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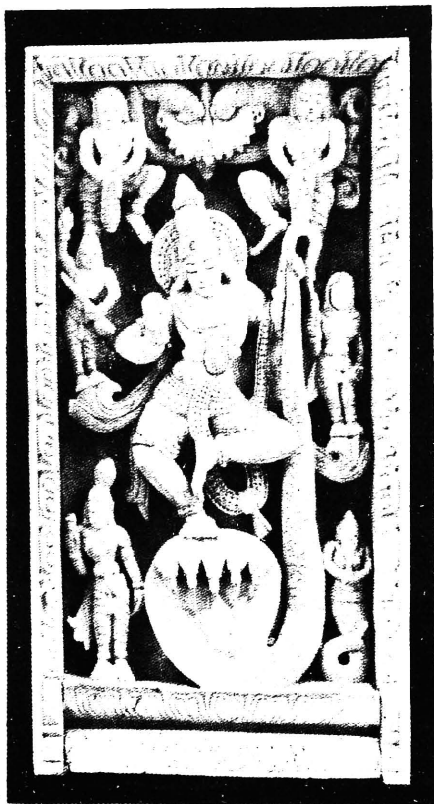


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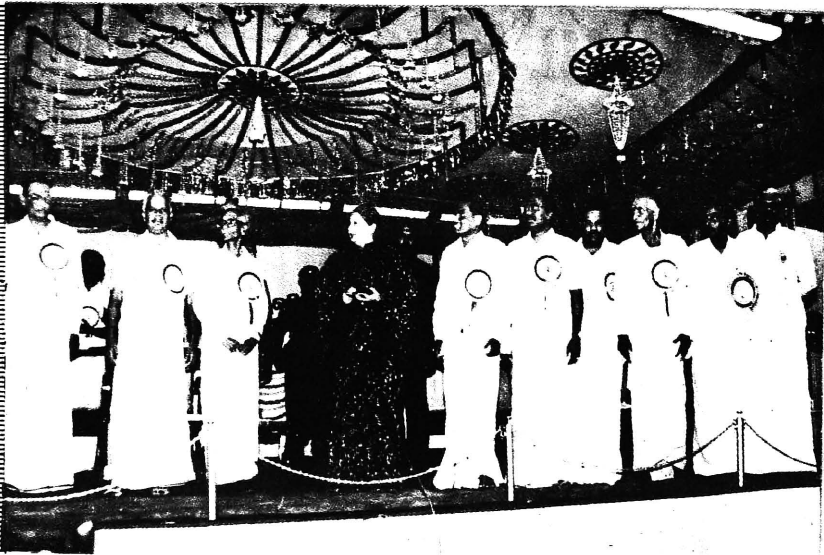
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Chief Minister Unveils statue of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at Madras

REMEMBER AND PURSUE THE IDEALS OF PASUMPON MUTHURAMALINGA THEVAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

—Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at Madras on 19.10.94

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha unveiled a life size statue of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at the Anna Salai-Nandanam junction at Madras on 19th October, 1994.

The Chief Minister in her speech expressed her happiness in unveiling the statue at the state capital. She said no one could underestimate Muthuramalinga Thevar's contribution in fanning the flame of patriotism especially in southern districts of Tamil Nadu during the freedom struggle. She said he was a terror to the British and was the only leader at that time who was

imprisoned in most of the jails in the state. She hailed him as a leader who had combined in himself the qualities of valour, wisdom, humility, and simplicity. These qualities had enabled him to shine just like Swami Vivekananda on one side and as Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose on the other, she added.

The Chief Minister announced that the Chamiers Road that branched off from the statue point would henceforth be called as Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Salai. She also announced that a high ranking official would be

posted as special officer for the trust that had been formed to maintain the properties left behind by Thevar. This would help in the proper management of the trust, she added. She said a Centre to research on Muthuramalinga Thevar will be set up shortly at Madurai Kamaraj University. The house where Muthuramalinga Thevar was born would be converted into a memorial and it will be maintained by the Government, she announced.

The Chief Minister also announced that those belonging to Mukkulathor community namely



On 7.11.94, the 50th stage performance of Thiru R.S. Manohar's *Thirunavukkarasar* was held at Madras. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha honoured the stage veteran Thiru R.S. Manohar by presenting the title of *Nataka Chemmal*. She also presented to him a memento, on the occasion.

Kallar, Maravar and Ahamudayar would be considered as Thevar henceforth. She said those enjoying the benefit of classification like Most Backward Class and denotified tribes would continue to enjoy the concessions. Appropriate decisions would be taken to include their sections in the Most Backward Class list after examining the recommendations of the Backward classes Commission, she added.

She reiterated her happiness in

unveiling the statue of Thevar. She appealed to the people to remember and pursue the ideals of spiritualism, nationalism and work for the development of the state.

The Chief Minister presented a gold ring to Thiru Jaganathan, the sculptor of the statue. Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah, the Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly presided over the function.

Thiru A.M. Paramasivan, Minister for Labour, Thiru Srinivasan,

M.P., Thiru Andi Thevar, Thiru Singaram, Thiru S.V. Shanmugam, M.L.As., Thiru K. Kandasamy, former M.L.A., Thiru Seenichamy Thevar of Tamil Nadu Thevar Peravai and Thiru Pon Paramaguru offered felicitations.

Thiru S.D. Somasundaram, Minister for Revenue, earlier welcomed the gathering. Thiru V. Sathyamurthy, Minister for Commercial Tax, later proposed a vote of thanks.



TAMIL NADU WILL SUCCEED IN IMPLEMENTING

NATIONAL HEALTH GOALS

AND WILL BECOME A MODEL TO OTHER STATES.

**Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha
at the Inauguration of
Cardiac Care Centre And Speciality Services
at Sri Ramachandra Medical College Hospital on 2.11.'94**

I am extremely glad to participate in this memorable inaugural function of the new Cardiac Care Centre and Speciality Services in Sri Ramachandra Hospital, and address a distinguished gathering, comprising eminent doctors, dedicated professors and enthusiastic students and staff members.

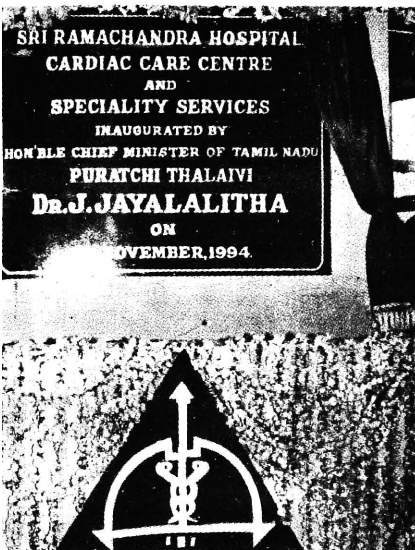
I am happy to mention that Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute after nearly a decade of its praiseworthy service has carved a special niche for itself in the field of medicare and medical education in Tamil Nadu. Situated on the outskirts of the city of Madras this important medical

institution of our State has attained pre-eminence and glory, through its sheer hard work and the meaningful impact it has had on the public health scenario of our State.

I have always made it known in no uncertain terms that private enterprise should lend itself to nation building. A country like ours, which is in its reconstructive phase, needs an enormous amount of expertise from all realms. I think, only then a strong nation can emerge - an India sans poverty, illiteracy, disease and ignorance. It is in this context that we must applaud wholeheartedly, the genuine efforts taken by Thiru Ramasamy Udayar, the Managing

Trustee of Sri Ramachandra Educational and Health Trust to create and nurture an institution which would make a lasting contribution to society, by means of ameliorating the suffering of the masses afflicted with health disorders. I take this opportunity to express my warm appreciation to this dedicated philanthropist-industrialist Thiru. Ramasamy Udayar, for his innovative thinking and humane approach, in founding a medical institution of repute.

Today, a new Cardiac Care Centre and Speciality Services are being added to the existing facilities of this remarkable institution. Gone are the days when doubts were expressed



about the success of institutions, especially that of hospitals, situated in the so-called farflung areas, away from the city. But, nowadays, with ecology and environmental concerns taking precedence over situational advantage and commercial concerns any institution coming up in the suburban areas and country side deserves to be welcomed with all our appreciation.

I am very happy to perceive that Sri Ramachandra Hospital has realised the importance of the health sector in a proper perspective, and has addressed itself to the problems faced by people from the lower strata of society especially with regard to heart disorders. We are all aware that nowadays, in India, many children are born with defects in the heart, and unless they are properly diagnosed and treated they may not live to see their adulthood. I am told that in addition to these there is the problem of the onset of rheumatic fever during childhood and adolescence, causing a lot of damage to the heart valves, resulting in many more young people developing heart problems. Apart from these two factors there has been a very

significant increase in heart attacks in the recent decades causing death and disability to several thousand people every year. With all these problems and possible solutions in mind, the new Cardiac Care Centre has been established in this hospital. I am sure, every effort will be made to tackle the problems of neo-natal paediatric and adult age groups suffering from these diseases. It is my sincere wish that this centre should devote itself fully to catering to the needs of the lower strata of our society, especially the poor and the down-trodden.

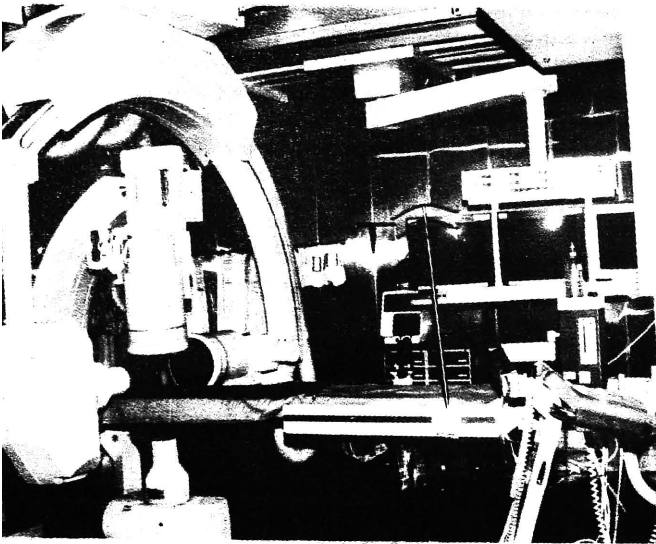
On our part the Government of Tamil Nadu, for the past three years, has been addressing itself to this specific problem of heart diseases in a very earnest and pragmatic manner. The wide prevalence of congenital heart disorders has prompted me to evolve a special scheme for treating such children by means of the "Free Open Heart Surgery Scheme" which is one of the themes in the "15 Point Programme for Child Welfare" initiated by me in November, 1993.

I am proud to mention here that in entire India, Tamil Nadu is the only state which has come out with this kind of a unique scheme, wherein children afflicted with heart diseases are treated in a comprehensive manner with total government support including free open heart surgery. Similarly we are attaching great importance to the treatment of heart diseases experienced by adults also, in an equally expeditious manner. Ever since our government took over keen interest has been evinced in rendering financial assistance to the poor and the needy requiring life saving surgeries and in particular open heart surgery and kidney transplantation. It would not be out of place to mention here that the financial assistance has been enhanced to Rs.20,000 for kidney

transplantation, and Rs.15,000 for open heart surgery from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. It is gratifying to note that so far a total sum of Rs.1.75 crore has been disbursed to benefit 1650 ailing persons. Apart from enhancing and expediting financial assistance this scheme has also been streamlined so as to ensure speedy treatment to the suffering. I am glad to state that we have empanelled a number of hospitals for this purpose including Sri Ramachandra Hospital.

I would very much like to mention here the excellent service rendered by the cardiac departments attached to the government hospitals, situated in the major cities of Tamil Nadu especially hospitals like the Government General Hospital, the Stanley Hospital and the Kilpauk Medical College Hospital in the City of Madras. I am proud to say that our government hospitals are always keen on updating their existing facilities and expertise, on par with international standards, and the results achieved by them are of a very high order, comparable to their counterparts abroad. Their achievements are much more praiseworthy considering the numerous infrastructural constraints generally experienced by our government hospitals.

I am equally happy to inaugurate today a host of speciality services in this hospital besides the Cardiac Care Centre. I am told that these speciality services will function in a multi-disciplinary fashion, sharing their specialised expertise while attending to the multiple problems afflicting many patients. In an age, where specialisation has forced everyone to think in a compartmentalised and strait-jacketed fashion, there is always the danger of one losing sight of solutions offered by other specialities. It is in this sense that the multi-



disciplinary approach definitely helps professionals, especially doctors, to whom integrated skills are a professional pre-requisite.

Some of the speciality services being inaugurated today, include a Neuro-care Centre, a Trauma-care Centre, a Micro-vascular Centre and a Nephrology and Transplantation Centre. Besides these I am happy to learn that this hospital has added today several supporting services too namely a Clinical Laboratory, Diagnostic Imaging Services, new Operation Theatres, room facilities and so on. I am sure, these valuable additions will go a long way in promoting medicare of the highest order.

I am very happy to know that this Trust has evolved a scheme to provide all medical facilities free of cost to all the Cradle Babies adopted by the government under the Cradle Baby Scheme. This is indeed a great and noble gesture worthy of emulation by other also. I express my gratitude to Thiru. Ramasamy Udayar, for his generous offer, and I accept with pleasure on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

I feel it will be appropriate to highlight here some of the

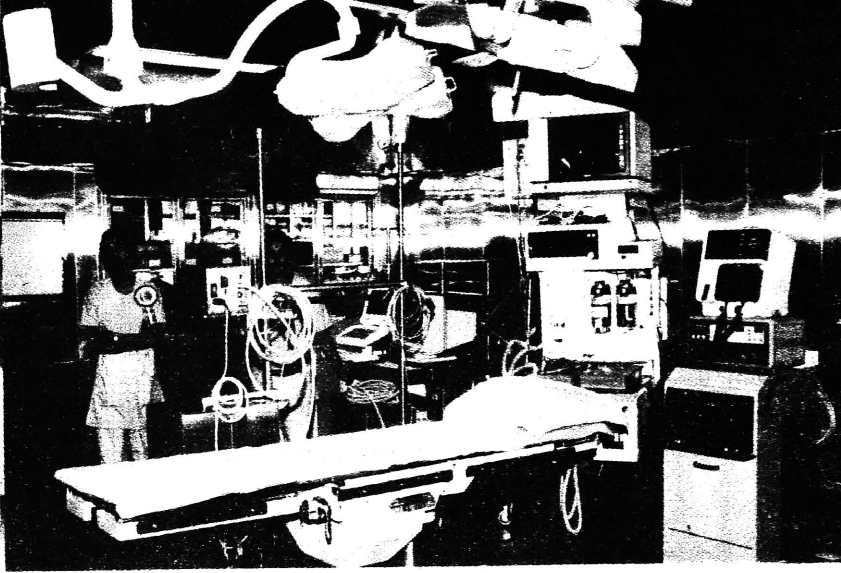
important measures initiated by the Government of Tamil Nadu to improve the existing facilities in many of our government hospitals. The provision of 9 vans to the cardiac departments at a cost of Rs.72 lakh and the provision of Rs.11 crore for carrying out repairs and maintenance of the hospital buildings are a few notable measures devised to improve health care at the grass root level in Tamil Nadu. Besides these computerisation of reference sections in medical colleges at a cost of Rs.30 lakh; constitution of the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation to streamline the procurement and distribution of drugs required by all government hospitals and above all, the successful implementation of the Massive School Health Programme benefitting a record 48.5 lakh school children below the age of 14 years are some of the pathbreaking measures initiated by our government to overhaul the health care system in Tamil Nadu.

I feel elated to learn that some of the novel measures initiated by our government have already started yielding excellent results. For instance, I am informed the birth rate in Tamil Nadu has drastically

declined to 19.2 per 1000 population as against the national figure of 28.5. At this rate, I am proud to state that Tamil Nadu is well on its way towards achieving a birth rate of 15 per 1000 by 2000 A.D. which is the National Family Planning goal. It is my earnest hope that Tamil Nadu will successfully implement all the declared National Health Goals and will become in the process a veritable model for all other states to emulate.

I take this opportunity to salute the memory of my leader and mentor Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. whose illustrious name this distinguished institution fondly carries. I am sure, the extraordinary sense of compassion that Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. always displayed and the exceedingly humane approach he adopted to the poor and the down-trodden will continue to inspire Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute to achieve greater glory in the field of medicare and medical education.

Everyone associated with this institution would have felt a truly justifiable sense of joy, elation and fulfilment, when recently this



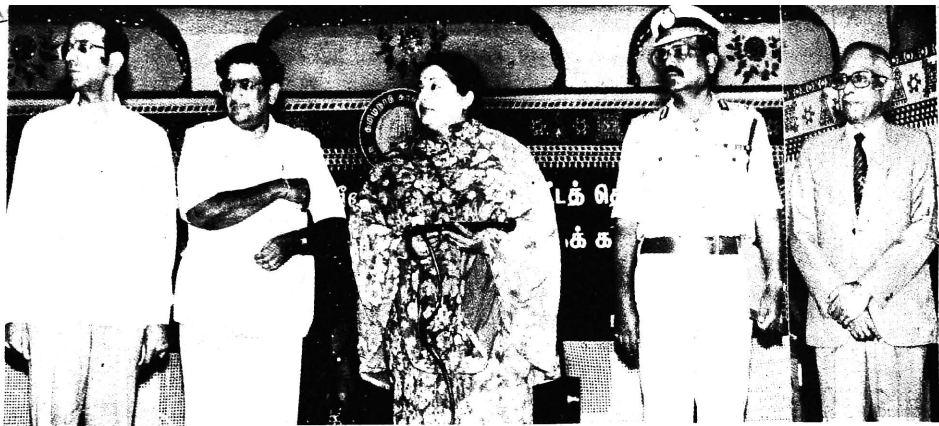
college was granted the status of a Deemed University by the University Grants Commission of India. I hope this august institution will continue to grow from strength to strength and earn its rightful place among the best medical

institutions in the world. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Thiru. N.P.V. Ramasamy Udayar, the Dean, the Heads of Departments of different faculties, the staff and my beloved students, on this memorable day.

I declare open the Cardiac Care Centre and Speciality Services of Sri Ramachandra Hospital and I wish all of you a bright future, continued success, prosperity and glory.



Thiru Frank G. Wisner, American Ambassador to India called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at Secretariat on 8.11.94. Thiru Timothy P. Hauser, American Consulate General at Madras and Thiru J. Andrew Contez Greig, Programme Officer, USIS, Madras were also present.



CHIEF MINISTER LAYS FOUNDATION FOR D.G.P. OFFICE COMPLEX

OUR EMPHASIS IS ON CONSTRUCTIVE CORRECTION RATHER ON DESTRUCTIVE DENIGRATION

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha
on 24.10.94 at Madras

I am extremely happy to be here today to inaugurate a number of major Police Modernisation Schemes, which both leaders of public opinion and professional administrators will readily recognise as being of basic and far-reaching importance.

You are all aware, not only that the Police portfolio is in my direct charge, but also that the Police occupy a special place in my own priorities. That is because I am so sharply aware of how the Police occupy a place of extreme complexity and difficulty in the Public Administrative System. The Police have to cope with tremendous stresses and strains while having to maintain security and order. At the same time they are exposed to unrelenting public criticism. There are no doubt lapses on the part of individual members of the Force, but there is clearly need to main-

tain a sense of proportion to criticism. Every department has its share of black sheep. I think the distribution of black sheep is fairly even - and the Police have their share. But while it is necessary to isolate the black sheep, it certainly does not make sense to buy a lot of black paint, and paint all the white sheep black. Our emphasis must be on constructive correction rather than on destructive denigration.

It is in this perspective that in these years that I have held office, I have not spared any strategy that offers promise of improvement of Police performance. Large numbers of new posts have been sanctioned to relieve manpower shortages. Recruitment processes have been streamlined to bring in good quality recruits. Massive upgradations have been ordered at all levels to step up promotional

opportunities. A major thrust has been given to the provision of housing. The quantum of rewards and other incentives has been sharply raised. Special solutions have been evolved for special problems affecting the public. All Women Police Stations have been opened to respond to the problems of women. State-wide Special Groups have been sanctioned for ensuring safety on our highways and security on our coastline.

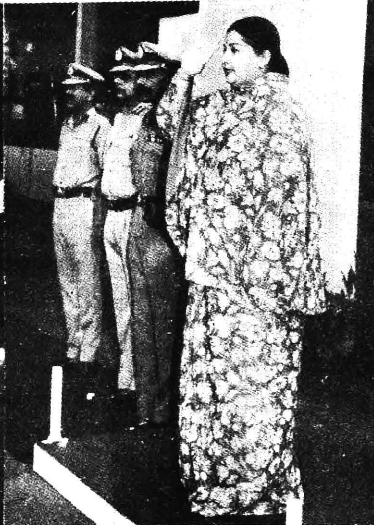
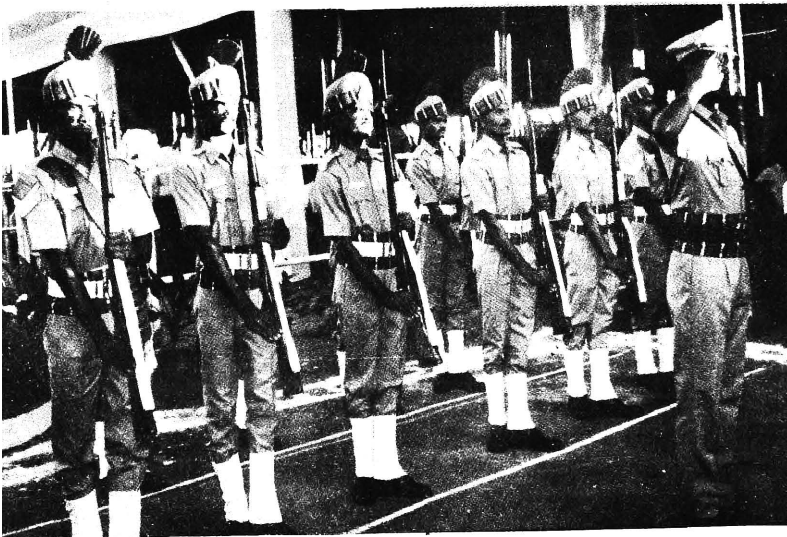
Last year, and again this year, I took the unprecedented step of spending a whole day in a frank face-to-face dialogue with the Superintendents of Police, so that I could get a first-hand feel of their difficulties. My objective has been to give the Police Force the best possible working and living conditions, so that they are left with no excuse for poor performance. At the same time, I have been uncom-

promising in demanding good performance, more particularly, that the Police should respond in human terms to human situations. A Police Image Project has been launched, where Police Stations are required to respond helpfully, especially to poor people in distress, without quibbling about whether their complaints are cognisable or non-cognisable. I have asked for the experiment to be specially monitored by an IG-level officer so that I can review the results from time to time.

Today's function represents a concrete step forward in another major strategy I have been emphasising for improving Police per-

its kind and the only one of its kind at the service of any Police Force in the country, is a tribute to the initiative and dynamism of the Tamil Nadu Police, especially the Radio Officer and his staff. This network provides instantaneous telephonic contact between officers at every level of the Police Force, whether they are in their offices, homes, vehicles, or in any of the streets or villages of the State. This network gives supervisory officers a sense of omnipresence. There can be no doubt that when the voice of the Director General of Police is heard, his presence is felt. That this can happen at any time, anywhere and without notice, must inevitably

had no hesitation whatsoever, in ordering the quick supply of radio equipped vehicles to all police stations and other field units in the State. Computerisation, however, is a process that cannot be accomplished so quickly. It needs a lot of preparation for acceptance and use at all levels. I am therefore extremely happy that all the 160 officers of and above the rank of Superintendent of Police, have been put through a very effective appreciation course that has won them over to the use of computers. I was myself witness to this process, last December, when I visited the special training centre, where the Police Consultant accomplished this splendid task.



formance. I have considered the strategy of modernisation so critical, that here again, I have not spared effort or expense. Today's function represents the fruition of some of our efforts to bring the latest and the best technology to the service of the Police. And the prime movers of modern technology are, quite certainly, communications and computers.

Communications form the lifeline of the Police, indeed of modern society itself. That the Police Digital Microwave Project is the first of

have a profound impact on the state of alertness of the Police Force. The impact of communications can be so great that one wonders why other departments of the Government should not function within a similar framework.

Computers as the source of instant information, Communications as the means of instant instruction and Transport as the means of instant intervention, are quite clearly, the cornerstones on which the effectiveness of modern policing must rest. I have therefore

That has indeed paved the way excellently for today's inauguration of the State-wide network of Computers.

I am convinced that the use of computers must ultimately be extended down to the police station level. It holds great promises for relieving the heavy burden of scriptory work and for establishing uniform and high standards of statutory documentation in police stations. The Pilot Project for trying out bi-lingual computers is clearly a first step in the right direction.

The Computerised Classroom proposed for the Police Training College will also prepare future police officers for the use of computers in police stations. The inauguration of these two schemes must, quite surely, rank as a landmark in the history of the Police in India.

I understand that the Tamil Nadu Finger Print Bureau ranks as one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the country. I am particularly happy to know that it is also the first, possibly the only institution of its kind in India, or indeed in any country, to be headed by a woman Director. And it fills me with special pride to know that in terms of operating results in the detection of crime through finger prints, the Tamil Nadu Finger Print Bureau, not only leads the way, but is way ahead of other Bureaux in the country. Today's inauguration of the Anguli System of automated processing of finger prints marks a big technological leap forward for the Finger Print Bureau, because it will utilise state-of-the-art technology for its operations. I am aware that the manual comparison of finger prints involves considerable eye strain for the staff and therefore I draw particular satisfaction from the fact that such strain will be

eliminated under the Anguli System.

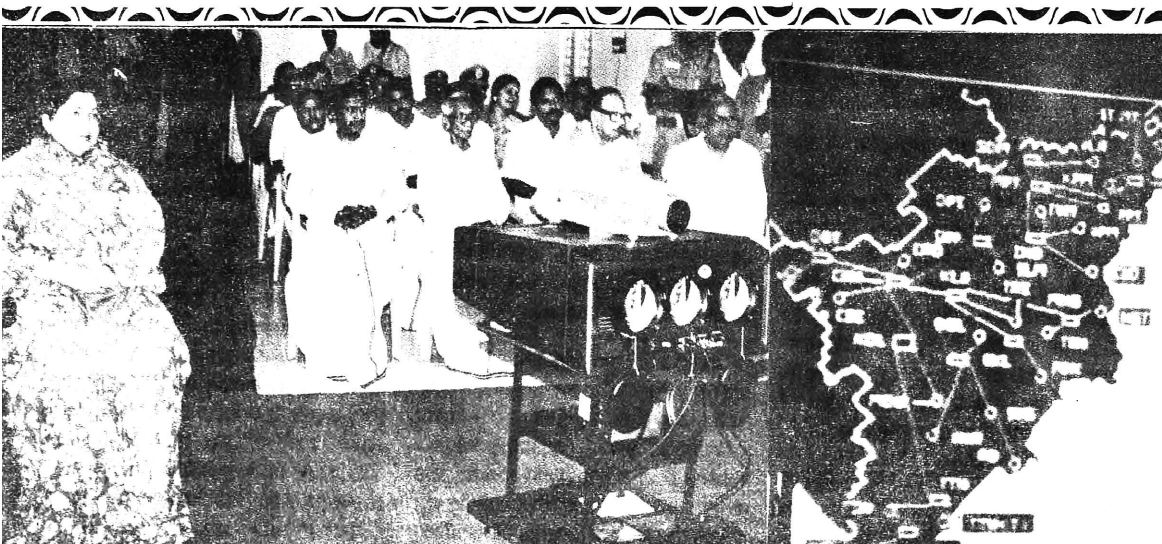
At this point I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Electronics Corporation of India for their offer of the Anguli Project and the Police Station Bi-lingual Computer Project to the Tamil Nadu Police, on a no cost, trial basis for a period of one year. Their bringing state-of-the-art technology to the service of the Tamil Nadu Police in this fashion, is a most praise-worthy example of public spiritedness which other public sector undertakings like them could well emulate.

Nature has gifted the City of Madras with one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. I feel that, on our part, we should adorn the sea front with buildings of matching beauty. It is my intention that the new building for the Police Headquarters should be a magnificent landmark building. At the same time, I hope it will become a concrete symbol of my vision of building a first rate, world class Police Force for the people of Tamil Nadu. I call upon all members of the Police Force to strive to translate my vision into reality.

In conclusion, I would like to ex-

press my very deep appreciation for the selfless and unremitting efforts of Thiru N. Krishnaswamy, the Police Consultant, in formulating several far reaching Police Projects and guiding them from the stage of conception, right up to the stage of implementation, and making it possible for me to inaugurate so many of them today.

Before I finally conclude, I would also like to place on record, my sincere appreciation for the valuable advice and suggestions offered by the Director General of Police Thiru S. Sripal, from time to time. The modernisation of the Tamil Nadu Police could not have been achieved or implemented so rapidly without his enthusiastic support and wise guidance. I thank the Director General of Police Thiru Sripal and all the other Senior Police Officers, and all the men and women of the Tamil Nadu Police, for their co-operation in the maintenance of law and order, in the provision of security, in the detection of crime and the protection of society, and hope that they will strive to help me translate into reality my dream of transforming the Tamil Nadu Police into a truly world class Police Force.





The Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha paid homage to the late Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar at his Samadhi at Pasumpon in Ramanathapuram District on the 30th of October, 1994.

On landing at Pasumpon, a small village, the Chief Minister went to Thevar Samadhi and placed a wreath on it. She, also visited the house of Muthuramalinga Thevar which is being converted into a memorial by the Government of Tamil Nadu. She garlanded the portrait of Pasumpon Thevar and paid her respects. She also held a brief discussion with the staff who were in charge of the Samadhi as well as the residence of Thevar. Before leaving Pasumpon for Madurai, the Chief Minister paid a visit to the meditation room of Thevar at his residence.

Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar was born in the small village of Pasumpon on the 30th October, 1908 and he breathed his last at Tirunagar on the outskirts of Madurai on the same date in 1963. This year, there was a special reason for the Thevar Community to celebrate the occasion for the Chief Minister had recently

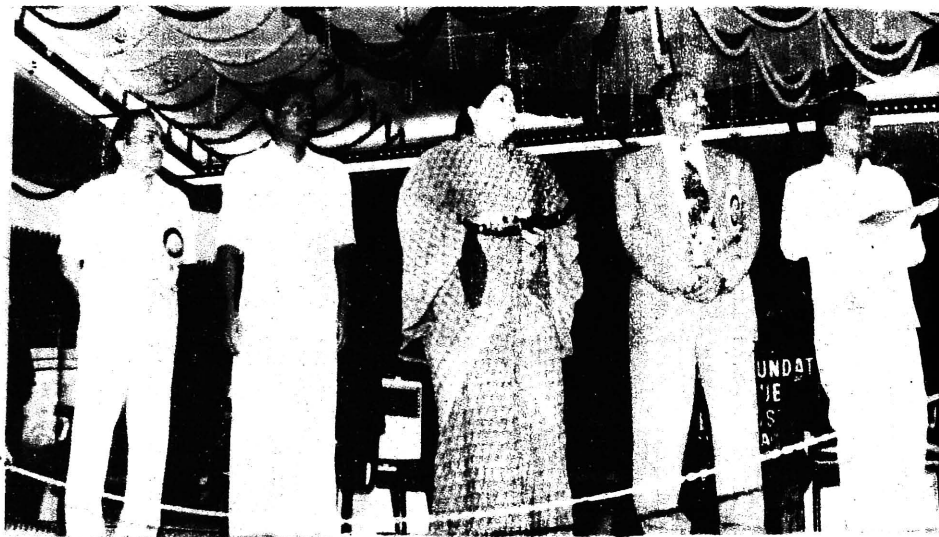
Chief Minister pays homage at Thevar Memorial



announced that Kallars, Maravars and Agamudayars were clubbed as a single entity called Thevars which had been a long pending demand of this backward community.

Earlier the Chief Minister was welcomed at the Madurai airport, by the District Collector. She left for Pasumpon where she was

received by Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah and all her cabinet colleagues besides Thiru S. Sripal, DGP., Thiru W.I.Dawaram, ADGP., Thiru L. Krishnan, Collector of Ramanathapuram District, Thiru Dyaneswaran, Special Officer of Muthuramalinga Thevar Trust and Thiru Shyam Sundar, DIG of Ramanathapuram Range.



TAMIL NADU MOVING TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SUPREMACY

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha

at Tuticorin on 31.10.94.

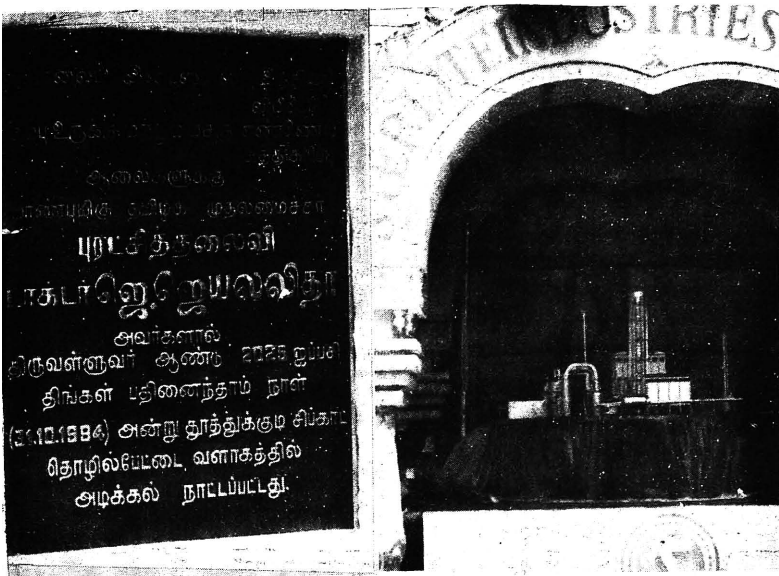
"Tamil Nadu Government has taken all constructive steps to take the state to the forefront in the industrial sector of the country. The new industrial policy announced two years ago had encouraged the industrial promoters, both from within the country and from abroad. The dream of Tamil Nadu industry ranking top in the country would soon be realised," declared the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha at Tuticorin on 31.10.94. The Chief Minister was laying the foundation stone for the

Rs.1,300 crore copper smelter and lube oil refinery projects being set up by Sterlite Industries (India) Limited at Tuticorin.

"The Single window system introduced in Tamil Nadu has created a proper climate for the enterprising entrepreneurs to start their projects in the State.' The system which is highly popular with industrialists and entrepreneurs has brought in new investments to the State. During the last three years, permission has been granted for starting 69 new projects with

investments of Rs.28,000 crores, the Chief Minister added.

The 800 acre Madras Industrial Park to be set up at Sholinganallur as a joint venture with SPIC - Balaji group will be a new chapter in the industrial development of Tamil Nadu, the Chief Minister said. She noted with happiness that various schemes worth Rs.2,376 crore were being implemented through the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation. Preliminary steps have also been taken to start new



being taken to put up a Titanium Di-oxide plant and an oil refinery project at Tuticorin.

The Chief Minister announced that Sterlite Industries would establish a Rs.50 lakh modern hospital at Tuticorin. She called upon other industrialists to emulate the example of social commitment shown by Sterlite Industries and asked them to involve themselves in social welfare measures. Such actions will create a new awareness among the people of the area regarding the industries commitment to the society, she added.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah presided over the function. Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Thiru M. Chinnasamy gave a

schemes with an investment of Rs.1,286 crore, she added.

The Chief Minister declared that total commitment by her Government to the State's new industrial policy and the conducive atmosphere

new heights in power generation and the Government have initiated a multipronged strategy to achieve self-sufficiency in power production, she said. The projects such as the 1500 mw Jayamkondam lignite mining and power generation project, 200 mw

Foundation laid to Rs.1,300 crore projects by Sterlite Industries

for industries prevailing in Tamil Nadu will enable Tamil Nadu to reach Industrial supremacy. She called the two projects being put up at Tuticorin by Sterlite Industries as two milestones in the industrial growth of Tamil Nadu. The State is now a fertile ground for the promotion of industries because of the attractive package of incentives available here, the Chief Minister said.

Tamil Nadu would scale

gas turbine project at Pillai Peramanallur, the 100 mw solar based ocean power project at Kulasekarpattinam and other schemes will ensure production of 3,800 mw of power in the State, the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister said that the two projects by Sterlite Industries would be the base for the further growth of Tuticorin and her harbour. She announced that the preliminary steps were

felicitation address.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, Thiru Anil Aggarwal, Chairman and Managing Director of Sterlite Industries called Tamil Nadu the ideal place for corporate groups to invest. He assured that his projects at Tuticorin would employ women in its workforce to the extent of 20 to 30 percent. Later, Thiru Ramachandran, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries proposed a vote of thanks.



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER UNVEILS STATUE OF RAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIAR

"A good family is considered an university in itself and I am happy to note that this family has instituted an University which has been effectively serving the cause of Higher Education for decades", said the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha paying generous compliments to the family of late Raja Sir Muthiah Chettiar after unveiling his statue at the campus of Madras Corporation on 21.10.1994.

The State Budget allocation that was Rs.1,299 for education in 1991-92 has been increased to Rs.2,002 crores during the current year, the Chief Minister said pointing to the importance given to Education by her government. Tamil Nadu is also in the forefront in implementing several schemes for educational, rural and social development, she added.

Paying tributes to the memory of late Raja Sir

Muthiah Chettiar, the Chief Minister noted that he carried on the traditions conceived by his father, Raja Annamalai Chettiar. Raja Annamalai Chettiar's contribution to the development of Tamil and English are fresh in people's memory. "It is appropriate that Muthiah Chettiar who carried on his father's traditions and who also passed on his family's traditions to his son, Thiru M.A.M. Ramasamy, has been

honoured by locating his statue in the Corporation complex", the Chief Minister said.

"Those who see this statue would be reminded of the great history behind it and inspired by the ideal that the development of the society is more important than the development of an individual," the Chief Minister remarked. She declared that the biography of late Raja Sir Muthiah Chettiar, the first Mayor of Madras, would be prescribed for text book study at schools. The Sydenhams Road abutting the Ripon Buildings, the seat of Madras Corporation, would be known as Raja Muthiah Salai, henceforth, she added.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister released a souvenir on the occasion. The first copy of the souvenir was received by Thiru M.A.M. Ramasamy, Pro-Chancellor of Annamalai University and son of Late Raja Sir Muthiah Chettiar. The Chief Minister presented mementoes to Sthapathi Thiru Muthiah and sculptor Thiru Mohandoss.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sedapati R. Muthiah presided over the function. He recalled the vision of Raja Sir Muthiah Chettiar in 1930s when he opposed Hindi in Tamil Nadu and had even warned the then govern-

ment that opposition to Hindi was not just a political event but a cultural revolution by itself.

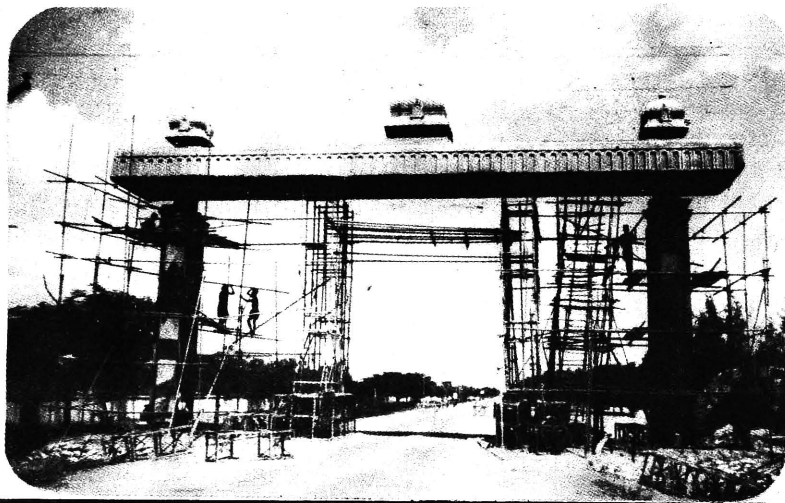
Thiru Justice S. Mohan, Judge of the Supreme Court requested the Chief Minister to prescribe Raja Sir Muthiah Chettiar's biography for students, name a street after him and realise his ideal of turning Madras into a city-beautiful. The Chief Minister responded positively to the requests.

Thiru S.V. Chitti Babu, former Vice Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University earlier welcomed the gathering. Dr. M.A.M. Ramasamy proposed a vote of thanks.



The captain of the Kabhadi team that won the gold medal at the recent Hiroshima Asian Games, Thiru S. Rajarathinam and his team mates, Thiru P. Ganesan and Thiru K. Bhaskaran were presented a cheque for Rupees one lakh each by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha on 9.11.94 at Secretariat.



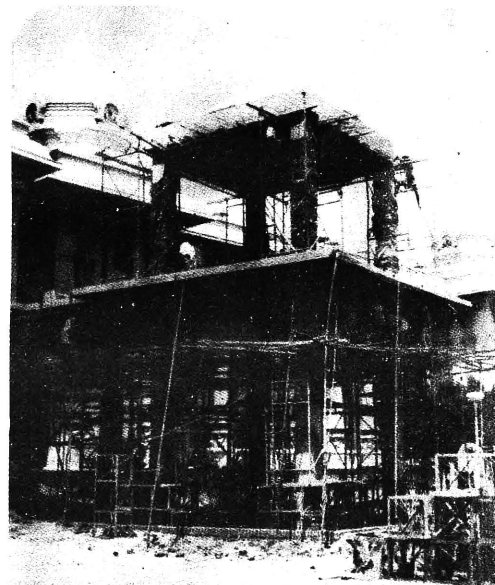
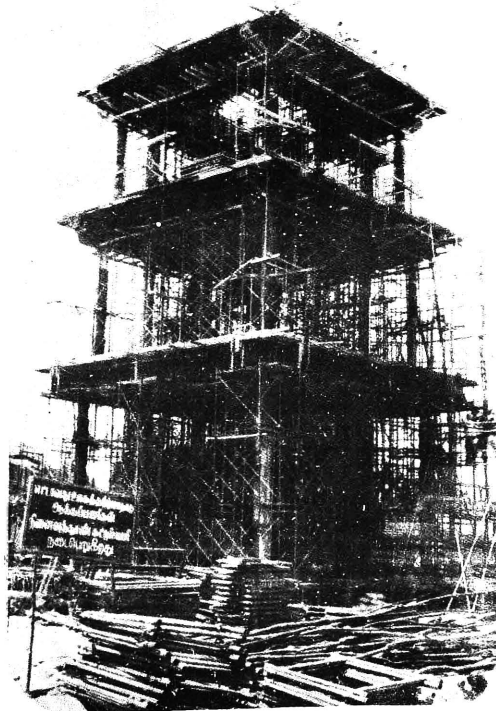


Welcome arch
One of the aesthetically flawless seven welcome arches that are being put up on the roads leading to Thanjavur, on the eve of the Eighth World Tamil Conference.

THANJAVUR ALL SET TO HOST

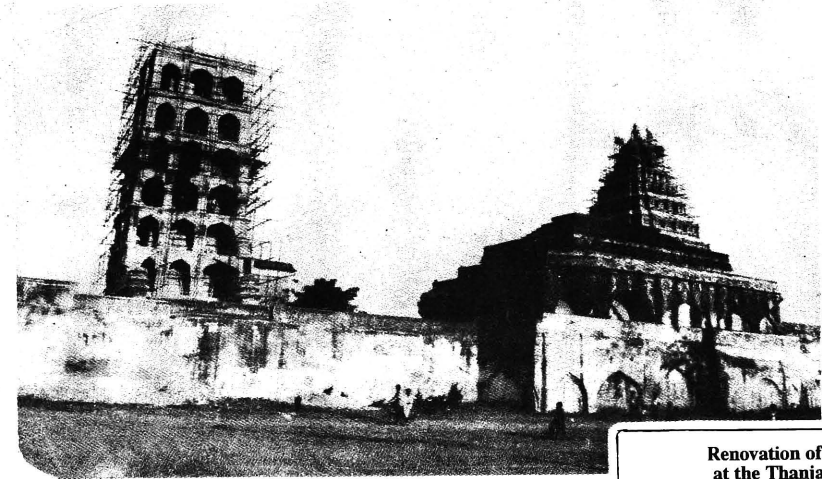
Commemoration Pillar

A view of the World Tamil Conference Commemoration Pillar that is coming up near the Tholkappiar Square at Thanjavur.



Thiruvalluvar Mandapam

A Mandapam in honour of Saint Thiruvalluvar is being set up at Thanjavur.



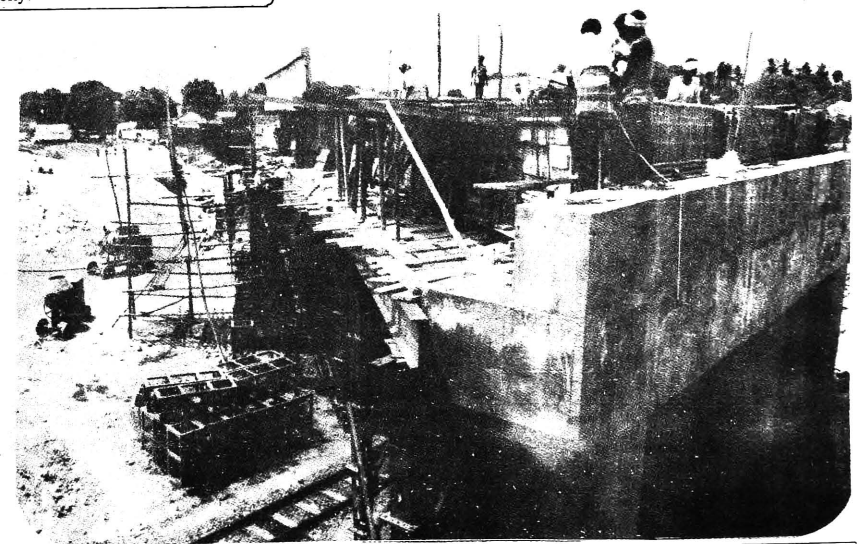
Renovation of Bell Tower at the Thanjavur Palace

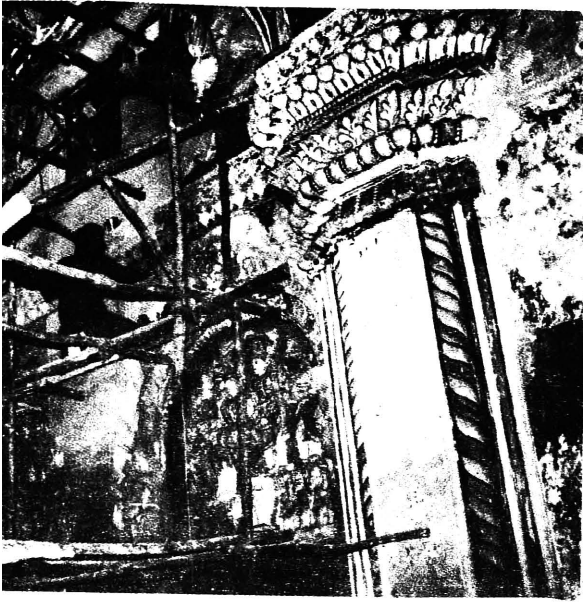
The Archaeological Department is renovating the famous Bell Tower at the Thanjavur Palace with financial aid from Tamil Nadu Government.

EIGHTH WORLD TAMIL CONFERENCE

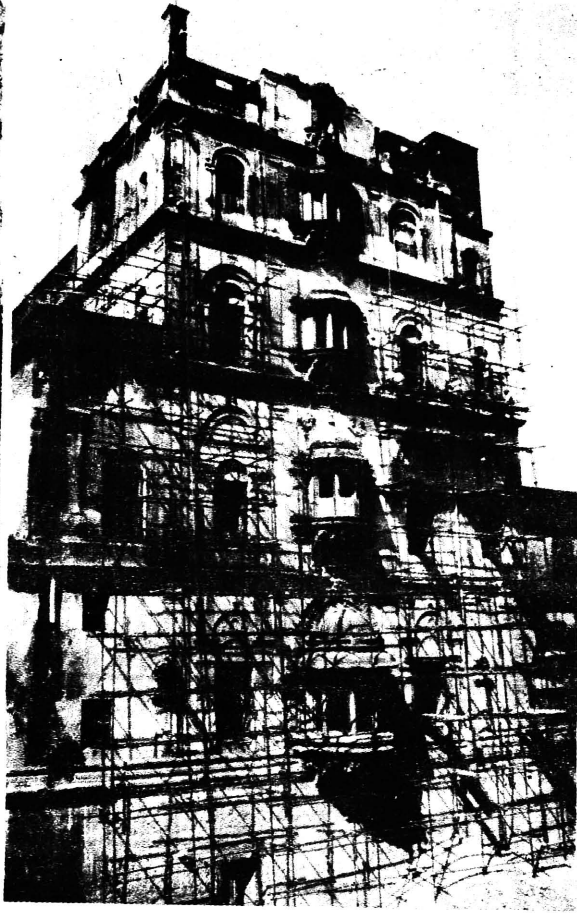
Widening of Rail over - bridge

The narrow rail over bridge at Thanjavur is being widened to enable easier flow of vehicular in Thanjavur city.





On the eve of the VIII World Tamil Conference, efforts are on to protect and preserve the classical paintings adorning the Maratta Durbar Hall in Thanjavur palace.



The Sharjah Tower at the campus of Thanjavur Palace is receiving a face lift.

Houses to host delegates to the forthcoming VIII World Tamil Conference at Thanjavur have been completed. A view of the self-contained houses.



THIRUKKURAL THE GUIDE TO MANKIND

Prof. Thirukkural¹G. Baskaran

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Besides Parimelazhakar who has been recognised as the best commentator on Thirukkural, the commentaries of Manakkudavar, Parippezumal, Parathar and Kaalingar are only now available. The commentary of Manakkudavar belonging to eleventh century is considered as the earliest.

It is difficult and delicate task to transfer the elegance, exquisite poetic beauty and rhythm to another language. Thirukkural has been translated into many major languages of the world. Many missionaries who visited India in the past to preach and propagate their religions studied Tamil, realised the importance of Thirukkural and translated it into their own languages. In the 18th Century the famous Fr. Beschi of Society of Jesus translated the first two parts into Latin language. Fr. Beschi commented that Thirukkural is beacon light to the whole world. Dr. C.U. Pope, Rev. W.H. Drew and Rev. John Lazarus translated Thirukkural into English. M. Aerial introduced Thirukkural to the world through French translation. Recently Thirukkural was translated into Korean.

The word "Thirukkural" comprises two important parts, Thiru and kural forming a single title. Each verse of Thirukkural is composed of a Kural Venba, the popular poetic form in Tamil prosody. Kural comprises two short lines.

The first line of kural venba is tetrametric and the second

line trimetric. Every couplet is pregnant with profound wisdom compressed and condensed in a simple and lucid form. The significance of the first and foremost term, ie. Thiru (திரு) is singular. Thiru in Tamil means excellent, beauty, wealth, etc. the appellation of Thiru to Kural of which the popular classic is composed bears an evidence to its uniqueness, reverence and honour shown to this immortal classic. Eventhough the ancient epic is generally and conventionally called "kural",



radical change in our approach is the crying need of the hour. To honour and respect Thirukkural, the prefix "Thiru" to kural is essentially preferred to express our esteem. It is earnestly requested and fervently appealed that whenever and wherever Thirukkural is to be referred during either a dialogue or discussion or speech or writing, usage of Kural without Thiru must be avoided.

The main aim of Thiruvalluvar is to provide mankind a wholesome life. He

is not confined to any single plan of programme and policy. The religion of Thiruvalluvar can be conceived to be the practice of virtue born out of love, and moulded by integrity, honesty and wisdom.

In the first two parts of Thirukkural, Thiruvalluvar plays the role of eminent philosopher, disciplinarian, political statesman, moralist and social reformer. In the third part of Thirukkural the author assumes the role of a creative artist, portrays the fascinating aspects of lovers. The poetical talents and imaginative skills of the author are excellantly and dramatically exhibited in Thirukkural. The innate desire of Thiruvalluvar is to encourage the society to achieve its goal of perfection and idealism.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the eminent German Philosopher admired Thirukkural and declared "There hardly exists in the literature of the whole world, a collection of maxims in which we find so much lofty wisdom".

Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of Nation observed, "It is a text book of indispensable authority on moral life. The maxims of Thiruvalluvar has touched my soul".

"Bestowing Thiruvalluvar to the whole world, Tamil Nadu has achieved the highest honour and gained eternal fame" - Thus Mahakavi Subramania Bharathi, the National poet has glorified the greatness of global gospel.



FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1994-95

**SPEECH OF
DR. V.R. NEDUNCHEZHIAN**
Hon'ble Minister for Finance

Speech of Dr. V. R. Nedunchezhiyan, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu, presenting the First Supplementary Estimates for the year 1994-95 to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on the 3rd November 1994.

Hon'ble Mr. Speaker Sir,

I rise to present the First Supplementary Estimates for the year 1994-95. A detailed statement explaining the demands for grants is placed on the Table of the House. The Supplementary demands placed before the House are in all for a sum of Rs. 494.15 Crores. Of this, a sum of Rs.251.72 Crores is in the Revenue Account and the balance amount of Rs. 242.43 Crores is in the Capital and Loan Accounts.

2. Certain items of urgent expenditure have had to be sanctioned out of the Contingency Fund after the presentation of the Budget for 1994-95. These Supplementary Estimates are mainly to recoup these amounts to the Contingency Fund. I shall briefly touch upon the important schemes and programmes that find place in these demands for grants.

3. In connection with the ensuing Eighth World Tamil Conference to be held at Thanjavur in January, 1995, an amount of Rs.33.84 Crores has been released so far from the Contingency Fund towards formation of new roads, bridges, memorial tower, provision of water supply, housing and other basic amenities. This includes a grant

of Rs.1.42 Crores to Tamil University, Thanjavur. This amount is included in the Supplementary Estimates in the relevant Demands.

4. The Government has constituted a State Election Commission in connection with the preparation of electoral rolls and conducting elections to local bodies including Panchayats for which a token provision has been included in the relevant demand for grant. The Government has also constituted a State Finance Commission for reviewing the finances of the Panchayats and to recommend the distribution of net proceeds of various taxes, duties, etc. to the Panchayats, etc. An amount of Rs.18.12 lakhs, tentatively required for meeting immediate preliminary expenses, is included in the Supplementary Estimates.

5. The Government has sanctioned the formation of the Coastal Security Group with necessary facilities for maintaining constant vigilance on the Tamil Nadu sea coast and the setting up of 'Highways Patrol Police Force' to prevent highway robberies and dacoities, etc. in Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs.8.84 Crores, which was released from the Contingency Fund to meet the expenditure initially, is included in the Supplementary Estimates under "Demand.15 - Police".

6. For the "Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha Ilangulanthaigal Irudaya Sikichai Thittam", a sum of Rs.25 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children in Madras. A token provision has been included in the Supplementary Estimates under "Demand 18 - Medical". The Government has also

sanctioned Rs.1 Crore as grant to the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University towards the construction of additional building. An amount of Rs.25 lakhs sanctioned initially from the Contingency Fund has been included in the Supplementary Estimates.

7. An additional amount of Rs.11.90 Crores is required towards payment of Production Incentive to Farmers in Cauvery Delta area for the paddy procured by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation upto 30.4.1993. This amount is included in the Supplementary Estimates. Sale of fertilizers at concessional prices with Central assistance was continued during Rabi, 1993-94 also. An amount of Rs.5.93 Crores has been released from the Contingency Fund to meet the expenditure on this scheme initially. This amount is included in the Supplementary Estimates.

8. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.5.88 Crores for implementing certain minor irrigation schemes under Massive Agricultural Production Programme this year. This has been met initially by an advance from the Contingency Fund and is included in the Supplementary Estimates.

9. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1 Crore for the creation of a Technology Development Fund for the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation for technology development and modernisation of small scale industries. The Government has written off a sum of Rs.17.50 Crores being the outstanding Ways and Means advance as on 31.3.1992 due from the Southern Structurals

Ltd. These amounts are included in the Supplementary Estimates.

10. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.51.82 lakhs as subsidy to the Madras Journalists' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. for the construction of flats for its members at Thiruvannamipur. The Government has also sanctioned Rs.1.50 Crores as State Government subsidy towards the scheme for Shelter Upgradation in Rural Areas (SHUPRA). These amounts are included in the Supplementary Estimates.

11. The Government has decided to undertake a study to update the Sethu Samudram Canal Project Report at a total cost of Rs.4 lakhs. A sum of Rs.2 lakhs has been sanctioned initially for which an advance has been drawn from the Contingency Fund and this amount is included in the Supplementary Estimates.

12. The Government has sanctioned a total sum of Rs.1 Crore as grants to clear arrears and to cover the operational expenses of the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board. This amount has been included in the Supplementary Estimates to recoup the advance already released from the Contingency Fund for the purpose.

13. The Government has decided to provide an additional amount of Rs.25 Crores to the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board by conversion of the Ways and Means advance released to it, a portion of which into a grant and another as a loan, towards implementing the World Bank-assisted Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Sanitation Project during 1994-95. These amounts are included in the

Supplementary Estimates under Demands "48 - Water Supply" and "61 - Loans and Advances by the State Government" respectively.

14. The Government has sanctioned equity contribution of Rs.1.00 Crore to the newly formed Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Madras. A sum of Rs.1.00 Crore has been released from the Contingency Fund initially for this assistance and is included in the Supplementary Estimates.

15. The Government has decided to convert a portion of the outstanding loans due to the Government from Tamil Nadu Electricity Board into equity. A sum of Rs.200 Crores has been provided for this purpose in the

Supplementary Estimates. The Government has also decided to adjust the outstanding Ways and Means advances, interest and loans due to Government from the Board against the arrear payment on tariff compensation subsidies payable to it to the tune of Rs.143.86 Crores, which is also included in the Supplementary Estimates.

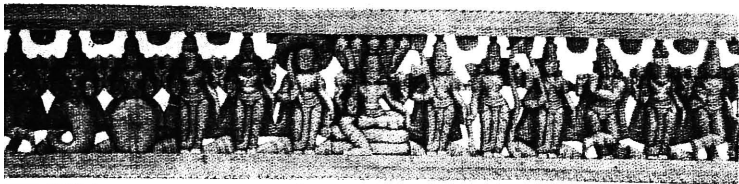
16. I have touched very briefly upon the important items of expenditure included in the Supplementary Estimates. The note placed before the House contains the full details on these and other items. With these words, Sir, I commend the First Supplementary Estimates for 1994-95 for the acceptance of the House.

Vanakkam

Producers, Directors and Artistes of the Telugu Film World met the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the Secretariat on 10.11.94. Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity, Thiru M. Thennavan was present on the occasion.



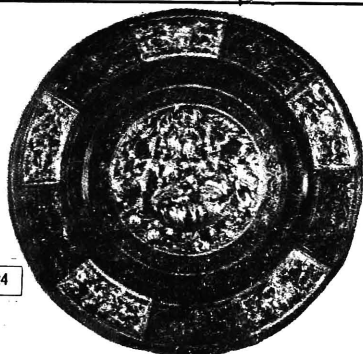
Poompuhar furthering craftsmanship



The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited popularly known as Poompuhar was established in 1973. This Corporation has 19 Show-rooms in Tamil Nadu and at New Delhi, Bangalore, Calcutta and Tirupathi. The Corporation also has 9 Production Units in Tamil Nadu manufacturing art objects in Bronze, sandal wood, jungle wood, teak wood, granite stone, brass, bell metal, sheet metal art plates, etc.

The main crafts dealt by the Corporation are Bronze icons, brass lamps, brass sheet metal works, Tanjore artplates, wood carvings, picture paintings, batik, kalamkari paintings, rose wood, sandal wood carvings, granite stone, soap stone carvings, papier machie, leather, jewellery and many more.

The Corporation has executed many special orders for temples in and outside Tamil Nadu. Temple requirements like temple chariots (Gold and Silver) Vahanams, brass ornamental grills, bells etc.



ENCOFED SUSTAINING AGRO ECONOMY BY TRAINING

Tamil Nadu plays a pioneering role in organising and operating Agro Engineering & Service Co-operative Centres in the Co-operative sector. The objectives of this organisation are to provide a package of Agricultural Engineering and other services to the farmers while generating employment potential for young and unemployed Engineers as well as technically skilled workers. The pattern of set up of the Agro Engineering & Service Co-operative Societies is as follows:

- ★ State Level Agro Engineering & Service Co-op. Federation Ltd;
- ★ 19 Societies working as District Co-op. Agro Service Societies with large turn over.
- ★ 187 Block Level Agro Engineering & Service Co-op. Centres.

ACTIVITIES OF ENCOFED

Road Roller Hiring

The Federation has Six Road Rollers for hiring to the Panchayat Unions/Panchayats for laying of better roads. The Road Rollers have earned average of Rs.2.25 lakhs in a year from 1982- 83 onwards. In 1993-94 Road Rollers have earned hiring income of Rs.4.98 lakhs.

Sinking of borewells under TWAD Board Scheme

During the year 1993-94 about 97 Nos. of borewells have been drilled at, a total value of Rs.10 lakhs for TWAD and for District Collectors under various schemes.

Hiring out of Tractors to Madras Corporation

The tractors of the affiliates were

hired out to Madras Corporation for the removal of garbage during the year 1993-94 and earned hiring income of Rs.99.49 lakhs.

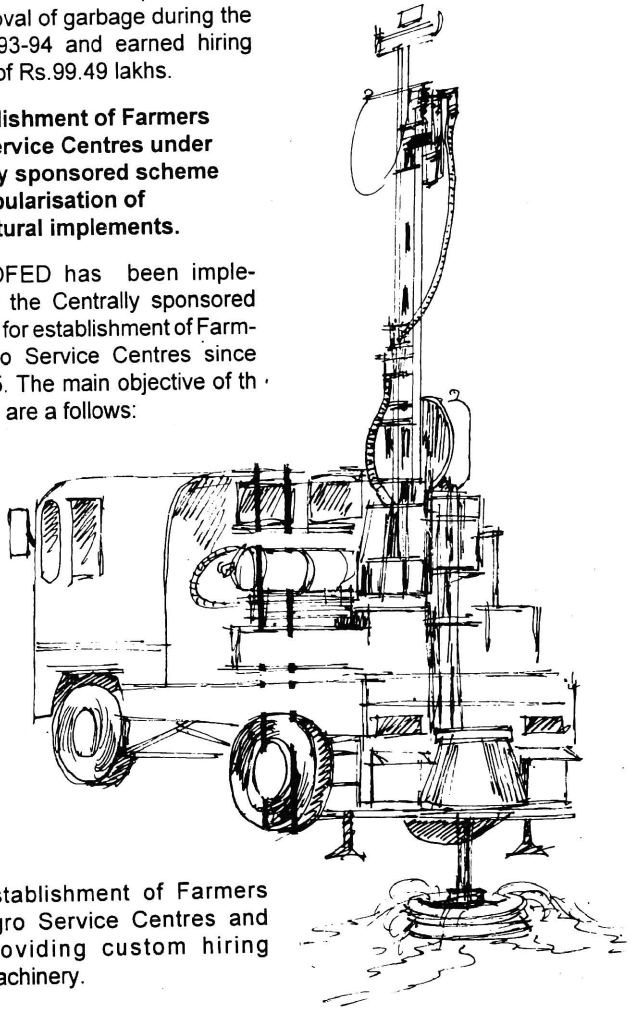
I. Establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres under centrally sponsored scheme and popularisation of Agricultural implements.

ENCOFED has been implementing the Centrally sponsored scheme for establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres since 1984-85. The main objective of the scheme are a follows:

- ★ Establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres and providing custom hiring machinery.
- ★ Conducting demonstrations with improved agricultural implements and hand tools;
- ★ Popularising the improved agricultural implements and hand tools at subsidised rates to the farmers.

For the first two years i.e. 1984-85 and 1985-86, Government has allowed 25% subsidy to small farmers 33 1/3% to the Marginal Farmers and 50% to the SC/ST

farmers. Subsequently, in the year 1986-87, Government has changed their pattern and in the revised pattern, 50% subsidy is allowed to all farmers of the above category. During all these five years the scheme was successfully implemented. During the year 1992-93, seven new District Level Agro Service Societies have been formed in the newly formed districts at an outlay of Rs.21 lakhs.



II AFFILIATES

BLOCK LEVEL AGRO ENGINEERING AND SERVICE CO-OP CENTRES

Under Half-a-Million Jobs Programme, 155 Block level Centres are functioning with the financial assistance of Rs.110 lakhs given by the Government of India. Under the centrally sponsored schemes Farmers Agro Service Centres were started. These 187 centres continued to cater to the needs of the farming community by way of supply of Agricultural inputs, like improved seeds fertilizers, pesticides, diesel/oil engines, power sprayers, agricultural implements and spare parts of agricultural machinery etc., They provide facilities for servicing and repairing of the farm machinery, decides continuing custom hiring of tractors, sprayers, etc.,

The main stay of the block level Agro Engineering and Service Co-op. Centres has been the trading in agricultural inputs and custom hiring services. During the year 1993-94, Encofed affiliates have done trading of various agricultural inputs worth Rs. 1599.58 lakhs.

The total income by way of custom hiring of agricultural machinery by the affiliated Block Level Agro Engineering and Service Co-op. Centres and District Societies earned during the year 1993-94 amounts to Rs.125.14 lakhs.

DISTRICT CO-OP. AGRO SERVICE SOCIETIES

The 19 District Level Agro Engineering & Service Co-op Societies affiliated to the Federation continued to serve the farming community with custom hiring, servicing of agricultural machinery and trading of agricultural inputs, besides other services such as construction of roof frames, laying of A.C. Sheets to Industrial Weavers Co-



op. societies, Sugar Corporation Buildings.

The existing Block Level Agro Engineering & Service Centres at Coonoor, Erode, Nagercoil, Pattukottai, Tiruvarankulam and Hosur were upgraded. In addition to the above, the following centres have also been upgraded during the year 1993-94:

1. Ellapuram
2. Cheyyar
3. Manargudi
4. Kuttalam
5. Kallakuruchi
6. Mailam
7. Vridhachalam
8. Melbhuvanagiri
9. Kadayampatti
10. Vadamadurai
11. Thondamuthur
12. Gobichettipalayam
13. Sathyamangalam
14. Palani
15. Dharapuram
16. Tirupathur
17. Namakkal.

During the year 1991-92 under centrally sponsored scheme Rs.21 lakhs was spent to establish Seven District Level Agro Engg. Service Societies in the following districts.

1. Tiruvannamalai Sambuvarayar District.
2. Nagai Quaid-e-Milleth District.
3. Dindigul-Anna District.
4. Kamarajar District.
5. V.O.C. District.
6. Kanyakumari District.
7. Periyar District.

The above District Level Co-op Agro Service Societies have been registered during the year 1992-93 and funds have also been released to the societies.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

PART II SCHEME FOR THE YEAR 1993-94

The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.5 lakhs to ENCOFED for providing workshop machinery to 10 Block Level Agro Service Centres, at the rate of Rs.50,000 each. ENCOFED has selected the 10 centres and workshop machinery have been supplied to the affiliates of ENCOFED.

DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILIZERS ON CONCESSION

The Government has sanctioned Rs.78.82 lakhs to the Federation towards concession for fertilizer sales to the farmers. The had done business to the tune of Rs. 237 lakhs and utilised the concession amount of Rs.23.07 lakhs as on 31.3.94.

DISTRIBUTION OF POWER SPRAYERS AT 50% SUBSIDY:

A subsidy of Rs.340 lakhs was sanctioned for the supply of 20,000 Nos. of Power sprayers during 1993-94. Encofed has fully utilised the subsidy of Rs.340 lakhs by distributing 16,684 nos. of power sprayers to small and marginal farmers. The shortfall in physical target is due to increase in the rates of power sprayers.

DISTRIBUTION OF TAURPAULIN/STORAGE BINS UNDER SUBSIDY SCHEMES

Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.2 crores for distribution of 20,000 Nos. of storagebins/tarpaulins at 50% of subsidy to maximum of Rs.1,000 per storagebins/tarpaulins to small and marginal farmers in all districts of Tamil

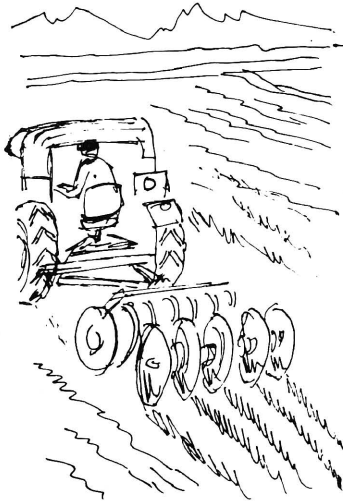
Nadu. So far Encofed has distributed 19,471 Nos of tarpaulins for subsidy of Rs.194.71 lakhs to the small and marginal farmers who were identified by the Agricultural Department Officers.

COCONUT SEEDLINGS PRESERVATION CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

During the year 1992-93 Government has sanctioned Rs.18.45 Lakhs for construction of 45 preservation cum sales centres for Coconut seedlings in selected Agricultural Extension Centres.

DISTRIBUTION OF TYRE CARTS ON SUBSIDY

The Agricultural Department has

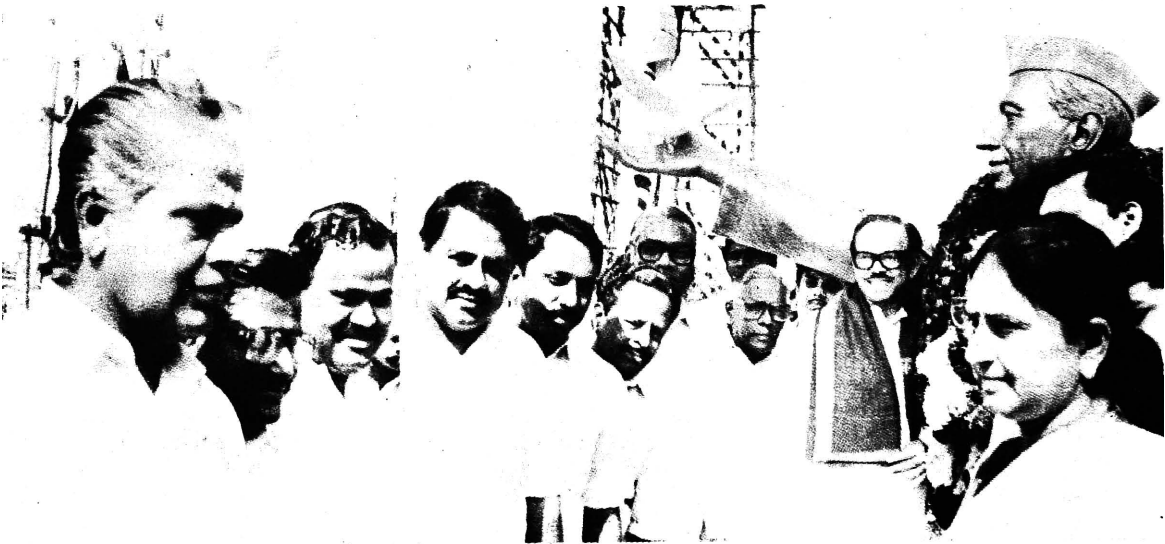


formulated a scheme for distribution of pneumatic Tyre carts for

supply to the small and marginal farmers at 50% subsidy rate. The total subsidy cost of the scheme is Rs.337.50 lakhs. Encofed has distributed 4,504 Nos. of tyre carts under subsidy rate of Rs.7,500 per cart to small and marginal farmers through our affiliates for Rs.332.509 lakhs. The distribution of balance carts is under progress.

DISTRIBUTION OF PETROMAX LIGHT TRAPS WITH 50% SUBSIDY

Encofed has been entrusted the work of distribution of Petromax light traps to 20,000 beneficiaries to small and marginal farmers at 50% subsidy for value of Rs.50,000. The scheme is being implemented.



On the occasion of the 106th Birthday Celebrations of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Hon'ble Ministers garlanded the statue of Nehru on Kathipara Junction on 14.11.94.



TAMIL NADU CELEBRATES CO-OPERATIVE WEEK

THE BLUE REVOLUTION IN TAMIL NADU

FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

Fisheries play a vital role in generating rural employment, augmenting protein rich food production and in earning valuable foreign exchange. Tamil Nadu has a coastline of over 1000 kms. There is ample scope for development of marine fisheries along the entire coast line of the State with a continental shelf area of 41,412 sq.kms. Inland water spreads like major reservoirs, tanks, ponds, brackishwater estuaries, etc. account for 3.71 lakh hectares which are suitable for fish production. The population of Marine fishermen is about 5.22 lakhs. Out of this about 2.26 lakh marine fishermen are actively engaged in fishing. 41,500 fishermen are engaged in Inland Fishing.

In order to improve the socio-economic condition of fishermen and generate employment opportunities in rural areas, the state Government has been implementing various schemes for increasing fish production both Marine and Inland. There was a significant increase in fish production during the year 1992-93 when a production of 4.20 lakh tons was achieved. In 1993-94, 4.25 lakh tons was reached and during 1994-95 the production is expected at 4.51 lakh tons.

Marine Fishery

At present about 7,195 mechanised and motorised fishing crafts and 24,367 non-mechanised traditional crafts are engaged in marine fisheries along the Tamil Nadu coast.

Fishermen Co-operatives

Fishermen Co-operatives continue to play a vital role in the socio-economic development of fishermen. These Co-operatives extend credit facilities to fishermen, undertake distribution of fishing gear and equipment as well as in the marketing of their catch. Some of them are engaged in distribution of essential commodities. At present, 721 registered Fisheries Co-operative Societies with one Apex Co-operative Fisheries Federation have a membership of 2,67,309. The State Government extends financial assistance by way of share capital assistance to Fisheries Co-operatives. The share capital assistance is to enable the Fisheries Co-operative Societies, to increase their borrowing capacity of availing loan assistance from banks.

A new scheme, for the development of marine Fisheries in coastal area, has

been evolved with the assistance of National Co-operative Development Corporation. The integrated marine fisheries development project envisages the supply of fishing nets, gears, insulated boxes for storing fish, outboard motors, etc. The scheme will enhance fish production, ensure larger share of marketing value of fish to the producer, improve the living conditions of fishermen and promote habits of savings and thrift among the fishermen. The scheme is being implemented in five coastal districts of Chengai-MGR, Thanjavur, Quaid-e-Milleth, Ramanathapuram, Chidambaranar and Kanniyakumari through Fishermen Co-operatives. The total number of beneficiaries will be 6,050 fishermen. The total project cost will be Rs.1,588.20 lakhs. The project will be implemented through the Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation. The NCDP would provide Rs.1,449.67 lakh as loan and Rs.67.44 lakh as subsidy to the Government and Government in turn will provide Rs.786.66 lakh as loan, Rs.458.38 lakh as share capital and Rs.343.16 lakh as subsidy to the Apex Federation and the Apex Federation will pass on the assistance to the primary societies. Initially the Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.362.42 lakh as ways and means

advance for implementing the project. The project is being implemented from 1992-93 for a period of 5 years. For implementing this project during the 2nd year of the project period, the Government likely to sanction Rs.301.89 lakh as assistance. The IMFDP is to be extended to other marine districts in the IIInd Phase of the Project. IIInd Phase Project proposals at an estimated cost of Rs.48 crore is under examination of the Government.

Fishermen Co-operatives

88 Fishermen Co-operatives are functioning and their main activities are generating credit for marketing of fish, handicrafts, training, distribution of essential commodities through fair price shop, provision of job opportunities etc. During the year 1992-93 Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.10 lakhs for the supply of 30,000 bamboo baskets to the fisherwomen members of the 88 fisherwomen Co-operative societies.

During 1991-92 the Government took a policy decision to extend share capital assistance to Fishermen Co-operative Societies so as to relieve the poor fishermen from the clutches of middlemen and to enable them reap the maximum benefit from their landings. Under this scheme, Fishermen Co-operative Societies are assisted by paying a sum of Rs.1 lakh as share capital assistance so as to supply the crafts and tackles to the fishermen. For 1993-94, ten more societies were selected and extended the share capital assistance to the tune of Rs.50,000 per society. For this purpose a sum of Rs.5 lakh was provided.

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Fish Marketing Co-operative Societies ... 17

Fishermen Co-operative Societies ... 88

Half-a-million job Boat Building Co-operative Society ... 1

Tamil Nadu State Apex Fisheries Co-operative Federation ... 1

Total number of Co-operatives... 721

Number of Members - Marine ... 1,93,530

Number of Members - Inland ... 41,533

Number of fisherwomen ... 32,246

Total ... 2,67,309





TAMIL NADU CELEBRATES CO-OPERATIVE WEEK

TNSC BANK FURTHERING GREEN REVOLUTION IN TAMIL NADU

The Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank Ltd., (TNSC Bank) was started in November 1905 and has completed 88 years of useful service to the Co-operatives in Tamil Nadu. The Bank has been playing a vital and significant role in the dispensation of agricultural credit, both short term and medium term and has contributed in a big way to the "Green Revolution" in the State. It has also contributed to a greater extent to the progress of the Co-operative Sugar Mills and Co-operative Spinning Mills by providing working capital refinance. The role of the Apex Bank in the service of the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and Co-optex is significant. Similarly, the Apex Bank has been playing a major role by providing refinance facility for the successful running of the Public Distribution System in the State.

SHARE CAPITAL

The Authorised Share Capital of the Bank is Rs.25 Crores. The Share Capital of the Bank as on 31.8.1994 is Rs.11.33 Crores, as against Rs.5.83 Crores as on 31.8.1993. The Government of Tamil Nadu have contributed a sum of Rs. 1.26 Crores in the Share Capital of the Bank.

DEPOSITS:

The deposits of the Bank as on 31.8.1994 stood at Rs.700.50

Crores as against Rs.571.47 Crores as on 31.8.1993. The increase in deposits amounted to Rs.129.03 Crores registering a growth of 22.58%.

BORROWINGS:

The Borrowings of the Apex Bank stood at Rs.390.99 Crores as on 31.8.1994.

The NABARD has sanctioned the following limits for the year 1994- 95.

- ★ A sum of Rs.258.40 Crores for Seasonal Agricultural Operations.
- ★ A sum of Rs. 170.01 Crores for financing Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies (PWCS).
- ★ A sum of Rs. 109 crores for financing the Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society (Co-optex) for procurement of handloom and powerloom cloth and trading in yarn.
- ★ A sum of Rs.24 Crores against pledge of securities for Short Term Seasonal Agricultural Operations.

The NABARD is also providing necessary guidelines and assistance to the SCB/CCBs in formulating various schemes in addition to providing financial

assistance for implementation of various programmes like IRDP/ MAP/BIO-GAS Development Programme etc. The borrowings from the NABARD under the schematic lendings amounted to Rs.56.99 Crores as on 31.8.1994.

The National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) has come forward with a scheme to improve the storage capacity in Tamil Nadu under World Bank Storage Project III Assistance. The Apex Bank has been identified as an implementing agency. The TANFED, CO-OPTEX, SAGO-SERVE, INCOSERVE, various Co-operative Spinning Mills/Sugar Mills besides 134 PACBs were benefited by the assistance. The borrowings from NCDC as on 31.8.1994 was Rs.9.62 Crores.

The Apex Bank is availing refinance for construction of hospitals, hotels, nursing homes etc., from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). The advances made to the Small Road Transport Operators through the CCBs and Urban Banks are also refinanced by the SIDBI. For the year 1994-95, SIDBI has sanctioned a limit of Rs.5.25 Crores and the outstanding borrowings as on 31.8.1994 was Rs.6.21 Crores which includes the amount of borrowings relating to previous years also.

WORKING CAPITAL:

The Working Capital of the Bank increased to Rs. 1269.58 Crores as on 31.8.1994 as against Rs. 1062.78 Crores on 31.8.1993.

AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEBT RELIEF SCHEME 1990:

The Apex Bank submitted a total claim for Rs. 211.21 Crores under the scheme on behalf of the DCCBs in the State to NABARD, out of which the NABARD has released Rs. 199.04 Crores to the Apex Bank.

NON-RESIDENT INDIAN ACCOUNTS:

With a view to mobilise deposits from the Non-Resident Indians and to extend Banking facilities, the Bank had obtained licence from the RBI to introduce Non-Resident (Ordinary) Account and Non-Resident (External) Account. This scheme has been introduced in 6 select Branches in the first phase.

AFFILIATES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

★ The Bank is providing 50% subsidy to PACBs selected in Intensive Development Programme for putting up of Modern Banking Counters and provision of furniture and fittings. The total subsidy provided by the Bank amounted to Rs. 42.44 lakhs benefitting 784 PACBs upto 31.8.1994.

★ The Bank has supplied vehicles to all the DCCBs to enable them to make use of the same for effective collections at a cost of Rs. 41 lakhs, during the year 1992-93.

★ The Bank has supplied 150 Jewel Safes to 150 PACBs to enable them diversify their activities at a cost of Rs. 60 lakhs.

The Bank has provided Computers & Printers, Air-Conditioners, UPS etc. to all the DCCBs to computerise their operations at a total cost of Rs. 32 lakhs.

★ The Bank has supplied Electronic Photo Copier to all the CCBs at a total cost of Rs. 20.07 lakhs for the year 1992-93.

★ The Bank is paying the premium towards the corpus fund for the deposits mobilised by the PACBs from the year 1991-92. The total premium paid by the Apex Bank upto 31.8.1994 aggregated to Rs. 16.58 lakhs.

★ The Bank has supplied to all the DCCBs, vehicles at a cost of Rs. 49.97 during the year 1993-94.

CREATION OF PRIMARY CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUND:

In order to strengthen the Primary Co-operatives in the State "Primary Co-operatives Development Fund" has been created at the Apex Bank level. The Apex Bank and DCCBs are to contribute 5% of their net profit from the year 1990-91. The contributions received from the Apex Bank/DCCBs upto 31.8.1994 amounted to Rs. 325.71 lakhs.

During the year 1994-95, we are arranging supply of 200 Jewel Safes to 200 PACBs in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 92.37 lakhs.

BRANCHES:

The Bank is catering to the needs of the public in Madras through its network of 38 Branches situated in and around the city. There is a proposal to open two more branches shortly.

PROFIT:

The Bank earned a NET PROFIT of Rs. 8.10 crores for the year

1993-94, as against Rs. 15.39 Crores for 1992-93.

BEST PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

The National Federation of State Co-operative Banks Ltd., (NAFSCOB) has instituted a scheme of performance awards to Apex Banks since 1982-83. The Awards for the year 1990-91 have been finalised by the NAFSCOB and the Bank has been awarded the second prize for overall performance.

It may be that the Bank has been getting as Award from the NAFSCOB continuously from 1985-86 as detailed below:

1985-86 THIRD PRIZE for Overall Performance

1986-87 SECOND PRIZE for Overall Performance

1987-88 THIRD PRIZE for Overall Performance

1988-89 SECOND PRIZE for Overall Performance

1989-90 SPECIAL AWARD for the outstanding performance under "SOCIAL GOALS DEVELOPMENT"

1990-91 SECOND PRIZE for Overall Performance

In order to create a healthy competition among the Central Co-operative Banks, it was decided to institute Best Performance Awards from the year 1990-91 onwards. A committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government of Co-operation, Food & Consumer Protection Department, was constituted to select the best Central Co-operative Banks. In order to facilitate the selection, the Committee fixed various parameters and broadly divided the parameters into three major groups as follows:

GROUP-A Operational Efficiency

GROUP-B Business Goals Development

GROUP-C Social Goals Development.

The Committee has further decided to award one award for Overall Performance and three special awards for the best performance under each Group.

The Bank is proud to have its own Training Institute and the same has started functioning from November 1992. The Institute has so far conducted 35 training programmes for the benefit of the Staff of the PACBs, 4 training programmes for the benefit of the staff of the CCBs, 5 training programmes for the benefit of the staff of the CUBs and orientation courses for the staff of the Apex Bank. By the end of August 1994, since its inception in November 1991, the Institute was provided training to 3787 personnel of the Co-operative Banks in Tamil Nadu.

DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN:

The TNSC Bank is financially very sound and has already

attained sustainable viability as per the yardsticks of NABARD. There are 20 DCCBs in the State. Except Dharmapuri and Kanyakumari DCCBs, the remaining 18 DCCBs are working on profit as per the final audit report for the year 1992-93. The Apex Bank is taking necessary steps for making these two CCBs also viable at the shortest possible period. There are 4583 PACBs in Tamil Nadu including FSS and LAMPS, of which as per the final audit report for the year 1991-92, only 421 PACBs are working in profit.

At the instance of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the Bank advised all the CCBs

including Madras CCB to prepare "Development Action Plan" for the next five years in the format given by the NABARD. The CCBs were further advised to prepare the Development Action Plan (DAP) on BOTTOM-UP basis, i.e. taking into account the ground level realities such as the deposit potential, advances, recovery etc., of the PACBs, PWCS, Consumer Stores, Marketing Societies, Co-operative Spinning Mills, Co-operative Sugar Mills, Employees Societies and other types of Societies and give the projections for the growth of the CCBs and primary level institutions for five years commencing from 1994-95 and ending with 1998-99.

The performance awards for the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 have been awarded to the following CCBs:

	1990-91	1991-92
1. Overall Performance	SOUTH ARCOT	DINDIGUL ANNA
2. Operational Efficiency	SALEM	TIRUCHIRAPALLI
3. Business Goals Development	KANYAKUMARI	KUMBAKONAM
4. Social Goals Development	THANJAVUR	TIRUNELVELI

CO-OPTEX - THE LARGEST STATE HANDLOOM ORGANISATION IN THE COUNTRY

The Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Limited popularly known as "Co-optex" was established in 1935 with the main object of organising and promoting handloom Co-operatives in Tamil Nadu on a commercial basis.

Co-optex has an impressive track record as the largest State Handloom Organisation in the country with a turnover of over Rs.275 crores effected through 434 showrooms selling as many as 450 products. Co-optex procures from about a thousand five hundred co-operative societies registered with it in Tamil

Nadu. All the products are hand woven by the skilled weavers of Tamil Nadu.

Co-optex sells fabrics made out of pure silk, cotton, polyester, viscose and its blends both woven as well as printed. Co-optex sells silk sarees made out of pure silk and pure zari. These sarees are made by the weavers in Kancheepuram, Kumbakonam, Arii and Salem. The other products offered are Menswear, Sarees, Furnishings, Home Linen, Bedspreads and high textured export fabrics from coarse to super-fine variety.



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Royal purples...
daring reds...
bright yellows...
exquisite silks
in almost every
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