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# CHIEF MINISTER'S POLICE MEDALS PRESENTED



**H**on'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha presented the Chief Minister's Medals, Merit Certificates for distinguished services to personnel of the Police, Jail, Homeguards and Fire Services at a grand function held at Coimbatore on 8th October, 1995.

The Chief Minister in her address said her Government started implementing various schemes to modernise the Police Force and at the sametime took efforts to convert it into humanitarian force. The Government during the last four years had spent crores of rupees for

modernising the Police. The Government had so far successfully implemented schemes like new recruitment of personnel, providing vehicles for police stations, purchase of mod-

ern arms and ammunitions, training in modern arms, installation of modern telecommunication systems, construction of office buildings, housing for police personnel and provided several





new concessions. She said, the Government was implementing various schemes for converting the State Police to be the best force in the country. Her Government had taken a lot of measures for the economic upliftment, providing of better service conditions and social security and a status in the society for the policemen, she added.

She cited few of the schemes which included sanctioning of medical aid of Rs. 33.5 lakhs to 93 police personnel and their families at one time; an additional amount of Rs. 1 lakh from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund paid to the families of Police personnel who lose their lives while discharging their duties, in addition to the usual financial

assistance; payment of Rs.2.5 lakhs paid to such families immediately, after the mishap. A medical scheme with an investment of Rs. 50 lakhs has been started and the income from the funds would be spent on providing financial aid to the Police personnel to get expensive and advanced treatment in private hospitals.

As per the announcement made in the Assembly, she said a scheme has been implemented for compulsory medical examinations of the Police personnel who had crossed 40 years of age. By an order dated 4.8.95, 1,700 personnel in the rank of Naik had been promoted as first stage constables and given revised payments, she added. She said the fund allocation for Police Depart-

ment has been enhanced from Rs. 236 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 420 crores for 1995-96.

The Chief Minister said the Tamil Nadu Policemen Housing Development Corporation that had been dissolved by the previous Government has been revived and 1000 houses were built for policemen every year by this Corporation. She said steps were being taken to create a Police City in Madras, having 3000 houses.

She said, a digital trunk radio system has been set up at a cost of Rs. 3 crores and orders had been passed for replacement of 384 vehicles which had been rendered unusable.

The Chief Minister said the Government has insti-

tuted for the first time in the Country, a 'Victims Assistance Fund' with Rs. 1 crore. This fund would be used for providing financial aid to those affected by crimes like murder, rape etc. She said she was aware that out of 1969 employees working in commissionerate of Police in Coimbatore, only 773 had found accomadation in the Government quarters and the rest faced the problems of living outside, paying high rent. She announced that houses would be constructed, in stages for all Police personnel in Coimbatore at an outlay of Rs. 20 crores.

The Chief Minister announced that memorials would be constructed to police personnels who had sacrificed their lives while discharging their duty, in order to glorify their sacrifice. As a first measure, a memorial at a cost of one lakh would be constructed at Sriperumbudur where nine Policemen lost their lives along with the former Prime Minister Thiru Rajiv Gandhi and another memorial costing Rs. 50,000 for the policemen and forest official who had lost their lives on 9.4.93, in the landmine blast during an operation to catch the sandalwood smuggler Veerappan.

The Chief Minister also announced that special res-

ervation of seats in professional Colleges from the coming academic year for the Anna Medal Winners, who have been awarded the Medals for the acts of dare devilry in saving others' lives. She said some of them who received Anna Medals sometimes had the misfortune of being disabled for life while saving others, lives. To help them for their future the Government had decided to reserve seats in professional Colleges.

The Chief Minister said a petition was submitted to her in the morning by retired police personnel living in Ganapathy Village, Coimbatore in which they had asked her that the stamp duty for registering their houses should be assessed on the date of purchase and not on the present market value. She said that those who had paid the full value fixed in 1986, when the property were allotted to them need not pay the additional stamp duty fixed on the present market value. She said orders would soon be issued directing the Housing Corporation to register them on the basis of their original cost. The concession offered by her would benefit 432 allottees each to the extent of Rs. 20,000 and this gesture and act again demonstrated that her Government extended assistance to

policemen even after their retirement, she added.

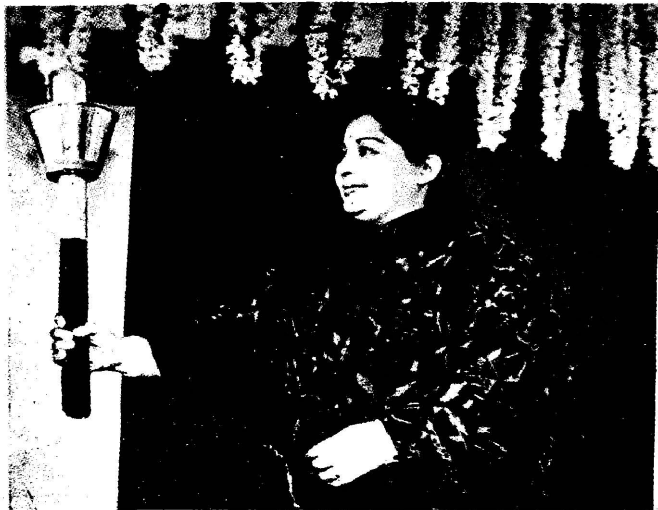
The Chief Minister said people had a lot of expectations from the Police and she asked them to rededicate themselves with renewed zeal in the task of preventing crimes and protecting the lives and properties of the public.

The Chief Minister congratulated Thiru Walter I. Dawaram, the Director Gen-



eral of Police, and other police officials for the excellent arrangements made for the function.

The function was presided over by the Director General of Police Thiru Walter I. Dawaram. Earlier the District Collector Thiru C.P. Singh welcomed the gathering. The venue was tastefully decorated and the entire town of Coimbatore wore a festive look.



## HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER FLAGS OFF VII SAF GAMES TORCH RUN

**H**on'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha inaugurated the 'Torch Run' of the forthcoming VII South Asian Federation Games at a glittering function held at the ramparts of Fort St. George on 28.10.95.

The Chief Minister received the torch brought from Dhaka, the venue of the VI SAF Games, from Thiru B. Sivanthi Adityan, President of the Indian Olympic Association. The Chief Minister lighted the torch and then handed it to Thiru. Gnanasekaran, former Asian Games Gold medalist and Selvi Rushmi Chakravarthy, a national ranked tennis player.

Earlier, the Chief Minister arrived at Fort St. George in ceremonial style. While 2000 school children lined on either side

of the road leading to the Fort, she was escorted by Madras city mounted police personnel. She was received by Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, Thiru S.D.Soma sundaram, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Thiru K. Ponnusamy and the Chief Secretary, Thiru N.Haribhaskar.

The torch at Fort St.George was taken on a relay run to the Madras Airport. Sports persons from SSG, Police and Army participated in the relay run. The torch was being taken to Bombay from where it will tour all the State capitals in the Country.

The VII SAF Games begins at Madras on Decemeber 18th. All the venues are being got readied for the big occasion.



**Mass Marriage of 1,100 Couples conducted**

**THE MASS MARRIAGE  
HAS CREATED A SENSE OF  
EQUALITY AMONG THE PEOPLE**

**- Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha,  
at the mass marriage of  
1,100 couples at Chidambaram on 26.10.95**

**T**he temple town of Chidambaram wherein Lord Nataraja is believed to have performed his cosmic dance was a witness to another historic and cosmic event on 26.10.95. In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha, 1,100 couples were united in wedlock.

All the couples entered into matrimony exactly at 11.24 a.m. when the Hon'ble Chief Minister asked the

grooms to tie the mangalsutra on the brides. The grand function was held at the Annamalai University Grounds.

Presiding over the mass wedding, the Hon'ble Chief



Minister recalled the spiritual greatness of Chidambaram and hailed it as the leading holyland that preserved the greatness of saivism.

The mass wedding; has earned the admiration of the whole county, she said. The married couples have won so many brothers, sisters and relatives overnight and so many hearts were present to greet them. It is not an exaggeration that the message universal fraternity and humanity in the lyric of poet Kaniyan Pongundranar has been proved true today, the Chief Minister observed.

The Chief Minister said that during the last four and half years, her Government had fulfilled the ambitions

and expectations of the people. So many new schemes have been implemented for the upliftment of SC, BC and other sections of the people, downtrodden and the weaker sections.

The Chief Minister was confident that by putting up 15 pandals, naming them after prominent leaders, distributing silk clothes uniformly to 1100 couples and giving them mangalsutras would create a sense of equality among the people. She congratulated the Ministers and party functionaries for their tireless work in accomplishing the task.

The Chief Minister appreciated Dr. M.A.M. Ramasamy, Pro-Chancellor of Annamalai University for providing the venue and

co-operating in organising the wedding. She asked the newly weds to rededicate themselves to the service of the people and to lead a good life. The marriage has proved the consciousness of her followers that service to people is service to God, she declared.

The Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah hailed the welfare programmes of the Chief Minister. Earlier the Hon'ble Minister for Housing Thiru S. Regupathy welcomed the gathering.

All the couples were presented with traditional lamps, utensils and essential articles that would enable to start their married life.



“ The progress of women is inextricably interwoven with that of children. We in Tamil Nadu have amply recognised this and have drawn up schemes that take care of female children right from birth, saving them from the age-old evil of infanticide and helping them to get all the benefits of health and education. We have sought to provide an economic insurance to female children by introducing a special scheme of financial assistance and securities that will provide proper and congenial conditions for the up-bringing of the girl child. ”

**Hon'ble Chief Minister**

**— Dr. J. Jayalalitha**



## TRULY WORLD CLASS SPORTS FACILITIES

The countdown begins to the grand sports occasion, the 7th South Indian Federation Sports, on 18th December at Madras, India. The ground works viz improving infrastructure and creating conducive

atmosphere to the great event etc. complete to stage the SAF. The great interest shown by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha, is really the vital force for all the connected activities of SAF at Madras.

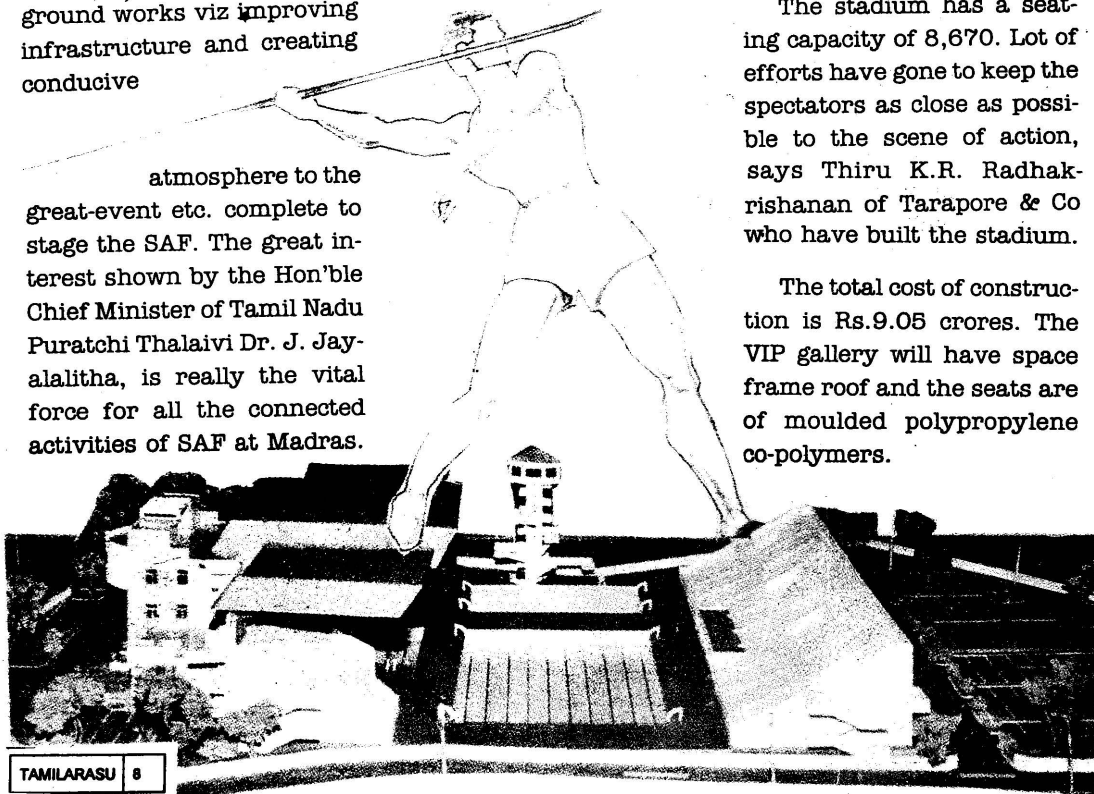
Virtually, Madras was lagging behind to organise such a big event without adequate venues of international standard. Hon'ble Dr. J. Jayalalitha, who is doing yeoman service to the development of sports in Tamil

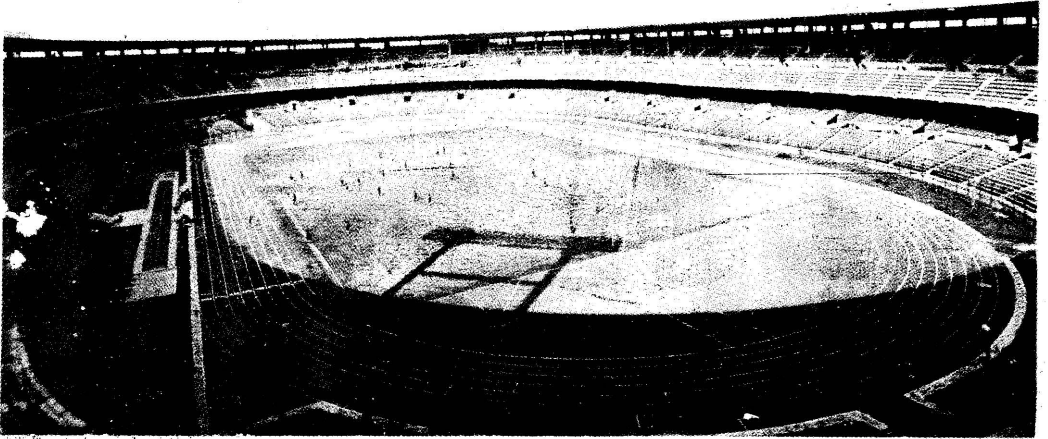
Nadu, has vowed to bring new stadia and allied facilities for the ensuing SAF, Madras and helped Madras benefit by a number of new stadia of international standards.

### **Hockey Stadium**

The stadium has a seating capacity of 8,670. Lot of efforts have gone to keep the spectators as close as possible to the scene of action, says Thiru K.R. Radhakrishnan of Tarapore & Co who have built the stadium.

The total cost of construction is Rs.9.05 crores. The VIP gallery will have space frame roof and the seats are of moulded polypropylene co-polymers.





The stadium boasts of two electronic score boards—one provided by Omega and the other by Meltron.

The playing field itself is astro-turf (second in South India after Bangalore to have such facility).

The turf (System-5) has been laid by Balsam and Company of Germany at a cost of Rs.1.2 crores.

The stadium also has all the other basic amenities like players changing rooms,

IHF room, dubbing and post production unit, dope testing room and physiotherapy room etc. all that abide to international standard.

#### **Aquatic complex**

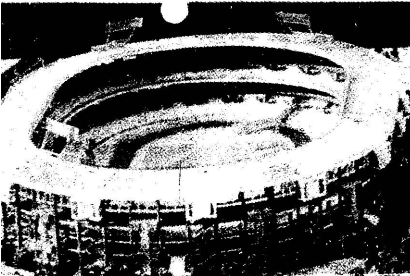
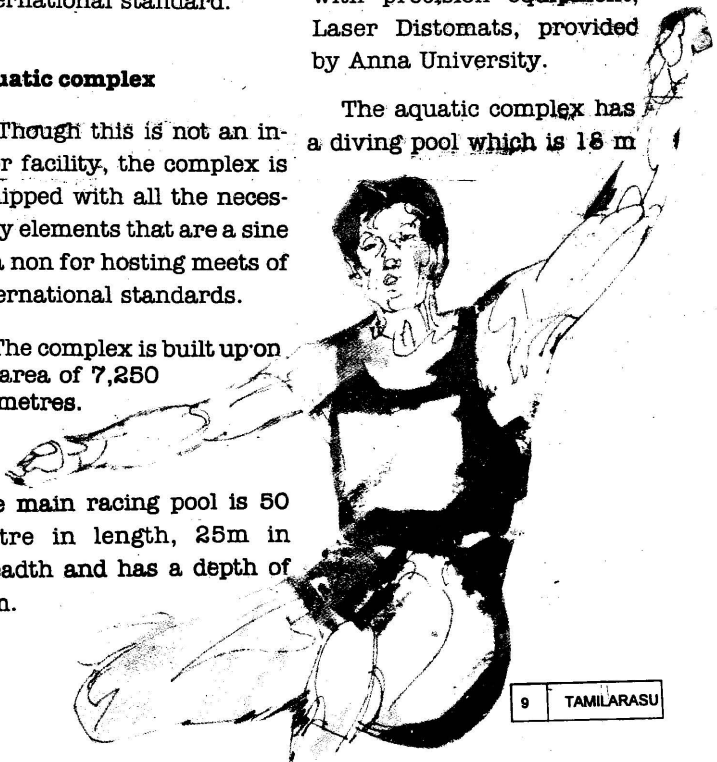
Though this is not an indoor facility, the complex is equipped with all the necessary elements that are a sine qua non for hosting meets of international standards.

The complex is built upon an area of 7,250 sq metres.

This measurement is in conformity with the requirements of such stadia. The racing pool has been tested with precision equipment, Laser Distomats, provided by Anna University.

The aquatic complex has a diving pool which is 18 m

The main racing pool is 50 metre in length, 25m in breadth and has a depth of 2 m.





x 25 m in size and 5.5 m deep. The warm up pool, partly covered, measures 25 m x 20 m x 2 m in volume.

The main racing pool has been provided with two underwater cameras.

The diving pool is also fitted with two such cameras. The diving structure itself has 1 m, 3 m, 5 m, 7.5 m and 10 m platforms and 1 m and 3 m springboards. These have been set up in consonance with FINA standards.

The water in the pools will be constantly 'rotated'. The pools have been fitted with two pumps-one of which will be used only for

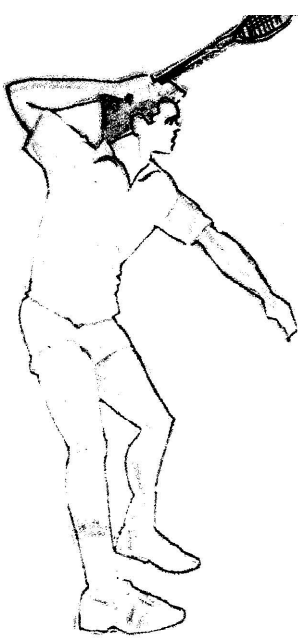
exigencies-to rotate the water with advanced filtration system. The total cost of construction (excluding seating arrangements) is around Rs.11 crores.

### Tennis Stadium

The one sporting facility, among all the other ones

The spectator capacity is 4000. The complex also has electronic score boards, water treatment plant, separate locker rooms for gents,





built for this SAF Games, that took the collective breath of the sports persons away was the tennis complex in the heart of the city at Nungambakkam.

The 7 court-6 courts plus one show court - is perhaps the best tennis complex in the country itself.

The octagonal shaped gallery in the main court is

certainly a highlight. It allows for unhindered view and the view angle from behind baseline is believed to be the best.

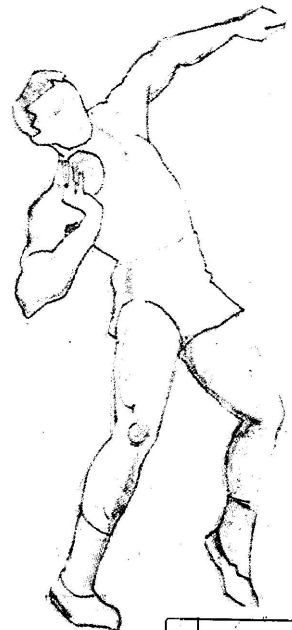
The synthetic surface is Decoturf-2-same as in US Open Championship.

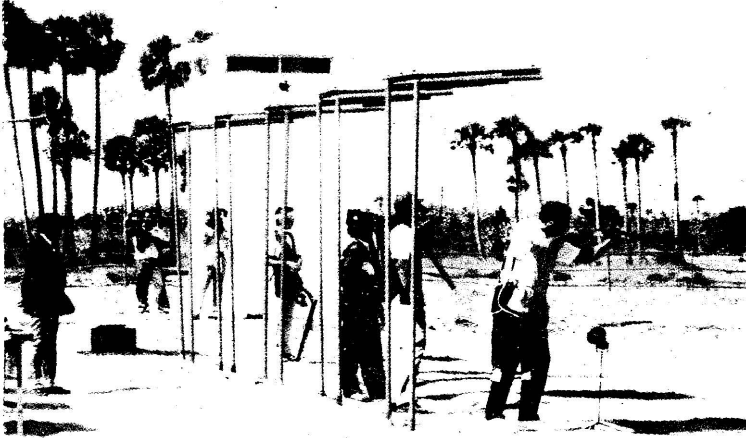
The complex, previously known as Corporation Stadium, also houses dormitories capable of accomodating around 50 persons and is expected to come handy dur-

ing training camps.

Explaining the salient features of the stadium, Prof.Narasimhan, international tennis umpire, said the show court would have two electronic scoreboards while the remaining six courts will have a common electronic scoreboard.

The capacity of the com-





plex is around 7000 (5000 in main court and 2000 in practice courts).

The stadium has incurred a cost of Rs.13 crores for construction. This facility will host 7 events during the games.

#### **Other stadia**

All the above the three stadia will be flood-lit. While the aquatic complex already has that facility, the hockey

and tennis stadia would be fitted with lights after the Games.

The main stadium of course is the magnificent Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, venue for opening and closing functions along with that for athletics and football.

A Rs.25 core fully air-conditioned stadium is getting ready on a war footing near the Nehru Stadium.

Shooting events are to be held at the Veerapuram range.

The judo competition will be held at IIT and the weight-lifting competitions are scheduled to be held at Kalai-vanar Arangam.

JJ Stadium at Kilpauk will play host to the basketball and volleyball matches.

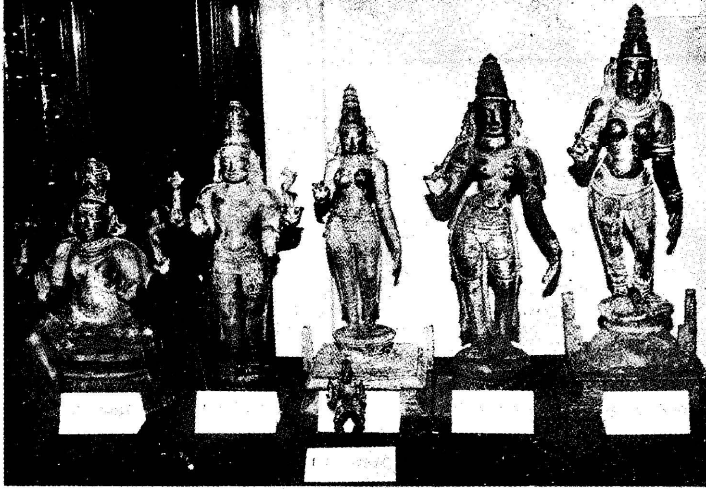
Table tennis is scheduled at the Montfort Stadium of Santhome Higher Secondary School.

The computerisation at all the venues has been taken up by the public sector Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC). They are using state-of-the-art technology to help in easy and speedy dissemination of results and other information.

The computers have been linked to the main control room at Nehru Stadium.

## **Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha Indoor Basketball Complex**

- \* Constructed at a cost of Rs.1.65 crores
- \* Located on an area of prime estate on New Avadi Road in Kilpauk.
- \* Has a seating capacity of 5,000
- \* Hi-tech wooden flooring on an area of 10,000 square feet to host international and national matches.
- \* A built in dormitory that can accommodate 100 sportspersons.
- \* Flood lighting arrangements.
- \* Flexible boards with baskets that can be moved.
- \* Two practice courts located behind the stadium.



## RARE ANTIQUE STATUES RECOVERED

Chief Minister rewards  
Tamil Nadu Police

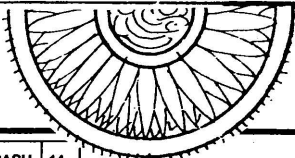
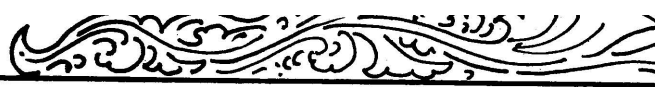
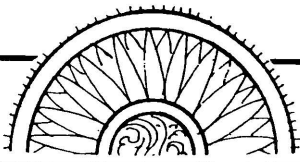
A statue of Skandar as well as the five panchaloka statues of Chandrasekarar, Yogashakthi Amman, Thani Amman, Sivakami Amman and Balaskandar belonging to the Chola period of 12th -

13th Century have been recovered by Tamil Nadu Police from a person belonging to a village near Virudachalam. These antique rare statues are considered invaluable.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the statues at the Secretariat recently. She also presented a cash prize of Rs.5,000 each to the ten men of the Tamil Nadu police force who masterminded the statues retrieval.



The "National Rededication Day" was held at Madras on 30.10.95, the day Late Prime Minister Tmt. Indira Gandhi attained martyrdom. Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity, Thiru M. Thennavan presided. Hon'ble Minister for Local Administration, Thiru T.M. Selvaganapathy delivered the special address. Thiru Karate V. Balasubramaniam, MLA, Thiru T. Shanmuga Rajeswaran IAS, Director of Information and Public Relations and Dr. Nirmala Thiagarajan, Principal, Queen Mary's College participated in the function.



## Bonus to TNEB employees

All those who are eligible for bonus will receive a bonus of 8.33 percent and a compassionate grant of 8.67 percent. The minimum compassionate grant would be Rs.1050. These generous decisions were taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to favour the employees of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, recently.

Officers and employees ineligible for bonus but who receive a monthly salary of below Rs.6,000, will receive Rs.2,500 as grant. And those with a salary of Rs.6,000 and above, will receive Rs.1,500 each.

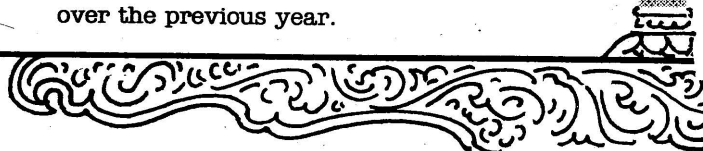
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## Bonus to employees of Forest Corporations

Arasu Rubber Corporation at Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation at Coonoor and Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporations at Tiruchi are the three Corporations under Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

16,386 employees and workers are employed by these Corporations. Hon'ble Chief Minister has granted 8.33 percent bonus to these employees and workers. While, the employees and workers of Arasu Rubber Corporation and TANTEA will receive an additional grant of Rs.1,075 each, the grant to those of Forest Plantation Corporations has been fixed at 8.67 percent.

A total sum of Rs.2.3 crores has been granted this year to the Forest Corporations, an increase more than Rs.31 lakhs over the previous year.







## MAHATMA GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The Tami Nadu Government celebrated the birthday of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi in a grand manner at a function held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Madras on 13.10.95.

Hon'ble Minister for food, Thiru E. Madhusudhanan unveiled a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, on the occasion. Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity, Thiru M. Thennavan presided over the function. Hon'ble Minister for Khadi,

Thiru P. Eswaramoorthy and Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Thiru C. Dhamodaran participated in the function and distributed prizes to students who had participated in various competitions.

The Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiru T. Shanmuga Rajeswaran IAS delivered the introductory address. Prof. Sarada Nambiarooran, Joint Director of School Education Thiru M. Rajaram, Tmt. Zeenat Sharfuddin, MLA

spoke on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi. The Director of Information and Public Relations presented mementos to the dignitaries of the function.

Earlier, the Deputy Director (Information) Thiru R. Bharathan welcomed the gathering. The Deputy Director (Publication), Thiru P. Karmegam proposed a vote of thanks.

A captivating cultural programme by school children was held at the conclusion of the function.



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# NEHRU- GREAT EMANCIPATOR OF THE HUMAN RACE

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—Dr. S. Radhakrishnan  
Former President of India

**J**awaharlal Nehru was one of the greatest figures of our generation, an outstanding statesman whose services to the cause of human freedom are unforgettable. As a fighter for freedom he was illustrious, as a maker of modern India his services were unparalleled. His life and work have had a profound influence on our mental make-up, social structure and intellectual development. It will be difficult to reconcile ourselves to the image of India without Nehru's active and all-pervasive leadership. An epoch in our country's history has come to a close.

As a man, Nehru combined a fine sensitivity of

mind, a rare delicacy of feeling, with large and generous impulses. To the weak and the frustrated his heart went out in profound sympathy.

Nehru held the office of the Prime Minister of our country ever since the dawn of independence; and in the long years of his premiership tried to put our country on a progressive, scientific, dynamic and non-communal basis. His steadfast loyalty to certain fundamental principles of liberalism give direction to our thought and life. We can understand the endless surprises of his attitudes and actions; all these fall into their place if we remember his faith in democracy and freedom. He used the existing social and political institutions and breathed into them a new spirit, a new vitality.

Nehru by his series of public utterances educated our people to an appreciation of the values he had cherished. He fought for a high level of human life and burnt his ideals into the understanding of the common people. By his own powerful and vibrant voice, which we will not hear any more be created, moulded, inspired and kindled a whole generation of Indians, to a loyalty to the five principles which he held so dear. It is not enough to have great ideals. We have to work for their achievement. Time is the essence of the situation and Nehru had a great regard for the sanctity of time. The pitiless exactions of time take no denial and so the great leader has fallen.

Though in a life of sheltered ease and comfort, he drew himself into the na-

tional struggle and became a greater leader second only to Gandhi. The part that he played in the national struggle and in the final settlement of the Indian question in 1947 is a part of recent Indian History.

Nehru realized even before the advent of freedom, that our economic re-generation, our progressive modern lives cannot be achieved unless there is concerted planning. After the transfer of power, as the Chairman of the Planning Commission it was he who gave dynamism and power to the various plans which are now being implemented.

The path of Nehru as a nation builder in the early years of India's freedom was beset with fantastic difficulties and formidable challenges. The partition of the country resulting in the exodus of millions of people from one part of the sub-continent to the other amidst scenes of appalling riots, loot and arson brought it its wake problems political and economic, which defied easy solution. We have outbreaks of communal violence here and there in our country even now. This must have seemed to Nehru a terrific disillusionment of his great work, inherited from Gandhi and developed by himself.



## Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctions bonus

- Rs. 10 crores to employees of Sugar Industry
- Rs. 28 crores to employees of TNEB
- Rs. 2.3 crores to employees of Forest Corporations

Nehru always had a conviction that India cannot be viewed in isolation from other States of the World. Even before the advent of freedom, he was pleading that the Indian question was a part of the large movement of the oppressed people, fighting against colonialism. He had a love of liberty, not merely for his own people but for all people of the World. He, therefore, expressed sympathy and support for all liberation movements in Africa, Asia and South America. He believed in the liberty of all without distinction of class, creed or country.

Nehru was a great believer in world peace and the concept of one world community. No one had shown greater faith and allegiance to the Charter of the United Nations than Nehru. He realised that in a thermo-nu-

clear age, war would mean the extinction of all civilised values. That is why he was convinced that the true role of a statesman in this distracted world lay in the way of lessening tensions and conflicts and bringing about a climate of understanding and mutual accommodation, with a view to settlement of international differences without resort to the horrors of war.

His courage, wisdom and personality has held this country together. It is these qualities which should be cherished, if we are to hold on. Our thoughts today go out to him as a great emancipator of the human race, one who has given all his life and energy to the freeing of men's minds from political bondage, economic slavery, social oppression and cultural stagnation.

# State exceeds target in loan disbursement

Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru C.P. Pattabhiraman said on 2.11.95 that the State Government was doing everything in its powers to conduct elections to Co-operatives in the State and to get the stay of Madras High Court to this connection vacated.

Speaking to mediapersons on 7.11.95 the Minister

the same, the person would have been approached and persuaded to withdraw his petition.

He referred to National Bank of Rural Development (NABARD) Chairman's praise for performance of the State Co-operatives in lending and recovery of loans. He said Chairman of NABARD Thiru Kottaiah had

and by dedicating each day to the better understanding and propagation of particular topic such as: "Regeneration of Co-operative values, Co-operative efficiency, marketing and processing, credit, saving and rural development, housing and Co-operative services, women Co-operatives and leadership".

## Tamil Nadu Celebrating Co-operative Week 14 to 20 November

refuted criticism by certain quarters that the State Government was afraid of holding Co-operative elections and asserted that the Tamil Nadu Government was making all out efforts to get the Madras High Court stay given in 1992 vacated. He said the stay was peculiar in legal history as it gave relief not only to the petitioner but also to all. He said the petitioner's political background was not known and if the Government was aware of

gone on records stating that though the Co-operatives in the State did not have elected representatives, their functioning was excellent. Also the Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Union had secured National Level Awards for its performance.

### Co-operative week

The Minister said Tamil Nadu is celebrating the 42nd All India Co-operative Week from 14 to 20 November with several programmes

### Loans

The following kinds of loans were issued for the past four years and three months to the agricultural members through Co-operatives:

Short term loan for Rs.1954.78 crores, medium term loan for Rs.224.90 crores, long term loan for Rs.401.34 crores and jewel loan for Rs.605.37 crores.

A novel system called

"Instant credit delivery system" (green cards) had been introduced in select Primary Agricultural Co-operative Banks and 3 lakh cards have been issued to agriculturalists. Under this system, Rs.586.87 crores of loans have been issued. During the current financial year, it is proposed to enhance the issue of green cards by 20 percent and issue loans to agriculturists.

Short term and medium term loans to the tune of Rs.1439.96 crores has been issued to weaker sections.

It is also proposed to issue 70 percent of loans to weaker sections during the year 1995-96.

Short term and medium term loans to the tune of Rs.248.99 crores have been issued to facilitate SCs. Also a long term loan of Rs.19.12 crores has been granted.

In order to enrol one scheduled caste person in a family in the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Banks to make them avail short-term and medium-term loans for practicing subsidiary occupation, an interest free advance of Rs.100 for each has been sanctioned. Under this scheme, 40,000 Scheduled Caste members have been admitted into the Primary Agricultural Co-op-



erative Banks. Apart from this, 8017 Scheduled Caste members have been given interest free loan of Rs.500 each to subscribe to the share capital in Co-operative Urban Banks.

Need based small loans to petty traders have been issued to the tune of Rs.22.98 crores through Central Co-operative Banks to 1.02 lakh persons. Similarly 50,000 women members have been assisted to the tune of Rs.8.27 crores.

From the financial year onwards, this loan of Rs.750 is enhanced to Rs.1500.

Petty trade loans, under Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Petty Trade Loans Scheme, a sum of Rs.260.18 crores has been issued to 5,67,103 persons. Out of this loan 50 percent has been given to women. During the current year, the quantum of loan of Rs.750 has been enhanced to Rs.1500. During the current year, it is proposed to issue loans to

two lakh persons.

Non-farm sector and other loans to the tune of Rs.2270.81 crores and jewel loans to the tune of Rs.1637.26 crores have been issued through urban co-operative banks.

The Primary Land Development Banks are also issuing jewel loans from the year 1994-95 onwards. During the year 1994, a sum of Rs.22.48 crores has been issued. It is proposed to issue jewel loans to the tune of Rs.60 crores during 1995-96, as against this target, a sum of Rs.20.19 crores has been issued upto October 30, 1995.

### **Women Banking Branches**

Out of 22 Central Co-operative Banks Women Branches numbering 25 have been started. On behalf of Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Bank one women branch has been started. It is proposed to start 12 more women branches during the current year.

### **Fair Price Shops**

Through 20,960 Co-operative fair price shops running in Tamil Nadu, essential commodities worth of Rs.4157 crores has been issued to 1.37 crore card holders. Apart from raising the salaries of salesmen of fair



### Sale of agricultural produces

Agricultural produces are being sold at reasonable prices and at the same time profitably to the benefit of the agricultural members. Agricultural produces worth of Rs.2170.55 crores has been sold for the past four years. Likewise inputs worth of Rs.896.85 crores has also been sold.

### Sale of consumer goods

Commodities at reasonable prices are being sold through consumers co-operatives and goods worth of Rs.6186.25 crores has been sold during the past four years.

As a measure of market intervention and to hold the price line on the eve of Deepavali '95, consumer co-operatives have been advised to adopt the following sales packages.



Sale of 27 identified commodities at reduced prices, sale of textiles in packets priced at Rs.99 containing one pant bit with a shirt bit or one dhothy with a shirt bit or one saree with a blouse bit, sale of crackers in convenient packets, priced at Rs.27.45 and Rs.99 each, containing not less than 3 sweets and weighing 200 gms.

The co-operative have effected the above sales package during the period from 11 October 95 to 25 November 95, without even observing the Sundays. It is reported that the response from the general public to the above sales package was encouraging.

price shops, the salaries of the salesmen working in Primary Co-operative Agricultural Banks have also been converted as monthly salaries.

1787 part time fair price shops and 142 sub-fair price shops run by women have begun functioning.

### Tribunal Welfare

To improve the living standard of the Tribal people, 100 percent subsidy assistance of Rs.316.1 lakhs has been given through LAMP co-operatives for the past four years. During the current year, a subsidy of Rs.98.30 lakhs is proposed to be assisted.



# Tamil Nadu Leads Asia in wind Power Generation

**P**private Sector would be given permission to set up wind mill units to produce 300 mw of power in Tamil-Nadu during next year, Hon-ble Minister for Electricity Thiru. Kannappan said on 7.11.95.

Replying to the debate in the Assembly on the financial statement of the State Electricity Board in the State Assembly for 1995-96 and

the revised estimate for 1994-95, the Minister said Tamil Nadu had already added 400 mw of power to the State grid through wind farms, with private sector participation. "Tamil Nadu is in the forefront in this field in the whole of Asia", he said, adding that the State had the potential to generate 2000 mw of power through this source.

The Minister said due to the steps taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in the past four years by sanctioning various power projects, the State had now become self-sufficient in power. "There is no power cut in the State now and next year too, there will be no power cut", he said amid thumping of the desks by many members.



Referring to thermal power stations and coal availability, the Minister said the cost of transportation of coal was more than the actual cost of coal itself. The State Electricity Board was spending Rs. 542 crores annually on purchase of coal but the transportation cost of it came to Rs.920 crores. With the establishment of a satellite port at suburban Ennore, for which the Government had already given the land, the transportation cost would come down, the Minister said.

The Minister said all the thermal stations in the State needed around 13 lakh tonnes of coal, but they received around 9 lakh tonnes a month, leaving a deficit of over three lakh tonnes last

year, saving Rs.65 crores for the board. This year, the Electricity Board would import 25 lakh tonnes, he said.

Defending the Government's decision to supply 200 mw of power to Karnataka, the Minister said Tamil Nadu has become power surplus State because of the measures taken by the Government and the supply to the neighbouring State would not be at the cost of consumers here.

Tamil Nadu always stood for the cause of good neighbourly relations, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister has set the trend, he said.

The Minister said when the Government came to power there were 12.55

lakh pumpsets in the State. This figure had gone up to 15.01 lakh. Similarly there was a 21 per cent growth in the number of high tension customers and 16 percent in the low tension category.

The State Government is also implementing a programme which provides 2085 street lights in Adi Dravidar habitations and 1.98 lakh connections under the hut electrification scheme.

The Minister informed the Members that the TNEB had provided employment to over 5000 persons as per the Khalid Commission report and all steps would be taken to increase it to 18,000 as recommended by the Commission.



## Bonus to employees of Public Sector and Co-operative Sugar Factories.

15,000 persons are employed in Co-operative Sugar factories and public sector Sugar Industry in the State. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that bonus totalling Rs.10 crores shall be distributed among these employees.

The Chief Minister has also directed that three new sugar factories (which have a bonus holiday) will sanction a

minimum of 8.33 percent bonus to the employees. Permanent workers of 15 sugar factories will receive Rs.500 each, while daily wage earners will receive Rs.300 each, as a compassionate grant.

The employees and officers not eligible for bonus will receive a grant of Rs. 2,500 each.



# TANFED - A FARMERS' ORGANISATION

Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd, popular by its brand name "TANFED" serves this State in the field of distribution of agricultural inputs, marketing of agricultural produce etc since 1959. Its basic objectives are :

i. To identify the agricultural input requirements of the farmer members of Primary Co-operative Agricultural Banks and arrange for storage and distribution through Co-operative outlets:

ii. To provide market support to the affiliated member societies in procuring, storing and marketing of agricultural commodities;

iii. To provide storage facilities of specialised nature of perishable agricultural commodities and agro-based product;

iv. To undertake manufacture of agricultural inputs such as granulated fertilisers, manure mixtures and quality seeds.

## Input Marketing

### Distribution of fertilisers

TANFED is distributing fertilisers and other agricul-

tural inputs through the co-operative outlets viz. the Primary Co-operative Banks situated all over Tamil Nadu except Thanjavur, Nagapattinam Quaid-E-Milleth and Nilgiris Districts where the Thanjavur Co-operative Marketing Federation and the Nilgiris Cooperative Marketing Society are taking care of these functions. During the year 1994-95, TANFED distributed 3,50,962 tonnes of all types of fertilisers worth Rs.16277.00 lakhs. During the current year 1995-96 (upto September '95), TANFED has distributed 1,83,366 tonnes worth Rs.9531.60 lakhs.

### Manufacture of fertilisers

TANFED manufactures its own granulated mixtures of PF 17:17:17 fertilisers with right mix up of NPK and ingredients like neem cake. This product is now very popular with the farmers in Tamil Nadu. Annually about 30,000 tonnes are produced in the factory at Pamani Village near Manargudi. During the year 1994-95, a quantity of 18,025 tonnes was produced and a quantity of 22,048 tonnes worth Rs.1337.73 lakhs was sold. During the

year 1995-96, 10718 tonnes was produced and a quantity of 11,888 tonnes worth Rs.817.48 lakhs was sold in the first six months.

### Agro Super Markets

Fully realising the need for implementing the concept of supply of all Agricultural inputs under one roof, the work of establishing Agro Super Markets were entrusted to TANFED.

To activate the performance of these Agro Super Markets, TANFED made supplies of poly-pellets for scientific storage of fertilisers, name boards, price exhibition boards, banners, wooden racks, bicycles, uniform clothes to sales personnel etc. to 100 primary agricultural co-operative Banks and started 100 Agro Super Markets in the year 1992-93. It is also proposed to impart training to the staff of the Agro Super Markets through the Co-operative Training College at Madras and Co-operative Training centre at Madurai. Adequate quantities of fertilisers, seeds, pesticides and agricultural implements are also made available to these Super markets then and

there. Now it has been proposed to start one hundred more Agro-Super Markets during the coming year.

### **Agricultural Marketing**

As a marketing organisation, TANFED undertakes procurement of agricultural commodities such as cotton, chillies, coriander, pulses and oil seeds. Providing market support to the farmers is its main aim and therefore the procurement operation is undertaken through the marketing societies on joint venture and on agency basis besides outright purchases.

During the year 1994-95, TANFED programmed to cover agricultural commodities to the extent of Rs.2777.00 lakhs and achievement had been made to the extent of 31229 tonnes worth Rs.3974.65 lakhs. In the current year 1995-96, a quantity of 15748 tonnes of agricultural commodities worth Rs.1589.53 lakhs has been procured upto September '95 as against the annual target of Rs.4000.00 lakhs.

### **Distribution of pesticides, seeds and agricultural implements**

TANFED also distributes plant protection chemicals viz. pesticides and insecticides through the Primary

Co-operative Banks and along with seeds and agricultural implements according to farmers preference.

During the year 1994-95, TANFED distributed seeds, pesticides and agricultural implements to the value of Rs.17.95 lakhs, Rs.357.53 lakhs and 1.56 lakhs respectively. The achievement so far in the year 1995-96 (upto September '95) are Rs.12.17 lakhs, Rs.62.12 lakhs and Rs.1.31 lakhs in that order.

### **Cold Storage**

The existing cold storage of TANFED situated at Basin Bridge Road, Madras is now utilised to 50% of its installed capacity of 1250 tonnes. A renovation work for strengthening the racks in chamber No.1 with 50% capacity as well as conversion of the defunct Ice Plant space into cold storage at an estimate of Rs.26 lakhs has been taken up at present and the works are going on.

In spite of its limited utilisation, the income earned by this unit is quite steady thanks to the overwhelming support and demand from the knowledgeable traders who have preference for this scientific storage facility. During the year 1994-95, this unit earned an income of Rs.17.40 lakhs and dur-

ing the first six months of the current year 1995-96, it has earned an income of Rs.8.91 lakhs.

### **Establishment of a New Cold Storage at Koyambedu**

Encouraged by the bright prospect for cold storage, TANFED has now constructed a modern and large cold storage of 2500 tonnes capacity at the Koyambedu wholesale market complex being developed by the Madras Metropolitan Development Authority. This prestigious work has been taken up at a total cost of Rs.198.75 lakhs approved by the Government and National Co-operative Development Corporation under the following pattern of financing:

1. NCDC loan - Rs.44.00 lakhs
  2. Government share capital assistance - Rs.55.00 lakhs
  3. TANFED share - Rs.47.75 lakhs
  4. Subsidy from Ministry of Food Processing Industries - Rs.52.00 lakhs
- Total - Rs.198.75 lakhs

### **Storage**

TANFED owns 36 godowns with a combined storage capacity of 26,560 tonnes.



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