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Message of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
on Flag Day *(English Translation)*



By way of honouring the sacrifices of the personnel of the three wings of the armed forces, who protect the borders of our motherland round the clock, every year December 7<sup>th</sup> is observed as the Flag Day.

The Armed Forces protect the snow-capped Himalayan borders, the North East borders littered with dense forests, the plains of the North West borders and the long sea coast. It is our social responsibility to take care of the welfare of the families of the defence personnel who have laid down their lives for the cause of the country and to ensure the welfare of Ex-servicemen. For discharging this social responsibility, funds are raised on the Flag Day through the sale of flags and donations and this fund is utilised for the welfare of the families of the armed forces' personnel, for the rehabilitation of the soldiers who have lost their limbs and for the development of Ex-servicemen.

My Government is honouring Ex-servicemen and catering to their welfare through several measures like simplifying the rules of appointment on compassionate grounds and giving jobs to the members of their families. We are also entrusting to Ex-servicemen electricity theft prevention work and increasing the consolidated pay of Ex-servicemen serving in the Temple Protection Force.

I appeal to the people of Tamil Nadu to donate liberally to the Flag Day fund and thus safeguard the welfare of the defence personnel who are the embodiments of sacrifice in the duty of the country.



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**“When my Government took over,  
I had set a goal for ourselves to make  
Tamil Nadu the number one among  
Indian States.”**

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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## I WRAPPER

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** released a souvenir to mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly held on 30.11.2012. His Excellency the President of India **Thiru. Pranab Mukherjee** received the first copy.



## **Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J Jayalalithaa is known for her leadership skills and commitment to the cause of the common man**

Address by **Thiru. Pranab Mukherjee**, His Excellency  
the President of India, at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations  
of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly  
at Chennai on 30.11.2012

State Assemblies are the cradles where great leaders are born, who rise to eminence in public life. The Tamil Nadu Legislature is a classic example. Many leaders rose to eminence at the national level in stature by virtue of the lessons learnt and experiences gained in these sacred portals.

Tamil Nadu can be truly proud of its galaxy of leaders and legislators who have contributed to the establishment of a strong parliamentary tradition and democratic culture in India through their work in this Assembly.

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has several impressive achievements to its credit. To mobilise the resources – as an ex-Finance Minister I am always concerned with the mobilisation of the resources – Sales Tax was introduced for the first time in India in this Assembly in 1939 by Shri Rajagopalachari.

With the heightened complexity of administration and legislation, Legislators must ensure adequate discussion and scrutiny before passing any legislation. Parliamentary Practices and Procedures and conventions are all meant to provide for the orderly and expeditious transaction of business. The imperative of maintaining discipline and decorum in the House and the observance of the Rules, conventions and etiquette can hardly be over-emphasized. Dissent is a recognized democratic expression but dissent

must be expressed with decency and within the contours and parameters of Parliamentary Practices, norms and conventions.

The cardinal principle of effective functioning of a Parliamentary system is that the majority will rule, the minority will oppose, expose, and if possible, depose. But this should be done within the framework of rules framed by the Legislators themselves. The minority has to accept the decisions of the majority, while the majority has to respect the views of the minority.

**"Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J Jayalalithaa is, of course, known for her leadership skills and commitment to the cause of the common man. I had the privilege of listening to her maiden speech in the Indian Parliament as I happened to be the Leader of the Rajya Sabha at that stage. She is one of the most successful Chief Ministers and women Chief Ministers of a State. She became the Chief Minister of the State for 3 times and Member of the Assembly 5 times."**

Disruption should never be allowed to be used as an effective parliamentary intervention. It should be the endeavour of every Legislator to ensure that the content and the quality of debate that take place in the Chamber are of high order befitting their status as peoples' representatives. As

Members of different

political parties, individual Legislators should be guided by their respective party's manifesto, no doubt. However, there are a large number of issues of development and public welfare which transcend all parties and barriers. The entire Assembly must work jointly for the benefit of the people, the State and the country. The role and functions of the Assembly can be described as Three 'D's – Debate, Dissent and Decision and the 4th 'D'—Disruption, should be avoided at any cost. All legislators and political parties must recognise that democracy is about the welfare,



good governance and all round development of society and not competitive populism.

A matter of serious concern that I would like to state on this occasion is the tendency in some States I have noticed, to enact legislation through Ordinance. The Constitution has provided that legislation can be done through Ordinance, but that is for a temporary period. That is why in the Legislature itself there is a provision that once an Ordinance is being passed by the Executive Head, i.e., the Governor in the case of States, the President in the case of Republic, the Centre, at the earliest opportunity of session of Parliament, within 6 weeks, that Ordinance will have to be converted into legislation with the approval of the Legislative body. If once an Ordinance fails to get the approval of the Legislative body, after the closure of the legislative session, there is no point in saying that the same Ordinance should be re-promulgated and allowed to continue for some time, till the Legislative Assembly or the Legislature meets next. This is, to my mind, a diversion of the Constitutional scheme in letter and spirit. It should be avoided as far as possible.

In recent years, I am noticing that there is a tendency of disruptions in the Houses, not only in the Parliament, but also in the State Legislative Assemblies. We frame the rules ourselves and if we want that the rules should be flexible enough to accommodate our views, there is nothing which can prevent us from amending the rules. In every Legislature, there is a Rules Committee, in every Legislature, there are procedures as to how the rules can be amended. We can amend the rules. There is no point in disrupting the deliberations. During celebrations, we take vow that we will observe the rules and the next day, the first thing we do is to violate the rules. That is not expected of the elected representatives of the people. Therefore, to my mind, there is a need for collective thinking on how to avert this situation.

To another issue, I would like to draw your attention. That is about the time we devote for the legislations and transacting the financial business.

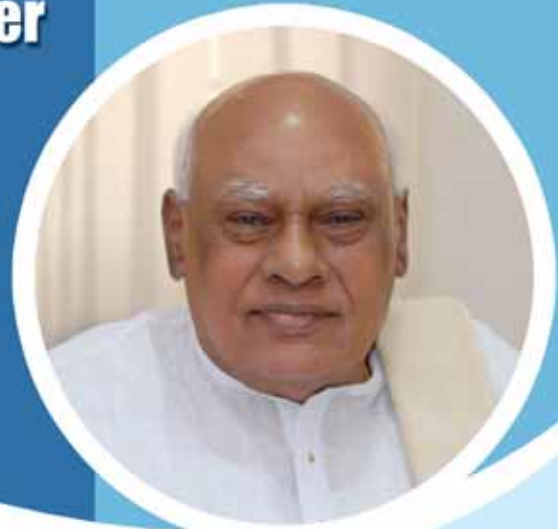


If I remember correctly, the first budget of independent India, just amounted to 293 crores of rupees; of that, revenue expenditure was 171 crores of rupees and the balance was deficit financing. It was 293 crores of rupees; but the last budget which I presented, as the Finance Minister was worth 12 lakh crores of rupees. But compare the time we devote for discussion on the Budget and the Demands for Grants, passage of the Finance Bill for 200, 300 or 500 crores of rupees and the time we devote for passage of a budget of 12 lakh crores of rupees. You yourselves will come to the conclusion that it is quite inadequate.

In the Twelfth Five Year Plan, the outlay is likely to be 85 lakh crores of rupees. How much time do we give for the discussions on the Plan? How many days do the State Legislative Assemblies meet? The Constitutional provision is that there should not be more than 180 days between the last day of the last session and the first day of the next session. That is the Constitutional provision, but nothing prevents us from having sessions of the Legislative Assemblies or the Parliament, at least for half of the year. How many days do you meet? You go through your own proceedings and you will find.

With the Parliamentary systems, the democratic norms, the democratic functioning we have inherited, it is our responsibility to protect those democratic rights, to maintain those democratic norms, to uphold those democratic principles by our own commitment. ■

# Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa providing good governance



Address by **Dr. K. Rosaiah**, His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu  
at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly  
at Chennai on 30.11.2012

It is a great honour and privilege to participate in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in the august presence of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India, a great statesman and a Parliamentarian of our nation and address distinguished Members and Invitees here this evening.

At the outset, I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa and Shri P.Dhanapal, Hon'ble Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for inviting me to preside over this historical and momentous function.

We are the largest democracy with the finest written constitution in the world. The genesis of the Indian Legislature traces way back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The various Acts, Charters, Minto Morely Reforms and the like, paved the way for the origin and growth of Indian Legislature.

Dr.Rajendra Prasad in his concluding address in the Constituent Assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1949 said,

“If the people who are elected are capable and are men of character and integrity, they would be able to make the best even of

defective Constitution. If they are lacking in these qualities the Constitution cannot help the country. India needs today, nothing more than self-honest men who will have the interest of the country before them”.

To achieve this fully, more intensive participation in the democratic process with greater self-discipline is required.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru rightly observed, “India has become a great democracy, perhaps the largest democracy in the world. She has fashioned herself a constitutional structure fit for free peoples with the Parliament and responsible executives based on free elections and open debate”.

“The working of the democracy does not depend wholly on the nature of the Constitution. The Constitution can provide only the organs of the State such as Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary. The factors on which the working of these organs of State depend is on the people and the political parties”, said Dr.B.R.Ambedkar.

The Constitution of India, which is one of the finely crafted charters of governance in the modern world, has clearly defined and demarcated the role of the Legislature, the





Judiciary and the Executive. These have to work in total harmony in order to achieve the dream envisioned by our forefathers who gave us our Constitution. They have by example, imbibed in us a spirit of service to the nation and nurtured communal harmony and universal brotherhood. Tolerance of opposite views and countering arguments through cultured debate

without resorting to acrimony has been the hallmark of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly ever since its formation. Rising above party politics and ideologies, great leaders and stalwarts have joined hands to articulate their views on behalf of their constituents and had set themselves for emulation.

At this hour, I am reminded of eminent leaders who are not with us today, like Rajaji, K.Kamaraj, M.Bakthavatsalam, C.N. Annadurai, Dr. M.G. Ramachandran who have in their own inimitable ways, played a stellar role in shaping the destiny of the State.

I congratulate the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa for providing good governance and for working with dedication and commitment towards making Tamil Nadu the numero uno State in India.

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has a great history. Being one of the oldest and early Legislative Houses in the country, several landmark legislations have been introduced. They include pioneering schemes in the areas of social justice, eradication of untouchability. Women and child welfare, education, eradication of poverty, welfare of the marginalised including the transgenders, etc. are glittering as diamonds in the crown of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, which have well represented the hopes and aspirations of the people of Tamil Nadu.

Today, India stands as a symbol of democracy. It enjoys a great prestige and is placed high among the comity of nations. We owe a lot to our founding fathers and the framers of our Indian Constitution who laid the foundation for a strong democracy. We have succeeded in establishing and functioning within our State Legislatures and Parliament showcasing our thinking, vision, National Character in our mission towards the Nation's progress and prosperity.

The true foundation, pillars and superstructure of democracy are constructed not by stone, mortar and steel but by powerful, constant and total commitment from every citizen and every representative.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said,

“Parliamentary Democracy is not something which can be created by some magic wand ..... it demands many virtues. It demands a certain devotion to work.



But it demands also a large measure of co-operation, of self discipline, of restraint.. .. The more the self - discipline, the high is the development of democracy”.

We need discipline with debates. Democracy makes for debates. It precludes confrontation. While it makes for self expression, it renders agitations reluctant. Accommodation and consensus make a healthy democracy. Discipline and decorum form the basic foundation of Parliamentary and Legislative democracy.

Democracy is the voice of the people. Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi while inaugurating the 21<sup>st</sup> Common Wealth Parliamentary Conference in 1975 said,

“We opted for this system not to emulate Britain or because the framers of the Indian Constitution were unaware of other forms of democracy, but because it was best suited to the Indian reality. It was a deliberate voice and was determined by the non-violent nature of our fight, by our preference for peaceful and orderly change and by our conviction that the people must have the deciding voice”.

It is the faith and trust in the Parliament and Legislatures that our people have that has made India as a symbol of democracy.

It is said that,

“A good leader knows his people better than their mothers do and cares even more.” “Mother is the most precious gift of God. Mothers are the makers of a Nation’s fortune or misfortune, for the shape and the sinews of the soul...”

It is the joint efforts put in by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, the Hon’ble Chief Minister and by Members of the Legislative Assembly that will make Tamil Nadu a front ranking State.

Right from Thiru. Sivashanmugam Pillai, the First Speaker of the Assembly since 1952, the successive Speakers of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly have kept the high democratic traditions and upheld the Sovereignty and independence of the Legislature.

I convey my warm felicitations to Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon’ble President of India, Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Thiru. P. Dhanapal, Hon’ble Speaker, the Hon’ble Members, past and present, of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

I conclude with the words of Sri Sri Prakasa, the then Governor of Tamil Nadu. In his Special Address on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1952 at the first session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly constituted after attaining independence, the then Governor said,

“A democratic Constitution like ours will be largely what the voters and Legislators make of it. The voters have done their part and it is upto you, the Legislators, to help in evolving sound traditions.”

My greetings to all of you.

Jai Hind.







## Another Mile Stone for Democracy in Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

Speech delivered by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 30.11.2012

This year has seen the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> year of the City of Madras, the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the High Court of Madras, and now the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu.

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly is the sole House of the unicameral Tamil Nadu Legislature. It has a strength of 235 Members of whom 234 are democratically elected and one is nominated from the Anglo-Indian Community.

The evolution of the Legislature was a slow and steady process, ground and refined through various Acts.

Tamil Nadu was part of the Madras Presidency. Each Presidency had a Governor. By the 'Regulating Act, 1773', the Governor of Bengal was designated as the Governor-





General and was the supreme head of all the 3 Presidencies. Simultaneously, the legislative power in the Presidencies was also conceded.

The succeeding 'Charter Act of 1833' concentrated all legislative powers in the Governor-General-in Council and deprived the Presidencies of their power of independent legislation.

The Charter Act, 1853, by enlarging the Governor-in-Council to 12 Members, paved the way for establishing the first legislative body in India.

The Indian Councils Act of 1861 constituted a great landmark in the growth of the Legislatures. The Act restored the power taken away by the Charter of 1833. The Legislative Council of the Madras Presidency was given the power to make laws for 'peace and good government'.

In 1892, the Indian Councils Act enlarged the functions of the Council. They could discuss the annual financial statement and ask questions. Members were to hold office for two years.

The Act of 1909 (Minto-Morely Reforms) among many other stipulations, increased the strength of the Madras Council from 20 to a maximum of 50.

The Government of India Act of 1919, which was comprised of the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms, was the inevitable sequel to the long chapter of previous Parliamentary Legislation on the introduction of Representative Government in India.

The Madras Legislative Council was set up under this Act. The Second and Third Councils were formed in 1923 and 1926. The Fourth Council met for the first time in 1930 and its life was extended till the Government of India Act of 1935 came into operation.

The first Madras Legislative Assembly, under the Government of India Act passed in 1935, was constituted in July, 1937, after the General Elections. The Congress Party which formed the Government resigned in 1939 due to the proclamation of emergency in view of World War II.

The Indian Independence Act, 1947, crystallized the origin and growth of the Indian Legislatures from modest expansions of Executive Councils of the Governor General and the Governors to individual sovereign legislative bodies.





**Text of the Message received from Dr. Manmohan Singh,  
the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in connection with the  
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.**



**I** am happy to know that the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee on 30th November, 2012.

A Legislative Assembly is the epicenter of democratic values and Constitutional Commitment. The Tamil Nadu legislature has been home to some of our greatest political leaders. I salute the memory of Shri C.Rajagopalachari, Shri K.Kamaraj, Shri M.Bhaktavatsalam, Shri C.N.Annadurai and Shri M.G.Ramachandran and all those who have contributed in making Tamil Nadu a model state in development. On this auspicious occasion, I pay my tributes to the great men and women who have brought distinction and honour to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

I extend my best wishes to the past and present members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and wish the people of the state sustained peace, prosperity and harmony.”

The first Legislature of the erstwhile Madras State under the Constitution of India was constituted on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1952, after the first General Elections held in January 1952.

The current State was formed in 1956. Madras State was renamed as Tamil Nadu in 1969 and the Assembly came to be called “The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly”.

The present 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly was constituted on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, consequent to the Assembly Elections of 2011 and the AIADMK which won a spectacular majority formed the Government.

The building now housing the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu is the Fort St. George around which the City of Chennai grew. The core of the present Secretariat Building still has parts surviving from 1693 when the original Fort House was pulled down and the complex metamorphosed into the Fort St. George.

Fort St. George has historically been the seat of the Government since colonial times. During the period between 1921 to 1933, the Madras Legislative Council, the forerunner of the Assembly, met at the Council Chambers within the Fort. In between, temporarily, the Assembly met at the Senate House of the Madras University and in the Banquet Hall (Rajaji Hall) in Mount Road. During the period between 1946 to 1952, it moved back to the Fort St. George. From December 1956 till 2010, the Fort was home

to the Assembly. For an extremely brief period, the Assembly functioned in the Omandur Government Estate. After the AIADMK's victory in 2011, the Assembly shifted back to Fort St. George.

The Assembly hall is unsurpassed in its grandeur and dignity. This House has resonated with the wit, brilliance and magnanimity of its earlier incumbents.

Many historic unanimous resolutions have been passed in this House. This Assembly has been graced by stalwarts who steered the course of history. It also has a long list of illustrious Speakers who helped preserve the sanctity of the traditions of the House.

The Chair of the Speaker that lends a unique charm to this hall was presented by Lord Willingdon, the Governor of the Madras Presidency, and his wife Lady Willingdon as a personal gift in 1922. Interestingly, Lord Willingdon was the grandson of Speaker Brand of the House of Commons.

The virtues of this beloved Assembly cannot be extolled in a capsule. Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter.

This historic function, graced by Your Excellency, the President of India, Your Excellency the Governor and the other dignitaries here, will go down in history as another milestone in the saga of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. ●

## DIAMOND JUBILEE PHOTO EXHIBITION



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open on 23.11.2012 a photo exhibition on the historic events of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and went round the exhibition. The exhibition was organised in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly at the conference hall in the Assembly Complex.

## "IRON LADY" - ECOMIUM TO HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER



A 4-member Iceland Parliamentary delegation under the leadership of Her Excellency Asta R. Johannesdottir, came to Chennai and had an interaction with the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Speaker Hon'ble Thiru. P. Dhanapal on 24.11.2012. Later, the members of the delegation had a visual treat of the photo exhibition declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly complex in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Assembly. After seeing the photos on the implementation of the welfare schemes, the team leader Her Excellency Asta R. Johannesdottir hailed Hon'ble Chief Minister as "Iron Lady" protecting the interests of the people. ■



# TAMILNADU GOVERNMENT'S PACKAGE TO SAVE SAMBA CROP AND PROVIDE RELIEF TO FARMERS



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 5.12.2012 (*English Translation*)

Though Tamil Nadu's rights on the Cauvery waters is established in the agreement between the two states 120 years ago, a situation has arisen where Tamil Nadu is deprived of its share of Cauvery waters as Karnataka has constructed reservoirs unilaterally without wholly honouring that agreement and the one that was signed later in 1924 and due to its continued expansion of the ayacut of the river and utilisation of the Cauvery waters for its summer irrigation, the situation has arisen that Tamil Nadu is deprived of its eligibility to have Cauvery Water.

In the current year, when Karnataka released waters from its 4 reservoirs for its summer irrigation, Tamil Nadu filed a petition in the Supreme Court on 21.3.2012 seeking a ban on the release and stating that such activities of Karnataka would affect Tamil Nadu's Kuruvai cultivation.

Also, I wrote a letter to the Prime Minister on 18.5.2012, urging him to immediately convene a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority pointing out that this action of Karnataka will considerably reduce the inflows into the Mettur Reservoir for Kuruvai irrigation.

As there was no reply from the Prime Minister an interim petition was filed in the Supreme Court on 21.7.2012 on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government, praying for a direction to the Karnataka Government to share the waters with Tamil Nadu on a pro-rata basis and for convening a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority for giving approval to the distress sharing formula finalised by the Cauvery Monitoring Committee.

On account of my constant pressuring and the intervention of the Supreme Court, the Prime Minister convened a meeting of the Cauvery River Authority on 19.9.2012.

At that meeting, I urged that the Karnataka Government be directed to release the deficit quantum of 48 TMC ft. of water, calculated as per the distress sharing formula, at the rate of 2 TMC ft. of water for 24 days and thereafter continuous release of water for the Samba cultivation as per the interim order of the Cauvery River Water Disputes Tribunal. Karnataka did not accede to my request. In these circumstances, the Prime Minister announced that Karnataka should release 9,000 cusecs of water per day from 20.9.2012 to 15.10.2012 and the Cauvery Monitoring Committee would decide the quantum of water to be released thereafter. The Karnataka Chief Minister and his team staged a walkout voicing their protest.

Subsequently, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court on Tamil Nadu's behalf, stressing the demand that Karnataka should release 48 TMC ft. of water to Tamil Nadu at the rate of 2 TMC ft. of water for 24 days. The Supreme Court held that the order passed by the Prime Minister who is the chairman of the Cauvery River Authority should be implemented. As per the judgement, Karnataka released the water on 29.9.2012 but stopped it suddenly on 8.10.2012. Opposing it, a contempt of court petition was filed in the Supreme Court against Karnataka on Tamil Nadu's behalf.

In this situation, the Cauvery Monitoring Committee met on 11.10.2012 and ordered Karnataka to release 8.85 TMC ft. of water to Tamil Nadu for the period 16.10.2012 to 31.10.2012.

The petition filed by Tamil Nadu came up for hearing in the Supreme Court on 30.10.2012. The Supreme Court ordered the Cauvery Monitoring Committee to examine the Tamil Nadu Government's petition and forward its recommendation.

Following the Supreme Court's order, the Cauvery Monitoring Committee which met on 31.10.2012 heard the views of the two

sides and passed an order directing Karnataka to make good before 4.11.2012, the deficit quantum of 2.15 TMC ft. water in the 8.85 TMC ft. of water that should have been released between 16.10.2012 and 31.10.2012 and release a further quantum of 3.94 TMC ft. of water for the period 1.11.2012 to 15.11.2012. It fixed the next meeting of the committee for 15.11.2012.

At the meeting held on 15.11.2012 it directed Karnataka to release 4.81 TMC ft. of water for the period 16.11.2012 to 30.11.2012.

In this situation, when Tamil Nadu's petition came up for consideration on 26.11.2012, the Supreme Court counselled that the Chief Ministers of the two states, in the interest of the farmers of the two states, should meet and find a solution to the issue.

Accepting the advice, I met the Karnataka Chief Minister at Bangalore on 29.11.2012 and held discussions with him. At that meeting I pointed out that there was a deficit of 53.4 TMC ft. of water in the receipt at the Mettur reservoir as per the distress sharing formula and stressed that in the interest of Tamil Nadu farmers and to save the Samba crop, 30 TMC ft. of water should be released in the next 15 days and the balance of 23.4 TMC ft. of water before the end of December. But the Karnataka Chief Minister expressed his inability to release even a drop of water. The talks with the Karnataka Chief Minister, thus ended in failure.

Against the back drop of the failure of talks between the Chief Ministers of the two States, the Cauvery water case came up for hearing before the Supreme Court on 30.11.2012, 3.12.2012, 4.12.2012 and on 5.12.2012. After hearing the two sides, the Supreme Court today (5.12.2012) ordered that Karnataka should release 10,000 cusecs of water everyday to Tamil Nadu till the next meeting of the Cauvery Monitoring Committee and that the Committee should decide on the release of



water thereafter and inform the Supreme Court about it on 9.12.2012. The Court adjourned the case to 10.12.2012.

Though the Supreme Court judgement that Karnataka should release 10,000 cusecs of water per day in the Cauvery for Tamil Nadu provided solace to some extent, the samba crop cannot be saved wholly with that quantum of water. Hence a review meeting was held today at the Secretariat to examine the alternative measures to be taken to save the crop. I presided over the meeting.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development, Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Chief Secretary to Government, Development Commissioner, Finance Secretary, PWD Secretary, Agriculture Secretary and other high officials participated.

Afer a detailed discussion at the meeting, I ordered the following measures for saving the standing Samba crops:-

- 1) As per my direction, 3-phase power is supplied to delta farmers from 29.11.2012 for 12 hours in a day - 6 hours in day time and 6 hours in the night - for operating the pumpsets in delta areas to save the samba crop. This 3-phase supply will continue till February 2013.
- 2) To encourage farmers who use the 32,000 diesel pumpsets in the delta area to irrigate the agricultural lands with surface water a diesel grant of Rs.600 per acre will be given. For this Rs.15 crores will be allotted.
- 3) 100 percent grant will be given for purchase of 180 meter long HDPE pipes in each unit for prevention of water loss while conveying water from the main channel to the agricultural lands. The grant will be provided to 6,000 units at the rate of Rs.20,000/- for each one. For this Rs.12 crores will be allotted.
- 4) Likewise, 100 percent subsidy will be provided for purchase of 100 meter long flexible pipes. The subsidy will be provided to 6,000 units at the rate of Rs.2,800/- per unit and Rs.1.68 crores will be set apart for this.
- 5) Also, to save the crops that are in a withering stage. 300 multi-purpose boom sprayers will be purchased through the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University and Agriculture Science Institute. For this, Rs.1.20 crores will be allotted. For the operation of these sprayers, Rs.3 crores will be allotted. These works will be undertaken through the Agriculture Department.
- 6) Moreover, steps will be taken to spray, as per needs, MOP Fertiliser and Pigmented Facultative Methylotrroph so that crops can withstand drought for 7 to 10 days. For this, Rs.4 crores will be allotted. This work also will be taken up through the Agriculture Department.
- 7) To minimise the water needs, 500 mini portable sprinklers will be purchased. Rs.2.25 crores will be allotted for this. The sprinkling works will be carried out through the Agriculture Department.
- 8) Awareness camps will be held among farmers so that they can adopt these new strategies, which are, so to say unprecedented in the saving of the samba crop. For conducting these camps Rs.75 lakhs will be allotted.
- 9) For the agricultural labourers who have lost their jobs on account of the severe shortage of water, steps will be taken to get them adequate employment under the National Rural Employment Scheme
- 10) Taking into account that the north-east monsoon can be active upto the month of December, steps will be taken to get

farmers who lose their crops even after these Government actions, compensation under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme and the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme. Considering the prevailing extraordinary situation the Government itself will pay the insurance premium for the delta farmers. Through this, insurance cover will be made available to all the Cauvery delta farmers. About Rs.30 crores will be needed for this. In the event of crop loss, relief upto Rs.8,692 per acre will be provided through the insurance schemes. Over and above these, I have ordered that the relief for paddy crop from the State Calamity Relief Fund be increased

from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.5,000/- per acre and disbursed. Hence relief from the insurance schemes and State Calamity Fund will be upto Rs.13,692/- per acre for farmers who lose their crops.

This package of my Government will cost Rs.69.88 crores. This amount does not include the relief amount given for crop loss.

The above steps taken by my Government will pave the way for saving the Samba crop and provide relief to farmers if there is crop loss. I appeal to the delta farmers to take advantage of the steps outlined by my Government which is committed to the welfare of agriculturists and take steps to save the samba crop without losing confidence and with a new vigour. ●

## **Integrated Sanitary Complex for Men in Rural Areas**

With a view to creating an impact in Tamil Nadu through a Health Revolution, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated a scheme, the "Clean Village Campaign" which encompassed environment development, in her earlier regime, that is in 2003.

As per this scheme, the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been taking several measures like preventing open defecation, rain water harvesting, solid waste management, setting up of Night Soil based Biogas Plant and creation of hygienic conditions in individual houses and in schools. Also, the scheme of rewarding the village Panchayat that has achieved 100 percent hygiene with cash prize is also being implemented.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also ordered last year, after assuming office, the streamlining of 12,793 Women Sanitary Complexes at a cost of Rs. 170 crores.

For achieving the goal that Tamil Nadu is 'open defecation free state', the Hon'ble

Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of Men Sanitary Complexes, with 100 percent hygienic conditions, in rural areas, a long felt need of men.

As per this order, integrated Sanitary Complexes for men are to be set up in 770 Village Panchayats in the first phase in the financial year 2012-2013 at a cost of Rs. 35 crores at the rate of two per each Panchayat Union, each complex coming up in a 570 sq. ft area costing Rs. 4 lakhs.

Each complex will have 6 Indian closets, one western closet with railings for the use of the elderly and the differently-abled, one baby-friendly toilet, bath rooms, a water tub, a wash basin and a thrashing stone to wash clothes. For each complex a user's committee will be set up to look after its maintenance.

These steps of the Government will provide an impetus to the 'Clean Village Campaign' scheme and help the Government to realise its goal.





# FLAG DAY

CHIEF MINISTER'S GESTURE  
TO THE WARDS OF THE  
EX-SERVICEMEN

In connection with the 'Flag Day', Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 7.12.2012 presented appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds and educational assistance to heirs of ex-servicemen and marriage assistance to the daughters of ex-servicemen, financial assistance to the heirs of ex-servicemen from Tamil Nadu who had died in action and enhanced monetary benefits to the personnel of armed forces from Tamil Nadu who had received medallions for putting in appreciable work.

By way of honouring the efficiency, patriotism and sense of sacrifice of the armed forces personnel who work hard for the defence of the country, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been implementing several welfare schemes for the ex-servicemen in Tamil Nadu and their families, like simplifying the procedures for immediate appointment on a priority basis to the heirs of armed forces personnel from Tamil Nadu who had died in action and making the District Collectors as contact officers for this, increasing the marriage assistance for the daughters of ex-servicemen to Rs. 10,000/- from Rs. 8,000/- and increasing several fold the cash award

and monetary benefits in lieu of land, given to those who have displayed gallantry or put in appreciable work.

In tune with the Flag Day observed throughout the country and by way of honouring and remembering the sacrifices of the personnel of the three wings of the armed forces, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented on 7.12.2012 at the Secretariat, appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds to the heirs of ex-servicemen, education assistance, marriage assistance of Rs. 10,000/- each to ex-servicemen's daughters, Government's assistance of Rs. 5 lakhs each to the heirs of two ex-servicemen from Tamil Nadu who died in action and enhanced monetary benefits to two serving armed forces personnel who have won medallions for putting in excellent work.

On this occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister donated Rs. 10,000/- to the Flag Day fund and handed over the amount to the Chennai District Collector (in-charge). The Hon'ble Chief Minister was decorated with a Flag Day badge.

The beneficiaries of the welfare assistance conveyed their heart-felt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ●

# CREATE CONDITIONS FOR NO MORE NEW CASES OF HIV/AIDS INCIDENCE IN TAMIL NADU

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
on "World AIDS Day" (English Translation)

Every year, December 1st is observed all over the world as the "World AIDS Day". The World Health organization has set the year 2015 as the deadline to achieve zero tolerance to HIV infection, nil death due to AIDS and total elimination of the practice of exclusion of HIV/AIDS patients.

By way of achieving these targets, the Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society has been launching HIV awareness campaigns and other schemes in co-ordination with Government health care units, NGOs, Social care centres and with other departments of the Government and the incidence of its occurrence is steadily coming down. Tamil Nadu is the only state in the whole of India where 1,471 Integrated Counseling and intensive Treatment Centres, 43 Joint Treatment Centres, 30 Drop-in Centres, 36 Community care and support centres and 16 free Legal AIDS centres are operating for identifying the HIV affected, and offer testing and treatment facilities to them.

Also, financial assistance is offered every year to HIV/AIDS affected children from the interest proceeds of the fixed deposit created by Tamil Nadu Government for their nutrition, education and medical treatment. My Government has provided this year Rs. 5 crores more to this fund.

My Government is also implementing the scheme of providing a pension of Rs. 1,000/- per month under the Chief Minister's Farmers Protection Plan to help the HIV affected farmers. Free bus passes are also issued to enable the HIV affected to go to hospitals for joint medical treatment.

I appeal to people to take a pledge in connection with the observance of the 'World AIDS Day' to create conditions where there are no more new cases of the infection in Tamil Nadu and act as per the pledge.



In deference to the wishes of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of  
Tamil Nadu, **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**,  
Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu  
Legislative Assembly  
Thiru. P. Dhanapal called on  
Thiru. T.M. Kaliannan, the Rasipuram  
MLA in the first Assembly (in 1952)  
at his residence on 5.12.2012 and  
presented a ponnadai and the Diamond  
Jubilee memento to him.



## Chief Minister Inducts 675 New Buses into Government Transport Corporations' Fleet



At a function held on 22.11.2012 at the central depot of Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa inducted 675 new buses into the fleet of Government Transport Corporations and inaugurated 286 new bus routes.

Transport service plays an important role in the development of a State. The Tamil Nadu Government Transport Corporation plays a vital role in offering transport services to people. Villages and city suburbs are expanding in tune with the population. Transport alone is the connecting bridge for these extended areas with the rest of the areas. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government is introducing new buses and new routes to fulfil the transport needs of the people.

The disbursal of the new buses and routes is as follows: 28 new buses and 28 new routes to the Metro Transport Corporation, 3 buses and 2 routes to the State Express Transport Corporation, 169 buses and 70 routes to Government Transport Corporation, Villupuram, 137 buses and 45 routes to Government Transport Corporation, Salem, 174 new buses and 55 new routes to Government Transport Corporation, Coimbatore, 69 buses

and 69 routes to Government Transport Corporation, Kumbakonam, 10 buses and 10 routes to Government Transport Corporation, Madurai, 85 buses and 7 routes to Government Transport Corporation, Tirunelveli.

In the 2012-2013 Demands for grants for the Transport Department, it was announced that the fleet strength of the Tamil Nadu Government Transport Corporation will be



increased to 20,000. The target is exceeded by 500 buses with the induction of 675 buses and 286 routes on 22.11.2012.

After assuming office for a third time, the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa, has inaugurated 1,353 new routes till date for the use of the people.

## VAT ON GEN-SETS REDUCED TO 5 PERCENT



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 7.12.2012 (*English Translation*)

The Executives of the Coimbatore District Small Industries Association, South Indian Mills Association and Tamil Nadu Writing and Printing Mills Association met me today (7.12.2012) at the Secretariat and discussed the present situation in the industrial establishments.

Hon'ble Minister for industries, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Secretary, Finance Department and other high officials participated in the meeting.

At the meeting, the Executives pleaded for a reduction in the Value Added Tax on Gen-sets, a reduction in the margin money entrepreneurs have to pay when they purchase Gen-sets with loan from the State financial institutions and exemption from VAT to furnace oil and diesel which are used as fuel for generation of electricity through Gen-sets.

After considering their requests kindly, I ordered that the following concessions be given to them immediately:

The present 14.5 percent VAT on Gen-sets will be reduced to 5 percent.

The present 20 percent margin money entrepreneurs have to pay for purchase of Gen-sets by obtaining loan from Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) will be reduced to 10 percent.

Furnace oil used in Gen-set by industries, was already exempted from VAT for the period 1.2.2012 to 30.9.2012. This exemption will be continued from 1.10.2012 to 31.5.2013 prospectively. The Government will incur, on account of this, a revenue loss of Rs. 97 crores.

These measures of my Government will help entrepreneurs to generate additional power through Gen-sets which will pave the way for increased production and employment opportunities to workers.



## NEW BUILDINGS FOR REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES IN DISTRICTS OPENED



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa on 22.11.2012 declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat, new buildings constructed at a cost of Rs. 5,07,16,000/- in districts for the Registration Department. The buildings are in the integrated complex for registration offices in the districts of Madurai, Vellore and Cuddalore and for the sub-registrar offices at Avalpoonthurai in Erode District and Vellakovil in Tiruppur District.

Since Registration Department offices, accessed by many, should have all facilities including adequate space and strongrooms, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that own buildings would be constructed to all sub-registrar offices within 5 years. Accordingly in the first phase, Rs. 26 crores was allotted for constructing 52 sub-registrar offices in 2011-2012 and they are under construction. Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 15.5.2012 that own buildings would be constructed in 2012-2013 for 17 integrated registrar office complex that housed 29 sub-registrar offices and for another 48 sub-registrar offices, separately.

The Madurai integrated office complex has come up at Othakadai, Rasagambeeram Village, Madurai District at a cost of Rs. 1.91 crores and houses 9 offices of the Deputy Registrar, Madurai Registration

Department, Deputy Registrar (Range), District Registrar (Administration) Madurai (North), District Registrar (Audit) – Madurai (North), Joint Sub- Registrar I, Madurai (North) and Sub-Registrar offices for Thallakulam, Chokkikulam, Theppakulam and Thamaraiatti.

The Vellore Complex has come up at a cost of Rs. 1.28 crores on the Aarni Road, Vellore District and houses 4 offices – Deputy Registrar District Registrar (Administration), District Registrar (Audit) and Joint Sub-Registrar I.

The Cuddalore Complex is located at Thirupathiripuliyur (Rs. 1.32 crores) and houses 4 offices – Deputy Registrar, District Registrar (Administration), District Registrar (Audit) and Joint Sub-Registrar I.

The Sub-registrar offices at Avalpoonthurai (Erode District) and at Vellakovil (Tiruppur District) have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 28.08 lakhs each.

These new buildings have, besides rooms for officials, computer room, conference hall, safe vaults for documents and facilities like waiting room, ramp for the use of the elderly and the differently abled, wide foot path, protected drinking water and modern toilet.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over 23 Bolero Vehicles costing Rs. 1.22 crores for the use of high officials of the Registration Department. ●

# My Government will continue to toil for the Welfare and Prosperity of the Differently Abled

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 'Differently Abled Day' (English Translation)

The 'Differently Abled Day' is observed all over the world on December 3, 2012 with the theme 'Removing hurdles for the creation of a society that integrates all and that is accessible to all'. I convey my good wishes on this day to all the differently abled persons.

My Government has been implementing several special and pioneering schemes for the differently abled, so that they can gain self-confidence, get equal opportunities and rise up in social stature. These schemes include distribution at no cost of petrol driven scooters fitted with additional wheels, laptops at no cost to 12<sup>th</sup> standard students studying in special schools, financial incentive to students in special schools to avert dropping out of the schools in the middle, fluorescent foldable sticks for the visually impaired, magnifiers to students with diminished vision, functional artificial limbs, primary training centres,

free travel in Government buses to all kinds of differently abled pre-school students and to their escorts, hearing aid to students with hearing difficulty and 3 percent reservation to the differently abled in the Tamil Nadu Green housing scheme.

Moreover, the cash award to the differently abled students who get the first three ranks in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard public examinations, the maintenance assistance to the differently abled and their boarding charges have all been increased.

I would like to inform that my Government will implement with determination lofty schemes and extend all assistance so that the differently abled can lead a contented life. My Government will continue to work for the welfare and prosperity of the differently abled on par with others. ●

**NEHRU'S  
124<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH  
ANNIVERSARY**



On behalf of Tamil Nadu Government, **Dr. K. Rosaiah**, His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers, Worshipful Mayor of Chennai Corporation and other high Government officials offered floral tributes to a portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru placed near his statue at the Kathipara junction in Guindy, Chennai on the occasion of his 124<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary on 14.11.2012.



# INTERCONNECT SOUTHERN REGION WITH NATIONAL POWER GRID



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
in the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southern Zonal Council at Bangalore on 16-11-2012 - read by  
Hon'ble Minister for Finance on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Hon'ble Union Home Minister  
Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde Ji,  
Hon'ble Chief Ministers,  
Senior Officers of the Union Government,  
Chief Secretaries and Senior Officers of  
the participating States and Union Territory,

I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all the participants in this meeting, which is being held after a long gap of 5 years. The Union Home Minister is to be appreciated for reviving this forum, thereby facilitating a free and frank exchange of views between the States / Union Territory in the Southern region, besides crystallizing issues which

may later be taken up in a national forum for resolution. The Zonal Councils are purely advisory in nature, constituted in the wake of the reorganization of States in 1956, and it is to be hoped that this Council has not outlived its utility. I do find that there are several common issues concerning the States in the region and there are areas of co-operation that make deliberations in such a forum useful. This effort should be orchestrated towards a meaningful dialogue facilitating mutually beneficial approaches leading to win-win solutions.

The agenda notes have been prepared after deliberations in the Standing Committee consisting of Chief Secretaries. I wish to

briefly draw your attention to the subjects that comprise the current Agenda for consideration.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has demanded that in respect of the formula for Central allocation of funds for Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development programmes pertaining to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, the formula may not be changed at present and the status quo may be maintained.

In respect of the issues relating to Fisheries, fishing is one of the oldest and most hazardous occupations in the world. Tamil Nadu has a long coast line of 1,076 kms, covering 591 fishing villages in 13 coastal districts. About 5,200 mechanized fishing crafts and 34,000 country crafts exploit the fishery resources in the continental shelf of 41,412 sq.kms in the State. The Government of Tamil Nadu is formulating many schemes for increasing fish production in the State and enhancing the socio-economic conditions of the fishing community. The following are some of the important issues which need detailed discussion in this august forum.

The Tamil Nadu fishermen who conduct fishing in the deep sea off Andhra Pradesh are often abducted by the Andhra Pradesh fishermen and are released after alleged payment of ransom. After mutual consultations held at the Ministers' level, in 2007, it was decided to issue fishing licenses for regularizing fishing in the disputed waters. No decision has been taken in this regard by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, the boats of Tamil Nadu enter into territorial waters to seek anchorage or idle berthing only at times of cyclonic storms and inclement weather. Some boats are held by Andhra Pradesh even during idle passage. Such incidents may be avoided in future, as the fishermen cannot take the law into their own hands.

The fishermen of Kanniyakumari district along the west coast conduct fishing in the Arabian Sea using modern fishing techniques and also are hired by the mechanized boat owners of Kerala for conducting fishing for commercially important fish species like squid, cuttlefish and tuna. Due to professional rivalry, the boats and other fishing implements of the Kanniyakumari district fishermen who conduct fishing in Kerala waters have been at times damaged by the Kerala fishermen in the past.

The payment of compensation for boats of a coastal State damaged by the fishermen of another State while fishing and regulating the issue of fishing licenses needs to be discussed for safeguarding the lives and properties of fishermen.

In the Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) Notification recently issued, Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) IV deals with the activities on the seaward side. Many infrastructural facilities like construction of Fish Processing Parks/ development of Fishing Harbour/Fish Landing Centres etc., which are essential for the fishing industry fall under this zone. There is no clarity and no clear cut instructions in the recent notification for construction relating to these activities. Hence, construction/ improvement of Fish Processing Facilities/ Fish Processing Parks/Fishing Harbour/Fish landing Centres etc., need to be exempted for the benefit of the fishermen community and the Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) Notification needs to be suitably amended.

The draft MOU on fisheries between India and Sri Lanka has not yet fructified. The fishing rights of the fishermen in their traditional area in the Palk Bay should be protected, as it is their constitutional right to conduct fishing for their livelihood and the Council may discuss the steps to be taken to prevent the occurrence of attacks and incidents of harassment against



the Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (Karaikal) fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy.

To reduce the operational cost of mechanized fishing boats and motorized traditional crafts, the Government of India introduced a scheme for reimbursement of central excise duty on HSD oil (High Speed Diesel) supplied to mechanized fishing boats below 20 metres length and registered prior to the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Government of Tamil Nadu is giving exemption from sales tax on HSD oil to mechanized fishing boat owners and hence is eligible to get 100% rebate on the same.

The reimbursement amount has been enhanced by the Government of India to Rs.3.00 per litre of HSD with a ceiling of 500 litres per boat per month during active fishing months from 2009-2010 onwards. The Government of India has stipulated that the subsidy will be provided to vessels of size less than 20 metres registered before the 10th Five Year Plan which are owned by fishermen in the BPL category. The conditions imposed by the Government of India for the above scheme and the ceiling of rebate for 500 litres only per boat per month need to be relaxed.

The fishermen of all the coastal States have decided not to avail of the subsidy on central excise duty reimbursement unless the conditions imposed in the guidelines are completely scrapped. The amount sanctioned by the Government of India for each State remains unutilized year after year.

According due importance to the quality of life of the citizens, the Drugs Control Organisation of Tamil Nadu endeavours to improve the public medical services in the State. The Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) Limited was established on 01.07.1994 in Tamil Nadu during my first tenure as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with the primary objective of

procuring and supplying drugs to various Government Medical Institutions in the State. Over a period of time, in addition to drugs and medicines, the role of the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) has expanded to include the procurement and supply of medical equipment for the use of Government Hospitals. The Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) adopts the most transparent system of procurement and utmost care is taken to procure quality drugs at most competitive rates by following the procedures as laid down in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act and Rules 2000. The manufacturing premises are compulsorily inspected for good manufacturing production (GMP) as per the 'Drugs and Cosmetic Act' and for their production capacity. Those who are short listed on technical evaluation and on the inspection of the manufacturing premises are called for price bid opening and negotiations are held only with bidders for finalizing the rates. The Corporation has established a Quality Control Section to ensure the quality of drugs procured. Samples from each batch of supply are drawn and tested in the empanelled analytical laboratories which are selected through the open tender system to ensure the quality of drugs and the drugs which pass quality tests are issued to the Government Hospitals. TNMSC will not compromise on quality. The quality control measures are constantly being upgraded to meet the new challenges in the field and to maintain the quality of drugs available in the Health Institutions. The TNMSC always maintains four months physical stock in its warehouses and two months stock in the pipeline for all drugs.

Stringent quality control measures and strengthening of drug control measures have to be ensured to enable control of Inter State drug consignment movements.

With reference to Peninsular Tourism trains, I wish to point out that tourism has been a major foreign exchange earner in our economy. It is imperative to underscore the hitherto unknown places of interest. The Southern Zone being blessed with abundant tourist attractions which include beaches, religious centres, historical monuments, hills, wild life, spas, art, culture and architecture require proper showcasing. Train connectivity to important locations, hospitality ambience and amenities on these trains call for amelioration.

With regard to Coastal erosion Tamil Nadu, situated along the South-East of Peninsular India, has a major portion of this coastline starting from Pulicat in the North, and extending up to Kanniyakumari in the South, along the East coast and on the West coast a length of about 40km of the coastline from Kanniyakumari to Erayumanthurai. Estuaries of ecological importance, major and minor ports, fishing harbours, monuments of international heritage, tourist locations, pilgrimage centres etc. dot the coastline of Tamil Nadu. A considerable length of the Tamil Nadu coast is exposed to erosion and accretion. The three-member expert committee sent by the Government of India to visit the Groynes fields along the coastal line of Puducherry suggested a Short term plan consisting of Groynes after getting Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) clearance to strengthen the sea wall and a Long term plan consisting of green belt development and also to resume the sand by-passing system. The suggestion of the Tamil Nadu Government is to restore and maintain the sand by pass system effectively in Ariyankuppam Port. The coastal structures should be planned in such a way that the adjacent coast is taken care of and the protection measures should be sustainable. One damage control work should not entail damage of any other part.

Hence for sustainable maintenance of the coast it is vital to have a combination of hard and soft measures after a detailed correction assessment.

The country is witnessing tremendous development of infrastructure. While prioritising the maintenance of supply of building materials from approved quarries of Tamil Nadu, I wish to inform you that due to the high level of urbanization in Tamil Nadu, the requirement for building materials is on the increase. However, the Government has noticed that in the districts bordering this State, located in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala, wherever urbanization is on the increase, the construction materials are quarried in the State of Tamil Nadu and transported to those areas. This has caused hardship to the consumers in the State of Tamil Nadu. Therefore, the Government amended the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 whereby transportation of river sand across the borders to the neighbouring States was banned. However no such prevention is in place in respect of other building materials.

In the interest of promotion and maintenance of Social Justice, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, and the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, very effectively.

The Addl. Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights, at Headquarters, supervises the functioning of the 36 Social Justice and Human Rights units situated in all the Districts and Commissionerates (30 + 6) with the assistance of 11 Zonal Deputy Superintendents of Police. Special Courts have been created for the speedy disposal of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes /



Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Protection of Civil Rights Act. The Social Justice & Human Rights Wing in Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in identifying atrocity prone villages and initiating measures to bring the communities together. I am proud to say that the Government of India has lauded the “method of selection of atrocity prone villages” as adopted by Tamil Nadu and has asked other States to emulate our scientific approach in the identification of atrocity prone villages. State Level and District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meetings have been conducted regularly. The last State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meeting has been conducted on 21.06.2012 under the Chairmanship of the Hon’ble Minister for Finance at the Secretariat in Chennai. In the District Level Vigilance Monitoring Committee Meetings, the performance of Special Public Prosecutors and Prosecution cases etc., have been reviewed by the respective Collectors, Superintendents of Police and other Members of the Committee. The Asian Network for Innovation Training Trust (ANITRA) with the assistance of this wing organized 6 training programmes to create awareness with regard to the implementation of PCR and SCs/STs (POA) ACT. The Mass Awareness Campaign proposed to cover the total number of 37,854 villages / habitations in the State. Under the Select Village Scheme, one village in each district, where untouchability is not practiced and people live in harmony is selected for assistance. A sum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs was given to the selected villages to improve their basic infrastructure. Now I have enhanced the said amount to Rs. 10.00 lakhs per village.

With regard to the growing concern over Human Trafficking, the Government of Tamil Nadu has played a proactive role in combating trafficking and a holistic approach has been adopted towards the issue, based on the principles of rescue, relief, rehabilitation

and re-integration of the victims. The State Government has taken certain pioneering steps in combating the menace of trafficking. Based on the National Plan of Action to combat trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children drafted in 1998, the State Government has constituted a State Level Co-ordination Committee in 2001, by nominating the Chief Secretary as the Chairperson, the Secretary of Social Welfare as Member Secretary and the Secretaries of Finance, Home, Law, the Director General of police and Director of Social Defence as members, besides two representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations. District Level Advisory Committees have been formed in all Districts with the District Collector as Chairperson and the Superintendent of Police as Vice Chairperson. Village Level Watch Dog Committees have been constituted in 2002 for elimination of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. A High Level Supervisory Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Hon’ble Minister for Social Welfare has been formed. The State Government is implementing the Ujjawala Scheme (A Government of India scheme for prevention of trafficking) through Non-Governmental Organisations. Prevention, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Re-integration and Repatriation are the major components of the Scheme. The Scheme is in operation in 8 Districts of the State. Swadhar Homes are functioning in 11 Districts of the State through Non-Governmental Organisations under the supervision of the Department of Social Defence.

Efforts have been stepped up to streamline the investigation of cases of missing persons. ‘CHILD LINE’, an emergency Toll free No.1098 is operating throughout the State for the benefit of children. In order to strengthen security measures at the Government hospitals to prevent child lifting, security measures which include appointment of security

guards, restriction of visitors, ensuring identity cards for all the hospital staff and installation of CCTV in all maternity wards is being implemented phase-wise. A Committee to draw up the protocol on security measures has been constituted. The State Government has formed a State Commission for Protection of Children Rights (SCPCR), similar to the National Commission for Protection of Children Rights and the committee so formed will select a Chairperson for SCPCR. In all, 40 Anti Human Trafficking Units have been formed in Tamil Nadu to combat human trafficking covering all Districts/City Commissionerates. The ADGP, CB CID has been designated as the State Level Nodal Officer for Anti-Human Trafficking issues. A State-Level Co-ordination Committee to Combat Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children, headed by the Chief Secretary, has been formed. I have increased the victims assistance fund from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 for each victim who has been rescued from the clutches of traffickers to undertake economic activities for their livelihood and rehabilitation.

A Conference of senior Police and Forest officers of the three States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala was convened by the Inspector General of Police, Intelligence (Internal Security), Chennai, at the office of the Commissioner of Police, Coimbatore City, on 14.09.2012, in connection with instituting precautionary measures to curtail the activities of CPI (Maoist) in the tri-junction area.

Power development is an important input for the State's Industrial, Commercial and Socio economic growth. Adequate provision has to be made for augmenting power supply to bridge the gap between demand and supply as well as to meet the increasing future demand. Keeping this in view, my Government is giving utmost importance to the power sector in Tamil Nadu.

At present, the demand-supply mismatch is between 3000 to 4000 MW which represents about a third of the State's power demand. It is estimated that the expected demand by the end of the 12th Plan period will be 18311 MW whereas the present availability is only around 8500 MW. To mitigate the power shortage in the State, I have requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the allocation of the entire power to be generated from the first unit of 1000MW capacity in the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Project in Tamil Nadu.

It is also pertinent to note that while all other regions namely North, East, West and North East are interconnected as a single grid (NEW grid), the Southern Region has not been interconnected with the National grid. This creates an imbalance between the Southern Region and the rest of the country, disabling the Southern Region from actively participating in and benefiting from the National Power Market. The geographical location of a particular State should not be a handicap to buying or selling electricity from or to any other State within the country. This problem should be sorted out by the Government of India at the earliest.

To bridge the gap between demand and supply and to make the State power surplus again, a detailed strategy has been drawn up. Action has been taken for a massive capacity addition program by instituting new projects and to expedite the ongoing power projects and the projects which have been sanctioned and are yet to be started.

However, clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Coal linkages are the main issues required to be expedited by the Government of India. The North Chennai Thermal Power Project, a major project, is ready for commissioning but revised environment clearance has not yet been given by the Ministry of Environment and Forest



Department. This may be facilitated at the earliest.

The State Government has also taken necessary steps to promote Solar Energy. In order to achieve energy security as well as to reduce carbon emission, in the public interest, the State has released the Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012, on 20.10.2012. It is proposed to generate 3000 MW of Solar Energy by 2015 and to encourage indigenous Solar manufacturing facilities in this State.

I have set out my detailed views on the subjects included in the agenda in the hope that these deliberations will lead to meaningful

solutions to the issues raised and will also facilitate the formulation of new approaches promoting intra regional co-operation. In a federal polity like ours, each State may have a Government formed by a different party, in consonance with the tenets of our vibrant democracy.

In an already complex environment where fast changing socio-economic paradigms demand constant vigil and electric actions, it should be the collective endeavour of the country to chalk out long standing sustainable solutions.

I wish this Council meeting all success. ■

## **Thanks to Hon'ble Chief Minister 'Thuppakki' deflected from hurting Muslim sentiments**



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government is not only secular but is safeguarding the interests of the minorities.

Recently, Islamist outfits demanded the removal of certain scenes from the Vijay Starrer 'Thuppakki' film released on the Deepavali Day, stating they hurt the sentiments of Muslims.

Following a direction from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on learning this, the Home Secretary summoned actor Thiru. Vijay, Director Murugados, Producer Thaanu of the film and Thiru. Chandrasekaran, father of Thiru. Vijay on 15.11.2012 and advised them

to desist from showing the scenes that hurt the feelings of Muslims and to hold talks with Islamic outfits in this regard.

As a sequel to the speedy action of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the film crew of 'Thuppakki' held discussions with the Islamist outfits and removed some scenes from the film.

Representatives of the Tamil Nadu Islamist Movement and the Federation of their political outfits on 28.11.2012 met and thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the Secretariat for the speedy action and removal of the controversial scenes. ■



## Rejuvenation Camp for temple and mutt elephants

Not only humans but other living creatures too deserve our affection and sympathy. It is our duty to take care of the animals that deserve our love and support. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government which has been implementing several welfare measures for people is implementing such schemes for animals also.

In that respect, it is our bounden duty to take care of the elephants and protect them. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered in her earlier regime that special rejuvenation camp be held for the elephants of temples so as to give them enough rest. Such camps were held every year from 2003. In these camps elephants were given special rejuvenating diet and medical facilities and their physical and mental well being was taken care of.

The camps were not held between 2006-2007 and 2010-2011. The Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the revival of the camp after assuming office for a third term. Accordingly, a special welfare camp for 37 elephants belonging to temples and mutts was held for 48 days between 14.12.2011 and 30.1.2012 at the Mudumalai wild life sanctuary (Theppakaadu) in 2011-2012.


The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered a similar camp be held for 48 days from 26.11.2012 for 45 elephants – 35 belonging to 33 temples and 10 belonging to 5 mutts – in a 4 acre water rich peaceful area belonging to the Public Works Department on the Bhavani river bed near Arulmigu Vanabadhra Kaliyamman temple at Thekkampatti, Mettupalayam Taluk, Coimbatore District.



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## **'INTERVENE AND DIRECT ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY NOT TO PUT HURDLES FOR NORTH CHENNAI POWER PROJECT'**

D.O. letter dated 23.11.2012 addressed by

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
to **Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

**"I** write this letter seeking your urgent intervention in a matter of great importance to the State of Tamil Nadu.

As you are aware, Tamil Nadu has been facing a severe power deficit. My Government has been taking earnest efforts to augment the capacity addition to meet this huge power deficit which is of the order of 4,000 MW by early commissioning of on-going power generation projects in the State. One such on-going project which is in an advanced stage of commissioning is the 2x600 Megawatt North Chennai Thermal Power Project Stage-II at an estimated cost of Rs.5,813 Crores. The two units of this project have been programmed to be synchronized in December, 2012, and February, 2013, and are likely to be put in continuous operation in April – May, 2013.

I am constrained to bring to your notice that, after delaying the issue of environmental clearance for the above project for the past six years, the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has now advised the State Government to ask Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, a fully owned power utility of the Government of Tamil Nadu to apply afresh for environmental clearance for the above project in accordance with the provisions under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006.

Originally, this project was proposed by M/s.Videocon Power Limited which had obtained Environmental Clearance for the establishment of 2x525 Megawatt North Chennai Thermal Power Project Stage-II with validity up to 10.5.2006. However, due to various circumstances, the project could not be developed by M/s.Videocon Power Limited. The Government of Tamil Nadu decided to take up this project under the State Sector through the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Electricity Board presently known as Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) within the validity period. Accordingly, on 9.10.2006, based on the site inspection report, the Ministry of Environment and Forests conveyed its decision to transfer the environmental clearance earlier granted to M/s.Videocon Power Limited to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. In the meanwhile, the proposed capacity of the project has been enhanced to 2x600 Megawatts based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Power, Government of India. The Expert Appraisal Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forests also recommended the proposal to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the meeting held on 3.5.2011 for issue of Environmental Clearance for the enhanced capacity.

An important aspect in this issue is that this project is already cleared under the environmental angle for M/s. Videocon Power Limited as well as while enhancing the capacity to 2x600 MW in the meeting of the Expert Appraisal Committee held on 3.5.2011. If the Ministry of Environment and Forests was not satisfied then with the validity of the Environmental Clearance, the proposal would not have been referred to the Expert Appraisal Committee by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee would not have been posted in the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Now, after six years of follow up, the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, in his letter dated 16.11.2012 addressed to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, has asked TANGEDCO to apply afresh for Environmental Clearance for the North Chennai Thermal Power Project Stage-II.

The main contention of the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, is that as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, the Environmental Clearance issued to M/s. Videocon Power Limited cannot be extended beyond ten years. He has further informed that the transfer of Environmental Clearance can be considered only when there is a written no objection certificate by the transferor and for the same validity period. He has also added that in this case there is no valid Environmental Clearance which could be considered for transfer.

In this context, I would like to inform you that the Environmental Clearance granted to M/s. Videocon was based on the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994. As per clause 2 (iii) (c) of the above notification, the clearance granted shall be valid for a period of 5 years for commencement of construction or operation of the project. As per this Notification, the

commencement of construction has to be within the validity period and once the work has commenced, the question of further validity does not arise. In this case, in order to verify the commencement of project activities, the Ministry of Environment and Forests sent the Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Southern Zone, Bangalore, to inspect the site and based on his report and only after satisfying themselves that the project works have commenced, the Ministry of Environment and Forests transferred the Environment Clearance to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for 2x525 MW on 9.10.2006.

Regarding the issue of obtaining a written No Objection Certificate from the transferor, there is no provision in the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994 on this issue. Since the Ministry of Environment and Forests has already transferred the Environmental Clearance on 9.10.2006, the issue of obtaining No Objection Certificate from the transferor does not arise now.

As such, applying the stipulations of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, for the project governed by the earlier Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994, at this point of time when the project is ready for commissioning is not acceptable.

The inordinate delay and the non-issuance of Environmental Clearance for the enhanced capacity by the Ministry of Environment and Forests has resulted in the cancellation of the Letter of Assurance given by M/s. Mahanadhi Coal Fields Limited for supply of coal for the above project on 28.9.2012.

Under the above circumstances, I request you to kindly intervene in the matter and direct the Ministry of Environment and Forests to issue the Environmental Clearance for the enhanced capacity immediately without insisting on a fresh application so that the project could be commissioned thereby helping to contain the severe power deficit faced by my State.”



## REMOVE DEROGATORY REFERENCE TO NADAR COMMUNITY FROM CBSE TEXTBOOK

“I would like to draw your kind attention to an appeal made by the Nadar Community in Tamil Nadu to remove objectionable references in the Social Studies book prescribed for Class IX in the CBSE schools. The textbook published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi, in Chapter VIII deals with “Clothing: A Social History”. In this Chapter in the sub-heading “Transformation in Colonial India”, a reference is made to “Caste Conflict and Dress Change” in para 4.1 in page 168, wherein many derogatory statements have been made about the Nadar community.

Contrary to the information given in the text, the Nadars are the original inhabitants of the Kanyakumari District. The Kumari District is what remains of the sunken Kumari Continent which is the cradle of Tamil Civilisation. This is corroborated by the Tholkappiam and Silappathikaram literatures. Two famous Tamil poets, namely, Tholkappiar and Athankottu Asan were born in this district. Moreover, the said text has neglected the struggles of Aiyya Vaikundar in the “Upper Cloth Revolt” and also his social reforms.

The Nadars are said to be descendants of those who ruled the Chera, Cholan and Pandyan Kingdoms. The traditions followed by the Nelamaikkarars (Nadans) and the existence of the ruins beneath the Teri palmrya forests of Tiruchendur and the Pandyan capital city of Korkai, where the Nadar population is predominant, suggest they could very well be the heirs of the Early Pandyas. Two inscriptions at Kallidaikurichi suggest that in medieval times, the Nadars

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served as administrators and accountants for both the Chera and Pandya Kingdoms. Thus, the Nadar community is not a lower caste as mentioned in the CBSE book. Rather, they have been rulers of South India at one point of time.

The social and economical development achieved by the Nadars over the years is commendable. Their success in the fields of education and business can be attributed to their hard work and determination. Great leaders including Shri.K.Kamaraj belonged to this community and their contribution to Society is immeasurable.

Representations have been made to me by various associations belonging to the Nadar community condemning the inclusion of such objectionable references about their community.

The incorrect details given in the textbook are very misleading and may leave a wrong impression in the minds of the students about the said community.

May I, therefore, request you to intervene in the matter and advise the concerned Ministry to take immediate action to remove the topic “Caste Conflict and Dress Change” from Chapter VIII of the IX Std. Social Studies CBSE Text Book published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi”

## **CBSE TEXT BOOK CONTROVERSY : NADAR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES THANK HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER**



On learning that the 9<sup>th</sup> standard Social Science text book prescribed for the CBSE schools contained controversial remarks about the Nadar Community, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa urged the Prime Minister through a letter to remove those portions.

In that letter, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has drawn the attention of the Prime Minister to the several derogatory and wrong views expressed about the Nadar Community in that book and has said that the Nadar Community was the original inhabitants of Kanniyakumari District, that once they were rulers in South India, that their contribution

in social and economic growth is immense and that they have achieved great success in education and trade through their hard work and determination. The controversial views expressed in the CBSE 9<sup>th</sup> standard text book would promote a wrong view about the Nadar Community among students and hence the concerned Ministry should be advised to remove those passages immediately.

Members of the Nadar Maha Jana Sangham on 28.11.2012 met the Hon'ble Chief Minister and conveyed their gratitude for conveying the feelings of their community over the text book to the Prime Minister immediately.

## **'C' & 'F' Forms available online for registered dealers**

The facility for generation of 'C' & 'F' forms online has been made available to the Registered dealers of Tamil Nadu through the Commercial Taxes website [www.tnvat.gov.in](http://www.tnvat.gov.in) with effect from 1st November 2012.

Through this facility, the dealers will be able to generate 'C' & 'F' forms online immediately after filing their monthly returns in electronic mode.

This facility enables the dealers to generate the 'C' & 'F' forms (which is required for their interstate purchases and stock transfers) without visiting the respective Assessment Circles. The Dealers would be immensely benefited by this facility since it would eliminate delays and reduce the interface between Department and Dealers.



## 238 PATROL VEHICLES FOR POLICE USE



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.11.2012 presented 238 patrol vehicles costing Rs. 24.91 crores for the use of the Police Department at a function held at the Central depot of the Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation. The vehicles will be pressed into service for Highways security and for policing of the Chennai metro area.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had ordered the purchase of 69 vehicles for patrolling national highways, an equal number for patrolling state highways and 100 more for improving the policing work of Chennai metro.

The fleet comprises 90 Chevrolet Tavera vehicles, 48 Tata Grande and 100 Toyota Innova vehicles.

Hon'ble Minister for Highways and Minor Ports Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami handed over cheques for Rs.5,09,52,313/- to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** on 22.11.2012 at the Secretariat. The amount represents the Government's share of the land rent for 2011-2012 by the Tamil Nadu Maritime Board.



# STATE RECOMMENDED SUGAR CANE PRICE FOR 2012-2013 : RS. 2,350 PER METRIC TONNE



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalithaa**  
on 19.11.2012 (English Translation)

Taking into account that farmers will flourish only when there is a high growth in the primary sector of agriculture, my Government has been taking several pointed actions for increasing the agri production and improving the farmers' income.

My Government has been implementing many new pioneering projects such as increasing the cultivation acreage under the System of Rice Intensification, adoption of crop management in pulses and oilseeds, raising vegetable crops under precision farming and high density planting for horticultural crops. For popularising micro-irrigation, 100 percent subsidy is given to small and micro farmers and 75 percent subsidy for other agriculturists. My Government continues to increase the godown capacity and cold storage facilities so that the agricultural produce can be safely stored till they fetch good price for farmers. Also, agricultural co-operative societies are given grants for procuring agricultural machineries so as to make good the short fall in the availability of agricultural labour.

Moreover, whenever the Central Government fixes the minimum support price for crops like paddy and sugarcane, my

Government, to encourage farmers, offers additional support price. Recently when the Central Government fixed the paddy procurement price for the kharif season, my Government announced a price that is Rs. 50/- more per quintal than that of the Centre's for the common variety of paddy and Rs. 70/- more for the fine variety paddy.

Last year, when the Central Government fixed a support price of Rs. 1,450/- per metric tonne, my Government announced keeping in view the interests of Tamil Nadu sugarcane cultivators a state recommended price of Rs. 2,100/- per metric tonne, which includes Rs. 100/- cartage expenses.

Presently, the Central Government has fixed a fair support price of Rs. 1,700/- per metric tonne for the 2012-2013 sugarcane season. I have directed the fixation of Rs. 2,350/- per metric tonne as a state recommended price. This includes a cartage expense of Rs. 100/-.

This action of my Government will enthuse sugarcane cultivators and provide happiness to them. ■





# A SUB-TREASURY OFFICE FOR EACH REVENUE CIRCLE

The Treasury and Accounts Department which deals with Government's revenue and expenditure was started in 1962. The Department also looks after the tasks of disbursing the salary to Government Employees, pension to retirees and disbursing the amount sanctioned by the Government for the various plan schemes.

Also, it discharges the duty of distributing in a proper manner judicial and non-judicial stamp papers and court fee stamps to the licensed vendors and institutions and maintains the valuable and to be safe-guarded, articles that are deposited by the Government departments in safety vaults.

Under this department there are 32 district treasuries and 206 sub-treasuries. With a view of taking the Government to the people, Government offices are being located near the residential areas. The number of Government treasuries, in that way, has not increased commensurate to the number of Government offices so created. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government has decided to streamline the treasury set up by having one sub-treasury for every revenue circle and locate new sub-treasuries in revenue circles that does not have one.

On this basis, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up in 2012-2013 financial year, new sub-treasuries in the 14 revenue circles of Senthurai in Ariyalur District, Athur (Dindigul District), Sholinganallur

(Kancheepuram District), Krishnarayapuram (Karur District), Kuthalam (Nagapattinam District), Veppanthattai (Perambalur District), Vazhapadi and Gangavalli (Salem District), Panthanallur (The Nilgiris District), Manachanallur (Tiruchirapalli District), Madathukulam (Tiruppur District), Thandarampatti (Thiruvannamalai District), Kariapatti (Virudunagar District), and Ilupur in Pudukottai District.

To man these sub-treasuries, six posts have been created for each one of them. They are one post of Deputy Treasury Officer, one post of Additional Sub-Treasury Officer, 2 posts of Accountant, one post of Junior Assistant and one post of Office Assistant. This will entail the Government a recurring expenditure of Rs. 3.33 crores and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 84 lakhs every year.

As the sub-treasuries discharge several responsible tasks including safe-keeping of judicial and non-judicial stamp papers and articles obtained from many departments, it has become essential that they function from their own buildings. Of the 206 sub-treasuries, 54 function from rented buildings. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that in the first phase own buildings be constructed for 14 sub-treasuries at a cost of Rs. 7.70 crores.

These new buildings will come up at Perayur and Melur in Madurai District, Tharangambadi (Nagapattinam District), Thiruchengodu and Paramathi (Namakkal

District), Gandharvakottai (Pudukottai District), Paramakudi (Ramanathapuram District), Manamadurai (Sivagangai District), Dharapuram, and Udumalpet (Tiruppur District), Uthukottai and Thiruthani (Thiruvallur District), Ottapidaram (Thoothukudi District), and Needamangalam (Thiruvallur District).

Similarly, of the 32 district treasuries, 29 function from their own buildings. Of the remaining 3 treasuries are functioning from rented premises, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of a new building for the Thoothukudi District Treasury on a 862 sq. metre plot at the Thoothukudi District Master Plan Complex at a cost of Rs. 1,37,50,000/-.

## **2,500 NEW HOUSES FOR SRILANKAN TAMILS IN CAMPS IN TAMIL NADU**



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking several measures for the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils staying in the refugee camps in the State.

The in-take in the Adi Dravidar and Backward classes hostels has been increased so that the children of Sri Lankan Tamils in the camps can stay there and continue their education. The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been extending several welfare assistance like providing incentives to the students from the camps doing their higher-education, extending the benefits of the medical insurance scheme, providing additional grant to women's self-help groups functioning in the camps and disbursing pensionary benefits available under the various social security schemes run by the Tamil Nadu Government to the Sri Lankan Tamils. Moreover, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already sanctioned

Rs. 25 crores for improving the drinking water facility in the camps, repairing the houses, streamlining the roads, constructing library building, locating fair price shop, setting up additional toilets and bathrooms, community halls, erecting light posts and street lights, constructing kitchen and other such basic facilities.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs.25 crores for construction of 2,500 strong new houses in 21 refugee camps in the 14 districts of Coimbatore, Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Karur, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Madurai, Pudukottai, Salem, Sivagangai, Thiruvallur, Thirunelveli, Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram, at the rate of Rs. 1 lakh per house.

These steps of the Government will revive the lives of Sri Lankan Tamils living in the refugee camps.



# TAMIL NADU PAVILION REFLECTS INTERNATIONAL FAIR'S THEME



Every year, an India International Trade Fair is held at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from the year 1980. The 32nd fair was held from November 14 to 27, 2012. All the 29 States, Union Territories, Private and Public sector undertakings and 33 foreign countries participated in the fair.

The Information and Public Relations Department set up the Tamil Nadu pavilion in the 2012 fair in an excellent way and in a manner to give shape to the ideas of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa who has been toiling round the clock to make Tamil Nadu the foremost State in India in all spheres. This year's theme for the fair was "skilling India". The facade of the pavilion was designed after the shore temple of Mamallapuram, and the pavilion itself displayed Thanjavur rolling dolls, Thanjavur plates, paintings and sculpturing, reflecting this year's theme of the fair in toto. Within the pavilion, models of pottery production and sculpture designed beautifully were displayed. There was live demonstration of wooden sculpture, drawing for Thanjavur paintings, pearl, coral garlanding and preparation of herbal medicines. Tamil Nadu's flag ship scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa presenting laptops at no cost and the traditional art and craft – Bharathanatyam and weaving of Kancheepuram silk – were also displayed.

Thirteen departments, Tamil Nadu Information and Public Relations, Tourism, Electricity Board, Industries & Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, Tamil

Nadu Corporation for Development of Women, Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing, Horticulture, Co-optex, Poompuhar, Small Industries Development Corporation and Skill Development Establishment participated and provided visual inputs of their respective projects and achievements.

The 'State's Day' was celebrated by all the participating states in the fair. Accordingly, 'Tamil Nadu Day' was celebrated on 18.11.2012 at the "Lal Chowk" Kalaiaragam in the Pragati Maidan in a grand manner. As per the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa, the function was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation Thiru. K.T. Rajenthralhalaji, by lighting a 'Kuthuvilakku' in the presence of Special Representative to the Government of Tamil Nadu at New Delhi Thiru. P.M. Narasimhan and Tamil Nadu House Principal Resident commissioner Thiru. Jasbir Singh Bajaj, IAS.

The traditional bharathanatyam and folk arts like Karakaattam, Mayilaattam, Kaaliyattam and Nayyaandi melam events were performed.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation Thiru. K.T. Rajenthralhalaji, Special Representative to the Government of Tamil Nadu at New Delhi, Thiru. P.M. Narasimhan and the Principal Resident commissioner of Tamil Nadu House. Thiru. Jasbir Singh Bajaj, IAS, visited the Tamil Nadu pavilion.



## 32 Laptops to Librarians in Public Libraries

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa presented 32 laptops costing Rs. 16 lakhs to Librarians of the Public Library Department at the Secretariat on 22.11.2012.

While presenting the Demands for grants for the School Education Department for 2012-2013, it was announced that Rs. 16 lakhs worth of laptops would be distributed to Librarians so as to improve the Public Library services and provide the best reading facilities to the maximum number of readers at a minimum cost.



Accordingly, 32 laptops, each costing Rs. 50,000/- and purchased through ELCOT were distributed to 16 Librarians working in 16 District Library offices and to 16 Grade II Librarians who were engaged in the verification work.

The Laptops will be useful to verify the availability of books in the library precisely and speedily and in the enumeration of the books lost without hindering in any way the issue of books to the general public.



## Indira Gandhi Birth Anniversary

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa paid floral tributes to a portrait of the former Prime Minister of India Tmt. Indira Gandhi at Secretariat, Chennai to mark her 95<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister on 19.11.2012.





## **Rs. 25 crores for Sports Competitions in Village Panchayats**

Excellence in education and skills in sports are both essential for youth. Excellence in education improves intelligence; skill in sports nurtures health. As education and sports are essential for the creation of a healthy and intelligent society, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking steps to develop these two spheres.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government has been implementing numerous schemes such as opening sports hostels, imparting wholesome training to sports personnel through daily training, setting up sports stadia at international standard for participating in international events, providing incentives to sports personnel to encourage them to participate in international competitions, setting up indoor stadia, encouraging rural sports events, organising international sports events in Tamil Nadu and increasing the sports quota in engineering colleges to 500 from 100.

In that way, the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association is conducting every year at Chennai the 'Chennai Open' tournament, an important event in tennis game in South Asia at the Tennis Sports stadium functioning under the aegis of Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority. For conducting the competition, the Government is giving a grant of Rs. 1 crore from the year 2005. International and National top seeds of the game participate in these competitions. The competitions are very popular with the people as those of the international tennis events.

Last year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctioned and disbursed Rs. 1 crore for conducting the tournament.

For the 2013 'Chennai Open' event, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has increased

the Government grant to Rs. 2 crores from Rs. 1 crore.

If sports personnel capable of participating in all kinds of sports events are to be created in Tamil Nadu, an awareness about sports events has to be created among the rural youth and necessary training and encouragement are to be given. With this in view, sports infrastructure facilities are being created in the 12,524 Village Panchayats in Tamil Nadu under the Centre – State sponsored Village Youth Development sports scheme. To make use of these infrastructure and maintain them in the best way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 25.05 crores at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- for each of the 12,524 Village Panchayats for conducting Village Panchayat sports competitions so as to develop in the Villagers enthusiasm for sports.

To improve the standards of the sports personnel in Tamil Nadu and help them imbibe skills so that they can participate in national and international competitions, team events in sports for the 'Hon'ble Chief Minister's Cup' are conducted in basket ball, golf, khabbadi and volleyball.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that similar events be held in shuttle cock, table tennis, swimming and tennis games. To conduct these events at the District and State levels, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 1 crore.

The first prize in each of these events is a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, the second prize Rs. 75,000/- each and the third prize Rs. 25,000/- each.

These measures of the Government will provide an impetus to sports enthusiasts to develop their skills. ●

## More Hostels for BC, MBC, De-Notified and Minority Community Students

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been implementing several schemes with the goal of zero tolerance to illiteracy.

There are 1,266 student hostels across Tamil Nadu for the backward, most backward, de-notified and minority communities.

Since college admissions are going up due to the implementation of several welfare schemes, it has become imperative to increase the number of hostels. The welfare schemes aim at providing education to all in the eligible age-group without the phenomenon of drop out and include concession in fee, supply of books, notebooks and all other educational implements at no cost and distribution of uniforms.

Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has passed orders for the setting up of 16 hostels at a cost of Rs. 3.57 crores in the 8 most backward districts of Perambalur, Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Sivgangai, Villupuram, Dindigul and Cuddalore at the rate of one college hostel and one polytechnic hostel for each district.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the creation of 64 posts for these hostels viz., 16 posts of warden with B.Ed qualification, 32 posts of cook/assistant cook and 16 posts of security/attender and appointment of 16 sweepers on a consolidated pay at the rate of one for each hostel.

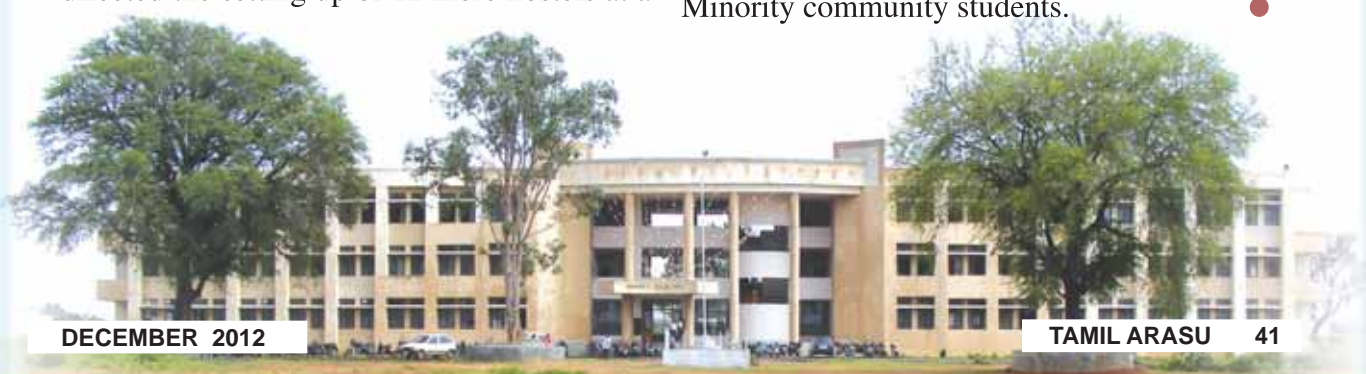
The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed the setting up of 12 more hostels at a

cost of Rs. 2,59,14,432/-. The break-up of these hostels is: 3 for women students of Backward classes Welfare colleges at Navalur Kuttappattu in Tiruchy District, Bodinayakanur in Theni District and at Tambaram in Kancheepuram District; 5 for boy students of Backward Classes Welfare schools at Murukodai in Theni District, Vaduvur in Tiruvarur District, Thopputhurai in Nagapattinam District, Vayalogam in Pudukottai District and Arakonam in Vellore District; one hostel for girl students of Backward Classes Welfare school at Periasamipuram in Thoothukudi District and 3 hostels for women students of Minorities colleges at Royapettah in Chennai, Kumbakonam in Thanjavur District and at Nagarkovil in Kanniyakumari District.

To work in these hostels, 48 posts will be created, 12 posts of warden with B.Ed qualification at the rate of one for each hostel, 24 posts of cook/assistant cook and 12 posts of security/attender. Twelve sweepers will also be appointed on a consolidated pay at the rate of one for each hostel.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed installation of solar energy equipment in 103 hostels of Backward Classes Welfare Department colleges for the operation electric lights and fans and thereby conserve electricity. For this installation, Rs. 2,31,75,000/- has been allotted at the rate of Rs. 2.25 lakhs for each hostel.

These measures of the Government will greatly benefit the BC, MBC, De-notified and Minority community students. ●





# 'SMART CARDS'

## TO STUDENTS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa inaugurated at the Secretariat on 22.11.2012 the 'Smart Card' distribution scheme and distributed the cards to the students of Government and Government aided schools.

For school education department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Education Management Information System (EMIS) on 5.9.2012. In this EMIS 4 online sites have been interconnected. The [www.admin.tnschools.gov.in](http://www.admin.tnschools.gov.in) online site collects, uploads and saves all information about schools, teachers and students.

Keeping in mind the welfare of the students, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had directed the issue of 'Smart Card' to the students in the Government and Government aided schools. As a precursor, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued 'Smart Cards' to the students of 5 Government higher secondary schools in Tiruchy District – the ones at Thiruchendurai, Aylapettai, Somarasempettai, Ettarai and Inamkulathur – at the Secretariat on 22.11.2012 and inaugurated the scheme. The information in these smart cards will be integrated through the EMIS.

Through the Smart Card all information like the name of the student, parent's address, parent's income, date of birth, date of admission to school, proficiency, conduct and blood group will be registered. Also, when the students migrate to other places due to family conditions, they can join any



school on the basis of the information registered in the smart card. The card will be useful in precisely detecting students drop-outs and help their re-admission, and in the selection of students for the Government disbursed welfare schemes. The student beneficiaries through the smart card will be 91,54,741. The smart card will be attached to the Health Card of the students. This scheme will be gradually extended to cover all students in Government and Government aided schools in the State.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated on 22.11.2012 at the Secretariat the scheme for distribution of the matured special incentive assistance to the students in Government and Government aided schools who have passed out in the 12th standard examinations and distributed the assistance. In the academic year 2011-2012, 4,60,779 students became eligible for the assistance.

The incentive scheme was introduced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the academic year 2011-2012 for the 10th, 11th and 12th

standard students to eliminate totally the phenomenon of drop-outs. It was announced that a sum of Rs. 1,500/- each for the 10th & 11th standards and Rs. 2,000/- each for the 12th standard students would be deposited in their individual names with the Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation and the amount would be handed over to them with interest after they completed the 12th standard studies.

Accordingly, Rs. 313.13 crores was allotted and deposited with the Tamil Nadu Power Finance Corporation in the academic year 2011-2012 to benefit 21.36 lakh students. In the 2012-2013 academic year, Rs. 353.56 crores has been allotted to benefit 21,52,986 students.

Under the scheme for creation of permanent fixed deposit for students of Government and aided schools whose earning parents either died or were permanently disabled, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented at the Secretariat on 22.11.2012 fixed deposit certificates with a face value of Rs. 3.60 crores to students. The scheme envisages the creation of a fixed deposit of Rs. 50,000/- for each eligible student. In the academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, 720 students were benefited.

The amount is invested in Government companies. The interest income and the maturity amount will help the students to meet their educational and maintenance expenses.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also distributed 15 new vehicles purchased at a cost of Rs. 83,00,460/- viz., 6 for Chief Education officers and 9 for District Education Officers. The transport facility will help these officers to effectively discharge without hindrance to their duties, such as inspection, examination related works, visit to schools and monitoring plan schemes.

## Government Public Holidays 2013

Public Holidays	Date	Day
New Year's Day	01.01.2013	Tuesday
Pongal	14.01.2013	Monday
Thiruvalluvar Day	15.01.2013	Tuesday
Uzhavar Thirunal	16.01.2013	Wednesday
Meelad-un-Nabi	25.01.2013	Friday
Republic Day	26.01.2013	Saturday
Good Friday	29.03.2013	Friday
*Annual closing of Accounts for Commercial Banks & Co-operative Banks	01.04.2013	Monday
Telugu New Year's Day	11.04.2013	Thursday
Tamil New Year's Day and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Birthday	14.04.2013	Sunday
Mahaveer Jayanthi	24.04.2013	Wednesday
May Day	01.05.2013	Wednesday
Ramzan	09.08.2013	Friday
Independence Day	15.08.2013	Thursday
Krishna Jayanthi	28.08.2013	Wednesday
Vinayakar Chathurthi	09.09.2013	Monday
*Half yearly closing of Accounts for Commercial Banks & Co-operative Banks	30.09.2013	Monday
Gandhi Jayanthi	02.10.2013	Wednesday
Ayutha Pooja	13.10.2013	Sunday
Vijaya Dasami	14.10.2013	Monday
Bakrid	16.10.2013	Wednesday
Deepavali	02.11.2013	Saturday
Muharram	14.11.2013	Thursday
Christmas	25.12.2013	Wednesday

\* Applicable only to Commercial Banks and Co-operative Banks in Tamil Nadu



# SHG GOODS TO HIT GLOBAL MARKET



**M**aha Kavi Bharathi thundered that women are not inferior to men. Vindicating his assertion today women leave their imprints in all fields and are on par with men in work in all spheres.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa started the Women's Self Help Group Movement in 1991-1992 with the lofty idea that women, through self employment, should improve their economic conditions. Today the movement has spread all over Tamil Nadu. Presently there are 5.56 lakh SHG's with a membership of 85.70 lakhs women. Through these groups a great renaissance has taken place in the lives of women in Tamil Nadu.

The goods produced by the Women's Self Help Groups (SHGs) are presently marketed through the District Supply and Marketing Societies. To increase the sales of

these goods and to market them at the State, National and International levels, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of the State Supply and Marketing Society and allotted Rs. 15 lakhs towards this.

To ensure that the services of the District Supply and Marketing Societies reach the people and to improve their works- the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 77.50 lakhs to these district level societies at the rate of Rs. 2.50 lakhs for each of the 31 districts. Also the district societies' works will be coordinated with the proposed state level society.

The Coordination of the working of the State level and District level societies will help global marketing of the goods produced by SHGs which will improve their sales and thereby the standard of life of its members.

## Navy's Symphony



His Excellency the Governor **Dr. K. Rosaiah** and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the concert of the Indian Navy Symphony held at the Madras University Centenary auditorium on 17.11.2012.

## LAPTOPS TO DOCTORS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL BLOOD BANKS



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** presented at the Secretariat on 22.11.2012, 25 laptops and 25 Data cards costing Rs. 5 lakhs for the use of doctors manning the blood banks in Government Medical College Hospitals by way of improving the efficient Network Blood Bank Management System.

## 134<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RAJAJI



Hon'ble Ministers, Worshipful Mayor of the Corporation of Chennai and other high Government officials paid floral tributes to a portrait of Rajaji, placed near his statue at the Madras High Court Complex on the occasion of his 134<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary on 10.12.2012



## Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open the renovated MGR Memorial



Perarignar Anna once said: “One who removes the distress, wipes out the tears of a person who has sought his help is a philanthropist. But Puratchi Nadigar MGR is not like that. He goes in search of the distressed, wipes out their tears and lends a helping hand to them. MGR is a philanthropist of all philanthropists”.

The memorial of the recipient of such encomium, former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Bharatha Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR, a great leader whose memory is ever etched in the hearts of the people of the State, has been renovated at a cost of Rs. 7.70 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.12.2012 declared open the renovated memorial.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the facade of the memorial located on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on a 8.25 acre plot, was altered and the front parapet wall was renovated at a total cost of Rs. 3.40 crores.

Other beautification works were taken up at a cost Rs. 4.30 crores.

The highlight of these works is the front entrance of the memorial which has been altered to make it more attractive. The lawns in the memorial have been re-laid with Korean grass and special varieties of plants – Palmeria Alpha, Date palm, spider lilly, adenium and sycum palms. The footpath in the middle of the memorial has been renovated with new granite stones.

A new footpath is laid round the Samadhi in a guitar shape. Two ‘Purgolas’ seating facilities with an 18 metre diameter have been created. Two sloping footpaths for the use of the differently abled, have also been laid.

Apart from these, the fringe footpaths on either side of the memorial is laid with concrete tiles and paver blocks. Stainless steel railings have been fixed in the footpath that runs round the samadhi and in the sloping foot paths.



The curved petals in the Samadhi and around it, are all polished without any damage. An artificial fountain has been set up in the Central lawn. A similar fountain is set up in the moat around the Samadhi. At the rear of the memorial, a semicircular artificial water fall with beautiful lighting arrangements has been set up.

Also, decorative, electric lamps shedding sufficient light have been installed in the Samadhi and all over the memorial. High-mast tower lights have been installed at the Samadhi and at the entrance.

After declaring open the renovated memorial, the Hon'ble Chief Minister went to Puratchi Thalavar MGR's Samadhi, placed a wreath and paid homage. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected all the areas of the renovated memorial. ●

## Mahakavi Bharathi's 131<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary



Hon'ble Ministers, Government Whip, Worshipful Mayor of Corporation of Chennai, Secretary, Department of Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information and other high Government officials paid floral tributes to a portrait of Mahakavi Bharathiar placed near his statue on the Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 11.12.2012 to mark his 131<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary.





## **Rs. 152.73 crores for Basic Infrastructure in 131 Government Schools**

There can be no two opinion about the importance of education. All saints and eminent persons have extolled education. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking several pointed actions to create an educational revolution through imparting it to all the children in the State, that too in a safe environment with all basic infrastructural facilities.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government has been implementing several schemes like distribution of text books, notebooks, school uniforms, school bags, geometry boxes, colour pencils, atlas and footwares at no cost, financial assistance, distribution of bi-cycles and laptops and development of school buildings, for the improvement of the school students' education, particularly of the children of the poor and marginalised without dropping out in the middle of the course.

Quality of education cannot be imparted to students just by improving the standards of the schools or by extending several concessions to students. Taking into account that there should be enough teachers too, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered last year the creation of 1,590 post-graduate teachers' posts for the 'Upgraded' Higher Secondary Schools.

This year too, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the creation of 1,591 post-graduate teachers' posts in Government/

Municipal Higher Secondary Schools as per the strength of the students in the 11th and 12th classes. For this, the Government will incur an additional annual expenditure of Rs. 63.94 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government has decided to create 4,937 lab attenders' posts at the rate of one post each in the existing 4,393 schools and the 544 schools to be started.

In these, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already passed orders for the creation of 544 lab attender posts in the remaining schools.

The Government has also decided to create 2,108 Junior Assistant posts at the rate of one for each of as many schools. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already passed orders for 344 posts. For the remaining 1,764 schools, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of as many posts. On account of this the Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs. 109.03 crores every year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also allotted Rs. 152.73 crores for providing basic infrastructure facilities like additional class rooms, drinking water facility, laboratories, toilets and parapet walls in 131 Government Higher Secondary Schools so that students can study in a healthy environment.

Through these schemes of school education department the students will incur a lot of benefits. ■

# Rs. 104.41 crores sanctioned for modernising 5 co-operative spinning mills

Weaving industry is one of the high ranking industries in the world. The handloom weaving industry which plays a vital part in Tamil Nadu's economy is providing employment to several lakhs of families.

By way of giving importance to weaving industry, co-operative spinning mills have been set up and they are functioning. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government have been taking several steps for the growth of these spinning mills and for the welfare of those employed in them.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that steps be taken to revive and re-open the Ramanathapuram Co-operative Spinning Mill which has become dysfunctional from 2003. Steps were taken to re-open the mill. Taking into account that the full production capacity can be achieved by replacing the old machinery with new ones, an operational plan with an estimate of Rs. 18.43 crores was prepared. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 9,21,50,000 in the current financial year and an equal amount for the next financial year for implementing the scheme. By

re-opening this mill, employment opportunities will be provided to 220 labourers and to 20 workers.

The 5 co-operative spinning mills functioning presently in Tamil Nadu are very old. The machinery in these mills is also old. Yarn for the production of dhoti, sarees and uniforms meant for distribution at no cost, is supplied to weavers only from these mills. As the machinery in these mills is age old, the production capacity is gradually diminishing. Taking this into consideration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 104.41 crores for renovating and modernising these mills so as to improve the production capacity and the quality of the yarn, manufactured.

Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has postponed the loan instalments of these 5 mills for 8 years for setting their dues of Rs. 52.87 crores to the Government and permitted them to pay their sales tax dues of Rs. 5.32 crores after 8 years.

These steps of the Government will improve the productivity of the Government Co-operative Spinning Mills and protect the livelihood of thousands of workers. ■





# MASTER COMPLEX FOR THANJAVUR COLLECTORATE COSTING RS. 43 CRORES



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 22.11.2012 laid the foundation stone at the Secretariat through video conferencing for the proposed Rs. 43 crores Thanjavur District Collectorate's Master Plan Complex. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also created 5 new revenue taluks and declared open the new Kovilpatti Taluk office, constructed at an estimate of Rs. 1.43 crores.

For an effective administration in the districts and for better co-ordination among District Collector, the Superintendent of Police and other district level officials, it is very essential to locate in one complex Government offices in their own buildings having all facilities. Though Thanjavur District is a very ancient district, Government offices are scattered throughout the town. Taking this into account and in the interest of the general public, the Hon'ble Chief Minister gave approval for the creation of a Master

Complex for the District Collectorate at a cost of Rs. 43 crores.

To provide people easy access to taluk offices and get their request fulfilled, in the interest of administration and with the viewpoint that dividing taluks on the basis of population will improve administration, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly that new taluks would be created.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicated to people the newly created taluks of Kinathukadavu and Annoor in Coimbatore district, Thiruporur in Kancheepuram District, Andhiyur in Erode District and Alathur in Perambalur District.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already given consent to an expenditure of Rs. 2,41,63,300/- for a new office complex barring for 19 posts at various levels, staff quarters and for other accessories for the

creation of the new Kinathukadavu taluk. Pollachi taluk is a huge one. Taking into account the population, collection of land revenue, land survey sites and election work and in the interest of administration as also to facilitate speedy implementation of people's needs, Pollachi taluk has been bifurcated into Pollachi and Kinathukadavu taluks. The new Kinathukadavu taluk has been created with 3 sub taluks – Vadachithoor, Kinathukadavu and Kovilpalayam.

The Vadachithoor sub-taluk comprises of 9 villages, the Kinathukadavu sub-taluk comprises 12 villages and the Kovilpalayam sub-taluk 14 villages. All these villages have been taken out of 11 sub-taluks in the Pollachi Taluk. The Kinathukadavu taluk extends to 299 sq.km. and one lakh population in the 35 villages will benefit.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already given approval for an expenditure of Rs. 2,41,63,300/- towards a new office complex excepting for 26 posts, quarters and other accessories for the creation of the Annoor taluk in Coimbatore district. The new taluk has been created with 22 revenue villages under the control of the Annoor Panchayat Union and 8 revenue villages in the Sarkaarsamakulam Panchayat Union. Extending to about 389 sq.km 1.74 lakh people belonging to 30 villages will benefit from the creation of the new taluk.

An expenditure of Rs. 2,41,63,300/- has already been approved by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the creation of the new Thiruporur Taluk in Kancheepuram District, for a new office complex barring 53 posts at various levels, quarters and other accessories. The Present Chengalpattu taluk is bifurcated into 2 taluks. The new Thiruporur taluk is created with the sub-taluks of Thiruporur, Kelambakkam, Karumbakkam, Maanaamathi, Nellikuppam, Maambakkam and Paiyanoor.

The new taluk extends to an area of 423 sq.km and about 1.72 lakh people belonging to 96 villages will benefit. The travel time of 2 to 3 hours for obtaining patta and other certificates will be reduced considerably.

For the creation of the new Andhiyur taluk (Erode District) an expenditure of Rs. 2,41,53,300/- has already been approved by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The amount would be spent for constructing a new office complex, excepting for 51 posts, staff quarters and other accessories. The present Bhavani and Gopichettyalalayam taluks in Erode District are streamlined and the new Anthiyur, Atthani, Baagur and Ammapettai firkas. The new taluk extends to an area of 406 sq.km and about 2.25 lakhs people belonging to 30 revenue villages will benefit.

For the creation of the new Alathur taluk, (Perambalur District) the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already given consent to an expenditure of Rs. 2,41,53,300/-. It will be used for a new office complex excepting for 27 posts at various levels, quarters and other accessories. The 2 firkas Chettikulam and Kolakkanatham in Kunnam taluk are streamlined and with a new firka Kuthur, the new taluk is formed. The new taluk extends to an area of 408 sq.km. About 1.50 lakh population belonging to 39 revenue villages will benefit. Alathur will be the headquarters for the new taluk.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open at the Secretariat the new taluk office building in Kovilpatti taluk, Thoothukudi District constructed on a 1,244 sq.metre area at a cost of Rs. 1.43 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over 68 new Innova vehicles costing Rs.8.16 crores to the Revenue Department for use of the VIPs visiting the districts on office work.



# 20 More Modern Godowns and 20 more Cold Storage facilities in aid of farmers



The Poet-philosopher saint Thiruvalluvar described farmers as the pivot of the world as they produce food for the entire world and thereby protect the people. By way of protecting the interests of such an important segment as the farmers and heralding a second green Revolution in the State, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been executing several schemes.

These schemes include procurement of agricultural machineries through Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies and supplying them at low rents to farmers, so as to encourage mechanisation of farming, providing grants to farmers for taking up micro-irrigation, setting up godowns and cold storage facilities for storing agricultural produce, presenting awards by way of encouragement to farmers who show higher productivity and implementation of the Farmers' Protection Plan.

A majority of small and micro farmers mostly resort to distress sale of their produce since they want to settle their crop loans and they are unable to keep the produce safe till a better price is obtained.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of modern additional godowns with facilities like weighing machines, weigh bridges and instruments for measuring moisture contents. The idea is to preserve the farmers' goods during the periods of price depression and increase their income when the markets pick up and prevent price crash during the harvest season and price rise in the off-seasons.

In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered last year the setting up 50 modern godowns at a cost of Rs. 82 crores. Likewise 18 modern godowns and 50 cold storage facilities are to be set up this year at a cost of Rs. 37.50 crores. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has now ordered, the setting up of 20 more modern godowns and 20 more cold storage units this year at a cost of Rs. 30.36 crores.

The 20 modern godowns with a capacity of 2,000 metric tons will come up at a cost of Rs. 24 crores at the rate of Rs. 1.20 crores for each. They will be set up at Chengam Regulated Market belonging to the Thiruvannamalai Marketing Committee, Viruddhachalam Regulated Market (Cuddalore Marketing Committee), at Karumandi Chellipalayam and Veppili Regulated Markets (Erode Marketing Committee), Thirupathur and Vaniyampadi Regulated Markets (Vellore Marketing Committee), Thuvankurichi Regulated Market (Tiruchirapalli Marketing Committee), Pongalur, Palladam and Thondamuthur Regulated Markets (Coimbatore Marketing Committee), Kallakurichi Regulated Market (Villupuram Marketing Committee), Chembanarkovil Regulated Market (Nagapattinam Marketing Committee), Aroor and Ponnagaram Regulated Markets (Dharmapuri Marketing Committee), R.S. Mangalam Regulated Market (Ramanathapuram Marketing Committee), Ambasamudram Regulated Market (Thirunelveli Marketing Committee), Kumbakonam Regulated Market (Thanjavur Marketing Committee), Bodinayakanoor Regulated Market (Theni Marketing Committee), Pochampalli Regulated Market (Dharmapuri Marketing Committee) and Athur Regulated Market (Salem Marketing Committee).

The 20 cold storage facilities with a capacity of 25 metric tons will come up at a cost of Rs. 6.36 crores, at the rate of Rs. 31.80 lakhs each. They will be set up at Palladam, Pollachi and Vadakkipalayam Regulated Markets (Coimbatore Marketing Committee), Mecheri and Vazhapadi Regulated

Markets (Salem Marketing Committee), Krishnagiri and Hosur Regulated Markets (Dharmapuri Marketing Committee), Cheyyar, Chethupattu, Vandavasi and Vettavalam Regulated Markets (Thiruvannamalai Marketing Committee), Vellakovil and Avalpoondurai Regulated Markets (Erode Marketing Committee), Ambasamudram, Puthur, Saathankulam and Kazhugumalai Regulated Markets (Thirunelveli Marketing Committee), Kallakurichi Regulated Market (Villupuram Marketing Committee), Ariyalur Regulated Market (Tiruchi Marketing Committee) and Virudhachalam Regulated Market (Cuddalore Marketing Committee).

To encourage mechanisation of farms, modern agricultural machineries are given to farmers at low rents through the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies. Taking into account that this requires a large turn out of technical personnel, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the starting of a 2-year agricultural diploma course at the State Agricultural Training Institute at Kudimiyannmalai in Pudukottai District through the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

The Sugar Mills delay their payments to sugarcane growers on account of the financial burden they bear due to factors like the interest payment they have to make on their loans and the increased transport charges. On learning this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the release of Rs. 38,13,04,000/- as ways and means advance to 3 sugar mills N.P.K.R.R. Sugar Mill (Rs. 17,34,62,000), Thiruthani Sugar Mill (Rs. 14,29,95,000) and to the Madurandhakam Sugar Mill (Rs. 6,48,47,000).





## 40 KILOS OF SANDALWOOD FOR NAGORE URUS FESTIVAL AT NO COST – HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER GESTURE



Former Head of Nagore Dharga and 10<sup>th</sup> generation hereditary trustee Hazrath Alhaj S.S. Kamil Saheb Khadhiri on 23.11.2012 called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa.

At the meeting Thiru. Khadhiri represented that the Hazrath Syadheena Syed Abdul Khadhar Shahul Hameed Nagore Dharga is a special one among the holy places in India, an important one among the Islamic holy places, and an example for social harmony and community unity. The annual Urus festival of the Nagore saint is celebrated in the month of Jamathul Agir as per the Hijiri Calandar. On that day sandalwood is ground

into a fine paste at the Holy shrine, taken out in a procession and later applied to the holy samadhi. Application of sandal paste is a holy festival. About 40 kilos of sandalwood costing Rs. 3 lakhs is required, he said and requested the Hon'ble Chief Minister to donate the sandalwood required for the festival as Government grant.

After examining the request, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered that about 40 kilos of sandalwood costing Rs. 3 lakhs needed for the Urus festival be handed over at no cost. ●

# REGISTRATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY DOCUMENT MADE COMPULSORY TO AVERT LAND GRAB



Government is taking all possible steps to prevent land grabbing and bogus registration. It is felt that the root cause of land grabbing and bogus registration is due to the fact that the registration of the documents of Power of Attorney, Sale Agreements and Agreements relating to Deposit of Title Deeds is optional. In order to prevent the misuse of these documents in cheating people, the Legislative Assembly had passed a Bill for amending certain provisions of the Registration Act, 1908 on 16.5.2012 and the President of India has now given assent to the above amendment and the same has been enacted as Tamil Nadu Act 29 of 2012. According to the amendments made, it has been made compulsory to register the documents relating to Power of Attorney, Sale Agreement, Agreement relating to Deposit of Title Deeds and Construction Agreement as provided under Article 5(i) of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899. Documents of

Power of Attorney executed outside India are exempted from compulsory registration. While the present arrangement of registering Sale Agreement and Agreement relating to Deposit of Title Deeds with jurisdictional Sub-Registrar will continue, documents of Power of Attorney have to be registered either with the jurisdictional Sub-Registrar, where the property is situated or where the principal resides. Further it has also been provided to affix the photographs of the agent and identifying witnesses in the documents of Power of Attorney and it has been mandated for the agent to sign in such documents. As the registration of the above said documents is now being made compulsory, a registered document will take precedence over an unregistered document.

The above amendments will be brought into force from 1.12.2012. ■



## **‘JUSTIFY THE FAITH REPOSED BY SUPREME COURT’ RELEASE IMMEDIATELY 30 TMC Ft. OF WATER IN CAUVERY**



*Opening Remarks of **Selvi J Jayalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the meeting held on 29.11.2012 with **Shri. Jagadish Shettar** Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka at Bangalore on Cauvery River Water issue*

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka,  
Ministers and Officials of the Government of Karnataka,

We are meeting here as per the suggestion of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which has opined that the Chief Ministers of both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka should have a meaningful dialogue in the interests of the farmers of both the States.

During the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cauvery River Authority held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, I pointed out to the Prime Minister that Tamil Nadu should have received a quantity of 137 TMC ft. at Mettur Reservoir during the crucial months of June to September, as per the Interim Order of the Cauvery

Water Disputes Tribunal dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1991. I had also brought out the facts that, during this distress year, Tamil Nadu was deprived of its due share of 48.50 TMC ft. up to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, as per the Distress Sharing Formula of the Central Water Commission. I, therefore, urged the Prime Minister to order release of water every day at the rate of 2 TMC ft. for 24 days, so as to enable the farmers of Tamil Nadu to cultivate at least one single Samba crop on an extent of 14.93 lakh acres, as the Delta farmers had already lost the Kuruvai crop. I requested that Karnataka should be advised to release water as per the binding Interim Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1991.

I wish to bring to your notice that the present storage in Mettur reservoir is very alarming and the prospect for bringing the Samba crop to maturity is very bleak. The North-East Monsoon has failed the farmers of Tamil Nadu. The effective storage available in Mettur reservoir as on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, is 6.34 TMC ft. only, after accounting for dead storage and domestic water supply requirements. I have come here with the hope that this meeting will justify the faith placed by the Supreme Court in both the States, to find an amicable solution to the present water crisis, and will help alleviate the misery of the farmers of Tamil Nadu.

In the current year, as you are aware, Mettur Reservoir was opened for irrigation only on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, as against the normal opening in June every year, and water is required to be provided till the middle of February, 2013. The present storage is wholly inadequate and in the absence of releases from Karnataka, a large section of the farming community will be put to immense suffering. Having already lost the Kuruvai crop, the farmers will not be able to save even the single Samba crop if the water shortage continues.

During this year, the deficit in inflows in the Cauvery basin is as much as 40%, as assessed by the Cauvery Monitoring Committee (CMC).

As per the Interim Order and subsequent Orders and the Final Order passed by the Tribunal, the distress should have been shared proportionately by all the party States and consequently, as per the directions of the Tribunal, at least 60% of the water should have been released by Karnataka and received at the Mettur reservoir.

As per the Interim Order of the Tribunal, Tamil Nadu should have received about 167.16 TMC ft. during the period from June to October, against which we have received only about 47.31 TMC ft., the shortfall being about

119.85 TMC ft. However, adopting the pro-rata sharing of distress, as envisaged by the Cauvery Monitoring Committee, in its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, we should have received about 100.85 TMC ft., and there is a shortfall to the extent of about 53.4 TMC ft. at the Mettur reservoir.

As on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, Tamil Nadu has an effective storage of only 6.34 TMC ft. at Mettur reservoir. As the State is facing an unsatisfactory, inadequate North-East Monsoon, the situation is further aggravated and Tamil Nadu needs at least an additional 65 days of irrigation supply to support the present standing Samba crops on about 14.93 lakh acres. The standing Samba crops in Tamil Nadu are facing a grave situation of total failure.

I would like to draw attention to the statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, in the Memorandum dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, presented to the Prime Minister in the meeting of the CRA on 19.9.2012, in which it has been stated as follows:

*"The pattern of flows in the Cauvery basin indicates that the deficits that occur till the end of September are always made good between October and December. In the last 5 water years, the deficits that occurred before September were cleared with surpluses..."*

I, therefore, expect that the deficit of 53.4 TMC ft. will be made good by Karnataka in any case before December, 2012. As an interim measure, I request you to order an immediate release of 30 TMC ft. in the next 15 days.

I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka to consider the plight of the farmers of the State of Tamil Nadu and justify the faith reposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and order the immediate release of 30 TMC ft. in the next 15 days, and to further release 23.4 TMC ft before the end of December, 2012. ■



# Assistance to Hospitals and Health Centres

Education and Health are the prime factors for the creation of an intellectual society. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking the necessary steps to mould Tamil Nadu into a healthy State.

With the lofty ideal of making available to rural people medical facilities on par with those available to their counterparts in urban areas, the standard of the Primary Health Centres in villages has been improved and all equipment needed for treating emergency cases like delivery and surgery have been supplied. Also, several other steps like constructing new buildings for medical institutions, repairing buildings and starting new dispensaries are being taken.

It is the intention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to modernise all the medical college hospitals in the districts so as to provide high quality treatment. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister allotted Rs. 20 crores for modernising the operation theatres in the medical college hospitals at Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Thanjavur and Chengalpattu as also in the Madurai Government Rajaji Hospital.

Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 4.85 crores for upgrading the Burns Ward at the Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital, at Chennai into a Centre of Excellence. The amount will be utilised for constructing buildings additionally purchasing the latest medical equipment and for creating 38 posts.

The Tamil Nadu State Aids Control Society is managing a Trust with Government's Permanent Corpus Fund assistance for taking care of the children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS affliction and children vulnerable to this disease. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 5 crores more to this Corpus fund so that more children can be helped through the Trust. This additional amount along with the Corpus Fund will be placed as a Permanent Corpus Fund at the Power Finance and infrastructure Development Corporation and the interest accruing on the fund will benefit 1,000 more children affected by HIV or orphaned by AIDS disease.

Moreover, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 10 crores for modernising the post-mortem halls in the Madurai Government Rajaji Hospital, Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, Government Stanley Hospital, Kilpauk Medical College Hospital and the Government General Hospital, in Chennai. ■



## Bravery Rewarded



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** appreciated Thiru. Vadivelu, Kalaimani, Udayamoorthy, Madan and Gopi of Urur Kuppam for their bravery in rescuing the crew of the private cargo ship Pratibha Cauvery which ran aground in the 'Neelam' cyclone and presented cheques of Rs. 1 lakh each at the Secretariat on 9.11.2012. The crew tried to reach the shore in a boat but it capsized and they were struggling in the sea.

## Tamil Savant from Italy Perarignar Veeramamunivar Birth Anniversary



Hon'ble Ministers, Worshipful Mayor of Chennai Corporation and high Government officials paid their respects with flowers to a portrait of the Tamil Savant from Italy Perarignar Veeramamunivar placed near his statue at the Marina Beach on the occasion of his Birth Anniversary on 8.11.2012.



# "Urge the Sri Lankan authorities to immediately release the 40 fishermen"

D.O. letter addressed to **Dr. Manmohan Singh**,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
on 5.12.2012

"I wish to inform you that 22 fishermen from Nagapattinam District of Tamil Nadu and 18 fishermen from Karaikal in Puducherry who were engaged in fishing in the Bay of Bengal in five mechanised fishing boats bearing Registration Numbers TN/06/MFB/940, TN/06/MFB/88, TN/06/MFB/1208, TN/06/MFB/1222 and IND-PY-PK-MM 683 are reported to have been apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy in the early hours of 3.12.2012 near Pulmoddai on the eastern coast of Sri Lanka. The fishing boats and fishermen were reportedly taken to the Trincomalee harbour for further investigations and it is learnt that they have now been remanded till 10.12.2012. The Indian Navy has also confirmed the arrest.

I am deeply pained to point out that the incidents of apprehension and harassment of innocent Indian fishermen have become a regular occurrence in the past few months creating a feeling of insecurity and fear amongst the fishermen community. In this

context, I wish to inform you that the Sri Lankan boats and fishermen who poach in the Indian EEZ are warned and sent back whenever such incidents occur in the vicinity of Tamil Nadu. It is noteworthy to mention that no apprehension of Sri Lankan fishermen has occurred in the Tamil Nadu waters in the recent past. The Sri Lankan authorities should also reciprocate the gesture of goodwill and release the Tamil Nadu fishermen immediately, after ascertaining the genuineness of these apprehended 40 fishermen. The action of the Sri Lankan Navy in detaining our fishermen will only escalate the tensions between the two countries, besides causing immense anxiety and unrest amongst the fishing community.

I, therefore, request you to kindly urge the Sri Lankan authorities to immediately release the 40 fishermen and their five boats without filing any cases against them.

I solicit your urgent action in this regard".



# Stipend to Government Music College Students hiked to Rs.500 per month



From ancient times, arts, literature, music and culture have been cherished in Tamil Nadu. Even the language of Tamil has three divisions, prose, poetry and drama. Kings of yore who ruled Tamil Nadu gave importance to literature, drama, folk arts and culture.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government has been taking several measures to preserve and sustain these arts.

In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of an integrated art and culture centre at a cost of Rs. one crore at Thalavaipatti in Salem District. The Centre will comprise the office of the Zonal Deputy Director (for Salem zone) of the Department of Art and Culture, District Government Music School, Jawahar Siruvar Manram and the Folk Artistes' Welfare Board.

Four District Government Music Colleges are functioning under the Art and Culture Department of the Tamil Nadu Government at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Thiruvaiyaru. These colleges offer 3 year Degree courses and 2 year post graduate courses in vocal music, flute, veena, bharathanatyam, violin, ghatam, kancheera, morsingh, nathaswaram, thavil, mirdangam and in folk arts and one year diploma course in music teacher training.

To encourage the students studying in these colleges, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that the stipend amount given to them be increased from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 500/- per month. The stipend will be disbursed for 10 months and 691 students in these 4 colleges will benefit. The Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 15.48 lakhs. ■







## IP Cameras in Sub-Registrars' offices to eliminate intervention of middlemen

The Revenue through the Registration Department forms a sizeable chunk in the revenue of Tamil Nadu Government. The Registration Department is engaged in several activities like property registration, marriage registration, property transfer, maintenance and dissemination of information about property and fixing land value.

All the offices of the Registration Department in the State have been computerised. About 700 offices including sub-registrar offices of the Department have been brought under the Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network (TNSWAN).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa has allotted Rs. 117.34 crores for tasks like co-ordinating through computers the works carried out in all the Registration offices in Tamil Nadu, developing an online software to facilitate change in office and computer procedures so that a better service is offered to those who come to register documents, supply and maintenance of hardware including computers and integrating and upkeeping of all the information about the department through the management Information system.

Through this, the general public can get all the details they require speedily and in a transparent manner. Enhanced

computerisation will facilitate speedy processing and issue of documents to people.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the installation of two IP (Internet Protocol) cameras in each Sub-Registrar's office to ensure that irregularities do not occur. Through this, all the activities taking place in the sub-registrar's office on a day to day basis like registration of documents and marriages will be recorded and the intervention of middleman will be totally prevented. Moreover, since the Head of the Registration Department can supervise from his office through the online connections all the activities in each of the sub-registrar's offices, the works in those offices will all be transparent. For this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 3.50 crores.

Also, programmes like document registration and marriage registration taking place in sub-registrar's office will be filmed and recorded in discs and they will be given to the concerned persons. A fee of Rs. 50/- will be collected from them. Electronic Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) will employ persons for this work. The discs will be a proper evidence if disputes arise in future over the registration of documents and marriages.

Several offices of the Registration Department are functioning from private buildings, damaged Government buildings and from 100 year old Government buildings. They don't have basic amenities or proper infrastructure. People coming to these offices are put to lot of difficulties. There is no adequate space for the staff to attend to their work and there are no safe store-rooms. Taking this into account the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of own buildings within 5 years for all those sub-registrars' offices which are functioning from rented buildings. The new buildings will have all facilities like office rooms for the staff, computer room, safe-vaults for documents, waiting room for the general public, ramps for the elderly and the differently abled, broad footpaths, safe drinking water and modern toilet.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister already allotted last year Rs. 26 crores for constructing, in the first phase own buildings for 52 sub-registrar offices and they are being constructed. In the current year, 2012-2013, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of integrated office complexes for the Registration Department at 17 places viz South Chennai, Chengalpattu, Arakonam, Kallakurichi, Villupuram, Erode, Gopichettipalayam, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Ariyalur, Mayiladuthurai, Cheranmahadevi, Marthandam, Palani, Ramanathapuram, Kumbakonam and Coimbatore. These complexes will house 29 sub-registrar offices. Besides these, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered construction of separate buildings for 48 more sub-registrar offices and has allotted totally Rs. 48.90 crores.

## 92<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Kavignar Surada



Hon'ble Ministers, Worshipful Mayor of Chennai Corporation and high Government officials offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kavignar Suradha placed near his statue in Chennai on 23.11.2012 on the occasion of his 92<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary.



## 121 BRIDGES IN 27 DISTRICTS COSTING Rs. 235 CRORES FOR BETTER CONNECTIVITY

Among the different kinds of infrastructure needed for a State's economic growth, road infrastructure plays a very important role. It is possible to gauge a State's growth from the integrated road infrastructure available there. Rural economic growth will improve only when road transport facilities are excellent and effective. Road transport is an important ingredient in giving practical shape to development plans. Taking this into account, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's Government is executing several schemes to improve and strengthen the road infrastructure in the state.

In that way, orders were issued last year for laying new roads and railway over bridges and for the maintenance of existing roads and bridges at a cost of Rs. 3,793 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already ordered the construction this year of flyovers, bridges, subways and skywalks in Chennai, its suburbs and in other districts, at a cost of Rs. 340.68 crores. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already allotted Rs. 2,262.50 crores under the Integrated Road Infrastructure Development Plan for road infrastructure works in Tamil Nadu this year.

Constructing bridges across rivers and water bodies is most important in the creation of road infrastructure. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the construction of 121 bridges in 27 districts at a cost of Rs. 235 crores.

The break-up for these 121 bridges is: 3 bridges in Thiruvallur District (Rs. 7.09 crores), 4 bridges in Cuddalore District (Rs. 8,34,40,000/-), one bridge in Villupuram

District (Rs. 10.36 crores), one bridge in Vellore District (Rs. 1.90 crores), 2 bridges in Thiruvannamalai District (Rs. 2.79 crores), 8 bridges in Salem District (Rs. 31.91 crores), 4 bridges in Namakkal District (Rs. 5.70 crores), 5 bridges in Dharmapuri District (Rs. 8,67,30,000), 5 bridges in Erode District (Rs. 5,67,80,000), 3 bridges in Karur District (Rs. 15,95,30,000), 5 bridges in Tiruppur District (Rs. 7,05,20,000), 4 bridges in Coimbatore District (Rs. 9,34,20,000), 6 bridges in Thiruchirapalli District (Rs. 14,56,70,000), 3 bridges in Ariyalur District (Rs. 5,29,20,000), 2 bridges in Perambalur District (Rs. 1.66 crores), 11 bridges in Pudukottai District (Rs. 8,62,50,000), 3 bridges in Thanjavur District (Rs. 3,85,70,000), 7 bridges in Nagapattinam District (Rs. 9,54,80,000), 2 bridges in Thiruvarur District (Rs. 3,13,50,000), 2 bridges in Madurai District (Rs. 8,11,60,000), 20 bridges in Dindigul District (Rs. 19,72,80,000), 3 bridges in Theni District (Rs. 11 crores), 5 bridges in Thirunelveli District (Rs. 12.58 crores), 2 bridges in Thoothukuti District (Rs. 2,64,90,000), 5 bridges in Sivagangai District (Rs. 8.61 crores), 2 bridges in Ramanathapuram District (Rs. 5,19,90,000) and 3 bridges in Virudhunagar District (Rs. 5,64,20,000).

These measures of the Government will improve the road infrastructure facilities, achieve better connectivity and pave the way for easy and speedy transport of people and goods from one area to another.



His Excellency, the President of India **Thiru. Pranab Mukherjee** laid the foundation stone for the hostel for former Members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in the presence of His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Dr. K Rosaiah** and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly held on 30.11.2012