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# 'Let us foster unity, discard differences'

**Independence Day message of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Selvi J Jayalalithaa for 15.08.2014  
(English Translation)**



**O**n this joyful day, when our Motherland attained freedom from the British, I am happy to offer my Independence Day greetings to all of you.

People should realise, as Maha Kavi Bharathiyar had stated, that unity alone can safeguard and nurture our Independence.

Countless selfless freedom fighters got us freedom by laying down their lives to drive out the imperial British from Indian soil. Independence Day is an occasion to offer our homage to the patriotism and the sense of sacrifice these Tyagis exhibited. It is their invaluable sacrifice that got us freedom.

By way of honouring Tyagis of the freedom struggle, my Government has increased their monthly pension to Rs. 9,000/-, family pension to Rs. 4,500/- and medical allowance to Rs. 500/-. Also, my Government has erected several memorials such as Subramania Siva Manimandapam, Dheeran Chinnamalai Memorial, Vanchinathan Memorial Manimandapam, 'Veera Mangai' Velu Nachiyar Memorial, 'Veera Thai' Kuyili Memorial and Veerapandia Kattabomman Manimandapam, so that future generations can know about their invaluable sacrifices.

I once again offer my Independence Day greetings. Let us take the pledge that we will safeguard our hard-won freedom by living in unity and discarding differences of caste, religion, language and race. ■

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“My Government is functioning as one to safeguard and uplift the poor. That is why my Government is implementing many schemes whose benefits reach the poor and the marginalised directly.”

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** saluting the National Flag after hoisting it on Independence Day, at Fort St. George on 15.08.2014

# Clarification on paddy procurement incentive

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's Reply on 30.07.2014 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to a special call attention notice on incentive to paddy procurement price *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

For the current year, the Central Government has fixed paddy procurement price at Rs.1,310/- per quintal for common variety and at Rs.1,345/- for the fine variety. Still, I have ordered an additional payment of Rs. 50/- per quintal on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government over and above the Central Government price for the common variety and Rs.70/- per quintal for the fine variety. As per this, the price offered in Tamil Nadu from 01.10.2013 is Rs. 1,360/- per quintal for the common variety and Rs. 1,415/- for the fine variety.

The Central Government announced the procurement price for the year 2014-2015 on

07.07.2014. As per this announcement, the price offered to the common variety paddy will be Rs.1,360/- effective from 01.10.2014 and Rs. 1,400/- for the fine variety. As this minimum support price usually comes into effect from the commencement of the Kharif season (01.10.2014), the Tamil Nadu Government used to announce its incentive amount only at the end of September. The G.Os for the distribution of the incentive were issued on 30.09.2010 for the year 2010-2011, on 30.09.2011 for the year 2011-2012, on 28.09.2012 for the year 2012-2013 and on 26.09.2013 for the year 2013-2014.

In this situation, the Central Government – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and

Public Distribution – issued a circular dated 12.06.2014. The Tamil Nadu Government got the circular on 16.06.2014. The circular stated that if a State Government announced any incentive amount for procurement for the 2014-2015 Kharif and 2015-2016 Rabi crops, the Central Government, under the Decentralized Procurement Scheme, will subsidize only that quantum of paddy, fixed by it for procurement for the Public Distribution System (PDS) and for other welfare schemes; the Food Corporation of India will purchase the additionally procured paddy as per its needs, but there is no compulsion to do so; it is State Government's discretion how to use the additionally procured paddy and the expenses on it should be borne by the State Government itself. As this circular does not affect Tamil Nadu in any way, I have not expressed my views on it so far; my Government did not protest to the Centre.

As soon as the media published the news about this circular, the DMK President and a Member of this Assembly, Thiru. M.Karunanidhi, as usual, issued a statement. Through that statement he has created an unnecessary anxiety amidst delta farmers by stating that they are shocked at the Central Government's order to discontinue the

long-standing practice of the State Government of giving incentive for procurement of paddy and that distribution of incentive will be at the cost of the Central Government subsidy. He has also accused my Government of remaining silent without spelling out its stand on this livelihood issue of farmers. Always on the look out for a lapse on the part of my Government, Thiru. Karunanidhi has issued a long statement in haste without understanding anything about this issue.

The Centre introduced the Decentralized Procurement Scheme in 1997-1998. Thiru Karunanidhi did not take any steps to implement the scheme till he demitted office in 2001. It was implemented in Tamil Nadu during my regime, from 01.10.2002. This scheme enables farmers to get the minimum support price. As per this scheme, the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation will act as the agent of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and procure paddy. The procured paddy is hulled through the Corporation's rice mills and private rice mills and handed over for the PDS. This rice is calculated as part of the Central Government's commitment to the State and the balance is distributed by the Centre (for other schemes). As per this scheme, the farmers have the option to sell



their paddy to the Direct Purchase Centres of the Civil Supplies Corporation or to private merchants; when the open market price is ruling high, farmers will sell their produce to private parties, in the lean season, they will sell the paddy to the Government through the Direct Purchase Centres. That is why the quantum of paddy procured at the DPCs vary from year to year. In 2011-2012, 23.81 lakh metric tonnes of paddy had been procured directly. In the current year, 10.17 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been procured.

The present rice allotment to Tamil Nadu for PDS and other welfare schemes is 35.58 lakh metric tonnes. In terms of paddy it is 52.32 lakh metric tonnes.

Hitherto, the maximum paddy procurement in Tamil Nadu was 23.81 lakh metric tonnes, equivalent to 16.19 lakh metric tonnes of rice. As paddy procurement is less than the quantum of rice fixed for the State by the Centre in a year, I wish to state, Tamil Nadu will not be affected in any way by the present circular of the Centre.

The DMK president Thiru. Karunanidhi was silent when the earlier Congress Government at the Centre in which the DMK

was a partner announced several anti-farmer schemes like methane extraction, laying of pipes by GAIL and genetically modified seeds and was supportive of foreign investment in retail trade. He has now issued a hasty statement blaming my Government for not spelling out of its stand. It is ridiculous. At the same time, I wish to proudly point out that it is my Government which stopped all these anti-farmers steps in Tamil Nadu.

I have already clarified that schemes are for people; and not the other way round. My Government has been implementing different schemes for the welfare of farmers. On that basis, in the current year also, an incentive of Rs. 70/- per quintal will be given for fine variety of paddy offered for procurement and Rs. 50/- for common variety. Through this farmers will get from 01.10.2014 Rs. 1,470 per quintal for fine variety of paddy and Rs. 1,410/- for the common variety.

I wish to inform this House that my Government will continue to be the harbinger of all good things to farmers. Hence, the Hon'ble Members who have tabled the call attention notice need not be concerned over the Central Government's circular. ■



# Chief Minister seeks \$ 500 million from WB for road project



Meeting of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** with the President of World Bank, **Dr. Jim Yong Kim**

The President of the World Bank Dr. Jim Yong Kim called on Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Secretariat at Chennai on 21.07.2014. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa welcomed the President of the World Bank Group to Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that Tamil Nadu holds one of the largest and most successful portfolios of projects implemented with the World Bank's assistance in India. Openness to new ideas, an appetite to absorb and evolve best practices and a proud record of efficient implementation has ensured that Tamil Nadu continues to be a favoured destination for External Aid Agencies. Tamil Nadu's association with the Bank has

been mutually beneficial. While Tamil Nadu has undoubtedly benefited both from the availability of finances at affordable rates and from the specialized technical input from the Bank, the Bank has also been able to utilize the efficient delivery mechanisms of Tamil Nadu as the crucible for new ideas and concepts. These pilots have subsequently been replicated across other States in India and even Nations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister took pride in the fact that the seeds of many pioneering interventions, like the Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management project (IAMWARM) and the Pudhuvazhvu project for rural livelihoods were commenced during her previous tenure in office. The Hon'ble Chief Minister recalled that the World Bank

also came to Tamil Nadu's assistance at the time of the Indian Ocean Tsunami which caused widespread destruction in the State in 2004.

Interventions taken up with World Bank assistance including the Tamil Nadu Integrated Nutrition Project, Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project-I and II, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project-I, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project have made a significant contribution to economic development in Tamil Nadu. Given the World Bank President's interest in public health, the Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted that Tamil Nadu has amongst the best health indicators in the country and that the Government is striving to ensure they reach the levels of developed countries.

Work on the two new projects, the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project and the Tamil Nadu Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project has commenced. The Hon'ble Chief Minister assured that these will be completed as per schedule, fully achieving the intended objectives.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that the World Bank President had called for the clients of the Bank to take the lead in their own development. In a similar spirit, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had released the Tamil Nadu Vision 2023 Document. The intent is to make and to catalyze strategic investments in infrastructure which would place Tamil Nadu on an even higher growth trajectory and to secure the benefits of growth to all the people of the State. The Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision is to place Tamil Nadu on par with Upper Middle Income countries in a decade. Vision 2023 is ambitious and

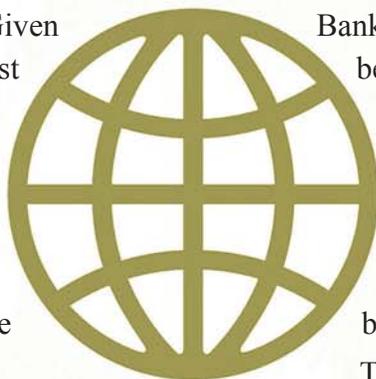
aspirational as it aims to meet the legitimate expectations of the people of the State for a higher quality of life.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that the preliminary work for Phase-II of the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project is over and the project is being appraised shortly. It is proposed to bring in Public-Private-Partnerships (PPPs) and leverage private capital in a bigger way in this project. The Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed concern that Bank funding for the project may be restricted to only 300 million dollars. The Hon'ble Chief Minister requested that the Bank funding be increased to 500 million US dollars, considering that the State contribution will be much higher.

The follow up projects for IAMWARM and Pudhuvazhvu are also being proposed and a new infrastructure project, Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project-IV is also being proposed as a follow up to TNUDP-III. The Hon'ble Chief Minister sought World Bank support for these projects.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister indicated that it is a matter of great pride that during an earlier tenure, the Bank chose Chennai to locate the back office for its world-wide operations. Tamil Nadu is very happy to play host to what is perhaps the Bank's largest office outside Washington DC. The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that the Government will continue to provide the required assistance to the office in Chennai and expressed the hope that as part of World Bank's plan to decentralize operations, this office would grow even bigger.

The World Bank's Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) in India, proposes to focus on





Integration, Transformation and Inclusion. In all these three areas, Tamil Nadu remains a priority State for continued Bank funding. Hence, continued and enhanced support to Tamil Nadu fits in quite well with the Bank's own Country Partnership Strategy in India. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu Hon'ble Chief Minister assured that the State will utilize such assistance most prudently and efficiently.

The President of the World Bank complimented the Hon'ble Chief Minister on her varied and very successful career in public service. He mentioned that the State has done so well in encouraging investment and growth and at the same time in improving social indicators like Infant Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Rate. He stated that Tamil Nadu's record in implementing projects was "really fantastic". He enquired from the Hon'ble Chief Minister how Tamil Nadu was able to at the same time improve the business environment and ensure social investments.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that this is the inclusive growth targeted by the State. This is the objective of Tamil Nadu Vision 2023. The State had

focused on improving the quality of education where all the parents have to do is to send the child to school and everything else the child needs is provided for in school. The educational initiatives have ensured that the State has a skilled work force. In addition the State had undertaken many poverty eradication programmes and economic empowerment programmes targeted at women headed households like the distribution of free milch cows and sheep and goats. All these programmes have made Tamil Nadu a more equal society without the abject poverty that characterizes many other States. As a result, a peaceful society with a skilled and disciplined work force has made Tamil Nadu a very attractive investment destination.

The World Bank President enquired about the current concerns in India about gender equality and violence against women. The Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted some of the initiatives taken under her leadership in Tamil Nadu for reducing the huge discrimination against women, including the Cradle Baby Scheme launched in 1992 which put an end to the problem of female infanticide

in the State, and the Girl Child Schemes tied with family welfare initiatives which ensured that families were willing to bring up girl children. To mitigate violence against women and give women the confidence to approach the Police, Hon'ble Chief Minister described the initiatives to set up all Women Police Stations.

The Country Director of the World Bank in India Mr. Onno Ruhl mentioned that the World Bank was very happy with the implementation of programmes in Tamil Nadu. He mentioned that all the 'follow-on' projects will be cleared within a twelve month timeframe which is very rapid as per the Bank practices. He also promised to take up the issue of additional funding for the Road Sector Project with the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister wished the President of the World Bank a successful field visit to the Pudhuvazhvu Project which had won two important awards viz., "Fifth Annual People First Awards on Social Accountability" in 2012 and the 'Tally' reporting system implemented in all 4,174 Village Panchayats which won the "Best e-governance Project Silver Award" in 2013.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Serge Devieux, Director, IFC, Dr. T V Somanathan, Director, World Bank, Mr. Sunil Kumar, Centre Manager, Chennai. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Public Works, Chief Secretary, Adviser to Government, Principal Secretary, Finance and Principal Secretary, PD&SI were present. ●

## **"Tamil Nadu Government's Pudhuvazhvu Project A Global Forerunner" - World Bank Chief**

Dr. Jim Yong Kim and his team visited Pudhu Vaazhvu Project at Padappai village, Kancheepuram to interact with members of Community Based Organisations like Village Poverty Reduction Committee, Self Help Group, Panchayat Level Federation and Common Livelihood Group promoted by the Pudhu Vaazhvu Project. The Youth Skill Training, credit support livelihood support offered by Pudhu Vaazhvu Project have helped the target families improve their status of well being. Tamil Nadu's progressive growth in Industrial sector has facilitated this propulsion immensely, they felt. The President, World Bank appreciated that the project's participatory methodologies, community oriented MIS and stated that it has simplified the poverty reduction initiatives of Pudhu Vaazhvu Project.

The World Bank team also visited Triumph International, a Garment Manufacturing Company at Maraimalai Nagar, Kancheepuram to interact with the project beneficiaries from various villages around Maraimalai Nagar totalling to 674 youth working in the factory. During interaction they lauded the efforts of the Pudhu Vaazhvu Project towards skill training, identifying industrial partners for placement bringing together the job providers and job seekers through job melas to meet in a common platform.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim acknowledged that Pudhu Vaazhvu Project has many lessons to offer to similar projects not only in India but in the entire World. He congratulated and thanked Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu for the leadership and support to World Bank initiatives which has impressed him immensely. ■

# Amma Pharmacy to sell quality medicines at fair price



In yet another direct reach to the people Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 26.06.2014, 10 "Amma Pharmacies" a total cost of Rs. 1 crore. The Pharmacies set up by the Department of Co-operation to sell quality medicine at fair price, are located in the district

of Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Erode, Madurai, Salem, Sivagangai and Virudhunagar. The Pharmacies are well-equipped to preserve life-saving drugs and pharmacists are appointed through outsourcing. Newly constructed buildings, godowns, safety vaults with iron doors and branch buildings of Co-operative banks were also declared open.

## High hopes on raising level of Mullai Periyar Dam

D.O. letter dated 02.07.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

"The Government of Tamil Nadu has received the Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources order constituting the Supervisory Committee to implement the Order of the Supreme Court dated 07.05.2014, on the Mullai Periyar Dam for increasing the water level initially to 142 ft. You would recall that I had raised this issue in the Memorandum I had presented to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014. I am grateful that on my request the matter was expeditiously placed before the

Union Cabinet. I sincerely thank you for your prompt action in acceding to my request and constituting the Supervisory Committee.

I fervently hope that the Supervisory Committee will accomplish the task of restoration of the water storage level in the Mullai Periyar Dam to 142 ft. initially as per the judgement and order of the Supreme Court during the current South West Monsoon period itself."



## DMK chief slammed for shallow stand on Mullai Periyar

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa** on 28.06.2014 (*English Translation*)

DMK President Thiru.M.Karunanidhi has totally lost the people's goodwill and is at the height of frustration. He has issued a half-backed statement titled "Kerala and Tamil Nadu in River Water Disputes" without understanding anything, in a whimsical and contradictory fashion, serving as a commentary on the proverb that says "anger clouds the intellect". On several occasions, he has exposed that statements written by himself without the help of Government officials will only be in this fashion.

In his statement, Thiru.Karunanidhi has quoted Kerala Chief Minister Thiru.Oommen Chandy as saying in reply to a query raised by a Communist Party Member in the Kerala Legislature: "Four dams including Mullai Periyar are now under the control of Kerala. These dams belong to Kerala entirely. In the 'List of Big Dams in India', till 2009 these dams were mentioned as belonging to Tamil Nadu. Following stiff opposition from Kerala, the ownership of these dams was changed to Kerala in 2012". I am duty-bound to explain the truth of the matter.

In the National Register of Big Dams of 2009, Mullai Periyar, Parambikulam, Peruvaaripallam and Thunakadavu dams were shown under Tamil Nadu, with a note, "These dams are in Kerala and Tamil Nadu is maintaining and operating them". The

location of these dams longitude and latitude-wise is not mentioned in that record. But in the updated National Register of 2009 which contains details up to the year 2012, longitudinal and latitudinal details of these dams have been added freshly. That is why these dams have been shown under the list of Kerala State Dams. But at the same time, in the note, it has been clearly stated: "These 4 dams are operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu".

It was the earlier Central Congress Coalition Government in which the DMK was a partner that introduced in 2012 certain changes including the longitude, latitude details in the National Record to fix the location of the dams geographically. If it was felt wrong why did not Thiru.Karunanidhi object to the Central Congress Coalition Government even then? Why was he silent? Even though these dams are listed under Kerala State dams, it is clearly mentioned that these dams are maintained and operated by Tamil Nadu.

In the 2013 year National Record, on the insistence of Tamil Nadu Government, it has been clearly mentioned in the note figuring under the list of Tamil Nadu Dams that the Mullai Periyar, Parambikulam, Peruvaaripallam and Thunakadavu dams in Kerala are operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu Public Works Department. Also

in the list of dams coming under Kerala State it has been clearly mentioned against these 4 dams that they are operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu Public Works Department.

At the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the National Dam Safety Committee held on 27.12.2013, Tamil Nadu insisted that a clear-cut sentence that these 4 dams belong to Tamil Nadu should find a place in the list of dams mentioned under Tamil Nadu even though it has been noted that they are operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu. The Committee acceded to the demand. It was announced that when the National Record was updated accommodating such demands from other States, the written sentences as sought by Tamil Nadu would be accommodated. All these things have been recorded in the minute book of the meeting. As a follow-up, a detailed letter has also been addressed to the chair person of the Central Water Resources Authority.

The note sent to Tamil Nadu by the Dam Safety Monitoring Committee of the Central Water Resources Authority in May last, has clearly mentioned that the dams have been listed under the state in which they are located; on that basis no one can stake any claim and that mistakes if any, in the record, will be rectified if pointed out.

Above all this, the Supreme Court judgement delivered on 07.05.2014 in respect of Mullai Periyar clearly mentions that the dam is in Thekkady District of Kerala State, that this dam belongs to Tamil Nadu and it is maintained by Tamil Nadu.

From the above explanations it is very clear that though Mullai Periyar, Parambikulam, Peruvaaripallam and Thunakadavu are geographically located in Kerala, they belong to Tamil Nadu and they are operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu. Hence, I wish to point out that no rights of Tamil Nadu have

been given up as alleged by Thiru.Karunanidhi. Without considering all these things, Thiru. Karunanidhi has been flippant and shallow. This statement of Thiru.Karunanidhi not only looks like playing second-fiddle to Kerala's position, but is also likely to land him in contempt of Court proceedings as it appears to slight the Supreme Court.

As per Saint Thiruvalluvar's dictum, it is better to act after deliberation. Else, I wish to remind him, contempt of Court proceedings will stare him in the face.

Next, Thiru.Karunanidhi has asked: "Has the Cauvery Water issue been solved?", "Has Cauvery Management Board has been set up?".

As for Cauvery Management Board, I have personally met the Hon'ble Prime Minister and stressed upon it. When Central Ministers raised some issues in this regard, I have written a detailed 31- page letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. We believe the present Central Government will set up the Cauvery Management Board. In this context, I wish to point out to Thiru.Karunanidhi that due to my Government's Herculean efforts alone, the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal got published in the Central Government's Gazette. Thiru. Karunanidhi is not qualified in any way to talk about Tamil Nadu's rights after betraying the State in all issues such as Katchateevu, Cauvery Water issue, Mullai Periyar issue and Sri Lanka Tamils issue even though he was part of the earlier Central Congress Coalition Government.

"Have Tamil Nadu's rights been fully established in the Mullai Periyar issue?"- Thiru. Karunanidhi has asked. His question itself has betrayed his anxiety and helplessness at the good name I and my Government have earned on this issue. The Central Cabinet has given

its approval to the setting up of a Supervisory Committee as per the Supreme Court order for raising the water storage of the Mullai Periyar dam to 142 ft. and to appoint a Central Government representative in this committee. As soon as this committee is formed, I would like to state, raising the water storage of the Dam to 142 ft. will be firmed up.

Lastly, the DMK President Thiru. Karunanidhi has asked about the response of Tamil Nadu Government to the remarks of the Kerala State Minister for Water Resources in that State's legislature that there is no possibility for inter-linking rivers. It is strange Thiru. Karunanidhi has talked about it now because he was bereft of a reply when the Congress Party Crown Prince Rahul Gandhi echoed the same sentiment about the non-feasibility of interlinking of rivers. Thiru. Karunanidhi was in power both at the Centre and in the State then. He continued to remain in the Congress Coalition Government that wanted to stop the project for inter-linking of rivers. He was silent on this issue out of his own personal interest.

I have been continuously urging the inter-linking of rivers. The Supreme Court which heard a Public Interest Litigation on the inter-linking of river waters gave a judgement in February 2012. That judgement stated a Special Committee should be set up to implement the inter-linking of river water project. The earlier Congress Coalition Government at the Centre in which the DMK was a partner, set up the Special Committee, a year after the judgement was given. It did not take any steps to convene a meeting of the Committee even once. Thiru. Karunanidhi was silent while in office at the Centre; after relinquishing office at the Centre too, why did he not talk about this even though he pleaded with the Central Government for the sake of his daughter? Thiru. Karunanidhi's

stand, then, was he would fight to safeguard the interests of his daughter rather than that of the State if a choice was forced on him in this regard. Now, he is issuing a statement quoting what a Kerala Minister had stated, just to show he continues to be in politics.

Mahakavi Bharathiyar sowed the seed for the linking of Ganga and Cauvery and national integration by envisioning, in a song irrigation of centrally located States with the surplus waters of Bengal. By way of realizing his dreams, I met the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 03.06.2014, sought funds for inter-linking of rivers within Tamil Nadu and stressed the need to link Peninsular Rivers. The schemes for which financial assistance has been sought include Athikadavu-Avinashi surplus flood water canal (Rs.1,862 crore), linking of Pennaiyaru (Sathanur Dam)- Palar and Pennaiyaru Nedungal Anaicut – Palar (Rs. 500 crore), linking of Cauvery – Vaigai-Gundaaru for diversion of Cauvery river flood waters to drought affected areas (Rs.5,166 crore), and modernization of the canal system in the Cauvery Basin (Rs.11,421 crore) – all in the first phase; linking of Mahanadhi, Godhavari, Krishna, Pennar, Palar, Cauvery and Gundaaru and diverting the west-flowing waters of Pampa and Achankovil rivers to Vaipparu in Tamil Nadu. As far as I am concerned, I wish to state that the interests of people of Tamil Nadu are uppermost.

In sum, this statement of Thiru. Karunanidhi is an attempt to blow up trivial things. On behalf of Tamil Nadu people, I urge for the sake of the welfare of the people that the DMK Leader Thiru. Karunanidhi should not to indulge in such acts. Without getting angry at the newspapers that have published Thiru. Karunanidhi's half-baked statement, I am happy that an opportunity has been given to me to offer a good explanation. ●

# Chief Minister lauds selfless spirit of relief workers



**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's speech at Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai on 08.07.2014 after distributing prizes and certificates to those who engaged in rescue work at Moulivakkam (English Translation)**

Hon'ble Ministers,  
Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly,  
Chief Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government,  
Consultant to the Tamil Nadu Government,  
Additional Chief Secretary,  
Principal Secretary to Home Department,  
Director General of Police,  
Secretary, Revenue Department,

Chennai Metropolitan Police Commissioner,  
District Collector of Kancheepuram,  
Officers, employees and workers engaged in rescue work,

Firstly, I offer my respects to all of you who have assembled here.

Last month, on 28<sup>th</sup> evening a 11-storeyed building constructed by a private party at

Moulivakkam crashed down. The work of retrieving those caught in the debris looked daunting. Without minding sun and rain and ignoring your own safety, you worked for six days and nights and completed the task with ease, showing once again that unity is strength. You have rescued 27 persons and retrieved the bodies of 61 and handed them over to their relatives.

Bhagavad Gita enjoins: “Do your Duty; Don’t expect the results thereof”. It means you can achieve the goal if you act with one-pointedness and without fearing about the result. In keeping with this spirit, you have shown great involvement and patience and completed the task very efficiently. Your rescue operation is stupendous, great and excellent. You have shown the involvement parents show towards their children without any expectations and children towards their aged parents and retrieved those caught in this rubble.

It is said ‘Work is Worship’. You have gone a notch higher. You toiled without any thought other than work. You have achieved your purpose.

Though you have all done your work without expecting any reward, it is my Government’s duty to appreciate and encourage those who have done their duty diligently.

I convey my heart-felt appreciation to employees, workers and officers of the Police Department, Tamil Nadu Commandos, State Disaster Rescue Team, Fire and Rescue Services Department, National Disaster Rescue



Team, Tamil Nadu Home Guards, Medical Department, Department of Highways, PWD, Chennai Metro Rail, Chennai Corporation, Municipal Administration and Rural Development and Revenue Departments, who have participated in this relief work.

In this difficult task, 3,750 officers from different departments participated. It is to be appreciated that different departments showed great co-ordination and efficiency in this task.

The Dog Squad also worked very effectively in detecting the persons caught under the rubble. My appreciation to the trainers of these dogs.

My Government is always at the forefront in recognising those who do their duty, unmindful of the difficulties.

I am happy to present the prizes, certificates and honour to you all who have involved themselves in this rescue work.

Anna Naamam Vazhga! Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Naamam Vazhga! I take leave of you. Nandri, Vanakkam. ■



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 03.07.2014 (*English Translation*)

Following the crashing down of a 11-storey building constructed by a private party at Moulivakkam, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, on 28.06.2014 evening, rescuing of workers caught in the rubble and medical treatment of the injured, on my instructions, are taking place. So far, 27 persons have been rescued and high-class medical treatment provided. In this tragedy, 55 persons have lost their lives.

Apart from a relief of Rs. 7 lakh each to the families of those of Tamil Nadu workers who had died and Rs. 2 lakh each to the families of the dead who hailed from outside Tamil Nadu, I had also ordered the bodies of the deceased be taken to their native place at Tamil Nadu Government's expense. Besides high class treatment to the injured, they are given a relief of Rs. 50,000/- each.

I visited the place of tragedy on 29.06.2014 and directed the officials to take legal action against those responsible for it.

# Judge to go into building crash

I also visited the injured in the hospitals, consoled them and distributed the relief assistance.

The Police are proceeding as per law against those responsible for this tragedy.

I have ordered the setting up of a One-man Commission under Justice R. Raghupathy to inquire into the cause for this tragic incident and devise ways for preventing recurrence of such incidents.

This Commission of Inquiry will ...

(1) Examine all aspects and conditions that were responsible for the tragic incident of the collapse of a multi-storey building at Moulivakkam, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District on 28.06.2014 resulting in the death of 55 persons and grievous injury to many others;

(2) Find out whose careless attitude caused this tragic incident resulting in the death of and severe injuries to many construction workers and fix responsibility;

(3) Recommend solutions to be followed to avert such incidents taking place in future; and submit a report to the Government.

On the basis of the report of the Commission of Inquiry, my Government will take further action.



# Special team to probe building collapse

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa** on 06.07.2014 (*English Translation*)

**A** 11-storeyed building, constructed by a private party at Moulivakkam near Porur, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District crashed down on 28.06.2014. On my direction, officers and employees of the Chennai Metropolitan Police Department, Commandos, State Disaster Rescue Team, Fire and Rescue Services Department, National Disaster Rescue Team, Departments of Medicine, Highways, Public Works, Revenue, Chennai Metro Rail, Chennai Municipal Corporation and Municipalities were pressed into service for rescuing the construction workers caught in the debris and rush them to the nearby hospitals for treatment. While 27 persons were rescued alive, bodies of 61 persons who had died were retrieved. The rescue operations undertaken on a war-footing, lasted for 6 days and came to a close on 04.07.2014.

A case has been registered in the Mangadu Police Station under various sections of the

Indian Penal Code in connection with this building collapse. A special team was also set up under the supervision of Joint Commissioner of Police to facilitate investigation. The team has taken up the investigation. The Managing Director of the Construction Company, Director, Architect, Structural Engineer and two site engineers have been arrested.

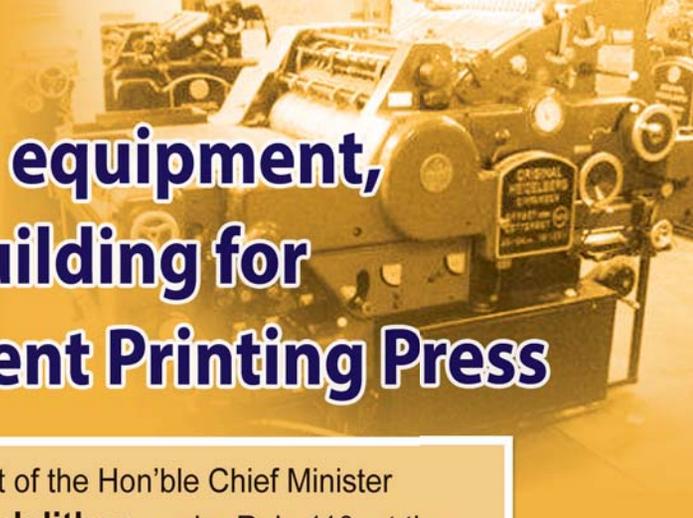
As engineering and architectural technologists are needed for taking up investigation in this regard, I wish to state that a Special Investigation Team will be set up under the overall supervision of the Chennai Metropolitan Police Commissioner and it will be headed by the Joint Commissioner of Police. Experts from the Indian Institute of Technology, Anna University, other Universities and the Public Works Department will be included in this team to offer technological advice to the Police and guide them.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa** declared open the Nanguneri Taluk office, Tirunelveli District, constructed at a cost of Rs.2.48 crore and also, office buildings for the Revenue Department and Staff Quarters, at a cost of Rs.5.25 crore through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.06.2014.



# New equipment, building for Government Printing Press



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 at the  
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 14.07.2014  
(English Translation)

**H**on'ble Speaker,

My Government is working with focussed attention on taking the State on the path of progress through modernisation. The Government Central Printing Press has been meeting all Government printing needs including the printing of Governor's Address, the Budget, Legislative Assembly proceedings, policy statements, logbooks and handbooks.

Taking into account the increasing work load on this 182-year-old printing press and the necessity to complete most of the printing works at short duration, machinery costing Rs.8.10 crore has been purchased and installed. This includes single-sheet multi-colour printing machine (Rs. 6.50 crore), Computer-to-Plate machine (Rs. 1.10 crore), automatic collection machine (Rs. 40 lakh) and screen printing machine (Rs. 10 lakh). Likewise, work is on to set up a new paper godown at a cost of Rs. 67.50 lakh.

An unexpected fire accident at the Central Printing Press damaged the buildings

and machinery. As a restoration step, Rs. 22.64 crore has been allotted – Rs. 19.07 crore for purchase of machinery and other connected works and Rs. 3.57 crore for building works. They are being executed.

As the red building having a floor space of 84,000 sq. ft and located on 5 acres of land has been completely damaged in the fire and as a permanent building is necessary for the staff to work in safety, I am happy to announce that a new permanent building will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 21.59 crore.

The Binding section at the Government Central Printing Press has to be improved if all the printing works have to be taken up simultaneously and at short duration. I am happy to inform that an Automatic Sewing Machine for binding will be purchased at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore.

This step of my Government will pave the way for higher productivity and quicker execution of binding works with excellence.

# Two additional studio floors at Film Institute

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Selvi J Jayalalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu  
Legislative Assembly on 14.07.2014 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Cinema has emerged as a magnificent art form among those created by civilized man. Not only does it occupy an important place in man's life, it also provides livelihood to lakh of families directly and indirectly.

I have provided several concessions for the growth of the cinema industry and for catering to its interests. After becoming Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for a third term, I extended financial assistance of Rs. 10 crore on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government for the Centenary Celebrations of Indian Cinema. A course on Animation and Visual Effects was started at the MGR Government Film and Television Training Institute at a cost of Rs. 9.50 crore and students are taking the course. The preview theatre and a studio floor were renovated at a cost of Rs.99 lakh and

Rs.1.43 crore respectively. About 20,000 members have been enrolled in the Film Industry Welfare Board and several kinds of welfare assistance are extended to them.

In this situation, South Indian Film producers, Directors and Technicians have made out a case for the creation of more studio floors as the production of digitized cinemas and TV serials has increased and requested me to accede to their demand.

Conceding their request, I am happy to announce that 2 fully air-conditioned studio floors with ultra-modern facilities will be set up at a cost of Rs. 15 crore on a 2.5 acre plot in the vacant area at the MGR Government Film and TV Training Institute Complex.

Besides benefiting the film industry, the new studio floors will provide a great opportunity to the students also. ■

## Thanks for panel on Mullai Periyar Dam

*D.O. letter dated 18.06.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.*

“I thank you for the decision of the Union Cabinet which met on 18.06.2014 and approved the constitution of the Supervisory Committee for the Mullai Periyar Dam as mandated by the Supreme Court in its judgement dated 07.05.2014. As you would recall, when I met you on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014, and presented a Memorandum, I had requested you to immediately constitute the Supervisory

Committee to raise the water storage level of Mullai Periyar dam to 142 ft.

The decision of the Union Cabinet to constitute the Supervisory Committee will help mitigate the distress of the farmers in the five Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu dependent on Mullai Periyar water. Your prompt action in this regard is deeply appreciated.” ■

# Building big towards slum-free cities

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa**  
under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 15.07.2014 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government is functioning with focused attention to provide the most essential necessity – housing – and other basic facilities such as drinking water, hygiene, toilet, transport and road for ensuring a prosperous and happy life to the people. In this context, it is also taking into account the growing population and urbanisation.

Several residential schemes have been drawn in the last 3 years by the Tamil Nadu



Housing Board and the Slum Clearance Board and thousands of tenements have been allotted to the people.

As a follow-up, my Government has decided to execute the following schemes:-

(1) I am happy to announce that 1,360 housing plots will be developed for different income groups on 68.82 acres located at the

junction of Tiruchi-Pudukottai Highway at Navalpattu in Tiruchi District at a cost of Rs. 20.53 crore. Of these plots, 690 plots will be allotted to the economically weaker sections, 475 for the middle income group and 195 for the high-income group.

(2) I am happy to inform that 10,000 tenements in multi-storey buildings will be constructed by the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board at a cost of Rs. 825 crore at Chennai and other towns under the first phase of the Central and State Governments' scheme of 'Slum Free Towns' and as part of the implementation of the Vision 2023 programme. In this, the Central Government's share will be 50 per cent, the State's share 40 per cent and the beneficiary's share 10 per cent in the construction cost only. On my direction, the built-in area of the tenement was increased to 397 sq.ft last year. In the proposed tenements, the plinth area will be 400 sq.ft. Also, fans and electric lights will be provided in the tenements. Apart from these, basic facilities such as roads, street lights, drinking water supply, drainage and community infrastructure will be provided.

(3) I have directed the officials to construct 534 tenements in multi-storeyed buildings at Nochikuppam, Chennai at a cost of Rs.48.06 crore following complaints from the present occupants about extensive damage



in their dwellings and representation for re-building the houses. State funds will be utilized for the scheme. Each new tenement will have a built-in area of 400 sq.ft and will have a multi-purpose room, a bedroom, kitchen, balcony, bathroom and toilet. The flats will have fan and electric light facilities. Street lights, drinking water supply through pipes and drainage facilities will be provided. Social infra-structure such as fair price shops and schools for children will be set up. These tenements will be constructed after getting clearance from the Coastal Regulation Authority, Light House Authority and the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA).

The re-construction of these tenements could not be taken up for several years as the allottees wanted tenements for the members of their enlarged families. The re-constructed tenements will be made available to the original allottees alone. For the members in the enlarged family tenements will be allotted in the Okkiyam- Thorapakkam scheme area.

(4) The State Government has declared 64 towns as Heritage Towns and has been providing a grant up to Rs. 50 lakh for improving the infrastructure facilities in each one of them. The grant was increased to Rs. 1 crore in 2012-2013. So far,

Rs.16.82 crore has been disbursed as grant for 60 of these Heritage Towns. The remaining towns of Thiruparankundram, Thiruvettaru, Suchindram and Kodumudi will each be provided a grant of Rs. 1 crore. Besides, six more towns – Thirumuruganpoondi, Kazhugumalai, Swamimalai, Punnainallur Mariamman Kovil, Thirupunavasal and Thirubuvanam – will be declared as Heritage Towns and Rs. 1 crore provided to each of them. In all Rs. 10 crore will be given as grant to 10 Heritage towns.

(5) The CMDA has drawn a Maraimalai Nagar New Township Scheme to create a new town on 1,915 acres of land and the area is under various stages of development.

I am happy to inform that my Government has decided to develop, taking into account the growing demand for house sites around Maraimalai Nagar, 222 acres of land in Kadambur village, into a self-contained residential area with all infrastructural facilities.

Under this scheme, house sites will be developed for High Income, Middle Income, Low Income Groups and the economically weaker sections. The Scheme provides for arterial lung space, common utility areas and roads in the proposed residential area. The big lake in Kadambur village encompassing

58 acres will be stabilized as a waterbody and recreational facilities developed around it and environment protected.

(6) A multi-storey office building will be constructed on a one acre plot owned by CMDA at Koyambedu, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 63.25 crore. It will have 3 basement floors, stilt floor and 8 floors with safety equipment and all modern facilities. The built in area will be 1,09,840 sq.ft. The building will house the CMDA office and other Government offices.

(7) I am happy to announce that pedestrian subways will be constructed at 7 places in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 23 crore. Their locations will be near Gandhi Statue on Kamarajar salai, on Gangadheeswarar Koil Street, Purasawalkam; Ayanavaram – Konnur Highway; Vadapalani – N.S.K. Road; Meenakshi College Road, Kodambakkam; near Metro Rail station on the Inner Ring Road, Arumbakkam and at Alandhur on G.S.T. Road. These 7 subways are among those suggested by a detailed survey undertaken by the Tamil Nadu Urban Development Plan (phase III) being executed with World Bank assistance for improving the traffic set up in the Chennai Metropolitan area and for installing a permanent infrastructure. These pedestrian subways will be implemented by the CMDA in the current year on a priority basis after consultation with the Chennai Corporation and the Highways Department with funds from the Infrastructure Fund.

(8) The second phase of the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) was implemented

by the Central and Tamil Nadu Governments through the Southern Railway's Metropolitan Transport Railway Project. The second phase covers 9 railway stations – Mandaveli, Greenways Road, Kotturpuram, Kasturbai Nagar, Indira Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Taramani, Perungudi and Velacheri – and is functioning with some unfinished final touches. Even while giving administrative sanction, Tamil Nadu Government gave permission to prepare schemes for commercial exploitation of the open space above these railway stations.

Accordingly, the CMDA appointed consultants and building experts for planning the commercial buildings. For each railway station, commercial complexes have been aesthetically designed with conveniences like exclusive vehicle parking lots with upgraded facilities. A feasibility report has been prepared through a consultant for developing the proposed commercial complex at the Velachery Railway Station. The report has held out the Feasibility of setting up an office complex above the Velachery Railway Station. I am happy to announce that as per this recommendation a 2 – tier office complex covering 1.11 lakh sq.ft will be constructed above the Velachery Railway Station at a cost of Rs. 40 crore.

Through these measures of my Government, the housing needs of all categories of people, the needs of Government offices for office premises and the need of upgrading traffic facilities will be fulfilled. ■



# Government acts swiftly against insult to Dhoti

*Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa** under Rule 110 at the  
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 16.07.2014  
(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

There is no restriction in overseas countries for persons to participate in events or deliver lectures wearing dhoti, the traditional dress of Tamils. When it is so, a private club in Tamil Nadu banning entry to dhoti-clad persons to an event held in the State, is not only an unconstitutional act but against democratic traditions, Tamil Culture and the rights of an individual.

On the evening of 11.07.2014, a public function to release a book authored by the former Chief Justice (in-charge) of the Madras High Court was held at the auditorium of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association Club at Chepauk, Chennai. Invitees included former Chief Justices, High Court Judges and Advocates. Justice Thiru.D. Hari Paranthaman of the Madras High Court and some senior advocates went to the club to participate in the book release function. They were denied entry for the sole reason that they were wearing dhoti.

This act is an insult to the civilization, culture and tradition of Tamil people; it is a demeaning act. First, I strongly condemn this.

These practices were in vogue during British rule. It is highly saddening that such acts do take place even 67 years after the exit of British rule.

This issue was raised in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 14.07.2014 through a

special call attention notice, and all the parties expressed their views.

They sought action against those responsible for the act, amending of the club rules and passing of a legislation for this purpose and prevention of recurrence of such incidents.

Hon'ble Member Thiru.M.K.Stalin who spoke on behalf of DMK stated "..... the Government should immediately intervene, take appropriate steps and establish the glory of Tamil tradition".

In this context, I have to recall a discussion that took place in this Assembly in 2010.

Participating in the debate on the Demands for Tourism, Art and Culture Department for 2010-2011 an AIADMK member said: "..... entry is denied if we go to places like Cricket Club and Boat Club in our capital Chennai, wearing dhoti. They have imposed such a ban. Like this, a hotel in Bihar denied entry to those who were clad in Bihari dress. The hotel was closed down for this very reason. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister should make arrangements for this....."

For this the then Deputy Chief Minister, that is Hon'ble Member Thiru.M.K.Stalin had replied: "..... he has talked about the problem of wearing dhoti. I place my request: let him first come to the Assembly wearing dhoti consistently....."

I am mentioning this to point out the earlier minority DMK regime did not take any steps even though the issue was brought to its notice.

I want to underscore another instance. The former honorary consultant to the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, belonging to the Congress party went to the Madras Cricket Club to deliver a speech at a function held there in 2007. He was denied entry into the premises as he was wearing dhoti. He wrote a letter about this to the then Chief Minister Thiru.Karunanidhi. He also conducted a signature campaign against the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association; newspapers reported this. The earlier minority DMK Government did not take any action on this too.

In this context, I wish to share an incident that took place in Sir P.Theagaraya's life.

The Prince of Wales came to Chennai when Sir P.Theagaraya was the Mayor of Madras (Chennai) Corporation. Lord Willington was the Governor of Chennai Presidency then.

Lord Willington told Sir Theagaraya: "As the first citizen of Chennai you have to receive the Prince". Sir Theagaraya agreed.

At the next meeting with Sir Theagaraya, Governor Lord Willington put a condition:

"When you meet the Prince, you have to be dressed in this described fashion".

Do you know what Sir Theagaraya did? He wrote a reply letter to the Government.

In that reply, Sir Theagaraya firmly said: "I will wholeheartedly welcome the Prince if he wants to see me in my white dhoti, white coat and white turban clothes. If you decide that I cannot meet him in this dress, I will comfort myself thinking that I am not fortunate to receive the Prince. I cannot change my usual attire for the sake of receiving the Prince."

You know what happened afterwards?

The British Government bowed. It permitted Sir Theagaraya to receive the Prince wearing his usual dress itself.

By his firm stand, he made even the British Government come down. Sir Theagaraya was

such a glorious person. When we made the British Government come down, can't we deal with these club?

The Hon'ble Minister for Education, replying to the Members said the issue would be taken to the Hon'ble Chief Minister's attention and necessary action would be taken.

I consulted Legal Experts and High Government Officials on this issue. Tamil Nadu Cricket Association club is a registered body under the Tamil Nadu Societies Act. While registering, the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association Club had submitted its by-laws to the Register of Societies. As per the by-laws, the Dress regulation is as follows:-

#### **"10 Dress Regulation**

Persons will not be admitted into the club premises if they are not decently dressed. Persons attired in Coloured Bermudas, Colour/ Multi-Colour Lungies, Cut Banians/ Vests and/ or wearing Hawaii Chappals will not be permitted into THE TNCA CLUB".

There is no mention about dhoti in the by-law.

Hence, the club's action of denying entry to dhoti-clad persons into the Association premises not only heaps insult on Tamil civilization and culture, but it is against the law of the club also. This is a sartorial despotism.

I have directed the Register of Societies to seek clarification from the club.

There are reports that some clubs in Chennai are following such practices as denying entry to dhoti-clad persons. To find a permanent solution to this issue, a draft bill will be introduced and passed in the current session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. If clubs indulge in acts against the culture and tradition of Tamils in future, their licence will be cancelled as per this law. ●



# 'Historic victory for Tamil Nadu on Mullai Periyar issue'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly  
on 18.07.2014 (*English Translation*)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Tamil Nadu got a fair verdict from the Supreme Court over the long-standing demand of its people for raising the storage level in Mullai Periyar Dam. This is a sequel to the stable, strong and constructive steps taken by my Government and the strong arguments placed before the Supreme Court and before the Experts Committee set up by the Supreme Court. Following the judgement and the decision taken by the Supervisory Committee on 17.07.2014 to raise the storage level of the Mullai Periyar Dam to 142 ft., the shutters of the Dam were downed with the co-operation of the Central Government. This is a victory to Tamil Nadu; a great victory to the people, particularly to farmers. I am overwhelmingly happy over this historic victory got after 37 years. Through this, the rights of the Tamil Nadu people in the Mullai Periyar issue have been established.

Writ petitions filed in the Kerala and Madras High Courts over the Mullai Periyar Dam, the lifeline for the livelihood of the people in the districts of Theni, Madurai, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram and Dindigul were transferred to the Supreme Court in April 2002. On my advice, my Government advanced strong arguments during the hearing of the case in the Supreme Court. On 27.02.2006, the Supreme Court passed a judgement permitting the raising of the storage level of the dam to 142 ft. from 136 ft. in the first stage, the taking up of the remaining works to strengthen the dam and directed the Kerala Government to co-operate with Tamil Nadu in taking up these works. The judgement further stated that after completion of the strengthening works as dictated by the Central Water Resources Authority, private experts would decide on raising the storage to the maximum level of 152 ft. after conducting further inspections.

By way of slighting this judgement of the Supreme Court, the Kerala Government amended the Kerala Irrigation and Water Resources Protection Act of 2003. As per this amended Act, the maximum storage level of Mullai Periyar Dam was fixed at 136 ft. My Government filed a case in the Supreme Court on 31.03.2006, praying for invalidating this amendment.

The Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court which heard the Mullai Periyar Dam case, ordered the setting up of a 5 - Member Empowered Committee headed by the retired Chief Justice of India Dr.A.S. Anand. The earlier minority DMK Government's Chief Minister Thiru. Karunanidhi announced that Tamil Nadu would not nominate its representative on this committee. After I issued a statement that Tamil Nadu's interests could be safeguarded only by nominating the State's representatives on this committee, the earlier minority DMK Government appointed a representative.

Tamil Nadu Government placed fair, strong and resourceful arguments before the Empowered Committee appointed by the Supreme Court. The Empowered Committee submitted its report to the Supreme Court on 25.04.2012 on the basis of arguments advanced by Tamil Nadu and Kerala Governments and on the basis of inspections conducted.

The 5-Member Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court, headed by the Chief Justice of India gave its judgement on 07.05.2014. The civil case filed by Tamil Nadu was decreed. The judgement held that the Kerala Irrigation

and Water Resources Protection (Amendment) Act of 2006 was ultra vires of the Constitution. It further stated: Kerala should not interfere with the Supreme Court judgement that the storage level of Mullai Periyar could be raised to 142 ft.; that Tamil Nadu Government could take up maintenance and strengthening works of the dam and that though there was no substance in the Kerala Government's fears, and that the raising of the storage level to 142 ft. should be supervised by a 3-Member Committee with representatives from the Central Water Resources Authority and the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

By way of implementing the Supreme Court judgement, I met the Hon'ble Prime Minister at Delhi on 03.06.2014 and presented a Memorandum urging the setting up of the 3-Member Committee and explained the salient points clearly and in detail to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Realising the justness of my demand the Hon'ble Prime Minister assured me that he would do the needful. Accordingly, the Central Government issued the order on 01.07.2014 for the setting up of a Supervisory Committee as per the decision of the Supreme Court.

After the receipt of the order, the Tamil Nadu Government urged the leader of the Supervisory Committee to immediately convene a meeting of the committee. The first meeting was held at Thiruvananthapuram on 08.07.2014. Tamil Nadu urged at the meeting that steps should be taken immediately to increase the storage level to 142 ft. The second meeting of the committee was held on

17.07.2014. At this meeting, a decision was taken to raise the storage level of the dam to 142 ft. by way of implementing the Supreme Court order. To achieve it, shutters of the dam were lowered yesterday itself.

A day prior to the holding of the first meeting of the Supervisory Committee, the DMK President Thiru.Karunanidhi raised the question, “What is the Tamil Nadu Government going to do in this issue,” after stating, contrary to facts, that Kerala Government had sought a stay in the Supreme Court on the functioning of the Supervisory Committee. I criticized Thiru.Karunanidhi for issuing a statement which sought to induce Kerala Government to seek a stay when that Government had not

filed any stay petition. I had also stated in my statement that Tamil Nadu got a fair judgement on the Mullai Periyar issue only because there was an efficient Government in Tamil Nadu; It was because of an effective Government that a Supervisory Committee had been set up, the date for a meeting of the committee had also been fixed and that the storage level of Mullai Periyar would certainly be raised to 142 ft. as per the judgement of the Supreme Court.

As I had stated, the shutters of the dam were downed yesterday to store the water up to 142 ft. This is a victory for Tamil Nadu, for the people of Tamil Nadu. Rather describing it as a “victory”, I can say it is ‘Justice Rendered’ to the people of Tamil Nadu. ■

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## ‘Help rescue Nilgiris Nurses from Iraq’

*D.O. letter dated 19.06.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalithaa**,  
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**,  
Hon’ble Prime Minister of India.*

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“As you are aware, 46 Indian Nurses working in Tikrit General Hospital in Iraq are trapped in the current conflict in that country. Six (6) of these Nurses, Sini, Sili, Simi, Aleena, Neethu and Maneetha are from the Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu. Their families are extremely anxious about the safety of these young Nurses. These Nurses are innocent bystanders, rendering valuable service to the health system of Iraq. India and the International community at large are duty

bound to ensure their safety and to provide them a safe passage back to their homeland.

Hence, I would be grateful if you could kindly intervene personally and take up the matter at the highest level in Iraq and with other International agencies including the United Nations and the Red Crescent to secure the safety and security of the Indian Nurses, including the six from Tamil Nadu and arrange for their safe passage back to India.” ■

# Five more ITIs at Rs. 40.04 crore



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa**  
under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu  
Legislative Assembly on 23.07.2014  
(English Translation)

**H**on'ble Speaker,

My Government is aware that technical education is necessary along with academic education if the economy is to improve, jobs are to grow and people's needs are to be fulfilled. Hence, my Government is zealously working to encourage technical education and create Human Resources with Technical skills.

To realize the targets mentioned in the Vision 2023 Document of my Government, both technically skilled personnel and those who have completed technical education are needed. Taking this into account, 10 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) were started last year and they are functioning well.

As a continuation of this, and by way of fulfilling students' aspirations, I am happy to announce that 5 new Government ITIs will be started at a cost of Rs.40.04 crore at Manikandam in Tiruchi District, Chinna Salem (Villupuram District), Kadayannallur (Tirunelveli), Kattumannarkovil (Cuddalore) and Udumalpet (Tiruppur), with these, my Government has opened 15 ITIs in the last 3 years.

For women, 12 Government ITIs are functioning at Ambattur, Guindy, Pullambadi, Cuddalore, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai, Dindigul, Namakkal, Nagercoil, Andipatti and Karur. In the last 3 years, orders were issued for construction of own buildings for the ITIs at Cuddalore and Karur which did not have one. Works are under progress.

My attention was drawn to the great difficulties faced by the students of the Namakkal Women's Government Industrial Training Institute which was started in 2003 and was functioning from a rented building with inadequate facilities.

I am happy to announce that a new building with Laboratory, Class room, Office room and Library facilities will be constructed for this ITI at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore so that students can get the training without experiencing difficulties. These measures of my Government will develop Skilled Human Resources in future. ●



# Own buildings for job exchanges, better facilities for public

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa** under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu  
Legislative Assembly on 23.07.2014 ( English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government is earnest in providing the needed facilities to the registrant public coming to the Employment Exchange Offices, giving them employment opportunities, upgrading safety to workers in factories and in extending medical facilities to them.

There are 37 employment exchange offices in the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu for the educated youth to register their educational qualifications. After I took up the Chief Ministership for a third term, my attention was drawn to the space constraint and lack of basic facilities in most of these offices which function from rented buildings. To solve this problem, I decided that District Employment Exchange Offices should have their own buildings. Orders were issued for construction of own buildings, in the first phase, to 10 District Employment Exchange Offices in the financial year 2011-2012, and to 5 offices in the year 2012-2013. Now, 18 Employment Exchange Offices are functioning from their own buildings.

In continuation of this, I am happy to announce that own buildings will be constructed for 5 more District Employment Exchange Offices located at Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Tiruvarur, Tiruvallur and Dharmapuri at a cost of Rs. 8.25 crore at the rate of Rs. 1.65 crore for each for the financial year 2014-2015.

My attention was drawn to the difficulties experienced in the registration and issuing of licence to new factories under the Factories Act of 1948 and in the annual renewal of licences of

the already registered 42,000 factories. With the view that Government Services should reach the Industrial Entrepreneurs at the appropriate time, I am happy to announce that issuing of licences will be undertaken through Web Portal. Workers, Factory Management and the General Public can also learn through the Web Portal details of industrial safety and hygiene, norms and new techniques. To implement this, an exclusive Web Portal will be created for the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health at a cost of Rs. 2.24 crore.

In the last three years, my Government has made arrangements for enhancing Medical Services to workers. It has started ESI Dispensaries in 20 new places and extended the coverage to 33 new areas. By this, 1,83,537 Workers and their Families are benefited. At present, 10 ESI Hospitals and 205 Dispensaries offer Medical Services to the Insured Workers and their Families.

In the current year, new Dispensaries will be opened at 6 places – Kudankulam, Naranamangalam, Tiruchendur, Hosur (SIPCOT-II), Neyveli and Sivakasi (Naranapuram) at a cost of Rs. 4.95 crore. For the implementation of the scheme, 96 posts including those of 19 Doctors will be created and 15,884 Workers will benefit.

These measures of my Government will enable Employment Exchange Offices function with greater facilities and in airy environment, people to know all details including workers' safety through web sites and workers to get additional medical services. ●



# Fillip to MSM enterprises for greater growth, more jobs

*Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Selvi J Jayalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu  
Legislative Assembly on 24.07.2014 (English Translation)*

Hon'ble Speaker,

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) are the propelling force for economic growth; nurseries for development of entrepreneurial talent and fountain-head for distribution of permanent jobs. Tamil Nadu has shown the way to other states in the creation of these MSM industries.

I am proud to present the following schemes to this Assembly for the growth of MSM industries in a bid to further develop the country's economy.

1. As on 31.03.2014, there were 9.68 lakh registered MSM industries in Tamil Nadu. I am extremely happy to announce that a new scheme – “Amma Skill, Employment and Training Scheme” – will be implemented to meet the human resources demand for these industries and the ones to be started and to create employment opportunities. Under this scheme, unemployed educated youth in the age group 18-25 who have successfully completed engineering, technical education and diploma courses, will be given apprenticeship training in MSM enterprises for six months. During the training period a stipend of Rs. 5,000/- will be provided by these industrial units. At

the completion of 6 months training period, the Government will reimburse the industries Rs. 12,000/-. The National Skill Development Corporation will test the trainees and issue certificates. The Government will provide the certificate fee also. The industrial enterprises will absorb them after the successful completion of apprenticeship, on a salary of Rs. 5,000/- per month or the minimum wages prescribed under the relevant Act, whichever is higher. In the current year, 25,000 persons (30 per cent for women) will be trained. Government has set apart Rs. 32.50 crore for the implementation of this scheme.

2. I am happy to announce that my Government has decided to increase the 15 per cent subsidy (subject to a maximum of Rs. 75,000/-) provided under the Employment creation scheme for unemployed youth to 25 per cent, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.25 lakh. The scheme aims at moulding the socially and economically backward, particularly the educated unemployed, into self-employed entrepreneurs and provides the subsidy to those coming forward to start industries with an investment of Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh. The subsidy is in the plan estimate. By increasing the subsidy to 25 per cent,

the Government will incur an expenditure of Rs. 25 crore annually.

3. I am happy to announce that SIDCO will set up 3 more Industrial Estates in the current year at R. Kombai in Dindigul District on 51.26 acres, Thandarai in Kancheepuram District on 43 acres and at Kaalukurichi in Karur District on 54.27 acres. With this, the number of Industrial Estates maintained by SIDCO will increase to 100. (At present, it maintains 35 estates setup by Government and 62 more setup by itself). In the proposed 3 Industrial Estates to come up on 148.53 acres, black-topped roads, drinking water facility, common facility centre and the like will be provided at a cost of Rs. 23 crore. About 345 industrial plots will come up in these industrial Estates for spare part manufacture for vehicles, general engineering units, and hosiery and textile factories. About 10,000 persons will get employment opportunities. SIDCO's funds will be utilised for setting up these 3 Estates.

4. Steps have been taken to set up Industrial Estates through SIDCO (Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation) at Kattuvannanchur in Villupuram District, Parvadhanhalli in Dharmapuri District, Mallur in Ariyalur District and at Vettambadi in Namakkal District. I am happy to announce that infrastructure facilities will be created in these estates at a cost of Rs. 13.21 crore.

5. On my orders Industrial Parks exclusively for women were created at 5 places – Tirumullaivoyal (Tiruvallur), Tirumudivakkam (Kancheepuram), Karuppur (Salem), Vzhavandaankottai (Tiruchi) and Kappalur (Madurai) – on a total of 358.44 acres with 1,198 industrial plots. These are functioning from 2001 and 9,100 workers are employed. Technology, technical skill and marketing assistance have to be improved in these parks to make the units there



competitive. I am happy to announce that a Centre of Excellence of global standards will be set up in each of these Industrial Parks. These centres will have facilities like display cum sales centre, general business centre, auditorium, training floor, administrative office, bank, crutches and medical centre. Each centre of excellence will be set up at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore. I am happy to announce that my Government will provide the total cost of Rs. 12.50 crore as grant.

6. The Government Technical Training Centre at Guindy, Chennai is conducting 3 year Diploma courses in Tool and Die-making, and air-conditioning and refrigeration with the approval of the All India Council of Technical Education at New Delhi. The present building and infrastructure facilities don't conform to the norms of the AICTE. Hence, I am happy to announce that an additional building on 30,000 sq.ft will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 9 crore.

7. TANSI is operating 9 factories for manufacture of wooden furniture. Through these only traditional furniture could be manufactured. To compete with the private sector and produce quality products and deliver them on time. I am happy to announce a new wooden furniture manufacturing factory will be set up under TANSI. It will be set up with modern equipment at Ambattur Industrial Estate at a cost of Rs. 3.95 crore.

These measures will improve industrial growth, increase employment opportunities and boost Tamil Nadu's economy. ●



# SCHEMES TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND GENERATE MORE JOBS

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa** under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 24.07.2014  
(English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

Tamil Nadu is progressing on the path of industrial growth. This is because a conducive atmosphere has been provided for starting industries like industrial infrastructure facilities and manpower with technological skills, uninterrupted power supply, maintenance of peace and law and order and adoption of transparent and simplified procedures. Also, my Government has framed a Vision 2023 Plan with specific targets, Tamil Nadu Industrial policy 2014, Motor Vehicles and Spare Parts Policy 2014 and Bio-technology Policy 2014.

I am extremely happy to announce the following schemes to improve industrial

growth in Tamil Nadu and thereby create further employment opportunities:

1. The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) in partnership with Tidel Park will start a Tidel Bio- Park III at a cost of Rs. 55 crore at Coimbatore on a 10-acre plot, belonging to Anna University. Coimbatore has been chosen due to its location and availability of scientific and technological resources and marketing facilities. This scheme will provide direct employment to 500 science personnel and indirect employment to 500 others.

2. TIDCO will set up a Medical Park in collaboration with H.L.L.Lifecare Ltd, a Government of India enterprise, near Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs. 130 crore on 330 acres. The aim is to make Tamil Nadu the hub in the manufacture of medical equipment in India, to encourage the growth of medical technology and lower the medical cost for patients by reducing the import of medical techno products. The Medical Park will have a variety of infrastructure facilities such as medical implements and equipment zone, bio-technology and bio-information zone, incubation facility-cum-research-cum-growth zone and will be a premier Medical Park in the country. Of the proposed 100 industrial sections in this Park, 30 will be earmarked for large and medium size industrial units. This

scheme will provide direct employment to about 3,000 persons and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons.

3. TIDCO will set up a National Investment and Manufacturing Zone in the taluks of Ramanathapuram and Tiruvadanai in the backward Ramanathapuram District with an investment of Rs. 6,525 crore. A detailed project report for the creation of this zone will be prepared and forwarded to the Central Government in the current year itself and my Government will leave no stones unturned to start work on the project soon.

4. TIDCO will also set up a Desalination Plant with a capacity of 15 million litres per day (MLD) and a 50 MW solar power unit on 500 acres of Government land at the Salt Pan Complex in Vaalinokkam, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs. 1,500 crore. The power plant will generate 190 million units in a year. The Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation will take steps to manufacture salt from the effluent brackish water. The project is expected to impact the socio-economic growth of the industrially backward districts.

5. To take the electronics infrastructure and manufacture to backward Districts, an electronic manufacturing cluster will be set up in Krishnagiri District on an area of 527 acres and at a cost of Rs. 920 crore. TIDCO will team up with G.M.R Infrastructure Corporation to implement the scheme as per the National Electronics Policy of the Government of India. Of the total area of 527 acres, 65 per cent will be set apart for manufacturing units. The Central Government has agreed to the project in principle. This project will attract an investment of Rs.7,000 crore and will generate employment opportunities to about 40,000 persons.

6. Infrastructure facilities such as roads, water facility, street lights and drainage, costing

Rs.190.57 crore will be set up in 2014-2015, in the industrial complexes/parks of SIPCOT (Small Industrial Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu).

7. Considering the importance of environment and afforestation, the SIPCOT will take steps to plant trees on either side of the roads in its 20 Industrial Parks in 12 districts. The trees will be planted at intervals of 10 metres. The project will cost Rs. 5 crore. SIPCOT will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forests Department for planting the trees and maintaining them for 5 years.

8. Steps will be taken to improve the ground water in the water bodies in the three Industrial Complex/ Industrial Parks under the control of SIPCOT at a cost of Rs. 6 crore and to refurbish 42 effluent tanks in the SIPCOT Industrial Complex / Parks/ Growth Centres at a cost of Rs. 40 lakhs each. In the current year, 10 tanks will be redone at a cost of Rs. 4 crore.

9. The factory I opened on 30.01.2013 to manufacture cement from the lime sludge of the paper factory of the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Company (TNPL) and fly ash of its power plant will be expanded at a cost of Rs.30 crore. Through this expansion programme, the capacity of the Cement Factory will be increased from 600 metric tons to 900 metric tons per day.

10. On 07.05.2013, I had announced in this Assembly that a new factory to manufacture double-side coated cardboards would be set up in Srirangam Assembly Constituency in Tiruchirapalli District through TNPL with an investment of Rs.1,200 crore, and providing jobs to 2,000 persons directly and indirectly. Work is underway on this project. As a follow up of this project, a centre to manufacture value-added paper products from the paper and cardboards produced by TNPL will be set up

on 38.40 acres at Mayanur in Karur District at a cost of Rs. 40 crore. At this centre, 15 paper and cardboard based industrial units will be set up and they will manufacture note-books, text books and small cardboard boxes and the like. The units will generate employment for 500 persons.

11. The software technology service centre of TNPL will be upgraded to meet its power needs at a cost of Rs.12 crore.

12. By way of encouraging sugar mills, ethanol manufacturing units with distilleries will be set up in the Kallakurichi-II Co-operative Sugar Mills and Dharmapuri Subramania Siva Cooperative Sugar Mills at a cost of Rs.90 crore each. The distilleries will have a production capacity of 45 kilo litres. This will ensure full utilization of sugarcane crop grown in those areas. The cane juice sediment will be turned into value-added products of ethanol and rectified spirit and sugar mills will stand to gain. The Project needs Rs.180 crore. While the National Co-operative Development Corporation and the Sugar Development Fund will meet 50 and 40 per cent respectively of this amount, the balance 10 per cent will be raised through share capital.

13. Ethanol units with distilleries are functioning in the Amaravathi and Salem Co-operative Sugar Mills. These mills will have a production capacity of 90 lakh litres of ethanol and 1.65 crore litres of rectified spirit. In these mills, modern treatment plants will be set up with a view to conserve water and implement the pollution control rules fully. The demand for water will lessen as the treated water will be recycled to meet the needs of these mills. The discharge of effluent water will be totally controlled. These modern treatment plants

will be set up at a cost of Rs.8.50 crore each (totally Rs.17 crore).

14. Nadippisai Pulavar K.R.Ramasami Co-operative Sugar Mill, the Tiruthani Co-operative Sugar Mill, Amaravathy Co-operative Sugar Mill, Ambur Co-operative Sugar Mill, the Madurantakam Co-operative Sugar Mills, the Tirupathur Co-operative Sugar Mill, Amaravathy Co-operative Sugar Mill Distillery and the Salem Co-operative Sugar Mill distillery will be linked to the Air Observation Unit of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board with a view to improving the quality of air and water and also falling in line with the rules of the Board. This direct link can be electronically monitored. Through this, the extent of air and water pollution can be clearly detected. This scheme will enable adherence to pollution control rules fully and immediate dissemination of information to the people residing around these mills on the extent of pollution in the air and in the effluent water. The scheme will cost Rs. 5.51 crore.

15. Cranes, dippers, boring machines, bulldozers and air-compressor machines are used for the expansion of quarries and mines of the Tamil Nadu Minerals Corporation (TAMIN), and for mining operations. By way of minimizing the expenses on renting machines, reducing the repairing time, improving productivity in mines and quarries and taking up mining works on scientific basis, modern equipment – 11 bulldozers, 10 dippers and 6 air compressor machines - will be purchased for TAMIN at a cost of Rs.16.42 crore.

These measures of my Government will attract investment, improve the industrial growth, creates employment opportunities and control pollution. ●



# Anganwadis to be upgraded as vibrant Childhood Centres

*Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 24.07.2014 (English Translation)*

**H**on'ble Speaker,

Anganwadi centres in Tamil Nadu try to realize the goals of providing complete nutrition to pregnant women, adolescent girls and children, and achieve enhanced hygiene and reduction in infant mortality rate.

The 54,439 Anganwadis in Tamil Nadu benefit 35,36,705 persons, below 5 years old, adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers and old age pensioners. I am extremely happy to make the following announcements which will provide many more benefits and facilities to mothers, children and BPL families through Anganwadis.

(1) My Government has decided to upgrade the Anganwadi centres as "Vibrant Early Childhood Development and Learning Centres" for providing a happy environment for children aged 6 months to 5 years, at present benefiting through Anganwadis. In the first phase 5,565 Anganwadis will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.55.65 crore. Through this, 4.50 lakh children will benefit. The upgradation plan includes construction of additional rooms of 100 sq.ft each. Child-friendly toilets, setting up water tanks, wash-basins, kitchen-sinks, footwear racks, water filters, outdoor sports equipment for children, tables and chairs, rocking chairs in the shape of duck and horse, school bags and water bottles, distribution of

photo ID cards, repairing, white-washing and wall-painting of the Anganwadi centres.

(2) First-aid boxes with digital thermometer, bandage scissors, linen, micropore plaster, handyplast and first-aid manual, will be distributed to all the 54,439 Anganwadis at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore.

(3) My Government has decided to upgrade the present Anganwadis into Day Care centres for children to obviate the difficulties faced by working women in taking care of their children below 5 years of age. In the first phase, 211 Anganwadi centres in 13 districts – Perambalur, Kanniyakumari, Chennai, Pudukkottai, Dindigul, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Coimbatore, Tiruvannamalai, Tirunelveli, Salem, Vellore, and Villupuram – will be upgraded as day care centres at a cost of Rs.2.31 crore. To start with, these day care centres will be attached to Anganwadis and function from rented buildings wherever needed. The in-take in each will be a minimum of 15 children; 3,165 children will benefit in these 211 Anganwadis. Playthings, toys, cradles, sanitary items, additional beds, bedsheets and ID cards for children will be provided. Besides, children in these Day Care centres will be given, morning breakfast, snacks and evening tiffin at a cost of Rs.6/- per day, 300 days in a year. This is in

addition to the supplementary and nutritious food they are supplied with already.

(4) In my first term as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu between 1991 and 1996, I started a Girl Child Protection Scheme in 1992, to boost women's education, eradicate female infanticide and encourage the small family norm. After 01.08.2011, an investment of Rs. 50,000/- is made in the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation in the name of the girl child if the family has only one girl child and no male child; and Rs.25,000/- each if the family has 2 girl children and no male child. This fixed deposit is renewed at the end of every 5 years and the matured amount – Rs. 3,00,232/- and Rs. 1,50,117/- under the 2 schemes – is returned to each beneficiary when the girl child completes 18 years of age. Also, an educational incentive up to Rs. 1,800/- per annum is provided to the girl child from the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the creation of the Fixed Deposit. This Girl Child Protection Scheme is an important factor for

the progress achieved in women's education in Tamil Nadu, the reduction registered in the drop-out of girl children from the educational stream and improvement in female sex ratio.

To extend the benefit of the Girl Child Protection Scheme to people having an annual income up to Rs. 60,000/- like daily wage earners, unorganized sector workers, nurses working in private sector hospitals, workers in shops, lodges, eateries, small traders, street vendors, private kindergarten, school teachers and auto-drivers, the present income ceiling fixed for eligibility will be removed. Presently, an income ceiling of Rs. 50,000/- is fixed for scheme I and Rs. 24,000/- for scheme II. Now, a common income ceiling of Rs. 72,000/- will be prescribed. On account of this revision, Rs. 31 crore will be allotted additionally.

These activities of my Government will usher in happiness in the lives of women, mothers and children and turn them into healthy citizens enjoying all facilities. ●



## 112<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamaraj

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** paid her respects to Perunthalaivar Kamaraj on his 112<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, by offering floral tribute to a picture of the leader kept below his statue on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 15.07.2014. Hon'ble Ministers, MPs, MLAs, representatives of Local Bodies and members of the public in large numbers participated.



# Chief Minister announces road projects worth Rs. 2,325.48 crore

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Selvi J Jayalithaa in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly  
under Rule 110 on 25.07.2014 (English Translation)**

**H**on'ble Speaker,

Roads and bridges are vital for the growth of industry and agriculture, speedy commutation, fuel efficiency and safe travel. My Government has therefore been taking all steps to improve road infrastructure.

As a follow up of this, I am extremely happy to announce in this Assembly, road infrastructure projects to be implemented at a cost of Rs.2,325.48 crore.

1. Widening of roads under the Highways Department running to 250 kms to the limits of the newly extended areas of Chennai Corporation and laying of footpaths along with storm water drainage, will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 1,033 crore. In the first phase, works worth Rs. 250 crore will be taken up.

2. To meet the growing traffic demands of Chennai Metropolitan area, 2 flyovers with grade separators will be constructed at Medavakkam and Keezhkattalai at a cost of Rs.185.50 crore. At an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore, a subway for vehicles in the South Inner

Ring Road will be constructed with financial assistance from the Japan Multi-national Integration Agency.

3. Three high-rise bridges will be constructed at Paruthipattu, Ramavaram and Nolambur at an estimated cost of Rs.58 crore; a sky-walk with an escalator will be constructed near Tambaram Railway Station at an estimate of Rs.12 crore.

4. Work on widening the road from Oragadam to Tiruperumbudur to accommodate 6-lane traffic is presently going on. As its continuation, widening of road from Singaperumal Kovil to Oragadam will be taken up at a cost of Rs.120 crore.

5. Widening the 27 km long Madurai Ring Road from Meenakshi Mission Hospital to Kappalur to accommodate 4-lane traffic will be undertaken at a cost of Rs.200 crore.

6. A high-rise bridge will be constructed at 5-Road Junction in Salem. In the current year Rs.275 crore will be allotted.

7. Upgrading of the State Highways in the districts of Ramanathapuram – to a stretch of 35 kms -- and Virudhunagar – to a stretch of 15.6 kms will be taken up at a cost of Rs.100 crore.

8. Upgrading of roads around Vedaranyam Town in Nagapattinam District at a cost of Rs. 33.40 crore to avert rain water stagnation.

9. Conversion of Namakkal- Tiruchengodu Road into a 4-lane road at a cost of Rs.140 crore.

10. A railway over-bridge near Arakkonam subway to ensure pedestrian safety at a cost of Rs. 66.68 crore.

11. High-rise bridges at Bhuvanagiri in Cuddalore District on the left bank road of Kollidam River at Chithiramboor in Pudukottai District and across Vaaniyaaru in Dharmapuri District at a cost of Rs.60.90 crore.

12. A fly-over with grade separators at Thiruvakavundanoor Junction in Salem Town at a cost of Rs. 50 crore.

13. Two sky-walkers with escalators at Nanjundapuram Junction and at Railway Station Junction in Coimbatore and a sky-

walk near the bus stand in Karur Town at a cost of Rs.24 crore.

14. Works costing Rs.1,130 crore for preventing accidents in towns have been identified. They include upgradation of roads, improving road designs, widening of narrow bridges, setting up central cross-bars and accident prevention bars in open air wells and installation of roadside caution boards. In the first phase, works costing Rs.400 crore will be taken up in the current year.

15. With NABARD assistance, 100 bridges across rivers will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 300 crore.

16. By way of improving the management and maintenance of roads, an agreement will be signed to develop all the State Highways and important roads in the Districts of Ramanathapuram and Krishnagiri and to maintain them for 5 years at an estimate of Rs.1,020 crore.

I wish to state that these steps of my Government will further enhance the travel facilities of all sections of people and take the country's economy on the path of progress. ●



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa** declared open 12 Government Hostels for Working Women and a Government Service Centre and also laid the foundation for a dormitory in the Government Service Home in Kancheepuram District, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.06.2014.



## Homes for mentally ill in 21 more Districts

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa** under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu  
Legislative Assembly on 25.07.2014 (*English Translation*)

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government has formulated several schemes for the rehabilitation of the mentally ill and the differently-abled and is implementing them. The aim is to recognise the differently-abled as a limb of society and ensure their participation in the growth of the country.

As a follow-up of this, I am extremely happy to announce the following schemes:-

(1) Rehabilitation homes for the mentally ill patients are now functioning in 11 Districts through Voluntary Service Organisations with State Government's financial assistances. They are located in the districts of Tiruvallur, Cuddalore, Tiruvarur, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruchirapalli, Salem, Vellore and Madurai. Besides boarding and lodging, medicine and vocational training are also given to the inmates of these homes. The annual commitment of the Government towards subsidy to these homes is Rs.1,00,62,800/- at the rate of Rs. 9,14,800/- for each home. The mentally ill who are rescued from districts that do not have a rehabilitation Home are now admitted in such homes in other districts or in mental hospitals. To avert this state of affairs and help the mentally ill get rehabilitated in their own district, Rehabilitation Homes will be set up in the remaining 21 districts also. This will involve an additional annual expenditure of Rs.1,92,10,800/- to the Government.

(2) Voluntary Organisations are maintaining, with Government financial assistance, 31 homes in 21 districts for the mentally retarded persons above 14 years of age with boarding, lodging and vocational training facilities. The nourishment and training offered to the mentally retarded in these homes greatly benefit the parents and family members of the inmates. Hence, my Government has decided to open such homes in 11 more districts – 6 for men in the districts of Dharmapuri, Karur, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Pudukottai and Tiruvarur and 5 for women in the districts of Virudhunagar, Ariyalur, Tiruppur, the Nilgiris and Villupuram. This will entail an annual expenditure of Rs.1,06,34,800/- at the rate of Rs.9,66,800/- for each home.

(3) The Department of Welfare for the Differently Aabled is running 23 Government Special Schools and 54 Government- aided special schools. The Boarding expenses for the hostelites of these schools is Rs.650/- per head; for the day-scholars of these schools, no mid-day meal is provided. Hence, the nutritious meals scheme will be extended to students of the Government and aided special schools functioning under the Department of Welfare for the Differently-Abled. About 1,733 students will benefit through this project. The Government will incur an expenditure of Rs. 38,99,250/- per year.

Chief Minister recalls sacrifices of freedom fighters

**'My Government is ensuring  
that fruits of Independence  
reach every one'**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of  
Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa's**  
speech after hoisting the  
National Flag on  
Independence Day at  
Fort St. George  
on 15.08.2014  
(English Translation)



**H**on'ble Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha,  
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Hon'ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative  
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Hon'ble Finance and PWD Minister  
Thiru. O. Panneerselvam,  
Hon'ble Ministers, Justices of the Madras  
High Court,  
Members of Parliament and Legislative  
Assembly,  
Chief Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government,

Adviser to Tamil Nadu Government,  
Government Officers and Employees,  
Director General of Police,  
Police Department Officers and Constables,  
Respected Elders,  
Ladies who are my veritable Gods,

My dear siblings who are Idaya Deivam  
Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R's blood unto blood  
and who are dearer to me than my own life,

At the outset, I offer my affectionate  
respects and Independence Day greetings to  
all of you,



Today is the 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our beloved Country.

For several centuries, foreigners dominated our country. Today, it is a free country and shines as the largest democracy in the world.

On this day, I am extremely happy and proud to hoist, for the 14<sup>th</sup> time, our National Flag. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Tamil Nadu for giving me this great opportunity.

This Independence Day is an occasion for us to remember with gratitude those who sacrificed their life breath so that we can breathe in a free country.

After handing down a death sentence to freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, the imperial British Government asked him whether he had any last wish.

The reply Bhagat Singh gave was: “Don’t hang me as a criminal, treat me as your enemy and shoot me”. We should be proud of his valour.

“Anyhow you are going to die; what does it matter in which way you die” was the imperial British Government’s callous retort.

“If hanged, I will remain hoisted in the air when my last breath ebbs away, without being able to touch my Motherland. If shot, I will fall on the ground and die embracing

my Motherland,” said Bhagat Singh. Such was his patriotism.

This is the Day when we have to ponder about these martyrs who won us our freedom. The Independence we attained has a history of such countless sacrifices.

Different leaders fought in different ways for our Independence. Mahatma Gandhi, Bal Gangadhr Tilak, Sukhdev, Subhash Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.... the list is endless....

In the freedom struggle, the sacrifice of the Tamils is indelibly etched in stone. Like the pinnacle of a tower, Tamils reached the acme of glory in this sacrifice (velvi) of freedom. ‘Kodi Kaatha’ Kumaran, Vanchinathan and others laid down their young lives for the country’s Independence. Marudhu Brothers, ‘Kappalottiya Thamizhan’ V.O. Chidambaram Pillai, Pooli Thevan and others sacrificed their lives for the country’s Independence. Maha Kavi Bharathiyar who kindled patriotism in people through his songs, ‘Dheerar’ Sathyamoorthy, the courageous Pasumpon. Muthuramalinga Thevar, Dheeran Chinnamalai, the straightforward Veerapandia Kattabomman, ‘Veera Mangai’ Velunachiyar, etc., the list of Tyagis goes on endlessly. I am proud to join you in paying my sincere and heartfelt heroic salute to all those bravehearts



who died dedicating their lives for the freedom struggle.

“It may be somewhat easier to attain Independence; it is more difficult to safeguard it; safeguarding also may become easy, but it is difficult to take the benefits of Independence to all” – said Perarignar Anna.

As an heir to Perarignar Anna and Puratchi Thalaivar MGR’s legacy, the AIADMK Government headed by me has drawn up schemes for taking the benefits of Independence to all people and is implementing them. The golden sayings of Anna have been translated into action.

My Government has ensured that the benefits of Independence reach all, particularly the poor and the marginalised. The principle behind Independence, its core meaning has reached all the people under my Government. That is why a new rule – no one is inferior to anyone else – has come into vogue now.

“The Poor have no say (in anything)” – that is the old adage. Your beloved sister’s Government is writing a new adage in

Tamil Nadu: “The voice of the poor alone will echo in Fort St. George”. That is why, your beloved sister’s Government shines as a Government that firmly opposes all anti-people projects and does not allow them to take root in Tamil Nadu, whether it is the laying of pipelines by GAIL through cultivable lands, extraction of methane in Thanjavur delta, genetically modified seeds scheme or foreign direct investment in retail trade.

My Government is functioning as one, to safeguard and uplift the poor. That is why my Government is implementing many schemes whose benefits reach the poor and the marginalised directly.

Several welfare schemes like distribution of 20 kgs of rice to family card holders every month at no cost, monthly pension of Rs. 1,000/- to 35.38 lakh persons under social security schemes, distribution of mixie, grinder and fan at no cost, distribution of milch animals – cows and goats – to improve the standard of living of the poor and marginalised, distribution of green houses with solar electrical power, marriage assistance of 4 gram gold for ‘thaali’ and cash up to Rs. 50,000/- to women from downtrodden families, connection through cable TV corporation of more channels at low rates for the benefit of the poor, Amma Restaurants to offer food at very low rates and ‘Amma Salt’ scheme are implemented for the sake of the poor and the downtrodden.

If the poor are to be uplifted, poverty eradication schemes alone are not enough. The poor can participate in economic development only when they become educated. That is why my Government has given a high priority to education and brought about a revolution in the field of education. As a result, in the whole of India, Tamil Nadu has become



self-sufficient, from primary to higher secondary education. Those who wrote by hand are today operating computers. The fact that the budget allotment for school education alone in the current financial year is Rs. 19,634 crore will reveal how much your beloved sister's Government is bestowing attention to education. Bharathi's dream of a free India where people live happily through meaningful education and wisdom, has been realised today.

Likewise, for the physical well-being of people, my Government is implementing various health programmes. The Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme is designed to help the poor and the downtrodden access costly treatment without any expenditure to them. A multi-specialty hospital on par with AIIMS Hospital at Delhi has been inaugurated at the Chennai Omandurar Government Estates and quality treatment is offered to the poor. With the view that rural people should also get medical facilities on par with urban population, 122 Primary Health Centres (PHC) in villages have been upgraded as 30-bed hospitals. Forty two PHCs have been upgraded as maternity – child welfare centres. At a cost of Rs. 135 crore, 172 new PHCs have been set up. Besides, obstetric

services are provided round-the-clock in all PHCs. Under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Obstetrics Financial Assistance Scheme, Rs. 12,000/- assistance is offered. This not only encourages pregnant women to receive pre-natal services, but also ensures deliveries at hospitals and immunisation of babies. There is good progress in health index on account of these measures.

In the agriculture sector, Tamil Nadu has achieved marvellous growth. In the earlier minority DMK rule, maximum foodgrain production was of the order of 82.63 lakh metric tons. But in my rule, in 2011-2012, the foodgrain production touched a record of 101.52 lakh tonnes. The estimate for 2013-2014 is expected to be a new record of 110.65 lakh metric tonnes. Compared to the earlier DMK rule's maximum production, this will be 34 per cent higher.

In tune with the ideology 'better teach a person how to fish than give a fish; this will ensure that the person thrives', we are implementing different visionary programmes to create employment and self-employment opportunities in the industrial sector.

In sum, your beloved sister's Government is working tirelessly day and night for



Tamil Nadu, its people, its language and its ethnicity; for taking the benefits of Independence to all sections of society and firming them up.

At a time when we are recollecting the sacrifices of the Freedom Fighters, I am happy to announce that the monthly pension for these 'Tyagis' will be enhanced from Rs. 9,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- and the family pension from Rs. 4,500/- to Rs. 5,000/-. This will benefit 1,955 persons and Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 1,43,52,000/- in a year.

Besides, the special monthly pension of Rs. 2,000/- given to the heirs of those who had contributed in an exemplary way to the freedom struggle like Veerapandia Kattabomman, Marudhu Brothers and V.O. Chidambaranar, will be increased to Rs. 4,500/-. Totally, 195 persons will benefit out of this. The additional expenditure for Government will be Rs. 58.50 lakh in a year.

Puratchi Thalaivar MGR introduced the Nutritious Meals Scheme in 1982 for taking care of the nutrition of school children. With a view that children of the poor should have tasty food, a pilot project was implemented

last year by changing the usual food served under the nutritious meal scheme for years. On an experimental basis, different types of mixed rice along with spiced egg was served to children in the anganwadi centres in one Panchayat Union and in 3 schools in every district. The scheme has been received well by the beneficiaries. With great pleasure, I announce that the scheme of serving different kinds of mixed rice with spiced egg will be extended to all nutritious meal centres and anganwadi centres in the State. On account of this, Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 103.28 crore every year.

Perarignar Anna said: "We see God in the smile of the poor". Your beloved Sister's Government is giving practical shape to Anna's utterance. I would like to affirm that this Government will continue to work tirelessly for the prosperity of the people of Tamil Nadu.

With these words, I take leave of you hailing  
 'Vazhga Bharatha Mani Thiru Nadu!'  
 'Valarga Nam Thalai Thiru Nadu!'  
 'Anna Naamam Vazhga!'  
 'Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Naamam Vazhga!'  
 Nandri, Vanakkam.



# Proactive steps to root out illiteracy

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Selvi J Jayalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly  
on 30.07.2014 (English Translation)**

Hon'ble Speaker,

My Government is endeavouring to realize the goal of universal education and has zero tolerance to illiteracy.

I am extremely happy to make the following announcements to the August Assembly towards this.

1. As primary education is the foundation for education, 128 new primary schools will be started in as many habitats with a concentration of SC/STs in 25 districts at the rate of one for each. Each school will have a Headmaster and middle-level teacher. Totally, 256 teachers will be given jobs. These schools will have a modular kitchen to prepare mid-day meals, buildings with drinking water facility and toilets. This will entail a recurring expenditure of Rs.19.43 core per year.

2. As per the Right to Education Act 2009, there should be a middle school for every 3 km radius area. Accordingly, in the last three years 65 primary schools were upgraded as middle schools. In continuation of this, 42 more primary schools in 19 Districts will be upgraded as middle schools in the current academic year. For these schools, posts for 126 graduate teachers will be created at the rate of 3 for each school. Besides, 3 additional class rooms will also be constructed for

each of these schools. The annual recurring expenditure to the Government on account of this will be Rs.9.28 crore.

3. In the last 3 years, 760 middle schools were upgraded as high schools, benefiting 1.06 lakh students. In the current academic year, 50 Government middle schools will be upgraded as high schools. At rate of one headmaster and 5 graduate teachers for each, these 50 schools will require 300 teacher's posts and they will be filled through transfers. This will cost the Government an annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 1.20 crore.

4. In the last 3 years, 300 Government, Municipal Corporation and Municipal high schools were upgraded as higher secondary schools. The number of post-graduate teacher's posts for these schools were increased to 9 from 5 by including one for each of the subjects of Tamil, History, Economics and Commerce. In the current year, 100, Government, Corporation and Municipal high schools will be upgraded as higher secondary schools and 1,000 teacher's posts will be created – 100 Headmasters and 900 PG teachers. The Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs. 31.82 crore per year.

5. In 2005, I introduced a scheme under which a fixed deposit of Rs.50,000 would

be created in the name of each and every student studying in the first to 12<sup>th</sup> standards in Government and Government-aided schools. The purpose was to maintain and enable the students to continue education even if their earning parent died in an accident or was disabled permanently. The F.D. amount will now be increased to Rs.75,000. On account of this, the Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 2.70 crore.

6. My Government undertook enumeration work to ensure cent per cent provision of toilet and drinking water facilities in all schools. Toilet facilities were immediately provided in 2,057 schools that had none. As hygienic maintenance of toilets in schools is an equally important task, an allotment of Rs. 160.77 crore will be made for the first time, towards this. This will benefit 56.55 lakh students.

7. In continuation of the provision of several free educational aids to students in Government and Government-aided schools, I have now ordered distribution, free of cost, of copy books to students of 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> classes, drawing books to students of 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> classes and science practical books to students of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> standards. The copy books will encourage good hand-writing and will benefit 45.76 lakh students. The drawing books will encourage artistic skills and imagination in students (63.18 lakhs). The practical books, will benefit 10 lakh students. On account of this, the Government will incur expenses to the tune of Rs. 5.10 crore.

8. Five residential schools will be established in Nilgiris and Krishnagiri Districts in the current year to provide education to 500 children from the marginalised sections of society and residing in remote and hilly areas. Five full-time and three part-time teachers will be appointed. The Government will incur an expenditure of Rs.3.74 crore.

9. To create social awareness in children, School Education and Police Departments are jointly organising competitions in schools, awareness rally, Village education festival, media and team activities. In the current academic year also, these programmes will continue at a cost of Rs.9.99 crore.

10. Besides imparting quality education to children, a pleasant environment is also necessary for the learning process. Taking this into account, 1,175 additional class rooms and 270 toilets, exclusively for girl students will be constructed in Government primary and middle schools functioning under the Department of Primary Education at a cost of Rs.72.90 crore.

11. In 2013-2014, 46,737 non-school going children have been admitted in schools. Of these, 24,638 children are found to need special training. They will be given special training - 9,641 children with lodging facility and 14,997 children without lodging facility- at a cost of Rs.22.75 crore.

12. As a continuation of the inclusive education given to 1,26,641 children who need special attention, special training and assistive devices will also be provided to them at a cost of Rs.31.66 crore.

13. For the first time, school diaries with calendar will be distributed to students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards in Government and aided schools to enable students/parents to know the school working days and examination dates and for students to note the important points made by teachers. The school diary will be distributed for the current academic year and this will cost the Government Rs.3 crore. These steps of my Government will help realize the goal of zero per cent illiteracy in the State. ■



# Sports facilities score again

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 30.07.2014 (English Translation)**

**H**on'ble Speaker,

Sports is not a merely recreation but takes care of the physical and mental well-being of a person and is a training ground for facing life. In the last three years, my Government has drawn and is implementing several schemes to develop sport. I am extremely happy to make the following announcement to this august Assembly for the encouragement of sports.

1. All the District Headquarters barring Vellore and Tiruppur, have sports complexes. Most of them are 15-20 years old. A one-time special grant of Rs. 5 crore has already been given for taking up important renewal works in the sport complexes at Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.1 crore each (Totally, Rs.4 crore) and urgent repair and maintenance works in other district complexes at a total cost of Rs. 1 crore. In continuation of this, another Rs. 4 crore will

now be allotted – Rs. 3.20 crore for taking up important renovation works in these sports complexes in Tiruchirapalli, Kanniyakumari, Kancheepuram and Dindigul at the rate of Rs. 80 lakh each and another Rs.8 lakh for taking up urgent maintenance works in the complexes in the rest of the districts.

2. There are 25 swimming pools in 23 Districts. They are 15-20 years old. The most important features in the maintenance of swimming pools are maintaining of quality of water and nurturing a healthy environment. In most of the places, the performances of water-purifying filters are not up to the mark. The pool floors and the railing walls are damaged due to wear and tear. Hence these pools will be renovated and revamped at a cost Rs.3 crore.

3. As ozone-cleaning of water will enhance the quality of water in the swimming pools and will turn out to be cost effective in due course, the filtering stations at Velachery

Swimming Pool complex and at the pools of Shenoy Nagar, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli and Thanjavur will be converted into filtering stations with ozone cleaning at a cost of Rs.15 lakh each (totally Rs.75 lakh).

4. By way recognizing the services of youth to community development, a new award – Chief Minister State Youth Award – will be instituted. The Award carries Rs.50,000 cash, a felicitation certificate and a medal. These will be distributed every Independence Day to six persons – 3 men and 3 women -- in the age group 15 to 35.

5. For the use of research scholars and students in the Sports and Physical Education University at Melakottiyur near Chennai

(started in 2005 on 125 acres of land), world class facilities including a library room, a laboratory, conference hall and a multi-purpose indoor stadium will be set up at a cost of Rs.18.03 crore. A 2 km long link road will be laid in the vast complex to connect administrative block, hostel workers' quarters and the play-grounds.

6. Above all these, a youth policy will be formulated for the State to draft a uniform approach for the healthy development of youth and ensure their total participation in National development.

These measures of my Government will further firm up the physical and mental well-being of the younger generation. ■



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa** declared open 21 Dining Halls in Temples across the State for the 'Annadhanam' scheme constructed at a cost of Rs.4.26 crore and other facilities including lodges for the use of devotees and quarters for temple staff at a cost of Rs.10.57 crore through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 26.06.2014.



# 1,200 new buses in 2014-15

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Selvi J Jayalalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly  
on 31.07.2014 (English Translation)**

Hon'ble Speaker,

Transport service is fundamental to socio-economic development. To improve this service and the welfare of transport workers who have been discharging their duties well, my Government is implementing excellent schemes.

The Government Transport Corporations play an important role in providing efficient and required transport services to the people. They have created several records at the all-India level in efficiency and administrative management. To

meet the demands of the public, they are operating, besides the ordinary buses, express buses, ultra-luxury buses, very ultra-luxury buses,

and air-conditioned buses. Every day these buses cover 91.20 lakh kms in Tamil Nadu and neighbouring States and help 2.10 crore passengers commute at a low cost. Hence, the economically backward sections hail the services of the Transport Corporations.

In the last 3 years, 1,476 new bus routes have been inaugurated; 4,649 new buses have been purchased; 712 buses have been re-conditioned and 107 small buses have been purchased. They have been dedicated for the use of the public. For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu Transport Department, 20,684 buses are being operated now throughout the State.

By way of modernizing the fleet of the Government Transport Corporations, my Government has decided to replace the old buses with new ones. I am happy to announce 1,200 new buses will be purchased in 2014-2015 at a cost of Rs. 253.80 crore.



After I assumed office as Chief Minister for a third time, my Government made available Rs.38.91 crore to the Government Transport Corporations to retrieve the buses that have been attached by courts for non-payment of compensation to victims in motor vehicle accidents. Hon'ble Members participating in the discussion on the demands for the Transport Department on 23.07.2014 referred to the court attachments of Government buses. In the discussions with high officials on this issue, it was explained that 544 Government Transport Corporation buses have been attached as the accident compensation amount of Rs. 39.73 crore has not been paid by these Corporations. For retrieving these buses, my Government will disburse as ways and means advance Rs.39.73 crore to these Corporations.

Taking into account the great popularity enjoyed by the small bus services – 100 small buses are plying connecting interior areas with nearby bus stands, railway stations and airport

in Chennai and the growing population, I am happy to announce that 100 more small buses will be purchased at a cost of Rs.16.75 crore and operated in different routes in Chennai City.

I am happy to announce that new unit offices of the Transport Department will be created at Manimangalam, Usilampatti, Tiruthani and Cheyyar at a cost of Rs.2.79 crore to obviate the difficulty of travelling 15 to 40 kms to reach the Regional Transport Office for applying for and receiving driver's license / conductor's license and registration of new vehicles. The unit offices at Chidambaram and Tiruchendur will be upgraded as Regional Transport Offices at a cost of Rs. 1.55 crore.

These measures of my Government will help people make congestion-free travel and reach their destination in time and cut short the commutation time to the Regional Transport Offices. ■



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open the Vivekananda International Centre at the Vivekananda Illam Complex, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai, constructed by the Sri Ramakrishna Mutt with a financial assistance of Rs.2 crore from the Tamil Nadu Government through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 08.07.2014.



**‘Besides meeting present power needs, Government is planning for the future’**

**Statement of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 31.07.2014**  
***(English Translation)***

**H**on’ble Speaker,

At a time when electricity has become all-pervading and indispensable, my Government has not only increased the installed capacity of the State but is earnestly working towards giving a practical shape to power projects that have been drawn, keeping in mind future needs.

When I assumed office as Chief Minister for a third time in 2011, Tamil Nadu’s power need was 12,000 MW. Through generation and procurement, only 8,000 MW was obtained leaving a deficit of 4,000 MW. To remove this deficit, thermal power generation schemes that were proceeding at snail’s pace, were accelerated. As a result of this, 5 thermal power generation units at Vallur, Mettur and North Chennai have been completed in the last three years and 2,500 MW has been added to the installed capacity and they have started

commercial production. Moreover, 500 MW electricity is being procured from June 2013 under the medium-term procurement scheme. Also, the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation has entered into long-term agreements with private power generating companies for the procurement of 3,330 MW of power for 15 years from 2014-2015. Of this, 224 MW is now available to the State. From August 2014, 1,000 MW will be made available. The balance will be procured from the year 2015-2016.

Due to my Herculean efforts, the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation met a peak hour demand of 13,775 MW on 24.06.2014. On 20.06.2014 it set a record by distributing 294 million units of power.

Several new power projects are to start generation in the current financial

year. The third unit of the 500 MW Vallur Thermal Power Plant, a joint venture of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and the National Thermal Power Corporation, will start commercial production from August next. The 500 MW first unit of the joint venture plant of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) will commence commercial production in October end and the second unit of equal capacity from March 2015. Tamil Nadu's share out of this is 387 MW.

The first unit of the Kudankulam Atomic Power Station reached a production capacity of 1,000 MW on 07.06.2014. Tamil Nadu's share from the unit is 462 MW. Following my request to the Prime Minister to allot more power from this station, 100 MW has been allotted to Tamil Nadu from the Central Government's non-allotted quota. So, from this station Tamil Nadu is getting 562 MW. The 1,000 MW second unit of this station will commence generation by the end of this year. In this power production, Tamil Nadu's share will be 463 MW.

Moreover, 2 units of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Expansion project Stage II with a capacity of 250 MW each are expected to commence production in 2014-2015. Tamil Nadu will get 230 MW of power out of this generation.

My Government lifted on 01.06.2014 all restrictions on power consumption imposed by the earlier minority DMK Government on High Tension Industries and commercial establishments. This was made possible by the commencement of generation in the new power plants in the current financial year, long-term procurement and higher generation of windmill power from June to September.

On account of the lifting of the power cut, consumers are now enjoying uninterrupted power supply.

As a follow-up of these steps, I am extremely happy to make the following announcements.

1. The Hydro-electricity stations in Tamil Nadu are helpful in meeting the peak hour demands in the mornings and evenings. As these Hydro stations are many years old, it is important to renovate them. And they are being renovated in phases. So far Mettur and Papanasam Hydro Stations have been renovated. Periyar Station is being renovated. In continuation of this programme, the renovation of two units of the Solayar Hydro-Power Station I, Coimbatore District modernization and increasing of their installed capacity from 35 MW to 42 MW will be undertaken at a cost of Rs.120 crore.

2. If uninterrupted power supply is to be ensured to consumers, transmission and distribution structures have to be strengthened according to the additional generation of electricity. In the last three years after I became the Chief Minister for a third time, 134 sub-stations were opened. As a follow-up of this, 60 sub-stations will be set up in the current financial year and 2,500 circuit kms of EHT lines will be energized at a cost of Rs. 5,284 crore. Of these 60 sub-stations, 3 will be of 400 kilo volt stations, nine 230 KV stations, thirty eight 110 KV stations and ten will be 33 KV stations.

3. Besides, two 230 KV sub-stations will be set up in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 338.08 crore for improving its power structure. One sub-station will be in West Mambalam (Rs.92.83 crore) and other at Porur (Rs. 245.25 crore).

4. I announced a Solar Power Energy Policy on 20.10.2012 with a view to tap the abundant solar energy available in the State. After my Government took up the reins of administration, 49 solar photovoltaic plants with an installed capacity of 102 MW have been set up in the last three years in different districts and solar power is being generated. Besides, the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation has issued consent letters to entrepreneurs for generation of 708 MW of solar power. Also, the Rural Development Department is constructing every year 60,000 solar energized Green Houses. Every year, 20,000 street lights are energised by solar power. I inaugurated on 30.12.2013 a roof-top solar power plant at the head quarters of the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation in Chennai. To encourage the setting up of roof-top solar power plants, the Tamil Nadu Government is providing a subsidy of Rs. 20,000 for installing one kilovolt plant. So far, this

subsidy has been sanctioned to 1,708 houses. As a follow-up measure, a 400 KV sub-station will be set up at Kamuthi in Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs. 435.50 crore and 230 KV sub-station at Muthuramalingapuram in Virudhunagar District at a cost of Rs. 47.51 crore to uplink the solar power generated in Southern Districts.

5. Along with transmission lines, the distribution system also should be strengthened if even power supply is to be ensured. For this, 28,000 transformers will be procured at a cost of Rs.660 crore.

6. After my Government assumed responsibility, 30 lakh new connections have been provided in the last three years. In the current financial year, 10 lakh more connections will be given.

These steps of my Government will contribute to the development of the country and the people. ■



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open 89 Veterinary dispensaries and also a Fish Landing Centre at Cuddalore and laid the foundation for a eco-promoting park (Pasumai Poonga) through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 27.06.2014.

# More measures for uplift of Adi Dravidars, STs

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa under Rule 110 at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 31.07.2014 (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

As education is basic for the socio-economic development of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes, my Government has framed and is implementing several schemes designed to provide the maximum concessions and create conducive environment for their educational advancement.

As a follow up of this, I am extremely happy to make the following announcements in this House for further development of the standard of living of the Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes.

1. Two Colleges of Technology will be started at an estimate of Rs.24.60 crore on the Nandanar Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary School campus in Cuddalore and on Sevvapettai Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary School campus in Tiruvallur District to enable 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> completed students learn technology courses.

2. An Industrial Training Institute (ITI) will be started at a cost of Rs.10 crore at the Sevvapettai Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary School campus in Tiruvallur District to help 10<sup>th</sup> completed students to get industrial training.

3. As per balanced diet programme, food is being supplied to students in the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Welfare Schools and in the Government Scheduled Tribes Residential Schools. Electric steam boilers, costing Rs.8.82 crore will be supplied to 200 hostels having a strength of more than 150 students. This will help simultaneous preparation and serving of hot food and enable students maintain punctuality in reaching their schools/colleges.

4. 1,577 steam idly cookers, costing Rs. 1.26 crore will be made available so that students in the SC/ST Welfare Hostels and Government Residential Schools for Tribes can take tasty idlis.

5. Pillows with covers, costing Rs. 4.93 crore will be supplied to students in these hostels and in the residential schools in the current year.

6. Students in such hostels and residential schools located in hill areas will each be supplied a rain coat and a woollen sweater to protect them in the rainy and winter seasons respectively. The supply of rain coat will cost Rs.2 crore and that of woollen sweater Rs. 1.08 crore.

7. As the enrollment of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribe students in colleges is going up every year, 10 college hostels will be started in the academic year 2014-2015 at a cost of Rs. 2.60 crore. Perambalur District will have 2 hostels and the districts of Pudukkottai, Thanjavur, Madurai, Vellore, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli and Chennai will have one each.

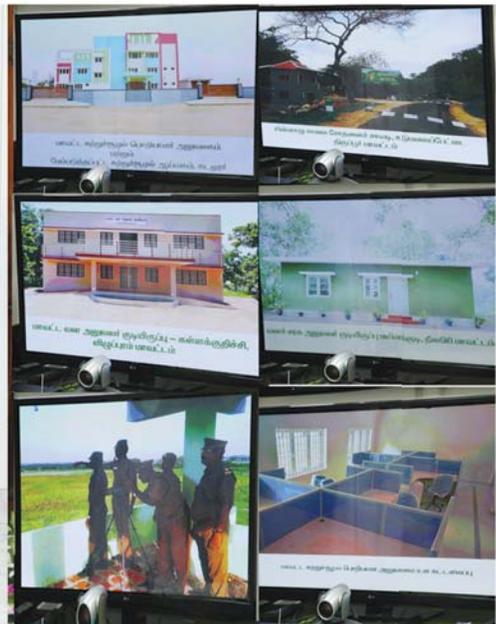
8. For the maintenance of water mains and electrical fittings under use in the Adi Dravidar and ST Welfare Hostels and Government Residential Schools for ST students, Rs.2.47 crore will be allotted at the rate of Rs.15,000 for each of these 1,647 hostels.

9. Training will be given to 906 scheduled Tribes B.Ed Graduates, who have registered themselves in Employment Exchange, through the State council of Educational Research and Training to help them get through the Teacher's



Eligibility Test. This programme will cost Rs.66 lakh. Five hundred Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes diploma holders in teaching and 500 Adi Dravidar B.Ed degree holders will be trained through private training institutes at a cost of Rs.55 lakh to enable them qualify in the Teacher's Eligibility Test.

These measures of my Government will enable Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe students to get educated and thereby improve their socio-economic status. ■



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open hundred Forest Department buildings, a new office building for the Cuddalore District Environment Engineer (Rs.1.89 crore) and an upgraded Environmental Laboratory through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.06.2014.

# NEWS IN PICTURES



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open 18 Dhobi Khanas constructed with all facilities at a cost of Rs. 46 lakh at the MLAs residential complex in Omandurar Government Estate and the frontage of the complex renovated at a cost of Rs. 19 lakh through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 08.07.2014



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open the Rs. 4.69 crore additional building at the Headquarters of the Department of Economics and Statistics at Teynampet, Chennai and the department office buildings of the Joint Director (Salem Zone) at Tiruchengode and those at the Kovilpatti Divisional office complex, all constructed at a cost of Rs. 77.86 lakh through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 26.06.2014.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa** declared open on 10.07.2014, the renovated 10 floors Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai at the Secretariat complex and two gymnasiums, one each for men and women staff. The renovation works costing Rs. 28 crore included a new and decorative frontage, central airconditioning and other special technological features. The gyms have been put up at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh.



On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Ministers and the Worshipful Mayor of Chennai and high Government officials paid floral homage to a decorated picture of Rettamalai Seenivasan kept near his statue, on his birth anniversary on 07.07.2014.



## Enhancement of Hajj quota sought

**D.O. letter dated 26.07.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**

“The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee has received 13,159 applications from pilgrims for Hajj 2014. Based on the Muslim population, Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai, has allotted a quota of 2,672 seats only to the State for Hajj 2014. As per the guidelines for Hajj 2014, out of the quota of 2,672 seats, 1,180 seats have been utilized for reserved category pilgrims and 1,492 pilgrims have been selected under the general category. Subsequently, only 100 more seats have been allotted by the Hajj Committee of India leaving a large number of disappointed applicants.

I would also like to inform you that, during the earlier years, the Government of India had released additional seats over and above the quota which enabled more number of pilgrims from Tamil Nadu to perform Hajj. Last year, 3,696 pilgrims from Tamil Nadu performed Hajj. There is a great expectation among the pilgrims who have applied for Hajj 2014 and are anxiously awaiting confirmation of their pilgrimage.

I therefore request your kind intervention for enhancement of the Hajj quota for Tamil Nadu taking into account the huge number of applications received for Hajj 2014. The Ministry of external Affairs, Government of India, may be advised to release an additional quota for Tamil Nadu, so that a greater number of pilgrims are enabled to perform Hajj during 2014.”

## Madurai World Tamil Sangam Goes Digital

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated at the Secretariat on 27.06.2014, a website for the Madurai World Tamil Sangam - [www.ulagatamilsangam.org](http://www.ulagatamilsangam.org) costing Rs. 4.95 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also received from the Secretary, Tamil Development and Information Department a book 'Ulaga Tamil Amaippugal' brought out by the World Tamil Sangam, 3 books - 'Ammavin Aatchiyil Tamil Valarchi', 'Ammavin Tamil Sinthanaigal' and 'Chithirai Tamil Putthandu Malar 2014' - published by the Tamil Development Department and a disc containing songs (Serntthisai-P-Paadalgai) on "Ammavin Saadhanaigal"

# Centre reminded of provision on use of English

*D.O. letter dated 20.06.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalithaa**,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.*

“It has come to my notice that the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued two Office Memoranda, the first by the Official Language Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs (O.M.No.12019/03/2014-OL, dated 10.03.2014) and the second by the Co-ordination Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs (O.M.No.11020/01/2013-Hindi, dated 27.05.2014). These Office Memoranda direct that official accounts on social media like Facebook, Twitter, blogs, Google and You Tube which at present use only English should compulsorily use Hindi, or both Hindi and English, with Hindi being written above or first. This makes the use of Hindi mandatory and English optional.

As you are aware, as per the Official Languages Rules, 1976, communications from a Central Government office to a State or Union Territory in Region “C” or to any office (not being a Central Government office) or person in such State shall be in English. This provision has been introduced following the introduction of a mandatory proviso to Section 3(1) of the Official Languages Act, 1963, by an amendment in 1968 which states as follows:-

“Provided that the English language shall be used for purposes of communication between the Union and a State which has not adopted Hindi as its official language”.

In this context, while the Office Memoranda have been primarily made applicable to Government of India officers and offices located in “Region A”, social media by their very nature are not only accessible to all persons on the internet but meant to be a means of communication to persons living in all parts of India including those in “Region C”. People located in “Region C” with whom the Government of India communication needs to be in English, will not have access to such public information if it is not in English. This move would therefore be against the letter and spirit of the Official Languages Act, 1963. As you are aware, this is a highly sensitive issue and causes disquiet to the people of Tamil Nadu who are very proud of and passionate about their linguistic heritage.

Hence, I request you to kindly ensure that instructions are suitably modified to ensure that English is used on social media.

In the Memorandum that I had presented to you on 03.06.2014 I had also raised the long pending demand of the people of Tamil Nadu to make the ancient Tamil language an official language of India. I had also urged that all the languages included in the VIII Schedule of the Constitution of India be declared as official languages of India. If this request is fulfilled the use of all official languages on social media can be encouraged.”



# O, Thee the Dazzling Light Fostering Thamizh triple-fold!

*To a language, high in world's esteem,  
Mother Thamizh that charms the whole world'  
Thou hath instituted Thamizh Semmal Award to  
those*

*Who devoted themselves for the spread of its  
greatness!*

*Awards galore has really followed to be named  
one after another!*

*Ilango Adigal Award on first of Chithirai, the  
Thamizh New Year to Scholars*

*Who are spreading the moral values of Silambu,  
The Epic of the Anklet!*

*Kambar, Kapilar Awards, befitting their epic  
poetry in opulent Thamizh!*

*Award in the name of U.Ve.Sa, who exerted a  
lot to preserve*

*Treasures of Tamil in palm leaves from termites,  
Time and Oblivion!*

*Award after G.U.Pope, Umarup Pulavar, who  
spread the uniqueness of Thamizh*

*And Bharathi Award projecting the bard's  
revolutionary thoughts*

*And great poetic affluence with his Ettayapuram  
nativity!*

*Valluvar Award adoring his Kural, cryptic in  
couplets, verses universal!*

*Thamizh Thai Award to forums that strive for  
the cause of*

*Spread of Tamil, the language, its richness and  
glorious past!*

*Sollin Selvar award to those with oratory skills  
inimitable*

*Following great legends like Bharathi Dasan,  
Anna and Puratchith Thalaivar*

*And Award for the fourth face of Scientific  
Thamizh and indeed*

*An Award for 'Kaninithamizh' for producing  
innovative Tamil Software!*

*Thereby blooming in the hearts of Tamils and  
adding glitter*

*To the flowering five-fold terrains of the land  
of Tamils*

*O, Mother; you rain flowers of laurels to adorn*

*The heads of Tamil Servitors along with head-  
gears of proud!*

*O, Southerly wind-incarnate! Infusing fresh  
vigour and fragrance*

*To Sovereign Tamil to unify the whole Humanity  
into one!*

*O, Mighty good Dame of Arts! Replicate the  
Goddess of Wisdom!*

*Taking deep roots in the minds of Thamizh  
Diaspora!*

*O, precursor to hold the Eighth World Tamil Conference*

*In the early nineties of the past century in Thanjavur,*

*Well ahead, to trumpet the glory of Mother Thamizh throughout the universe,*

*Sky-high and vast, spreading all over the world, indeed*

*Tamil is not a dwarf and to pose her in her classical splendour of yore!*

*O, Voice of rights soaring high to gain a proud entry,*

*For our beloved Mother Tamil, as the language of the High Court!*

*O, Chaste Thamizh who redeemed the first of Chithirai, as Thamizh New Year,*

*From the cellar into which she was cursed by the regressive thinker!*

*O, Fort Impregnable to preserve the traditional traits of Tamils' attire*

*From the onslaught of fettering and restrictive conventions!*

*O, One that enhanced Trivium Thamizh to Quadrivium Thamizh!*

*May you live forever with enduring fame and name*

*Lasting forever and ever as our beloved Thamizh's triumph!*

**-Chitrakupthan**

## 'Need for Classical Language Week'

**D.O. letter dated 18.07.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**

"I understand that the Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has written to the Chief Secretaries of all States asking them to celebrate Sanskrit week from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. From the letter it appears that, while the celebrations would be conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in all States, the State Governments have also been requested to organise such events at the State, District and other levels.

As you are aware, Tamil Nadu has a rich cultural heritage based on the ancient

Tamil language. There has also been a strong social justice and language movement in the State. Hence, any official celebration of 'Sanskrit week' in Tamil Nadu is highly inappropriate. It would have been much more appropriate to have organized a Classical Language Week in each State based on the linguistic heritage of that State. I request you to advise the officials in the Government of India to suitably modify the letter to enable each State, including the CBSE schools in that State, to organise celebrations in tune with the language and culture of the State. This would be in keeping with the cultural and linguistic sensitivities in a diverse country like ours." ●

# NEWS IN PICTURES



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open the renovated Gandhi Mandapam complex at Guindy, Chennai and the Thanthai Periyar Memorial at Vaikom, Kerala State. The two memorials were re-done at a cost of Rs. 12 crore and Rs. 25 lakh respectively through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 27.06.2014.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** inducted into the fleet of Government Transport Corporations 463 new buses, 39 re-conditioned ones and 7 small buses for hilly areas, all costing Rs. 94.64 crore, on 26.06.2014. As a token, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the keys of these buses to 7 drivers and flagged them off.





# Shock at MEA stand on maritime boundary

D.O. letter dated 02.07.2014 addressed by  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa,**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
**Shri Narendra Modi,**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

“In the counter affidavit filed by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, before the Madras High Court in Writ Petitions filed by the Fisherman Care of Pallavaram it has been indicated that the Maritime Boundary between India and Sri Lanka is a settled matter. The counter affidavit further indicates that Indian fishermen have no traditional fishing rights in the area around Katchatheevu Island. It appears that the counsels representing the Ministry of External Affairs have also orally reiterated the same stand before the First Bench of the Madras High Court.

I was appalled and shocked to read the newspaper reports relating to this matter. Perhaps this counter affidavit had been prepared and approved by the earlier UPA Government and the matter was not brought to your personal attention.

In this context, you would recollect that I had specifically raised the issue of retrieving India's sovereignty over the Katchatheevu Island in the Memorandum I had presented to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014. It has always been the

stand of my Government that Katchatheevu is an integral part of the territory of India. This small island of approximately 285 acres in the Palk Straits off Rameswaram, is part of Ramanthapuram District of Tamil Nadu. It was originally under the ownership of the Raja of Ramanathapuram for which there is sufficient documentary proof. The Indian fishermen enjoyed traditional fishing rights in and around the island of Katchatheevu and the Palk Bay. As per Agreements entered into by the Government of India in 1974 and 1976, Katchatheevu was ceded to Sri Lanka and the fishermen of Tamil Nadu have been deprived of their fishing rights around Katchatheevu and the Palk Bay ever since then.

As early as in 1991, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly passed a Resolution seeking the restoration of Katchatheevu Island and the sea area adjacent to it to India. I have personally filed a Writ Petition (W.P. (Civil) No.561/2008) in this regard in the Supreme Court of India in 2008 and the Revenue Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, has also impleaded itself in 2011.

As per the order of the Supreme Court of India in the Berubari case of 1960, a part of any territory owned by India can be ceded to another country only through a Constitutional Amendment. However, Katchatheevu was ceded to Sri Lanka without a Constitutional amendment and hence the ceding is unlawful and not valid. The unconstitutional ceding of the island and the fishing grounds in the vicinity have emboldened the Sri Lankan Navy to resort to frequent attacks on our innocent fishermen who fish in their traditional fishing grounds.

Hence I had requested that the Government of India should take active steps to abrogate the 1974 and 1976 agreements and retrieve Katchatheevu and restore the traditional fishing rights of the fishermen of

TamilNadu. I have also repeatedly emphasized in my letters to you that the question of sovereignty over Katchatheevu should not be treated as a settled issue. In this context, I would like to point out that even in 1974, the former Prime Minister, Thiru A B Vajpayee, the then leader of the Jan Sangh, had stated that he would file a case against the ceding of Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka by the then Congress Government.

The affidavit filed on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs in the Madras High Court, therefore, comes as a rude shock.

I request you to kindly have the matter reviewed and direct the concerned officials to file an appropriately revised affidavit in the Court which adequately reflects our concerns, without further delay”



Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open various buildings across the State for Health and Family Welfare Department and also distributed mobile phones, computers, emergency service ambulances at a cost of Rs. 40.35 crore through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.06.2014.



## 'Centre should ask Sri Lanka to rein in its Navy'

*D.O. letter dated 06.07.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India*

“I thank you for the prompt and effective action taken by your Government which led to the speedy release of 184 fishermen from Sri Lankan custody since the new Government assumed office at the Centre, under your leadership.

I would like to emphasize that, even though the fishermen were set free from Sri Lankan Jails, their 41 fishing craft and gear continue to be impounded. The Sri Lankan Government appears to be adopting a callous and deliberate strategy to ensure destruction of the boats and gear which are the primary means of livelihood of our fishermen. The long duration of impoundment and lack of care would render the fishing boats and gear unusable and worthless. Thus the strategy is designed to directly deprive fishermen of their livelihood.

The unlawful apprehension of our fishermen continues unabated and I understand that in yet another incident on 05.07.2014, 20 fishermen in 4 mechanized fishing boats, who set out for fishing from Rameswaram and Mandapam fishing bases in Ramanathapuram District, were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy in the late hours of 05.07.2014 and were taken to Thalaimannar, Sri Lanka.

The right of livelihood of our fishermen who historically and traditionally fish in the Palk Bay is continuously infringed upon by the Sri Lankan Navy. The historical rights were simply signed away as part of the ill advised Indo-Sri Lankan agreements of 1974 and 1976 which also unilaterally ceded

Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka without having any foresight or concern for the plight of our innocent fishermen. As I have already pointed out, the validity of these agreements is the subject matter of a writ petition pending in the Supreme Court of India. In this context, the Government of Tamil Nadu continues to reiterate that the issue of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) and Katchatheevu cannot be treated as a settled issue. Only the retrieval of Katchatheevu will ensure the restoration of safety and security of our fishermen's livelihood in the traditional waters of Palk Bay.

I request the Government of India to impress upon the Sri Lankan Government to rein in their Navy and to refrain from apprehending our innocent fishermen who are in peaceful pursuit of their livelihood in their traditional fishing waters.

I request the Government of India to initiate immediate efforts to find a permanent and pragmatic solution to this livelihood issue of our fishermen. I once again call for your immediate intervention to secure the release of the 37 fishermen and 45 fishing boats currently in Sri Lankan custody including the 20 fishermen and 4 fishing boats, apprehended on 05.07.2014.

I confidently look forward to early and decisive action by the Government of India under your leadership to resolve this long standing issue.”



## ‘Ensure visas for UN probe panel on Sri Lanka violations’

D.O. letter dated 23.07.2014 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Narendra Modi**,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“There are very deep and widespread sentiments in Tamil Nadu and amongst Tamils elsewhere in the world on a range of issues relating to India's relations with the present regime in Sri Lanka and in particular, the ethnic pogrom and genocide which marked the closing stages of the civil war in Sri Lanka and the subsequent actions by the Sri Lankan regime which continues to treat ethnic Tamils in Sri Lanka as second-class citizens. There is a strong demand amongst all sections of Society and shades of political opinion in Tamil Nadu about the need to hold the Sri Lankan regime to account for the acts of genocide and war crimes in the closing stages of the civil war and continued discrimination against the Tamil minorities in Sri Lanka. It is against this background that the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has already passed four Resolutions condemning the continuing discrimination against the Tamil minorities in Sri Lanka and violation of their human rights.

I had written to the former Prime Minister on a number of occasions on this issue, but no strong action was taken. In fact, while the

General Election process was on, India actually abstained from voting on a Resolution in the United Nations Human Rights Council held in Geneva in March, 2014, which mandated an international investigation into the human rights violations in Sri Lanka.

With the new Government assuming office in May, 2014, under your leadership, we were very hopeful of a change in India's stance on this issue. In the Memorandum I had presented to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014, I had urged the Government of India to sponsor a Resolution in the United Nations condemning the genocide in Sri Lanka and to hold to account all those responsible for the genocide and thereby render justice to the Tamils in Sri Lanka. I had also stated that the Resolution should also provide for holding a referendum amongst Tamils in Sri Lanka and displaced Sri Lankan Tamils across the world for formation of a separate Tamil Eelam.

Against this background, I am surprised to see media reports which indicate that India has refused visas to the United Nations

Investigation Committee which has been formed to conduct the investigation. If the media reports are true and India has actually refused visas to the United Nations committee probing the human rights violations in Sri Lanka, this would be a bitter disappointment to the people of Tamil Nadu who are determined to ensure that the Sri Lankan regime is held to account for its heinous acts against Tamils. Given that India is geographically Sri Lanka's closest neighbour and a number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees are still residing in Tamil

Nadu, India is definitely a place that any team probing human rights violations in Sri Lanka should visit to conduct its inquiries. Hence, I request you to kindly intervene in the issue and ensure that the international committee is granted the necessary visas and is in a position to complete a fair and impartial enquiry into the human rights violations in Sri Lanka. This would go a long way in assuaging the strong sentiments prevailing amongst all sections of Society and the polity in Tamil Nadu.” ●



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open integrated agro-complexes, farmer's centres, modern godowns, air-conditioned godowns, barter halls, agmark labs, commercial complexes, regulated market halls, central hostel for agricultural engineering training, students' hostels and class rooms. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also laid the foundation for vegetable market, paddy godown, commercial complex for scented commodities and banana ripening hall buildings at a total cost of Rs. 202.25 crore through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 27.06.2014.

# Chief Minister clarifies on Tiruvallur District caste clash



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa's**  
Reply on 24.07.2014 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to a  
special call attention notice on a caste clash in Tiruvallur District

Hon'ble Speaker,

It is customary for people coming to the Bhavani Amman Temple at Periapalayam, Tiruvallur District for 'Adi' festival to participate in the Shenbaga Devi Temple Festival also at Anaicut under Vengal Police Station Range. A clash broke out between one Hema Kumar alias Vasanth of Punnapakam and Abinesh of Velliyur colony on the evening of 20.07.2014 at Anaicut over the issue of who was to mount first on the Merry-Go-Round. Abinesh lodged a complaint at the Vengal Police Station regarding this, on 21.07.2014.

Following this, one Dhanasekar of Kadaarvedu Village lodged a complaint with Vengal Police Station stating that a section of students at the Velliyur Government Higher Secondary School was threatening another section of students not to display Yellow thread in their wrist but only blue thread, and sought action over this threat.

Police had asked both the parties to report for an enquiry on 22.07.2014. On the morning of 22.07.2014, a group of persons including Nishanth of Velliyur Colony intercepted a van and assaulted one Gurumoorthy of Punnapakam at Tamaraipakkam Koottu Salai when the latter was transporting flower bundles. The van's glasses were also damaged. On learning of this

incident, about 250 people of Punnapakam staged a road roko. They dispersed after the Police intervened. Later, a group from Punnapakam and surrounding areas threw stones and damaged 2 two-wheelers and a house in Tamaraipakkam Colony.

Moreover, a group of five including one Ezhumalai of Arikampedu was assaulted with logs when they were waiting at Poochi Athipedu village to transport their flower bundles to Chennai by a group from Kodhuvalli and Tharisu colonies. All those injured in the attack are being treated at the Stanley Government Hospital, Chennai.

The District Collector, the Superintendent of Police visited the place with Police Personnel, made necessary security arrangements and ensured that the issue did not escalate further. The situation is monitored.

Totally, 5 cases have been registered in the Vengal Police Station in connection with these incidents and 11 persons have been arrested and sent to judicial custody. Police continue to be on security duty at Tamaraipakkam Koottu Salai, Punnapakam, Velliyur, Poochi Athipedu, Arikampedu and Komakkampedu Villages.

I wish to state that previous enmity over sand mining in Kosasthalai river is not the cause for these incidents.

# Sub-Inspector's murder: 'Culprits will be brought to book'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa's** Reply on 24.07.2014 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to a special call attention notice on the murder of SI Ganesan (English Translation)

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Hon'ble Speaker,

The Police registered a case of murder under section 302 IPC following a complaint lodged by one Govindasamy on the night of 22.07.2014 at the Annamalai Nagar Police Station in Cuddalore District.

In his complaint Govindasamy stated that his sister-in-law's son Ganesan was working as Sub-Inspector at the Annamalai Nagar Police Station. When he was working in Killai Police station, he was in relationship with one Vanitha of Ambalathadi Kuppam, Chidambaram who was living separately from her husband. Vanitha divorced her husband in order to marry Ganesan. As Ganesan was not interested in the marriage, he married his relative Sathya on 09.07.2014. Incensed by this act, Vanitha threatened Ganesan.

On the night of the crime, Sathya contacted Govindasamy over phone and requested him to go and see Ganesan as she was not able to contact him. Govindasamy along with his son went to Ganesan's house and he saw Vanitha leaving the house hurriedly after locking it. When Govindasamy peeped into the house through the window he saw Ganesan lying dead in a pool of blood with his neck slashed.

They broke open the door and later informed relatives. Govindasamy voiced his suspicion that Vanitha could have murdered Ganesan.

Police arrested Vanitha at the Virudhachalam Bus stand. In their enquiry, Vanitha had told them that she divorced her husband as Ganesan had told her he would marry her. Later, when Ganesan married some other girl without marrying her, and thus marred her life, she became angry and murdered him. Police also seized the weapon used for the murder.

Ganesan (31) was a direct recruit to the post of Sub-Inspector in the year 2011. He was on medical leave from 18.06.2014. On 09.07.2014, he married Sathya.

Police investigation revealed that Ganesan was in a relationship with Vanitha, who divorced her husband to marry Ganesan. Angered by Ganesan's marriage to another woman, Vanitha attacked and murdered him.

The case is being investigated. Necessary steps will be taken to arraign before law those responsible for the murder of Sub-Inspector Ganesan and bring them to book. ●

## NEWS IN PICTURES



In connection with the 88<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Kaviyarasu Kannadasan, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Ministers, the Worshipful Mayor of Chennai, Secretary, Tamil Development and Information Department, Director of Information and Public Relations Department and Government High Officials paid floral homage on 24.06.2014 to a decorated picture of the poet kept near his statue at Thiyagarayanagar.



On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Ministers, the Worshipful Mayor of Chennai, MLAs, Director of Information and Public Relations Department and other Government High Officials paid floral tributes to the portraits of freedom fighters Shenbagaraman, Sankaralinganar and Bashyam alias Arya kept near their statues in Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai to mark Thiyagigal Dinam on 17.07.2014.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open a building for the Panchayat Union Primary School at Paankaadu, the Nilgiris District at a cost of Rs. 26 lakh and a building to house the Kothagiri Warehouse - fair price shop in Paankaadu at a cost of Rs. 7.50 lakh, constructed by the Kodanad Estate Management in its own land, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 26.06.2014.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open 14 buildings of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department constructed at a cost of Rs.75.90 crore through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.06.2014.



## 'Government seized of check dam issue' DMK chief's statement on Palar, a bid to fool people

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa** on 22.06.2014  
(English Translation)

The DMK President Thiru.Karunanidhi is an adept in the art of showing camaraderie while in office and feigning as if to clamour for rights when out of office. He did not initiate any steps to get the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal gazetted by the Central Government or protect the interest of Tamil Nadu in the Mullai Periyar issue while he was wielding power. At a time when he has totally lost the people's support and Governmental power, he has now issued a statement regarding the construction of a dam across Palar. It is ridiculous.

In tune with the proverb, "Hiding the pumpkin in a morsel of food", Thiru. Karunanidhi has totally hidden the fact that it was my Government which stopped the transgression of Andhra Pradesh in constructing a check dam across Palar, by taking it up in the Supreme Court. Not only that, he has portrayed himself as though he has achieved something big on this issue. It seems that through the statement he wants to show that he continues to be in politics and also wants to gain some political mileage.

In this context, I consider it my duty to explain the true state of affairs regarding the Palar River issue.

Palar, one of the Multi-State rivers, originates in Karnataka, passes through Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and enters Vellore District in Tamil Nadu and drains in the Bay of Bengal after traversing through the districts of Tiruvannamalai and Kancheepuram. As per schedule A of the 1892 agreement between Chennai and Mysore, Palar is one of the 15 important multi-state rivers. As per this agreement, upper riparian States cannot take up any work to construct dams or structures to prevent free flow of water or divert/impound water without the prior permission of the lower riparian states.

The media reported on 04.01.2006, during my earlier rule, that the Andhra Pradesh Government proposed to construct a dam across Palar near Kuppam in Chittoor District to store 2 TMC ft of water and that works on the dam were to start soon. The very next day, that is on 05.01.2006 itself, I wrote, in my capacity as the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a detailed letter to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, stressing that he should immediately drop the plan of constructing a dam across Palar River.

As a follow-up, my Government sent a letter to the Central Minister of Water Resources

on 01.02.2006. That letter urged the Central Government to take immediate steps to stop as per the 1892 agreement, the Andhra Pradesh Government, from executing any irrigation project in the Multi-State River Palar that flows through that State.

In the absence of any reply either from the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister or from the Andhra Pradesh Government, a case was filed in the Supreme Court on 10.02.2006, in my previous regime itself, stressing that the Andhra Pradesh Government's plan to construct a dam across the Palar should be prevented. Till my term ended in 2006, Andhra Pradesh did not start this project.

After the change of regime in Tamil Nadu in 2006 and the minority DMK Government assuming office under the leadership of Thiru. Karunanidhi, the Andhra Pradesh Government raised the issue of construction of the check dam now and then. It also took steps to prepare the design for its project. As the then Leader of Opposition, I pointed this out, then and there and urged the previous minority DMK Government to take steps to prevent it. In this situation, newspapers reported in July 2009 that a power station had been set up for facilitating the construction of a check dam across Palar at Ganesapuram, adjacent to Kuppam; that black-topped roads had been laid, that tests were being conducted to ascertain the nature of the rocks in the dam site, that in the first phase canals were being dug and that the Public Works Department of Tamil Nadu had already been briefed about these details by the Andhra Pradesh Government. Thiru.Karunanidhi was in power both at the Centre and in the State. But he never broached this issue to the Andhra Pradesh Government.

The DMK President Thiru.Karunanidhi was in power in Tamil Nadu between 2006 and 2011 and at the Centre till 2013. Yet, he did not take any steps to resolve this issue quickly either through the Supreme Court or through negotiations, using his influence at the Centre.

After I assumed office on 16.05.2011 as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for a third time, I directed that the Tamil Nadu Government's opposition to the Andhra Pradesh Government taking up any new project on Palar in its territory be strongly conveyed at the meeting convened by the Secretary of the Water Resources Department of the Central Government on 26.05.2011, on the orders of the Supreme Court, I followed it up and met the then Prime Minister Dr.Manmohan Singh at New Delhi on 14.06.2011 and requested him to advise the Andhra Pradesh Government not to proceed with its contemplated plan of constructing a check dam across Palar.

Following this, both the States, as per the 04.07.2011 judgement of the Supreme Court, have let in witnesses to justify their arguments. Now, the Tamil Nadu Government's witness is being cross-examined. The next date for cross-examination was fixed for July 2014. After the conclusion of the cross-examination of the witnesses of the two States and after hearing the arguments of the Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and the Centre, the Supreme Court is expected to give its judgement.

In these circumstances, newspapers have carried reports about the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's announcement that a check dam would be constructed across Palar at Kuppam in that State. There is no possibility

for such an eventuality as the Supreme Court is seized of the issue and the Central Water Resources Authority has advised the Andhra Pradesh Government not to construct a check dam across Palar. Still, I had consultations about this with top Government officials. On my advice, the Chief Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government wrote a letter to the Central Government on 20.06.2011 itself, urging it to advise the Andhra Pradesh Government not to take up any project there till the Supreme Court gave its verdict in the case filed by the Tamil Nadu Government.

I am diligently following this issue. I wish to state that Tamil Nadu's rights on Palar waters will be established as has been done by me in the Cauvery and Mullai Periyar issues.

The DMK President Thiru.Karunanidhi's statement on the Palar issue gives the impression that he is day-dreaming about something when he is no longer in power though he let it go while he was wielding power. Like his other statements, this too is an act to cheat the people of Tamil Nadu. But the people of Tamil Nadu are not prepared to trust Thiru.Karunanidhi hereafter. ■

## Chief Minister greet weightlifter for Glasgow gold



**Text of the congratulatory letter dated 28.07.2014 written by  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa  
to Thiru Satish Kumar Sivalingam, who won a Gold Medal in Commonwealth Games**

“You have done both the Nation and the State of Tamil Nadu proud by winning a Gold Medal and setting a new Commonwealth Games record at the Commonwealth Games, 2014, being held at Glasgow, Scotland. Kindly accept my heartiest congratulations on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu on this splendid achievement. What is even more remarkable is that you have won a Gold Medal in the first International event of this scale that you have participated in.

As you are aware, I had announced the enhancement of the financial reward for sportspersons winning a Commonwealth Gold Medal to Rs.50 lakh in December, 2011. You will now be eligible to receive this cash incentive.

I congratulate you and all those who have contributed to your success and wish you many more such laurels on behalf the Country and Tamil Nadu in future.” ●

# NEWS IN PICTURES



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open 20,682 office buildings, green houses with solar electric energy and bridges and distributed incentive fund, awards and cash prizes to 7 Panchayat level federations of Self-Help groups through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 27.06.2014.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open a barrage constructed across Cauvery river at Mayanur, Krishnarayapuram Taluk, Karur District at a cost of Rs.234 crore. The barrage can discharge 4,63,000 cusecs of water and can store 1.05 TMC ft. of water through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 25.06.2014.



# Chief Minister clarifies on gangster's custody death

**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's Reply on 18.07.2014  
in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to a special call attention notice on the  
custodial death of Gopal (English Translation)**

**H**on'ble Speaker,

Hon'ble Members have drawn the attention of the Government to the death of one Gopal while in Police custody at the Kodungaiyur Police Station. I like to place the facts on this incident.

Following a complaint from one Parthiban on the night of 15.07.2014 that he was assaulted by Mahesh and Gopal at R.R.Nagar, Kodungaiyur, Sub-Inspector Pandiaraja filed a case and arrested Gopal near Ezhil Nagar and brought him to the Police Station.

After questioning Gopal on 16.07.2014, when he was about to be taken to the court around 11 AM, Gopal complained of sudden illness. Police immediately took him to a private hospital, 'Pavithra'. The doctor who examined him declared him dead. The body was taken to the Stanley Hospital Mortuary.

Following the submission of a report by Sub-Inspector Pandiaraja, a magisterial enquiry was ordered under Section 176 (1-A) of Cr.P.C. Two murder cases, one attempt to murder and 4 other cases are pending against Gopal in North Chennai Police Station. He was a close associate of rowdies Pokkai Ravi

and Kaakka Thope Balaji. He came out of the prison last month after being detained under the Goondas Act in 2013. Police are maintaining the history sheet of the deceased Gopal who hailed from Vyasarpadi.

Pending magisterial enquiry, Kodungaiyur Police Station Inspector Baskaran and Sub-Inspector Pandiaraja have been placed under suspension for lapses in not taking precautionary measures in handling a prisoner under Police custody.

I wish to state that further action will be initiated after obtaining the magisterial enquiry report.

The number of custodial/ Police Station deaths was 20 in 2013 and 2014.

In three instances, members of the public had lynched the criminals and brought them to Police Stations and the criminals had died while in Police custody or when they were taken to the hospitals.

In four other instances persons who picked up a quarrel in public places under the influence of liquor or who were booked for drunken driving, were brought to Police Stations and died.

In 3 cases, remand prisoners had committed suicide.

In one instance, the Police used force in self-defence while attempting to arrest a dacoit who assaulted them with a sickle and the accused died.

In another instance, a person who was questioned for selling banned lottery tickets was sent back and he died a few hours later.

When the Police tried to apprehend a dacoit, he tried to escape; later he swooned and died while on the way to hospital.

In six other incidents, the accused who were brought to the Police Stations for enquiry, had died due to illness. Post-mortem reports in 5 cases cited heart-attack and breathlessness due to seizures as the cause of death.

In all these incidents, appropriate action has been taken like registering of cases, subjecting the policemen in question to court security and conducting post-mortem of the bodies. In a majority of the cases, the accused had died of illness. Still, the Police Personnel concerned were placed under suspension for negligence of duty. In most of the cases, the courts have cleared the Police in these cases.

Generally, the Police are vigilant while investigating those involved in cases and while escorting them. Sometimes, there is a sudden set-back in health due to the concerned persons' previous illness and they die while being taken to hospitals or at the hospitals. In some cases, the persons concerned die after getting released on bail or after the Police send them back after investigation, due to illness or by committing suicide. Some die due to illness while in judicial custody. It is not proper to dub these deaths as custodial deaths.

A magisterial enquiry is ordered under Sec.176-(1-A) of Cr.P.C whenever a custodial death occurs or suspicion is raised about a death. Post-mortem is conducted by a team of at least 2 doctors. The post-mortem is videographed. On account of all these, a fair and impartial enquiry is conducted. If the Police is found guilty in these investigations, appropriate action is taken against the concerned personnel.

I wish to state that the Government has created awareness among the Police and advised them about the need to be vigilant and protect the suspects/culprits while they are in Police custody. ■



The Hon'ble Chief Minister  
of Tamil Nadu

**Selvi J Jayalithaa**

declared open 1,502 tenements  
in multi-storeyed buildings  
constructed by the Tamil Nadu  
Slum Clearance Board

at a cost of Rs.90.12 crore through  
video conferencing at the Secretariat  
on 27.06.2014.

# Plea to restore Tamil Nadu's due kerosene allocation

D.O. letter dated 11.07.2014 addressed by  
**Selvi J Jayalithaa,**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
**Shri Narendra Modi,**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

“As you may recall, in the Memorandum I had presented to you on 03.06.2014, I had sought the restoration of the level of kerosene allotment to Tamil Nadu to the original 65,140 kilolitres per month.

The actual requirement of kerosene as per the entitlement of the ration card holders in Tamil Nadu is 65,140 Kilolitres per month. As against this entitlement, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, had allocated 59,780 KL of kerosene per month up to March, 2010. Thereafter, this allocation was successively reduced on ten occasions in the last few years, despite the strong protests by my Government. Now the monthly allocation of kerosene for Tamil Nadu stands at just 29,056 KL which is only 45% of the State's requirement.

It has been indicated that the reduction in allocation is being effected based on the data relating to the number of LPG domestic connections provided in the State. However, there are many infirmities in this data base. With Oil Marketing Companies reluctant to share their data on the LPG connections in the State, there is a huge data gap of 56.16 lakh

connections between the data released by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the family card data on the number of LPG connections in Tamil Nadu.

In addition, an analysis of the data also shows that while increase in the number of LPG connections is a Nation-wide trend the reduction of allocation of kerosene does not appear to be directly correlated with the increase in LPG connections as the kerosene allocation for some States has not been reduced to the same extent as for Tamil Nadu.

While we were hopeful that the trend of arbitrary and unjust reductions in kerosene allocation would be reversed and some of the cuts imposed by the previous UPA Government would be restored, I was disappointed to learn that even in the latest order dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014, Tamil Nadu has been allocated **only 29,060 KL of kerosene per month, which was the same as was allocated for the preceding quarter.** I presume that this allocation was made at the official level following past precedent.

The unfair and cruel reductions in allocation of kerosene in the past three years to Tamil Nadu to the extent of more than 55% against the actual requirement is severely penalizing the poor and deprived people of Tamil Nadu, particularly in rural areas. Such capricious cuts, effected by the previous Government, in the allocation of kerosene to the State will also have a severe environmental impact as the poor people have to rely more on firewood and other means to keep their kitchen fires burning. I am confident that your Government will not allow such an unjust state of affairs to persist.

Hence, I request your urgent and decisive intervention in this matter to undo the injustice done to Tamil Nadu and to allot the entire requirement of 65,140 KL of kerosene per month.

May I request an early response in this regard?”



# Immediate release of fishermen, boats demanded

**D.O. letter dated 29.07.2014 addressed by Selvi J Jayalithaa,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Modi,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**

“I write this letter with a deep sense of anguish, to bring to your notice yet another incident in which 50 fishermen from Tamil Nadu in 5 mechanized fishing boats and 2 vallams have been arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy. The fishermen had set out for fishing from the Nagapattinam fishing base of Nagapattinam District and were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy in the early hours of 29.07.2014 and taken to Kankesanthurai, Sri Lanka.

You may recall that, in my letter dated 22.7.2014, I had informed you about the apprehension of 9 boats and 43 fishermen from Tamil Nadu. I wish to inform you that these 43 fishermen and their 9 boats have not yet been released.

Your Government had acted promptly on earlier occasions which led to the release of 225 apprehended fishermen from Sri Lankan custody from time to time. However, as part of a deliberate and callous design, the Sri Lankan side is yet to release the 55 boats and fishing gear which were impounded from Tamil Nadu fishermen apprehended earlier. Without their fishing boats and gear, the poor fishermen have lost their means of livelihood. This is causing considerable disquiet and unrest amongst the fishermen community in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu. Therefore, I request you again to kindly take decisive steps to ensure the

immediate release of the boats and fishing gear of our fishermen which are still in Sri Lankan custody. I also request you to impress upon the Sri Lankan Government that they should abandon their inhuman strategy of impounding the boats and fishing gear for extended periods of time.

The Government of Tamil Nadu reiterates its firm commitment to the restoration of the traditional fishing rights of our fishermen in the Palk Bay and the retrieval of Katchatheevu which had been an integral part of India since time immemorial. The Government of India should also not treat the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) with Sri Lanka as a settled question as the constitutionality of the 1974 and 1976 agreements have been challenged on extremely valid and legal grounds by me in my personal capacity and also by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

I once again request you to immediately take up the issue of frequent apprehension of our fishermen and their boats by the Sri Lankan Navy at the highest diplomatic levels so as to secure the immediate release of all the 93 fishermen from Tamil Nadu including the 43 fishermen apprehended earlier and the 62 boats, including the 55 boats impounded earlier, from Sri Lankan custody.” ●

# Steps to preserve Courtallam, provide more facilities

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 27.06.2014 (English Translation)

**M**y Government has been taking several pointed measures to protect forest, hill and waterfall areas.

As a follow-up, a review meeting was held today (27.06.2014) at the Secretariat for the protection of the traditional scenic places of nature and about the facilities for tourists visiting Courtallam. I presided.

The meeting discussed extensively the restrictions now in vogue for the protection and preservation of hill and forest areas as also the waterfall areas which attract the tourists most, the steps to be taken to upgrade them and about the facilities offered to tourists and the arrangements made for their protection.

After this detailed discussion I directed the Government officials to implement the following measures by way of nurturing nature:-

(1) A Tamil Nadu Authority for Preservation of Eco-sensitive and Heritage Areas will be set up under my leadership for protecting and preserving nature's beauty in forest, mountain and waterfall areas. The Draft Bill for the creation of the Authority will be introduced and passed in the coming session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

(2) This Authority will be vested with adequate powers to protect all eco-sensitive and heritage areas

(3) Steps will be taken to protect the purity of Courtallam falls and ensure the safety of tourists.

(4) Along with fixing adequate number of lights in Courtallam area, steps will be taken to reduce traffic congestion.

(5) Mini buses will be operated between Old Courtallam and the Main Falls.

(6) A multi-tier vehicle parking structure will be set up at Courtallam.

(7) Litter - Bins will dot the area for the convenience of tourists.

(8) Government-owned old cottages in Courtallam will be replaced by multi-storey buildings. These buildings will have the facilities of dormitories, single and double-bed rooms with all conveniences and bigger rooms with additional facilities.

(9) More toilets and dress-changing rooms will be constructed for women at Courtallam.

(10) CCTV cameras will be fixed at all important places of Courtallam like bus stand, waterfall areas and vehicle parking lots.

These measures of my Government will not only upgrade the tourist centres in the State but their natural beauty also will be preserved and protected. ●

## 94 fishermen back, express gratitude to Chief Minister

*Ninety-four fishermen, who were released from Sri Lankan prisons due to the tireless efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, returned to Tamil Nadu on 16.08.2014.*

*The fishermen expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for her relentless efforts to free them.*

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa** laid a flower wreath at the War Memorial in honour of soldiers who had laid down their lives for the Nation, on the occasion of the 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 15.08.2014.