contribution of Startups towards the participation of GDP and social capital of the State.

This policy is designed, with more than 50 action plans based on seven aspects of improving innovation-related knowledge, strengthening the innovation environment of the state, strengthening the investment environment, creating opportunities for market access, integrating entrepreneurship site-specific activists, setting up innovation support service centers, and ensuring inclusive integrated entrepreneurship development.

Special features of the Startups and Innovation Policy-2023

Amendment in the definition of the Startups: The Government will recognize those companies of the SC/ST communities, which use the already existing new models and find solutions to the economic and social issues of the communities concerned.

Co-Creation Fund: Through Venture Capital firms at a cost of Rs. 100 crore Fund of Funds, called the Tamil Nadu Co-creation Fund, will be created for investing in startups that function at the regional level. It will also assist rural people upliftment, green industrial technology and women startup industries. The Fund will be managed by respective investors and co-ordinated by StartupTN, to kick-start innovative industries by investing in new venture capital funds.

Startup Thamizha: It is a distinctive television reality show which will be designed to create awareness about entrepreneurship, innovation and investments in Tamil Nadu based startups.

Smart Card: A smart card system will be implemented to help Startup companies which are in the nascent stage, to get materials and services from various companies at a fair price.

Social Justice support centres: For the benefit of Startup companies of oppressed

communities, necessary training, advice and guidance will be given through these centres.

Career Development Centre for Women startups: Taking into consideration the special demands of women startups, career development centres will be set up with various special features.

Scheme for differently-abled persons and transgenders: For differently-abled persons and transgenders, Rs. 5 lakh subsidy, special preference in Tansed Scheme and free special protection scheme will be provided.

TANFUND: This will be Tamil Nadu's first online portal, which will link the startups in Tamil Nadu with the worldwide venture capital firms.

Co-ordination with world markets: Many startup facilitation centres will be set up in the State to enable the startups in Tamil Nadu to enter the world market and other major cities.

A corporate Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) programme will be launched, in association with reputed industry associations, as a transparent process for corporate executives to quit their jobs and start their own ventures. An accelerator programme will be co-created with the associations to mentor the EIRs. This project may help some of the seasoned corporate executives to become entrepreneurs and has more than 50 action plans in this programme.

SC/ST/Tribal Startup Fund: This unique fund enables entrepreneurs from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Communities

(SC/ST) to explore and expand their business capabilities. StartupTN will identify beneficiaries from the SC/ST communities to provide assistance in the form of equity investment or debt. Last year, the Government of Tamil Nadu started the fund with an investment of Rs. 30 crore, which has been increased to Rs. 50 crore in the current financial year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin on the occasion, also handed over sanction orders to 8 startup companies, as equity investment of Rs. 10.85 crore by the State Government. By this investment, the Government becomes a shareholder in the Startup. This helps to build confidence in the Startup and spurs a revolution among the under-represented communities.

Of these startup companies, functioning in Chennai, Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Ramanathapuram, 2 are run by women entrepreneurs.

The equity investment fund approval orders were given to Lemurian Ventures, which packs seasoned dry fish varieties in a manner that prevents the odour from coming out, Vayuratha, which manufactures drones for use in agricultural lands, 70 mm Digiverse, which specializes in new techniques in film production, Vervai Foods, which manufactures malt food using vegetables, Icam Technosys, which markets tribal people's designed fabrics, KSU Harnexon, Enthu Technologies and Auckam Technologies.

Hon'ble Chief Minister stresses importance of getting people's feedback on Government schemes



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** at a meeting of the State Planning Commission - 22.09.2023.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 22.09.2023, presided over the fourth meeting of the State Planning Commission.

At the meeting, the draft policies of the State Planning Commission, formulated as per the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the policies to be prepared by the Commission and the feedback from women, students and public on the State's front-line schemes such as cost-free bus travel for women, 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' and 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam', the research findings of the Commission on the impact of these schemes were explained. Also, the reports released by the Commission, the workshops it organized, and the ongoing research it is conducting were put forward.

The Deputy Chairman of the Commission explained the actions taken as per the directives of the Hon'ble

Chief Minister at the third meeting of the Commission and the activities to be undertaken by the Commission in future.

Address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin at the meeting

My warm welcome to all of you.

I am really happy to hold discussions with the Members of the Commission, which is the basic foundation for the Government's policies. It gives me mental satisfaction to discuss with you. It also guides me in a proper manner.

The Commission is functioning extremely well in advising the Government whether the path followed

by it is right as also the path to be followed by it in future. For this, I congratulate the Deputy Chairman Thiru. Jeyaranjan and the full-time and part-time members of the Commission, particularly, Thiru. Jeyaranjan who is functioning as the guide of the Government. For designing important policies, you serve as guide. You stand with us in introducing new schemes. I am really proud as the Chairman of the Commission that you function well in acting as a bridge between the Government and the people in ensuring 'All for All'.

You have been given the task of designing some important schemes. You have already submitted Electric Vehicles Policy, Industry 4.0 Policy, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Policies, Textile and Handlooms Policies, Tourism Policy, Tamil Nadu Medical Rights Policy and Gender Dysphoria Policy.

In a similar manner, I want you to finalize the Waste Management Policy, Sustainable land use Policy, Water Resources Policy, Employment and Skills Policy and Housing Policy. I consider feedback as the most important as it gives the reactions of people about various welfare schemes. We implemented the Free Bus travel Scheme for women. The Commission has given the report that the scheme had helped women in socially and economically. Apart from a saving of Rs. 800 to Rs. 1,200 per month, the scheme provided economic independence to them. Their participation in society has improved. The number of women going for employment has gone up. Through this, social productivity

has increased. Many English newspapers have written about it.

'Illam Thedi Kalvi' has extended the reach of education and brought people belonging to various sections of society to schools. 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' ensured health for all. The administration has been decentralized as the Government goes to the door-steps of people. The right to health has been established for the people.

'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme has made the students of Tamil Nadu excel in knowledge, skill and self-confidence. Earlier, we fixed a target of 10 lakh. But this year we have given training to 13 lakh people. The training, which may cost several thousand in private institutions, is given free by the Government. Through this scheme, 1,74,183 students got employment opportunities. I want the Commission to give suggestions on how the scheme can be fine-tuned.

Your feedback on the impact and changes of the 'Vidiyal Payanam' and 'Breakfast scheme have been useful'.

Similarly, you must give feedback on the impact of the 'Naan Mudhalvan' Scheme. Your assessment of the schemes on the basis of utilization instead of cost basis has changed the mind-set of officials.

Now we are giving Rs. 1,000 per month for women. Through the media, I have come to know how far this scheme has given joy to women. All sections of the media have taken interviews of women beneficiaries. All the

beneficiaries have expressed their happiness. A Facebook user has commented: “In our village, 300 women are getting the money. This means Rs. 3 lakh has come to our village. This has increased the money circulation in our village. Rs.3 lakh has been invested for the development of our village”.

The Deputy Chairman, Thiru. Jeyaranjan who is interested in rural research, may also do research on how far the ‘Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam’ has created an impact in the society.

I would like to place before you two important suggestions.

I want the commission to co-ordinate with the Economics and Statistics Department and Estimate and Research Department. This co-ordination is most essential.

You have given many suggestions to the Government. I appeal to you to find out whether such suggestions are followed by the Government, not only through statistics but also through field reports.

Nandri, Vanakkam

November 23 : Birth anniversary of Poet Suratha

The Nation

*I became flesh.
The flesh became life.
I became a Tamilian.
Oh! The honey sweet country you bear me.
Oh! The country of sweet Thirukkural,
You are the bearer of the blue sky
My cradle is your bosom.*

*Oh! Motherland.
I will even eat bran to honour you.
Oh! Sweet Motherland.
I will even stand on fire
in order to liberate you.
Oh! Lovable Motherland.
I will even accept the poison of the enemy.
Oh! Valorous Motherland.
I never fear death
in the dauntless deed of saving you.*



From the book 'Suratha's Poetry'



Tariff norms for MSME units, spinning mills revised after Hon'ble Chief Minister's intervention

Order by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** - 23.09.2023.

The Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) submitted in July 2022, the Multi Year Tariff application for the financial years 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 before the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC).

As a result, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has taken a significant step in addressing the issue of electricity tariff changes. Recognizing the concerns raised by various Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and businesses, he has modified the electricity tariff in a way that will safeguard their interests.

Due to this, the annual revenue loss of TANGEDCO, will be Rs. 2,000 crore. For the industrial sector, especially those involved in manufacturing with a connected load up to 50 kw, the monthly tariff has been reduced from Rs.100 to Rs.75. For loads from 50 kw to

100 kw the monthly tariff has been reduced from Rs. 325 to Rs. 150. For loads above 100 kw up to 112 kw, the monthly tariff has been reduced from Rs. 500 to Rs. 150, and for loads above 112 kw, the tariff has been reduced from Rs. 600 to Rs. 550. This modification has received approval from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC).

After this, as a further step for industrial development, the secondary industry sector accepted the demands of micro, small, and medium consumers and reduced the power tariff for low voltage industries (LT IIIB) to decrease peak-hour consumption charges from 25 per cent to 15 per cent. The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing a additional subsidy of Rs. 145 crore per year for this. About 3.37 lakh low voltage industrial consumers are benefiting from this.

According to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission's multi-year electricity tariff order, for the month of July 2023, the electricity tariff should be hiked by 4.7 per cent based on the consumer price index numbers of April 2022 and April 2023.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who inspected the practice, gave the advice that while implementing the order of the esteemed Commission, it should be ensured that the public and the industry are not affected.

Based on this, the rate of fare hike was reviewed and the price index of August last year was taken into account instead of the price index of April 2022 while fixing the tariff in September last year. As a result, the fare hike was reduced from Rs.4.7 to Rs.2.18.

Following the various initiatives taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu to protect the welfare of industries, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Human Resource Management and Electricity, Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Hon'ble Minister for Handloom and Textiles regarding the demands of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Spinning Mills on 21.07.2023, a meeting was held at the head office. In this meeting, the need for the stability of the textile industry was taken to the kind attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister then gave instruction for the examination of the current problems in the industry and the textile sector in Tamil Nadu. He then gave instructions that the demands that needed to be directed to the Union Government should be taken up through letters and the necessary steps on power tariff should be taken by the authorities here. Based on the Hon'ble Chief Minister's advice, the following revisions have been made.

1. Low voltage industries having variable load according to seasonal demand are allowed to reduce the permissible load and increase it within the permissible load as and when required to reduce level charges. There is no additional charge for this. This offer can be availed four times per year.

2. 15 per cent capital subsidy will be given to power grids for solar rooftop power generation.

3. The transfer of zoning from III B to III A1 for micro and small-scale industries below 12 kw will be considered after obtaining the opinion of Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission.

News in Picture

Review meeting



The Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Shiv Das Meena, I.A.S., conducted a review meeting, along with senior officials of Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Highways Department and Chennai City Police regarding the measures taken to reduce traffic congestion in Chennai City, at the Secretariat on 07.10.2023.

Hon'ble Chief Minister oversees road works in Coimbatore



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin on 24.09.2023 inspected in person the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation road works in ward No.8, at a cost of Rs.1.62 crore in Tulsi Nagar, for a length of 2.04 km and in Ward No. 5, Nanjappa Nagar in V.K.V. Nagar, at a cost of Rs. 1.50 crore and a length of 2.21 km.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had given the instruction that a review meeting under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary should be held on a weekly basis regarding the progress of the road works being carried out across the State and that a report should be submitted on the progress of the works.

A review meeting was held on 19.09.2023 at the Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin, regarding the precautionary measures to be taken ahead of the North-East Monsoon. In this meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the people are suffering a lot not only due to various works such as rain water drainage works, Metropolitan water supply board works, Electricity board works, but also due to the condition of inadequately maintained old roads. He said that this situation should be changed and our state roads should be laid in a way that people appreciate them.

Hon'ble Ministers, Government Secretaries and Heads of Departments should pay serious



attention to this. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is planning to confirm this by conducting field inspections and work progress meetings.

He also said that he has decided to conduct a direct inspection in all the districts and that all the Departments carrying out road works should complete the work quickly and with quality.

In continuation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inspected road works in Chennai on 21.09.2023. After that he inspected the road works being carried out on behalf of the Coimbatore Corporation.

Works taken up in Coimbatore Corporation Ward No. 8 Tulsi Nagar Road:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin visited and inspected the construction of tar road for a length of 2.04 km at an estimate of Rs.1.62 crore for the year 2023-2024 in Municipal Corporation Ward No. 8, Tulsi Nagar. The works were started on 05.09.2023 and are nearing completion.

Works in Coimbatore Municipal Corporation Ward No. 5 Nanjappa Nagar:

After that, he also visited and inspected the 2.21 km tar road work being constructed at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore in V.K.V. Nagar in Ward No. 5 Nanjappa Nagar under the State Finance Committee Fund.

The people of the area expressed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the road works taken up after 25 years in V.K.V. Nagar and for the grant of Rs.1,000 every month under 'Kalaigiar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam'.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who inspected the road works, said that all the works should be completed without delay before the onset of the North-East Monsoon, in co-ordination with the officers of Municipal Administration Department, Highways Department, Rural Development Department, Traffic Police, Electricity Board, Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board and Telecommunication Department. He instructed the officers including the District Collector and Corporation Commissioner to complete the road works quickly.





Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 1,000 classrooms in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, on 26.09.2023, inaugurated 1,000 new classrooms built in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools in 37 Districts at a cost of Rs.150 crore under the Child-friendly School Infrastructure Development Programme on behalf of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. He also launched a website for public payment of taxes/ fees to Village Panchayats and a website for the Tamil Nadu Simplified Panchayat Accounts Scheme.

Following the implementation of various historic initiatives such as the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, 'Ennum Ezhuthum', 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' and school infrastructure development projects, to give importance to education, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin announced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110, that 6,000 new classrooms would be built for Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools at an estimated cost of Rs.800 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated 1,000 new classrooms in Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools in 37 Districts - 26.09.2023.

The scheme was introduced in rural areas as the 'Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme'. At a Government function held on 01.02.2023 at Katpadi, Vellore District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for new classrooms.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 1,000 new classrooms built in Panchayat Union Primary Schools and Middle Schools in 37 Districts of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.150 crore in the first phase of 8 months.

All these buildings include child-friendly features such as raised ceilings, wide corridors, ventilated windows, non-slip floors, murals encouraging learning and life lessons.



Online payment facility for taxes/fees payable to Village Panchayats

In the 2022-2023 budget for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, it was announced that facilities for online payment of property tax, professional tax, water tax, and trade licence fee, which hitherto had to be paid directly by going to the municipal offices or through municipal officials.

In accordance with this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the online tax portal, <https://vptax.tnrd.tn.gov.in/>, established by the National Informatics Centre, for the convenience of the public to pay various taxes such as property tax, professional tax, water tax, and non-taxes through the internet.

Through this website, citizens can make payments via., online methods like Debit/ATM Cards, Credit Card and UPI.

Through this, the public can easily pay taxes and fees 24x7. This will not only reduce the workload of Government employees, but also enhance transparency and accountability in village administration. Furthermore, the revenue generated

through these means can be used to improve the basic facilities in rural areas.

Website for simplified Village Administration Accounts

Since village administrations currently manage numerous accounts, including the general fund, electricity bills, water taxes and various Government schemes, consolidating and managing these 11 different types of accounts is a complex task. To simplify this, Tamil Nadu has introduced the TNPASS website, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin, to streamline and consolidate these accounts into three categories, making it an efficient and transparent process. This initiative is being supported by Indian Bank for effective implementation.

This will reduce the burden of village panchayats in managing the details of the accounts they oversee, streamline the necessary financial tasks for the administration, and enable them to stay informed about financial transactions in real-time, which is essential for efficient financial management.

Online platform for registration of Tamil volunteer teachers for diploma course



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin on 26.09.2023 inaugurated ELCOT's online platform for the registration of volunteers participating in a diploma training programme for teaching Tamil language and culture, under the Information Technology and Digital Services Department's 'Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam'.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated an online platform for the registration of volunteers for a diploma in teaching Tamil language - 26.09.2023

Inaugurating an online platform for the registration of volunteers participating in a diploma training programme for teaching Tamil language under 'Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam'

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam in September 2022 for teaching Tamil language and culture to the younger generation of Tamils living abroad. The programmes of this Kazhagam are being implemented by the Tamil Virtual Academy.

Through this, text books based on the levels of students, educational aids and free Tamil lessons on the internet are offered in 34 countries around the world and in 16 States in India through 160 contact centres of the Tamil Virtual Academy.





In these contact centres, volunteers are teaching Tamil to students. On the basis of the pleas of various Tamil associations abroad as well as schools, that the quality of the teaching of the volunteer teachers can be enhanced if they are trained in the basics of the Tamil language and pedagogy, as another important step forward, the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam planned to offer a one-year online teacher's diploma course for the teacher volunteers.

This training program was launched in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University on January 12, 2023, during the World Tamil Diaspora Day Programme. With the successful completion of the training, a formal memorandum of understanding for its implementation is currently under way. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, initiated the registration process for this programme on the official website (<http://tva.reg.payil.app>). Furthermore, the brochure regarding this training program was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin, and was received by Dr.Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, the Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services.

Initiating steps for unified website for the Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board

ELCOT, which is the nodal agency for Information and Communication Technology projects for the Government of Tamil Nadu, is engaged in purchase of Information Technology hardware, management of IT parks, IT infrastructure

services, Aadhaar registration services, hosting and other services in the State Data Centre.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K. Stalin launched an integrated website (<https://erp.elcot.in/>) to provide automated streamlined interactions between ELCOT, Government Departments, IT companies and other stakeholders involved in providing services in a transparent, quick and efficient manner.

Through the unified website, IT/ITeS companies can apply for No Objection Certificates (NOC) for land allocation, lease agreements, FSI, and obtaining approval for loans. Government departments can submit proposals for price contracts, procure essential goods based on specified criteria, and request approvals for the establishment of telecommunications infrastructure. Additionally, citizens can apply for Aadhaar registration, birth registration services, and Government departments can utilize various online platforms for their data registration requirements through this versatile application process.

ELCOT Integrated Website is compatible with all devices like Computers, Laptops, Portable Computers (Tablets) and Smartphones.

The website will ensure prompt and effective service delivery through information boards for IT park management, hardware procurement, data upload requirements, route clearance, regularization of telecom infrastructure, Aadhaar enrolment and renewal services.

Appointees exhorted to have service to people as their motto

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes appointment orders to 10,205 persons for Group-4 services



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the function to give appointment orders to 10,205 persons recruited through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for the Group-4 services, at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai - 27.09.2023.

I extend my affectionate greetings to all of you.

It is commonly said in the villages that “Even if it is half an anna, it is the Government’s coin”. The reason for this is that the popularity of Government jobs will never decrease.

To succeed in the competitive examinations and get a Government job, is the biggest dream of the educated youth. On that basis, it should be said that your dream has been fulfilled today. As a mark of that, you have the appointment order in your hands.

At this moment as I stand before you, I feel the same happiness that you and your parents will feel. If a person gets a job, the entire family benefits.

I should say that it benefits several generations of the family. In that way, we have handed over to you an appointment order which will benefit several generations.

While several lakh candidates write the exam, you all have been selected as one in a lakh. For you all, who are one in a lakh, 'service to the people' should be the only aim. You all should work only for that.

Democracy is the governance by the people for the people. In such a form of Government, every scheme formulated by the Government is for the benefit of the people only!

You must fulfil without any glitch the work of enabling the schemes and various services of the Government to reach the people.

"Service to people is service to God," said Perarignar Anna. I whole heartedly congratulate and wish all of you who have been recruited for such an excellent service.

All of you have become Government employees now. Among Government employees, several officials work for the people selflessly. Let me give an example at this stage.

Last Saturday, on the 23rd, I made an announcement. I had announced that "the final rites of people who donate their organs before death will be conducted with state honours".

The first person to do this humane act of donating body organs and be buried with state honours was a Government employee!

Due to his brain death in Chinnamanur, Theni District, the Government employee Vadivelu donated his body organs and was buried with State honours yesterday. Our Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Ma. Subramanian and members of the district administration attended his funeral.

Not just on behalf of the families of the recipients of Vadivelu's organ donors, but on behalf of all of you who are here as Government employees and as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I would like to express my gratitude to his family and also thank the family.

This news will surely create a huge awareness about organ donation. In that way, Vadivelu, who worked as a Government employee, will be remembered by the people for the ages to come.

If an equipment or machine has to function efficiently, every part of it should work well without any glitches. Similarly, if the Government, which is a huge machinery, is to function effectively to do service to the people, each of you, as Government employees, should contribute with complete dedication.

For Valluvar's Kural which says "Seyvaanai naadi vinainaadi kaalaththodu eidha unarndhu seyal", our Muthamizharnigar Kalaighnar has given his explanation that "A task must be done by considering the choice of a skilled agent, examining the task and identifying the time to do it".

The recruitment of qualified Government officials for the efficient functioning of the Government machinery, is being done well by

agencies such as the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Teachers Recruitment Board, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Recruitment Board and Uniformed Services Recruitment Board.

Lakhs of candidates apply for the competitive exams conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Because of this, there is a delay in the evaluation of answer sheets.

To rectify this, to simplify the method of evaluation of answer sheets and avoid time delay, a high-tech on-screen evaluation lab has been expanded in the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission at a cost of Rs.95 lakh.

Also, for the recruitment to the posts of teachers to be done transparently and expeditiously, our Government issued orders on 20.09.2021, for the appointment of a committee.

Based on the recommendations of the committee, orders were issued on 03.01.2023 restructuring the Teacher's Recruitment Board. In accordance with this, 74 new posts were filled in the newly created Technical Section, Accounts Section, Administrative Section, Notification Section, Legal Section, Right to Information Section and Grievance Redressal Section in the Teacher's Recruitment Board.

Only during the reign of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, 20% reservation was given to those educated in Tamil medium with the thought that people who studied in our mother tongue Tamil should be given priority in Government jobs in Tamil Nadu.

After I took charge as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 2021, a Compulsory Eligibility Test in Tamil was introduced to benefit people from Tamil Nadu and it is being implemented now. To give legal sanction to this, we have brought forward and passed the necessary legislation in the Legislative Assembly that all those participating in the Competitive exams should take the Compulsory Eligibility Test in Tamil.

I have enacted a new law to fill the vacant posts in public sector companies, corporations and boards under the Government of Tamil Nadu through the recruitment agencies, and based on that, today I will be handing over the appointment orders to you all who have now been selected.

We have been constantly insisting to the Union Government to give priority to the youth of Tamil Nadu in the vacancies in various Union Government departments like Railways, Postal Department and Banks in Tamil Nadu. I had also written a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 12.10.2021 in this regard. Not only that, I have placed a demand that examinations for Union Government jobs should be conducted in Tamil as well. I had insisted on this again on 26.12.2022. Accepting this request of mine, through the Staff Selection Commission, the Union Government, brought into practice the rule that the examination conducted for the post of multi-tasking staff in the tenth and twelfth standard level, can also be written in Tamil language. I consider this as a victory that the DMK Government has achieved for the youth of Tamil Nadu.

You may know about my dream project, 'Naan Mudhalvan'. During the previous year, 13 lakh youths were given this training. Training has been provided to many students beyond the set target of ten lakh!

The training which would cost thousands of rupees in private institutions is now being provided free to our youth.

For our students to qualify in the competitive exams conducted by the Union Government as well, we have been conducting integrated training courses for 5,000 persons for SSC, RRB, banking jobs, etc., under the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme.

It was inaugurated on 07.03.2023. Ninety persons trained through this have qualified in the preliminary examination conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS). Forty persons have been selected in the preliminary examination for clerk jobs in regional and rural banks.

For more candidates from Tamil Nadu to qualify in the Civil Services examination, a new scheme has been introduced to provide a monthly incentive of Rs.7,500 and training to 1,000 candidates who qualify in the preliminary examination.

It will be launched this October. Taking advantage of these opportunities, our Tamil Nadu students, as in the State Government jobs, should get qualified in more numbers for Union Government jobs as well.

In the past two years since our Government took charge, 12,576 persons have been given appointments for Government jobs. At present 10,205 persons have been given appointment

for Government jobs. Apart from this, additionally, 17,000 persons have been appointed to the various Government posts this year.

Also, I wish to announce here the happy news that in the next two years, about 50,000 individuals are going to get selected for various Government jobs.

Young men and women like you getting appointed in the Government services will bring great joy to your families and will surely give a new impetus and enthusiasm to the Government administration.

Government schemes should reach people from different sections of society without any discrimination. I request all of you to work keeping in mind the policy of our Government.

This Government has been functioning to protect social justice and to ensure people's welfare. The Puranaanooru says that whenever a king is sought for justice by the people, if he is easily accessible and renders justice, their happiness will equal that of rains that come at their bidding.

Similarly, whenever people come to you with a request, you, who are my face, my representative, and an officer of this Government, should approach the people with simplicity, solve their grievances and problems, and help them to benefit from the Government's schemes and policies. This is my request. This is what I wish to ask of you.

If your hands wipe away the tears of some poor person in some town, the pride that you

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get will be my pride. At the same time, if someone is neglected, then the blame and reprimands will be mine too. So whether I get a good name or a bad name, depends on your activity.

I fully trust that none of you will act against public order against culture. You may belong to the middle class; you may come from the poorer sections; you may belong to the marginalized sections of society. I request you to be truthful to the people because of whom you have secured this position.

Group 4 is your first step. After this, write the higher level exams and come to higher posts.

You can do it! Only you can! I want to tell you that what you cannot do, no one else can do. I congratulate all of you not only as the Chief Minister of this State but also as your father.

In conclusion, I would like to request all of you who have received appointment orders and through

this function to all the Hon'ble Ministers, to all from the Government's higher officials to employees in the last level.

Sit down and talk to those who come to you with requests first. Listen keenly to their problems and demands. That will give great hope and satisfaction to those who come! Give a seat and listen to the grievances of the public who approach you; in this way, you will be honouring their self respect. I hope you all will follow this request of mine. If you listen to people in this way, half of their problems will be solved and they will feel relieved to some extent. I request you to keep reminding the people who come to meet you that "this is your Government".

Nandri! Vanakkam!

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over financial assistance for artistes living in indigence



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** distributed a monthly incentive to 1,000 senior artistes - 29.09.2023.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, on 29.09.2023, at the Secretariat, Chennai, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Manram, presented cheques worth Rs. One lakh to 6 Kalaimamani awardees as a mark of providing financial assistance of Rs. One lakh each to 10 needy Kalaimamani awardees, and Rs.10,000 each to five folk artists as a mark of providing Rs.10,000 each to 500 folk artists towards the purchase of instruments and costumes. Orders for financial assistance were issued to four artists as a mark of providing a monthly pension of Rs.3,000 each to 1,000 senior artists living in vulnerable conditions.

In 1955, the Government of Tamil Nadu established the Tamil Nadu Sangeetha Nataka Sangam. This Sangam, in 1973, was renamed by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar as the Iyal, Isai



Nataka Manram to honour the three branches of Tamil, namely Iyal Tamil (literature), Isai Tamil (music) and Nadagam Tamil (theatre).

The Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Manram which functions as a part of the Department of Art and Culture using the funds allocated by the Government of Tamil Nadu, is engaged in various works such as the development of ancient arts, providing encouragement to the artistes involved in such art forms, documenting endangered art forms, rejuvenating stage plays and dance dramas, taking the traditional folk arts of Tamil Nadu to the other states and at the global level, presenting awards to the artistes contributing greatly to the growth of the arts of Tamil Nadu and providing monthly financial assistance to vulnerable artistes.

Provision of Rs. One lakh each to 10 needy Kalaimamani Awardees

As announced in the demand for grants of the Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department for the year 2021-2022, the financial assistance given throughout the year by the Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Manram, for the benefit of Kalaimamani awardees who are elderly, economically vulnerable and are living in hardship, will be increased from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. One lakh for 10 Kalaimamani awardees.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin presented cheques worth Rs. One lakh each to 6 Kalaimamani awardees, as a mark of providing Rs. One lakh each to the 10 needy Kalaimamani awardees selected for the year 2022-2023 namely Thiru. K. Kalyanasundaram, Thiru. S. Samudram, Tmt. N. Parvathi Udhayam, Thiru. K. Kumaravel, Thiru. P. Muthu Chandran, Tmt. G. Muthulakshmi, Thiru. P.R. Durai, Thiru. R. Kalyanasundaram, Thiru. M.S. Mohammad Mastan and Tmt. T.N. Varalakshmi.

Provision of financial assistance to 500 artistes registered with the Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes Welfare Board for the purchase of musical instruments, costumes and accessories

As announced in demand for grants of the Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department for the year 2021-2022 for the benefit of the artistes registered with the Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes Welfare Board, 500 folk artistes will be given financial assistance of Rs.10,000 each by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram every year for the purchase of musical instruments, costumes and accessories.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin presented cheques worth Rs. 10,000 each to 5 folk artistes,

as a mark of providing financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 each, at a total cost of Rs. 50 lakh, for the purchase of musical instruments, costumes and accessories for the 500 folk artistes registered with the Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes Welfare Board, selected for the year 2022-2023.

Provision of financial assistance worth Rs. 3,000 each to 1,000 senior Artists living in vulnerable conditions

The Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Manram has been implementing the scheme of providing monthly financial assistance to senior artistes living in vulnerable conditions using the funds

allocated by the Government of Tamil Nadu. So far, 15,063 artists have benefitted from this scheme.

Following this, to initiate the provision of monthly financial assistance worth Rs. 3,000 each for the 1000 senior artists living in vulnerable conditions who were selected for the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, from 01.04.2023 onwards, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin presented cheques for the monthly financial assistance to 4 senior artists living in vulnerable conditions.



November 8: Birth anniversary of Tamil scholar Veeramamunivar

'The Father of Tamil Prose'

What can be said about the qualities and excellence of a person who came from a Western country, but without giving first place to his own language, gave primacy to Tamil and rendered great service by composing many works in it? Veeramamunivar, who came as a saint and passed away as a saint, became a paragon of values who stood foremost among noble savants.

Living for others and not for oneself is the greatest quality; this quality was best seen in Veeramamunivar.

He who subdues the hatred in the heart is a greater warrior than he who suppresses external enemies. Looking at it in this way, there is no doubt that Veeramamunivar was a saint who did not live for himself but for others. He was a holy person who triumphed over the inner foes of the heart.

On his arrival in Tamil Nadu, the saint named himself 'Dairiyanathasamy' as a translation of his name. But other names and titles were lovingly bestowed upon him by others. The poets of the Tamil Sangam, who appreciated the literary richness of his Tamil poem called 'Thembhavani', called him 'Veeramamunivar'. Chanda Sahib took pride in calling him 'Ismath Sanyasi'. Whatever the other given titles are, it is rare to get the title of 'father'. The Tamil people appreciated the merit of the great saint's contribution to the language and fondly called him the 'father of Tamil prose' and the 'father of the Agarathi'. Is there any doubt that these titles given with love by the people are the ones which reveal the greatness of a person and will last forever, rather than the degrees obtained from colleges?

From the book titled 'Veeramamunivar' written by Poet A.Marimuthu.

News in Picture



106th birth anniversary of Ramasamy Padayatchiyar

On the occasion of the 106th birth anniversary of Ramasamy Padayatchiyar, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R.Priya, Member of Legislative Assembly Thiru.A.M.V. Prabhakara Raja, Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board Chairman Thiru.Pon Kumar, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Thiru. M. Magesh Kumar, representatives of local bodies and Government higher officials paid floral tribute to the portrait of Ramasamy Padayatchiyar kept near his statue at Guindy Halda Junction, Chennai on 16.09.2023.

Let Us Know

Compensation of Rs.560 crore to farmers for crop losses due to natural disasters

- ★ To protect the livelihoods of farmers from crop yield loss due to natural disasters, the crop insurance scheme is being implemented in Tamil Nadu. During the year 2022-2023, this scheme was implemented in 14 blocks consisting of 37 districts by the Agricultural Insurance Company of India (AIC) and general insurance companies such as IFFCO-TOKIO, Bajaj Allianz, HDFC-ERGO and Reliance.
- ★ Under this scheme, for the Samba paddy crop, an area of 24.45 lakh acres was insured by 11.20 lakh farmers. The Government of Tamil Nadu shared a premium subsidy of Rs. 1,375 crore, the Union Government of India shared Rs. 824 crore, the farmers shared Rs. 120 crore and in total Rs. 2,319 crore was given to the insurance companies.
- ★ Though 46 lakh metric tonne yield was attained in the Samba paddy crop cultivation in the year 2022-2023, due to the moderate drought in Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Pudukkottai, Tenkasi, Virudhunagar and Thoothukudi Districts because of the low rainfall during the North-East monsoon season, in an area of 3,52,797 acres, for crops which affected more than 33 per cent, the Government of Tamil Nadu gave Rs. 181.40 crore from the State Disaster Relief Fund to 1,87,275 farmers on 04.09.2023.
- ★ Following this, under the Crop Insurance Scheme, for crop yield losses due to natural disasters like drought, floods, cyclone and delayed monsoon in the declared districts, in a total area of 7 lakh acres, Rs. 560 crore is to be directly deposited as compensation in the bank accounts of 6 lakh eligible farmers as per the regulations of the scheme.

Essay

The Pandiyan King and the Poet's Counsel for Everlasting renown

D. Parameswari

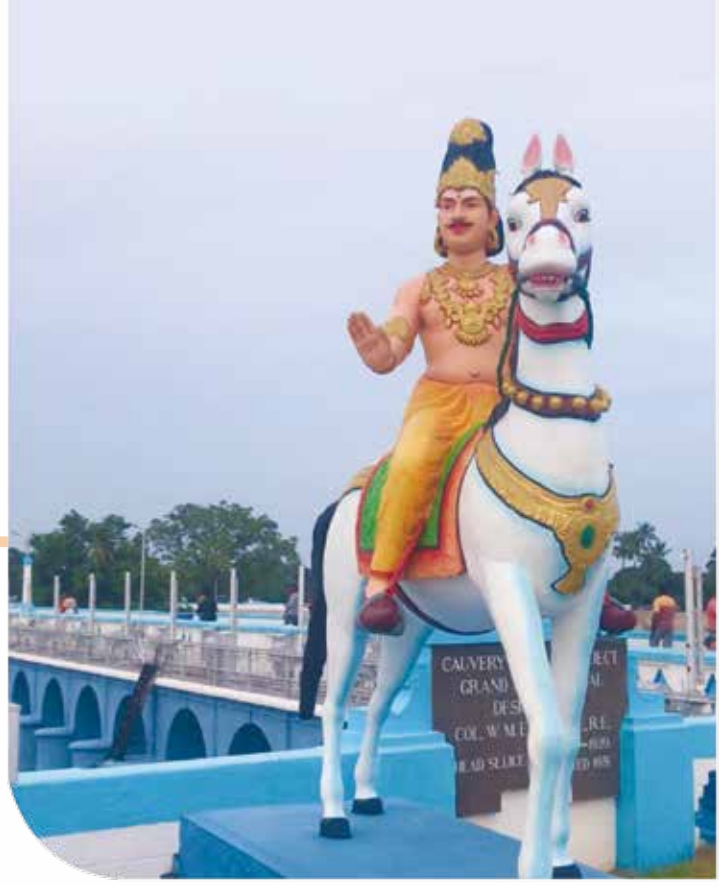
Pandiyan Nedunchezhiyan ascended the throne at a young age. Considering him immature and lacking in strength, seven other Tamil kings waged war against him. Kudapulaviyanar bemoaned the fact that the Tamils were fighting with each other in the Thalaiyalankaanam war.

At Thalaiyalankaanam, the seven kings who fought against the Pandiyan were Chozhan Killivalavan, Cheran Maantharancheral Irumporai, Thithiyan, Ezhini, Erumaiyuran, Irungovel and Porunan. At present, this village is located in the Simizhi Panchayat in Kodavasal Taluk of Thiruvavarur District.

Pandiyan went to war vowing that if he did not triumph, the group of poets headed by Mangudi Marudhanar should cease to sing his praise.

It is history that this young king defeated all those who fought against him in the war. Many poets have sung about the Thalaiyalankaanam war. Among the great poets of that era, Nakeerar sang the Nedunalvadai and Mangudi Marudhanar sang the Madurai Kanchi with Pandiyan as the protagonist.

This rise to war which happened during Nedunchezhiyan's young age turned into a frenzy and he continued to engage in war. He chased away the Neidhal kings, Evvi of Mizhalai, Muthuru Velir, Thenbharathavar and Mazhavar. The vigour of Nedunchezhiyan's shoulders had not subsided. The desire to conquer lands was still insatiable in Nedunchezhiyan and he captured Saliyur, Courtallam which was under the Ayakulathavar, rural parts of Nel,



Mudhumalai region and the Muduvellilai city. There are historical records about him in the copper plate inscriptions found at Velvikudi and Chinnamanur.

The poets wanted the king's insatiable appetite for domination to end. Virtue, wealth, pleasure and liberation are the four great values of life. War brings wealth and glory. Is it enough for a king to earn only material wealth? Pandiyan not even enjoying life. He was constantly proclaiming wars, which was not good either for him or for his kingdom. This is what Nakeerar tried to convey through Nedunalvadai. Mangudi Marudhanar counselled the king on life after war in Maduraikanchi.

The king was so intent on preparing for the upcoming war and ensuring facilities for his troops that he did not think about the conditions of living of his subjects. In many parts of Pandiyan's kingdom, the streams and lakes created by his ancestors were the reason for the country's prosperity. They were to be monitored and strengthened periodically. Because the king did not pay attention to them, the stream beds got deposited with silt and the lake banks were broken. Although it rained in many places, the water sources could not store the rain water. New lakes had not been created. There was

no shortage of wealth, but there was not enough agricultural growth.

Citizens appealed to the Ministers. The Ministers were afraid to approach the King. The poet Kudapulaviyanar thought this was the right moment. His native place was Kudapulam. Only two of his poems are available to us today. Both the poems are there in the Purananooru. Both are about Pandiyan Nedunchezhiyan.

The court assembled and the King, Ministers, senior noblemen, poets and some citizens were present in the assembly. Kudapulaviyanar said, "I want to present some news to the King's knowledge". With a smile on his face, Pandiyan said, "Tell me". Kudapulaviyanar said "May you live long and be prosperous! Who can have such a city with a moat and a wall? This honour belongs to the Pandiyan king. But for this honour to last long, certain duties must be fulfilled without fail", he said. "Tell them, what mistake have I committed? I do not know. Give me advice," said the King. The poet's response was in the form of a poem.

"King! If you desire wealth in the next world where you will go or even if you want to gain fame as the emperor by oppressing all your enemies in this world, I will tell you what needs to be done, listen! Human life cannot exist without water. In that, those who give food are the ones who give life. This body is made up of food. Food comes from water mingled with the earth. Food and water obtained from the land are very essential. Whoever preserves land and water together becomes one who unites the body and life in this world. Therefore, O the One with great interest in wars, renovate water bodies by strengthening the banks and desilting them, and store water. That will make your fame last forever."

Some songs are appropriate beyond the passage of time. They stand beyond the passage of time. This song is one such. Even today we are talking about water management. It is heartening news that a poet emphasized this idea to a King

more than 2,000 years ago. We should also think of Karikalan who built the Kallanai.

The great poet Thiruvalluvar said that the world cannot exist without water and the Manimekalai says that those who give food to all the people living in this world are the ones who give them life. In history, no matter how many battles they have won, only those kings who thought about the long-term welfare of the people have been remembered. Even today, history cherishes such leaders. Here is Kudapulaviyanar's song of advice to Pandiyan Nedunchezhiyan (English Translation).

"Oh successor of the kings who ruled the world which is surrounded by the roaring seas by capturing it with their effort and who established their fame !

Let your life be up to the last number.
Let your life grow.

Oh king of the ancient town which has a group of Vaalai fish, tiny Aaral fish, big Varaal fish and Keliru fish

which wish to eat the Kaanchi flowers floating on the water, high walls which touch the sky, and fertile land.

If you desire wealth in the next world, If you desire to conquer all kings, to become the only king of the world and

To establish your good fame, listen to the noble qualities you need to have.

Lives cannot be sustained without water.

Those who give food to remove hunger are considered as those who give life.

Food is foremost to our bodies which are made of food.

The water together with land produces food.

Those who help in the production of food by cultivating the land with water are eligible for the fame of giving life and body.

Though it is a vast land, land depending only on rain is of little use to a King.

So Sezhiyaa, of the great battles, Don't neglect the following.

Those who store water in the basins and create water sources alone attain heavenly pleasure and fame.

Those who cannot store water for cultivation cannot establish their fame in this world.”

This song has the theme (thurai) of Muthumozhikanchi and also of Porunmozhikanchi. Muthumozhikanchi talks about the three aims of human life, namely virtue, wealth and pleasure. Porunmozhikanchi speaks of the greater values of life.

Through the eloquence of the Sangam poet, the intelligent Pandiyan realised his duties. The words of the poet became words of his triumph. Kudapulaviyanar’s song has passed through the ages, and even now reminds us of water management and signifies the importance of food.

Courtesy: From the book 'Ilakkiya Malar 2023'...

News in Picture

Inauguration of special training course for journalists to improve their Tamil pronunciation



On behalf of the Tamil Development and Information Department, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan inaugurated a special training course for visual media newsreaders, interviewers and programme anchors to improve their pronunciation of the Tamil language and addressed the gathering, at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 10.10.2023. In this event, the Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department Dr.R.Selvaraj, I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations Thiru. D.Mohan, I.A.S., Director of Tamil Development Dr.N.Arul and other Government officials were present.

‘Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam’ Recognizing the hard work of women



“One should have done great penance to be born as a woman”

declared Kavimani Desigavinayagam Pillai. If he had been there today, he would have said, “To be born as a woman in Tamil Nadu one should have done great penance!”. To such an extent, to enhance the standard of living of women, the Government led by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been announcing numerous schemes and implementing them.

In this world, as mother, wife, sister, companion and daughter, women are omnipresent in all aspects of our relationships. This is why it is said that behind the success of every man, there is a woman. Even one’s own country is addressed as motherland. Similarly, rivers and mountains are also given female names. This much importance is being given to feminism.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been announcing and implementing various schemes enabling women to get their rights in society and get compensated for their hard work.



Female education is a must for a renaissance in society, and for women to run their families in the right way and live in society with their heads held high. Only when a woman is educated, she can understand problems, analyze them and find solutions for them; she can approach them differently and also manage her time well. When a woman is educated, it's as if the family as a whole is educated.

On that basis, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K. Stalin has been announcing and implementing various schemes with the understanding of the needs and the problems faced by women, right from their period of education till their employment.

Revolving funds for SHGs to establish startups, for female students who had pursued their classes 6 to 12 in Government schools, the Pudhumai Penn scheme will provide monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 during their higher education, the Free Bus travel scheme which has brought down to the lives of women and several other schemes implemented by the Government for women can be listed.

As a crown kept on top of all these schemes is the Kalaigal Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam which provides monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 to the women heads of the families,

launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin at Kancheepuram on 15.09.2023. This scheme has been implemented such that one crore six lakh women throughout Tamil Nadu are benefiting from this.

Accordingly, in the Perambalur District, for this scheme, each of the fair price shops in the District where taken as a unit, in total in 282 fair price shops, camps were conducted in two phases. Also, for those left out or unable to come to camp on that particular date, special camps were conducted for them to apply to the scheme.

In the first phase camp, 77,861 applications, in the second phase camp, 79,869 applications and in total 1,63,150 applications were received from the public of which 62,476 applications have been sent for field-level inspection. For 2,715 beneficiaries who don't have bank accounts or whose bank accounts are not in activation, measures were taken to create new bank accounts through special camps.

In the first phase, 7,823 ATM cards were obtained from banks for Perambalur district.

The Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru.S.S.Sivasankar distributed the ATM cards to 2,000 beneficiaries in

the presence of the District Collector Tmt. K. Karpagam, I.A.S., on 15.09.2023. In this programme, the mobile ATM set up for the beneficiaries attracted attention. The beneficiaries who had obtained ATM cards under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam withdrew cash from the mobile ATM and happily returned home.

Tmt. Mumtaj Begum, who had received Rs. 1,000 under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam, says as follows:

My name is Mumtaj Begum. I reside in Elambalur Village in Perambalur District. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had announced as his electoral promise that Rs. 1,000 each month will be given to women. He has implemented it now. This is a recognition for the hard-working women.

He has announced that this is not financial assistance for them, but their rightful money. This gives me immense happiness.

This amount is enough and is useful either for the purchase of groceries or for medical expenses of our children. Through



Tmt. Mumtaj Begum

this scheme, women like us, who belong to poor and needy families in economically vulnerable conditions, will greatly benefit.

On behalf of our family, our village and the entire woman population, I deeply thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for announcing this scheme.

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