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**It is our bounden duties to safeguard the Independence  
obtained through blood and tears**

**Independence Day Message of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa  
(English Translation)**

This is our 66<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. Our dedicated and devoted ancestors laid down their lives so that the future generations could enjoy a new found freedom. The unity in diversity found among the freedom fighters across the length and breadth of our country caught the rapt attention of the world leaders. I offer my Independence Day greetings to the people of Tamil Nadu.

All of us are well aware of the slavery of our mother land and the untold sufferings we endured under the oppressive rule of the British Imperialism. We obtained our freedom on account of the costly price of our freedom fighters. Unmindful of their own families they laid down their lives, shed their blood and tears in the sacrificial fire of our struggle for Independence. Hence, it is our bounden duties to safe guard our Independence.

The Government headed by your loving sister is paying a rich tribute and glorifying all those who sacrificed their noble lives for the cause of the Independence of our country. In order to make the future citizens aware of the sacrifice of our ancestors and follow their footsteps, memorials have been raised in their honour.

Living without fear, and sinking our differences in caste, creed and religious animosity is the real spirit of true Independence. The paramount objective of this Government is to ensure that the people of Tamil Nadu are prosperous in all walks of life. The people of Tamil Nadu should extend their full co-operation to this Government to achieve this objective.

I extend my hearty Independence Day greetings to the people of Tamil Nadu.





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*"Independence is the need of every individual. But it should not exceed the limit. Under all circumstances, dignity and decorum should be maintained. That is the real Independence. This real Independence must reach everyone. Having this as the basic aim, your beloved sister's Government is functioning whole - heartedly".*

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**

- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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### I - Wrapper

Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** hoisted the National Flag and took the salute of the Police Force to mark the 66th Independence Day celebrations at Fort St. George, Chennai on 15.08.2012.



I will continue  
to toil to nourish  
and protect the  
freedom we have won,  
to turn India into a  
**Super Power**  
and Tamil Nadu  
into a fertile state



Independence Day Speech of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
delivered after hoisting the National Flag  
at Secretariat, Fort St. George,  
Chennai on 15.8.2012. *(English Translation)*

**H**on'ble Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,  
Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament,  
Members of the Legislative Assembly,  
Chief Justice of the Madras High Court ,  
Judges of the Madras High Court,  
Chief Secretary to the Tamil Nadu Government,  
Officers and Employees of the Government,  
Respected Elders,





Ladies, the veritable gods who sustain me and my dear siblings those, dearer to me than my own life who are Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's blood unto blood.

Let me first extend my greetings and Independence Day good wishes to you all.

I am immensely happy to hoist the National Flag from the ramparts of Fort St. George for the 12<sup>th</sup> time, on this 66<sup>th</sup> Independence Day.

I salute the countless martyrs who had fought for the freedom of the country, such as 'Nerkattumsevel' Poolithevan who heroically thundered against the British, Veera Pandiya Kattabomman who ascended the gallows, Thiruppur Kumaran who laid down his life to protect the Nation's Flag, the Maruthu Brothers who carried heroic scars on their bodies as trophies, the brave woman Velu Nachiyar, the great hero Vanchinathan, freedom fighter, Thillaiyadi Valliammai,



Sixty five years ago, selfless 'Thyagis' all over the country toiled, sacrificing everything to drive out the Britishers and win freedom for the country. Tamil Nadu played a great role in the freedom struggle to smash the British shackles.

"Checkizhutha Chemmael" V.O. Chidambaranar, the nationalist poet Bharathi, who inspired through his freedom poems the conscious of Freedom Struggle, Thyagi Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar who followed the path of Nethaji Subash





Chandra Bose, "Dheerar" Sathya moorthy, Subramaniya Siva, "Dheeran" Chinna malai, "Maaveeran" Azhagu Muthukone, "Perunthalaivar" Kamaraj and "Thanthai" Periyar.

"Let us see the god in the smiles of the poor", said Perarignar Anna. A Country's growth should be to wipe out the tears of the poor. A State's laws and plans should be for the welfare of the people. To realise this goal, your beloved sister's Government is preparing and executing several welfare schemes.

My aim is not only to make Tamil Nadu the foremost state in India but its growth should be on par with

those of the fast growing middle order economic nations. A 'Vision 2023' plan has been formulated, to realise this goal of mine and to target an annual growth rate of 11 percent or more for the State and a 20 percent higher growth rate than the Country's expected growth rate in the next 10 years.

Fifteen months have rolled by since your beloved sister's Government assumed office. Your Government





under my leadership has recorded several achievements in these 15 months.

As for agricultural sector, foodgrain production was 76 lakh tonnes in 2010-2011. This has increased to a record 106 lakh tonnes in 2011-2012. The acreage under Kuruvai has come down this year as Karnataka State did not release our share of waters in the Cauvery. Still Kuruvai cultivation has been taken up in 1.37 lakh acres because the Government headed by me has provided three phase power for 12 hours a day to delta farmers. There is scope for the Samba cultivation to come up to its normal extent.

If Tamil Nadu is to continue to be in the forefront in future also, it can be only on the foundation of Human Resources Development. My Government is bestowing special attention to education and public health so as to stress the importance of human resources development.

By way of giving importance to education, schemes like providing incentives to students of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> classes in Government and Government-aided schools for preventing the phenomenon of drop-outs, 4 sets of uniforms, footwears, school bags, colour pencils, geometry boxes, atlases, text books and note books, lap-top computers to students in the higher-secondary and colleges, and bi-



cycles to students in the higher secondary are implemented effectively.

As for higher education, steps are taken to start Government Engineering Colleges at Bodinayakanur in Theni District, Chettikarai in Dharmapuri District and at Chengipatti in Thanjavur District. Twenty two affiliating Arts and





Science Colleges have been started. To improve infrastructure in colleges, Rs. 100 crores has been set apart.

With regard to Public Health, the 'Hon'ble Chief Minister's



Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme' under which an insurance cover of Rs. 4 lakhs will be provided for each family in 4 years at the rate of Rs. one lakh each year, distribution of sanitary napkins to adolescent girls in rural areas, the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit scheme which provides a maternity assistance of Rs. 12,000/- along with immunisation to the new born, round the clock gynaecological services in Primary Health Centres and best medical facilities pave the way for evolving a healthy society.

Along with educational development and public health, there should be industrial growth. Only then the educated will get employment and the economy of the State will improve. With this view, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in my presence with 5 business establishments

for creation of direct employment opportunities to 9,530 persons and indirect employment opportunities to 20,000 persons at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,700 crores. More such agreements are to be signed shortly with several other companies. Similarly,

several steps are being taken for the development of micro, small and medium industries.

Also, orders were issued to fill 1,70,000 vacant posts in Government and Public Sector undertakings in the last 15 months alone. These posts include 24,952 filled through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, 17,540 through Employment Exchange, 59,189 Teaching and Non-teaching, 1,432 College Teachers, 13,376 Grade II Constables, 205 Sub-Inspectors, 2,874





Medical posts, 16,793 Noon meal organisers, Cooks and Helpers, 11,803 Anganvadi workers, 4,672 posts in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and 16,963 posts in Tamil Nadu Transport Corporations. The rest of the posts will be filled up in a few months.

My Government is taking several steps to supply uninterrupted power which is essential for the industrial and agricultural growth. Works are taken up to complete expeditiously several projects and for eliminating power cuts totally.

Your beloved sister's Government has also ensured that the poor, the down-trodden and the common man got their due share in the economic development of the state.

Rice at no cost to family card holders;

Marriage Assistance scheme to poor women;

Hon'ble Chief Minister's farmers' Protection Plan that extends benefits from cradle to grave;

Rs. 1000/- Pension under Social Security schemes and other countless schemes are being implemented.

Likewise, fans, mixies and grinders are distributed at no cost to all family card holders eligible to draw rice. In 2011-2012, 25 lakh fans, mixies and grinders were distributed. In the current year, these will be distributed to 35 lakh beneficiaries.

Also, milch animals-cows and goats are distributed to the poor and downtrodden in rural areas. So far 17,000 cows have been handed over to



17,000 beneficiaries and 6.80 lakh goats to 1.70 lakh beneficiaries.

By way of improving housing facilities for the rural poor, funds have been allotted in 2011-2012 to construct 60,000 houses under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green Houses Scheme. Each house will measure 300 sq. ft. and will cost Rs. 1.80 lakhs. The works are about to be



completed. Likewise, steps were taken to construct one lakh houses for those affected by the 'Thane' cyclone.

By way of improving the basic infrastructure in hamlets, Rs. 680 crores was allotted under the 'THAI' scheme in 2011-2012 to take up these works in 25,335 hamlets in 2020 Village Panchayats. All these works are about to be completed. In the current year, Rs. 750 crores has been allotted for these works.

When we are celebrating the Independence Day, I Strongly urge the Central Government to compel the Sri Lankan Government, atleast now, to remove the distress of the Sri Lankan Tamils, our relatives, living in camps there, by helping them to return to their native places and conferring rights on par with those enjoyed by the Sinhalese.

On this wonderful day, when we recall and honour the freedom fighters, I announce with great pleasure the pension for the freedom fighters 'Thyagis' will be increased to Rs. 7,000/- from Rs. 5,000/- their medical allowance to Rs. 500 from Rs. 100 and the Family Pension to their heirs to Rs. 3,500/- from Rs. 2,500/-.

Everyone should have freedom. But that freedom should not cross the limits. In all circumstances dignity and discipline should be maintained. That is real freedom. Your beloved sister's Government is functioning with the view that all should enjoy this real freedom. Anyone who, while exercising his freedom, acts in a way as to snatch the other person's freedom, rights or livelihood, severe action will be taken, under the law, against that person, whoever he or she may be. In this context, I would like to recall Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's song "I will not spare even the God if a mistake is committed, that too knowingly".

I will continue to toil to nourish and protect the freedom we have won, to turn India into a Super Power and Tamil Nadu into a fertile state.

I seek all your co-operation to discharge my duties with the sense "Not only I am for you; I am (What I am) because of you".

I convey my Independence Day greetings to all my Brothers & Sisters who are breathing with pride the air of Independence.

Victory to Bharat! Hail Tamil Nadu.

I take leave of you with the words 'Anna Namam Vazhga'; 'Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Namam Vazhga'.

Thank you. ●



I am extremely happy that an opportunity has been given to me today to declare open, amidst the eye-catching scenic beauty of Kodanadu and the fragrance of eucalyptus trees, the Bank of India's Kodanadu view point ATM and the renovated Elada Branch, distribute loans to the indigent and share a few of my thoughts with you.

Banks in the private sector were nationalised with the view that India's wealth should benefit all. This helped the poor farmers obtain agricultural loans from banks. Banks provide finance to educated unemployed youth to become self-employed. Banks' loans help auto



and other drivers to own vehicles and improve their standard of living. Banks help people to own the much needed two-

## The Banks activities should be such that as to improve the life style of the people

The Hon'ble Chief Minister  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa's**  
speech after declaring open the  
Bank of India's  
Kodanadu Service Point ATM  
and the renovated Elada Branch  
(25.7.2012) (English Translation)

wheelers and other household articles at low rates of interest with payments in instalments. Banks greatly help in the betterment of the differently-abled. Banks adopt the least developed hamlets and implement several welfare schemes. It will be no exaggeration if I say that the Bank of India is foremost in the discharge of banks' functions which are at making the country's economy flourish and improve the standard of living of the people.

Started with a capital of Rs. 50 lakhs and 50 employees by a private entrepreneur in 1906, the Bank of India



today has 4,041 branches in India and 34 in overseas countries. It has the reputation of having started a Computerised Branch with ATM facility even in 1989. Its other distinctions are the opening of a branch in London in 1946 and the first in the country to open a branch in Europe in 1974. In total, the Bank of India occupies the prime place work wise among the nationalised banks.



It is to be really appreciated that such a reputed bank has provided ATM facility and renovated its branch in this (hilly) backward area populated mostly by the poor, indigent and middle class people, especially the plantation labour.

The ATM facility will help the people here to draw money as per their needs and at the time they want. Theft and losing money would also be averted.

I wish this bank caters to all the needs of the people here that will enrich their lives; they in turn will develop the saving habit.

The significance of small savings is exemplified in such sayings as "Small droplets make a great flood"; and "go for a small abode, lead a great life". Poet Saint Thiruvalluvar said the poor misses the world. People here should realise if they don't acquire wealth they have to suffer like the iron in the lathe and start saving money. A river does not benefit any one by passing through useless areas and joining the sea. If that water is harnessed in dams and used to irrigate fields, crop will flourish and life will be sustained. Likewise a man should save his hard-earned money for self benefit and for the nation. Through small savings money

gets multiplied and it earns interest also. It remains safe. Saving habit promotes austerity and comes in handy to meet unexpected expenditure. The money we save gets utilised for national projects. All people in this area should follow this essential spirit of saving.

You should save money in banks and reap its benefits. You should get from the bank agricultural loan, business loan, vehicle loan, educational and housing loans and improve your standard of living.

But at the same time you should realise that money alone is not life. You cannot get everything with money. There are certain things in the world that money cannot purchase. Good cot, cushion and pillows can be bought with money. But they alone cannot give us sleep. Nutritious food can be purchased with money. But money cannot induce appetite. When one falls sick, money can purchase medicines to get rid of the sickness. Money can purchase cosmetics. But health cannot be obtained through money. Hence, along with money possessing a good heart is also necessary. That alone will give us happiness for ever.



An affluent school girl in a town went to a toy shop with her father and started selecting her favourite toys. She noticed by her side a poor girl selecting one after another the low-priced toys and replacing them with a sad face after seeing her father's disapproving nod and finally selecting an ordinary toy.

Moved by this sight, the rich girl not only collected her toys but took the toys the poor girl replaced in the shelf with a longing face, paid the bill for all the toys and told something in a hushed voice to the shop owner.

When the poor girl settled her bill for the ordinary toy she had selected, the shop owner told her: "We have decided to give a prize for the 500th customer today. You are the 500th customer" and gave her the toys, she had originally picked up and for which the rich girl had paid up.

The rich girl left the shop and got into her car with great satisfaction at the happiness she had seen in that poor girl's face. The rich girl felt in that poor girl's smile greater happiness than what she felt at the purchase of her own toys. We are really happy when we donate and help others.

I urge the banks to take up such activities that will create real happiness in customers. Bank officials should extend loans at low interest rates and recover money through larger instalments. The borrowers should also promptly repay their loans and get more benefits through the bank. In this credit-debit transaction, both the sides should act as per the dictates of their conscience.

A person wanted to become a pilot. He went through the necessary training. After the training, on the first day, he had to fly solo. He wanted to purchase a parachute for meeting exigencies that may arise while flying the aircraft.

He went to a shop and asked for a "good parachute". The shop owner obliged. He examined the parachute well. He told the shop owner. "I will purchase this parachute. It would be better if you check this parachute not once but twice. In case I have to jump out of the aircraft and if the parachute does not open up, will it not become a big problem?"

"Don't worry about it in the least. If the parachute does not open up when you jump, bring it back and I will replace it with another", the shop owner replied nonchalantly.

What sort of a conscience is this? If the parachute does not open up, there ends the story of the pilot. He will die. How can he go back to the shop and get another parachute? Is this a real conscience? Unlike this, bank officials and bank customers, I lovingly request, should conduct themselves in the true spirit of their conscience.

The salary for Government servants, pensions and assistance under social security schemes are all now disbursed through banks. Tax receipts and other Government revenues are all routed through banks. These activities of my Government have enhanced the financial transactions in banks. Banks also should extend their full co-operation to Tamil Nadu Government's Welfare Schemes.

Thus bank's activities should be such as to promote agriculture, industry, commerce, small industries and the economy and the standard of living of the people. I wish the Elada branch should earn the name as the best one in India. I request the Bank of India to open several such ATMs and new branches and offer greater service to the people.

I convey my hearty appreciation to the bank officials who have toiled for the success of this function to the people of the locality and to the police.

# Chief Minister inaugurates Madurai Branch of the Consumers Grievances Redressal Authority



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 11.08.2012 declared open through video conferencing at the secretariat, the Madurai Branch of the Tamil Nadu State Consumers Grievances Redressal Authority, the new office building of the Deputy Commissioner, Civil Supplies Department, Chennai Ambattur Zone, and 4 new buildings for Fair Price Shops at Taramani, Chennai.

The Madurai Branch will take the services of the State Consumers Grievances Redressal Authority quickly to the 13 southern districts of Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin,

Madurai, Dindigul , Theni, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Tiruchirapalli and Karur, fullfil the long standing demand of the people of these districts and will help consumers avert unnecessary wastage of time and travel expenditure in filing their grievances with the Authority.

The new office building for the Deputy Commissioner, Civil supplies Department, Ambattur Zone, Chennai North, has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 91 lakhs. This office will cater to the needs of 1,98,615 families in 22 wards of Chennai Corporation, Adayalampattu,



Ayannambakkam village panchayats, Vanagarm Town Panchayat and Thiruverkadu Municipal areas.

The new buildings with solar power for the 4 Fair Price shops have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 31.74 lakhs at Kaanagam Road near Taramani Bus stand in Chennai.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over 5 new jeeps purchased at a cost Rs. 27.72 lakhs to 5 District Supply officers for effective supervision of the

Public Distribution System of the Civil Supplies Department.

Hon'ble Food Minister, Chairman and Judge of the State Consumer Grievances Redressal Authority, Justice R. Ragupathy, Chief Secretary, Secretary Co-Operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Chairman and Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Commissioner, Food and Consumer Protection Department and other high officials were present. •

## Distribution of 1600 Sewing Machines at no cost to BC, MBC and Denotified Tribes in 8 Most backward districts

The Government headed by Honb'le Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing many schemes for the socio-economic upliftment and welfare of the Backward, Most Backward classes and the De-notified Tribes. Importance is given to get them their due share in education and employment opportunities and create in them self-confidence.

Toward that, a scheme for distribution of sewing machines at no cost was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa in her earlier rule itself, that is in 2001-2002, to improve their economic status.

Now the Honb'le Chief Minister has ordered the distribution of 1600 sewing machines to benefit BC, MBC and De-notified Tribe people in the Most Backward districts, as per the Human Resource Development index, of Perambalur, Sivagangai, Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Krishnagiri and Cuddalore. The Government, will incur an expenditure of Rs. 57.60 lakhs on this account. ♦



## Rs.26.74 crores Incentives to 2,02,173 milk producers who have earned higher income

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa presented at the Secretariat on 11.8.2012 a cheque for Rs.26.74 crores by way of incentive bonus. The amount will be distributed to 2,02,173 milk producers belonging to the Milk Producers' Co-operation Unions of Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Madurai which have earned higher income.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had sanctioned an incentive bonus of 50 paise per litre to milk producers whose unions have earned profits.

Accordingly, the Coimbatore Union which has earned a profit of Rs.15.40 crores, has been sanctioned an incentive of Rs.4.10 crores to be distributed to 21,189 milk producers.

The Madurai Union has earned a profit of Rs.7.23 crores and its incentive of Rs.2.41 crores will be distributed to 27,856 producers.

As for Salem Union, it earned a profit of Rs.13.90 crores and Rs.15.74 crores in



2 years; its incentive bonus in the first year is Rs.7.96 crores to be distributed to 52,277 milk producers. In the second year the incentive amount is Rs.7.27 crores to be distributed to 52,437 milk producers.

The Tiruchirapalli Union has earned a profit of Rs.10.84 crores and its incentive bonus of Rs.5 crores is to be distributed to 48,414 milk producers.

## Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open 4 upgraded Power Sub-Stations and 3 new Sub-Stations established at a cost of Rs.94.49 crores



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 11.8.2012 declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat, 4 upgraded power sub-stations and 3 new sub-stations set up at a cost of Rs.94.49 crores by the Energy Department.

The Government headed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa is engaged in increasing the power generation so as to make the state with surplus power and in providing uninterrupted power supply to people by streamlining the power distribution. Setting up power sub stations can, not only meet the power needs of the concerned areas but also will reduce



transmission loss and maintenance expenditure, regulate the peak hour demand and supply power without voltage fluctuation.

The 4 upgraded sub-stations opened were at Srirangam (110/11 KV - Rs.9.67 crores) Pettavaithalai (110/11 KV - Rs.4.60 crores) both in Tiruchirapalli district, Ullikottai in Thiruvarur district (110/11, KV Rs.4.70 crores) and at Pappireddypatti in Dharmapuri district (110/33 /11 KV;Rs.8crores).

The new sub-stations are located at Athipattu in Thiruvallur District (230/110/33 KV; Rs.27.18 crores). Kullappagoundenpatti in Theni District (110/22 KV; Rs.6.38 crores) and at Karambayam in Thanjavur District (230/110 KV;Rs.33.96crores).

These new sub-stations will reduce the transmission losses and help power supply to the nearby villages without voltage fluctuations.

## Birth Anniversary of Rettamalai Seenivasan



Hon'ble Ministers and Government officials paid floral tributes to the portrait of Rettamalai Seenivasan kept near his statue to mark his birth anniversary on 7.7.2012.

## Bicycles at no cost to students studying in Government ITI's

“Learn a craft; accept there is no more anxiety for you in life.” That was Namakkal Kavignar, dictum. In keeping with this sentiment, Hon’ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing several technical education oriented schemes not only to train and turn out 2 crore people as skilled labour but make people employable even under the “Vision 2023” plan.

The Government has started Industrial Training Institutes (ITI’s) at several places across Tamil Nadu with a view to develop technically skilled human resources. Economically backward students are studying in these institutions. As most of the students studying in these government institutions are economically backward, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has ordered that bicycles be distributed to them at no cost as in the case of school students so as

to facilitate them to come to these institutions from their homes. The Hon’ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs.6.36 crores for this and 21,925 ITI students will benefit.

This gesture of the Government will attract more students to join the ITI’s and lay the foundation for developing technically skilled human resources in future. ●



**B**y way of improving the Revenue Department's functioning and for the benefit of people, the Tamil Nadu Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been creating new taluks by bifurcating the bigger ones.

In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of a new Kalasapakkam taluk by merging the firkas of Kalasapakkam, Kadaladi and Kettavarampalayam in Polur Taluk, Thiruvannamalai District. Polur Taluk has 9 firkas.

For administering the new taluk of Kalasapakkam 23 posts, to be filled by reappointment at various levels and 19 new posts will be created. The Government, on account of this will incur recurring expenditure of Rs. 1,35,46,176/- and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 2,41,53,300/- for setting up the Taluk office, residential quarters, purchase of necessary office equipments, Jeeps, computers, printers, xerox & fax machines, refrigerators and fire extinguishers.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the re-constitution of Madathukulam Taluk in Tiruppur District for the convenience of the people. The Kudimangalam, Pethampatti firkas in Madathukulam Taluk, will be merged with Udumalpet taluk. A new "Thungaavi" firka will be created by taking away 8 villages in the Madathukulam firka. A new Madathukulam Taluk will be created comprising the 2 firkas of Madathukulam and Thungaavi. For this new taluk, 4 posts will be created-one Revenue Inspector, one firka Surveyor, one Assistant and one Record clerk. The Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs. 9,98,724/- per year.

**Hon'ble Chief Minister orders  
New office complex  
for the office of the RDO  
in Udumalaipettai at a  
cost of Rs. 1.85 crores**

**Order of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
of Tamil Nadu**

Udumalaipettai Taluk in Thiruppur District was bifurcated and two taluks-Udumalaipettai and Madathukulam were created. A Revenue Division with Udumalaipettai as headquarters - Udumalaipettai Revenue Division was created. This Revenue Divisional office is now temporarily functioning in the Udumalaipettai Taluk office complex. Other Divisional offices are functioning from rented buildings located at various places.

Since the Revenue Divisional office and the Taluk office are functioning from the same building there is constraint of space. Considering the inconvenience caused to the people, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of a new office building for the Revenue Divisional office at Udumalaipettai at a cost of Rs. 1,85,61,000/-.

On account of this action for the Revenue Department. benefit will be accrued by the people.



# INCENTIVES TO THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS OF 10th, 11th & 12th STANDARDS

“The deeper we dig the well, the more water we get. The more we learn, the more wisdom we acquire”. In accordance with this great saying of poet-saint Thiruvalluvar, the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps to improve the educational standards of the students of Tamil Nadu.

To eliminate completely the phenomenon of drop-outs, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned incentives to the differently abled students in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards in the Government special schools run by the Department for the welfare of the differently abled and in other Government recognised special schools, as is presently obtained in schools functioning under the Department of Education.

The incentive will be Rs. 1500/- each for students in the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> classes and Rs. 2000/- each for students in the 12<sup>th</sup> class. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 22,34,500/- and this will be kept as a Fixed Deposit in the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation. The incentive will benefit 1,359 students. Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has extended the free

travel concession in Government buses given to 2,390 differently abled children attending the Primary Training Centres in 32 Districts and the kindergarten schools, to one attendant each accompanying them.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered that the visually handicapped be presented with fluorescent folding sticks instead of the present white and red painted sticks respectively at the top and bottom. These fluorescent sticks will be distributed to 5,000 persons at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs.

The 60 percent mental retardation yard stick now prescribed for eligibility to receive the monthly maintenance grant of Rs. 1,000/- each has been lowered to 45 percent so that more people can receive the benefit. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has passed necessary orders for this. Presently 77,112 persons with 60 percent retardation or more are receiving this maintenance amount.

## Pension scheme for Destitute Transgenders

The main aim of Anganvadi Centres is to provide nutritious food to the children, the future pillars of democracy and turn them into a generation of strong personnel so that they can lead this country in a proper way.

Along with the supply of nutritious food, cooked hot lunch and egg, pre-school education is also given to children at these centres. Also, protein-rich nutritious hot noon-meal is given to pregnant women, adolescent girls and aged persons in these centres round the year. 31 lakh beneficiaries are daily reporting to the 54,439 anganwadis spread across the State. Only in Tamil Nadu in the whole of the country, cooked hot lunch is provided to old age pensioners in these anganwadis.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has already directed that one 'smokeless kitchen' be set up with pollution free environment in each of the 16,645 Anganvadi Centres, in the first phase. Accordingly, gas stove, LPG gas connection and equipment such as pressure cooker were presented and

'smokeless kitchen' set up in these 16,645 Anganvadi Centres.

In the current year 2012-2013, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the modernisation of the kitchens in 5000 more Anganvadi Centres in the second phase at a cost of Rs. 3.02 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the implementation of a pioneering scheme of providing 2 colour dresses to children in the age group 2 to 5 years from this year in order to attract more children to come and get nutritious meal and the pre-school education in these Anganwadis. In the first phase this scheme will be implemented in the 5 districts of Chennai, Vellore, Tiruchirapalli, Theni and Dindigul at a cost of Rs. 4.30 crores to benefit 2,01,032 children.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the introduction of a new scheme 'Destitute Transgenders Pension Scheme' so as to bring transgenders into the mainstream of society and improve their socio-economic status.

As per this scheme, a monthly pension of Rs. 1000/- will be given to poor transgenders above the age of 40. For this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 1,17,59,000/-





## My Government will take all steps with alacrity to get our share of water in the Cauvery

Newspapers are periodically publishing articles stating that the acreage under Kuruvai in Tamil Nadu has drastically come down this year and hence production of paddy will be greatly affected. As these information have created a needless fear among people, it is my duty to explain the real state of affairs about paddy production in Tamil Nadu.

Generally paddy is grown in 47.5 lakh acres every year in Tamil Nadu. Of this, Cauvery delta districts account for 40 percent. Kuruvai paddy is grown in Cauvery delta district in 3.20 lakh acres in the months of June-July, Samba crop in 11.5 lakh acres in August-September and Thaladi crop in 3 lakh acres in September-October.

The extent of Kuruvai acreage depends on the release of water from Mettur Dam for irrigation. Only when Mettur Dam receives inflows during the Kuruvai period, water can be released for the entire duration of Kuruvai crop. Keeping this in view, the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in the year 1991, had mentioned in its interim order that Karnataka should release during the South West monsoon 10.16 TMC of water in June, 42.76 TMC in

Statement of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Selvi J JAYALALITHAA  
on 24.7.2012  
(English Translation)

July, 54.72 TMC in August and 29.36 TMC in September, that is 137 TMC of water from June to September.

In its final award given in 2007, the Tribunal had said that of the 740 TMC water available in the Cauvery basin, Tamil Nadu should get 429 TMC and that Karnataka should release 10 TMC of water in June, 34 TMC in July, 50 TMC in August and 40 TMC in September, that is 134 TMC of water from June to September.

As per the Tribunal's final award, Karnataka cannot release water from its dams for summer irrigation.

Though I have been repeatedly urging the Indian Prime Minister and the Central Government to publish the Tribunal's final order in the Gazette, the Central Government has not acted on it.

The Tamil Nadu Government filed an interim petition in the Supreme Court on 21.03.2012 taking into account that



Tamil Nadu is deprived of its share of Cauvery waters due to Karnataka using the waters in its dams for summer irrigation. The interim petition prayed that Karnataka should be restrained from releasing water from its dams for summer irrigation and excess utilisation of water, other than the 103.24 TMC of water earmarked by the Tribunal's final order for Karnataka's 4 major reservoirs should be banned. This interim petition is still pending in the Supreme Court.

On 17.04.2012, another interim petition was filed in Supreme Court praying that the final order of the Cauvery Waters Tribunal should be published in the Central Government's Gazette.

I wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 18.05.2012 requesting him to convene immediately a meeting of the Cauvery River Water Authority. The Central Government has not taken any steps on this too.

Perhaps, the Central Government, caught in the internal strife created by its own coalition partners, has no time to devote attention on people's issues like this one. The Central Government, unable to take any policy decision and struck with policy paralysis, is unable even to look into the Cauvery waters issue which is a vital one for Tamil Nadu.

The South West Monsoon has not been active from June over Karnataka's catchment areas. Since Karnataka has not released water even as per the formula worked out for distress periods, I took measures to commence Kuruvai cultivation to some extent atleast.

I held a meeting in this connection on May 28. As a follow up, I again reviewed on June 15 the water inflows into Mettur Dam and about the crop cultivation. There was no possibility of opening the Mettur Dam since it had, as on that date,

only 41.11 TMC of water. There are about 80,000 pumpsets in the irrigation areas of Cauvery delta. Considering that kuruvai cultivation could be taken up to some extent if enough power was made available to these pumpsets, I ordered three phase supply of power for 12 hours for delta farmers from 17.06.2012. I also sanctioned Rs. 125 crores to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for purchase of this additional power.

As a result, kuruvai cultivation has been taken up in 87,000 acres as on July 19, considering the extent of nursery as of now, Kuruvai cultivation could be taken up in 50,000 more acres in the next 10 days. So, Kuruvai cultivation will be in 1,37,000 acres this year. In delta districts Kuruvai cultivation through pumpset has never exceeded on an average one lakh acres. Since uninterrupted power supply is given for 12 hours for agriculture, Kuruvai cultivation in 37,000 more acres has been made possible now.

The Agriculture Department is continuously monitoring the situation arising out of water shortage, is in touch with farmers, providing technical and other information at the appropriate time and taking steps to issue immediately the needed inputs.

Steps are being taken to employ the system of rice intensification technology in the cultivating areas for maximising water utilisation.

Also direct sowing of paddy using sowing machine has been taken up in Thanjavur District in 200 acres to cope up with water shortage. This machine has the capacity to apply fertiliser even while sowing the seeds. Steps are afoot to take to direct sowing in 250 acres in 5 more Taluks. This alternative strategy to meet water shortage has not so far been employed in the Kuruvai season.

Agriculturists have been advised to cultivate short term pulse and millet crops as an alternative crop strategy so that the area under food grains other than paddy can also increase.

Wherever feasible, the Agriculture Department will initiate measures for direct sowing cultivation. To make good in the Samba season the loss of acreage in Kuruvai, it has been arranged to store enough stocks of high quality seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and insecticides. The Agricultural Engineering Department will also make available needed machinery.

In this period of water shortage, paddy is cultivated in 3 lakh acres in Tamil Nadu. By July end, 1.52 lakh more acres will be brought under paddy. Of the target of 6.5 lakh acres for Kar, Kuruvai and Sornavari crops, steps have

been taken to grow paddy in 4.52 lakh acres.

Though Karnataka Government has not released even a drop of water in the month of June, my Government has taken steps to protect farmers from incurring huge loss in Kuruvai cultivation. However, it is imperative to get the water released to Tamil Nadu from Karnataka. That is why, a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of Tamil Nadu on 21.07.2012, seeking a direction for the release of water from Karnataka on a pro-rate basis as in distress periods, for convening a meeting of the Cauvery River Water Authority immediately and for the acceptance of the distress period water sharing formula.

I wish to state that my Government will take all steps with alacrity to get our share of water in the Cauvery and adopt all strategies to increase agricultural production. ●

## The harassment of Fishermen from Tamil Nadu by the Sri Lankan Navy should be restrained

Text of the D.O. letter dated 27.06.2012 addressed by **Selvi J JAYALALITHAA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. MANMOHAN SINGH**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I would like to bring to your kind attention yet another incident of harassment of fishermen from Tamil Nadu by the Sri Lankan Navy on 26.6.2012. About 704 mechanized fishing boats went for fishing in the sea from Rameswaram fishing base on 25.6.2012. Fishermen in 45 boats fishing near Katchatheevu on 26.6.2012, were harassed by the Sri Lankan Navy. The Sri Lankan Navy is reported to have chased the fishermen and cut the ropes and damaged

nets of 10 boats resulting in huge loss to the fishermen.

You are aware that I have brought to your kind attention the various incidents of attack on Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu by the Sri Lankan Navy/Miscreants within the past 12 months and sought your intervention. This latest incident of harassment has shocked the State of Tamil Nadu and created a psychological fear in the minds of our fishermen.

I wish to reiterate that from time immemorial the fishermen of Tamil Nadu have been traditionally fishing in the waters near Katchatheevu, notwithstanding any geographical or political boundaries.

I request you to kindly take up the issue with the Sri Lankan Government and impress upon them the need to instruct their Navy to exercise restraint and refrain from harassing innocent Indian fishermen pursuing their livelihood in their traditional waters." ●

**P**oet Bharathi said world will flourish if equality between man and woman comes about. In accordance with this saying, and with the goal of helping women to become self-reliant by improving their livelihood, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa had created in 1991-1992 Women Self-Help Groups.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered that the tailoring charges for these members of the societies be increased every year by 5 percent. This will come into effect from 2013-2014.

The Women's Tailoring Industrial Co-operative Societies will raise loans for their members with District Central Co-operative Banks for the purchase of the modern sewing

## **54,000 modern sewing machines to the members of Women's Tailoring Co-operative Societies at a cost of Rs.54 crores**

They are functioning all over Tamil Nadu. For further development of women, they are being employed in Anganwadis and Nutritious Meal centres. Several other schemes are also implemented for their improvement.

As one of these measures, Women's Tailoring Industrial Co-operative Societies have been entrusted with the task of stitching 2 sets of school uniforms meant for distribution to students who benefit under the Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Nutritious Meal Scheme. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that 4 sets of uniforms be distributed from this year. To get this additional uniforms in time and to help the members of these co-operative societies earn more, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the purchase of 54,000 modern sewing machines at a cost of Rs. 54 crores through these societies for their members and to give them training to handle these machines.

machines. To get this loan from the District Central Co-operative Bank, members have to remit to the Bank a seed capital money - 10 percent of the cost of the sewing machine. The Government will remit this amount to the Bank on behalf of the members, and treat it as a subsidy. The Government will incur on account of this an expenditure of Rs. 5.40 crores. A low rate of interest alone will be charged for the members on these loans. Members should clear their loans in 5 years either through monthly or yearly instalments.

Through this scheme of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, several benefits will accrue. Not only the efficiency of the employees of the societies will improve, their work also gets simplified. The quality of stitching will improve. There is a possibility of earning more money by taking up orders from others and executing them in the spare time they get after their quality stitching of school uniforms in shorter duration. After discharging their loan obligations, they will own the sewing machines. These modern sewing machines will not only become their valuable personal property but through them they can also become private entrepreneurs. ●





## The Hon'ble Chief Minister orders construction of a new building for Tamil Arasu office and press at a cost of Rs.5.83 crores.

**T**amil Arasu, a publication of the Government of Tamil Nadu publishes the achievements of the Government Welfare Schemes for the public, speeches of His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, speeches of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, interviews of the beneficiaries, details of the schemes implemented by the Government and the day to day affairs of the Government.

Apart from these, pamphlets, folders, invitations to the Government functions and related posters are also printed in Tamil Arasu Press.

Presently, such an important Tamil Arasu office and Press are functioning from a limited area in the premises of the Directorate of Stationery & Printing and as such the publication of Tamil Arasu and its printing works are carried out with great difficulty due to space constraints. Hence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that a separate building be constructed exclusively for Tamil Arasu office and press with the required space and infrastructure at Taramani, Chennai at an expenditure of Rs.5.83 crores. The Chief Minister has also sanctioned a Computer to Plate (CTP) machine (Rs.90 lakhs) which can do away with the present practice of making printing plates manually and improve the print impressions output by 200 per cent.

At the moment, Tamil Arasu English magazine is being published as a quarterly. In order to enable people in other states and foreign countries to understand the achievements of the Government, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that Tamil Arasu English magazine be brought out as a monthly magazine.

Considering the increased workload that will entail on account of turning the magazine into a monthly and to facilitate publication of special editions and for translating the Tamil Press Releases into English, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed to create 4 posts, viz., a post of special editor and a post of Translator be created on a consolidated payment of Rs.20,000/- each. A post of Proof Reader and a DTP operator have also been sanctioned on a consolidated pay of Rs.15,000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had ordered last year the purchase of a Computer to Plate (CTP) machine, two computers, software, plate processors and air-conditioning systems at a cost of Rs.1.10 crores for the Government Central Press in view of the increasing printing works. In order to further modernize the Government Central Press, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalithaa has ordered the purchase of a sheet fed multi colour printing machine at a cost of Rs.6.50 crores. By this modernization, wastage of human resources and time will be averted.



## Induction of New Buses and New Routes; issue of Free Bus Passes to Students

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa inducted 560 new and 266 re-conditioned buses into the State Transport Corporations' fleet, introduced 304 new bus routes and inaugurated the scheme for the issue of free bus passes to school students at Secretariat, Chennai on 19.6.2012.





The Hon'ble Chief Minister flagged off the new buses to mark the induction of the new buses and new routes.

The State Transport Corporations are playing a vital role in offering effective, efficient and uninterrupted transport service to people even in



hamlets. They operate 19,507 buses and facilitate travel to 2.10 crore passengers. The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has always been introducing new buses and routes to meet the needs of the people.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also distributed free bus passes to school

students and launched the scheme of distribution of free bus passes to 30,36,000 school students.

Appointment orders were issued on compassionate grounds to the heirs of 400 Transport Corporation employees who died in harness, orders confirming the services of 338 employees who had

been so appointed earlier and permanent appointment orders to 9,157 to proxy staff viz: 4,511 drivers, 4,558 conductors and 88 technicians, were also distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Gratuity amount for 2,316 retired employees of the Transport Corporations, running to Rs.47.71

crores was also issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The other scheme inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister was the 'Total Medical Check-up' for 22,803 drivers who had crossed 45 years of age.

Those who received the bus passes and the appointment orders and gratuity thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister.





**N**ewly constructed 7 office buildings, a Checkpost building and a Driver Selection Floor all costing Rs.5,18,43,000/- were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Secretariat on 19.06.2012 through video conferencing.

The Tamil Nadu Government is taking several measures to see transport offices function with all facilities from their own buildings since the number of vehicle-users is increasing steadily and their accessing the transport offices as on the rise.

The seven buildings opened were for the offices of the Deputy Transport Commissioners at Villupuram (Rs. 73.40 lakhs) at Erode (Rs. 62.19 lakhs),

## Chief Minister declares open seven buildings for Transport Department



at Salem (Rs. 68.73 lakhs), at Thanjavur (Rs. 70.18 lakhs), part time office buildings at Ulundurpet (Rs.67.87 lakhs) at Manapparai (Rs. 74.24 lakhs) part time office building and selection floor at Arakkonam (Rs. 88.25 lakhs) and the checkpost building at Thiruchitrambalam

on the Tamil Nadu – Puduchery border (Rs. 13.57 lakhs).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also upgraded the part-time office at Tambaram and Tindivanam and created a new part-time office at Kallakurichi, Vendasur, Palacode and Sriperumbudur. ●



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa declared open on 19.6.2012 at the Secretariat, through Video conferencing 7 hostels constructed at a cost of Rs.3,51,47,000 for the students belonging to the Backward and Most Backward Classes and the Minorities. She also presented a cheque for Rs.54,31,347/- to seven retired personnel of the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board towards their Pensions and Gratuity arrears.

The hostels have come up at Karur,

## Chief Minister declares open Hostels for BC / MBC / Minorities Students

Karur District costing (Rs.51,04,000/- for the most-backward); at Palamedu and Samayanallur in Madurai District (for the backward - each costing Rs.51,04,000/-); at Sengaattanoor in Thiruvallur District (for the backward costing Rs.54,74,000/-); at Yelur in Namakkal District (for the backward - costing Rs.48,41,000/-); and at Kutthalam and Sirkali in

Nagapattinam District for the most backward and backward class students respectively costing Rs.47,60,000/- each. Each hostel can accommodate 50 students.

Due to paucity of funds, the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board could not settle for a long time the pension arrears and other retirement benefits to its retired employees.

At a review meeting of the department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister took a compassionate view and ordered a one-time grant of Rs.3 crores to the Wakf

Board to help it to meet its obligations towards the retirees including the settlement of pension arrears. 38 retirees who have not received their retirement benefits even 5 years after their retirement will benefit.

Hon'ble Minister for the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare, Secretary to Government, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department and the Director of Backward Classes and also other officials participated.

## 1,236 sweeper posts in BC, MBC and De-notified Community Hostels

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed that every hostel for the Backward, Most Backward Classes, De-notified community and Minorities students should have a full time/part time sweeper for maintaining the premises clean.

Of the 1,238 such hostels functioning under the department of BC, MBC, De-notified Communities and Minorities Welfare, only 2 hostels have sweepers.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that 1,236 more posts for sweepers be created - 66 full time posts for the 66 hostels whose strength is more than 100 and 1,170 part time posts for the 1,170 hostels whose strength is less than 100.

The Government will incur an expenditure of Rs.3.36 crores every year on account of the creation of these posts.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already directed that 84 hostels functioning from rented premises should move to their own premises, by constructing new buildings.





## Own Buildings for 84 BC/MBC Hostels at an estimate of Rs.61.12 crores

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed that the 148 Government hostels for the BC/MBC De-Notified Community students, presently functioning from rented premises be permitted to have their own buildings.

In the first phase, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given an administrative sanction for Rs. 61,12,61,000/- for 84 BC/MBC hostels which are ready to proceed with construction activities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also sanctioned Rs. 3,35,75,000/- towards installation of solar power equipments in these new hostels.

The 84 hostels comprise of 69 boys/girls hostels for the BC and MBC students, each with a capacity of 50 students and 15 boys/girls hostels, each with a capacity of 100 BC/MBC students.

The Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been extending free Text Books, Note Books, Colour Pencils, Geometry Box and other academic accessories as also



educational assistance and nutritious noon meals, all with the view that the benefits of education should reach all students especially the rural poor. To provide a healthier surroundings to students staying in hostels, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that hostels in rented premises should shift to their own premises.

For the welfare of Piramalai Kallar who are dominant in the districts of Madurai, Theni and Dindigul, the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes Welfare Department has been operating

285 Government Kallar Reclamation Schools. They include 24 Higher Secondary, 25 High, 25 Middle and 211 Elementary Schools. A total of 37,556 students are studying in them.

To further enthuse the students from this caste to take to studies, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the upgradation of the elementary schools at Perumalpatti (Madurai District), Karuvelnaickenpatti and at Po. Meenakshipuram (Theni District) into middle schools; the middle schools at Karadikal and Muthupatti (Madurai

District) and at Sithargal Natham (Dindigul District) into High Schools and the High Schools at Markkaiyankottai and Muthanampatti (Theni District) and at Chennamanayakanpatti (Dindigul District) into Higher Secondary Schools.

Following the upgradation of these 9 schools, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the creation of posts for 24 Graduate teachers, 27 Post-Graduate teachers, 3 Junior Assistants and 3 Lab. Assistants. This will entail a recurring expenditure of Rs. 1,39,42,080/- per year.

## **Fish Processing Technology Institute at Ponneri at a cost of Rs.34.08 crores**

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been striving to improve the economic status of the fishermen community, develop fish wealth, increase foreign exchange earnings through the sale of fish in internationally accepted hygienic conditions and through promoting indirect employment opportunities. Last year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the creation of a university at Nagapattinam to impart the needed education for the development of fish wealth.

In continuation of this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction for setting up a Fish Processing Technology Institutes at a cost of Rs. 34.08 crores at Ponneri in Thiruvallur District,

known for its high production of fish. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered release of Rs. 7 crores towards taking up the first stage of works.

For setting up the technological centre, 20.78 acres of land have been allotted at Ponneri. Students at this centre will be taught initially on rearing "Prawn" fish and ornamental fish technology to increase fish population and other techniques on rearing fish. Diploma will be issued to students in the subjects of Maintenance of Fishing Boat and Machinery and in Seamanship and Marine Technology. The diploma will help the students to get good jobs locally and abroad.

These initiatives will induct modern technology in the fishing industry which will increase the fish populations.





## Hon'ble Chief Minister Declares Open Minor Bridges, Additional School Buildings, Maternity Hospitals in Chennai Corporation Area

**M**inor Bridges, Additional School buildings, Maternity Hospitals, Dispensaries, Zonal and Ward Offices, Commercial complexes and Community Centres in the Chennai Corporation area, all costing Rs.59,14,39,000/- were declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi Jayalalithaa on

19.06.2012 at the Secretariat through Video Conferencing. She also declared open new buildings constructed in Mofussil Centres at a cost of Rs.3.07 crores for Housing Municipal Administrative Offices.

To develop Chennai into a world class city with infrastructure facilities of international standards is the long term plan of





Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa, she has been making announcements and implementing several special schemes for improving the infrastructure facilities in Municipal Corporations and Municipalities.

The new facilities commissioned for Chennai are: a vehicular subway at Villivakkam second railway level crossing (Rs.34.15 crores - state component (Rs.13.39 crores and Railways Rs.20.76 crores); building to house the Central Zonal Office at Pulla Avenue, Shenoy Nagar (Rs.6.55 crores); Maternity Centre at Pullianthope (Rs.4.10 crores); bridge across Cooum river connecting Metha Nagar Officer Colony and Venkatachalapathy Road (Rs.3,37,61,000); the bridge across Buckingham Canal Connecting Indira Nagar 2nd Avenue and Rajiv Gandhi Road, (Rs.3.12 crores); the road bridge across Virugambakkam Canal at Parry Street (Rs.1.43 crores); the additional building at the Vadapalani Maternity Centre (Rs.1.50 crores); a Multi-speciality Medical Centre at C.P. Ramasamy Road, Alwarpet (Rs.1.21 crores); the Community Centre at

Sathyamoorthy Nagar, Vyasarpadi (Rs.62.50 lakhs), the dispensary at Gajapathy Road, T.P. Chatham (Rs.50.75 lakhs); the dispensary at Pallavan Salai, Thiru.Ve.Ka.Nagar (Rs.49.50 lakhs); the additional building at the Chennai Higher Secondary School, Alwarpet (Rs.45.32 lakhs); the Ward Office at the Thulukkanathamman Street, Pallikaranai (Rs.33 lakhs); additional building at the Chennai Higher Secondary School, MGR Nagar (Rs.27.99 lakhs), a Commercial Complex at Erattaimalai Srinivasan Road (Rs.23 lakhs); the Community Centre at Thiruveethi Amman Road (Rs.20 lakhs); the Community Centre at Perumal Koil Garden Street (Rs.20 lakhs); the Commercial Complex at Anna Highway, Perungudi (Rs.20 lakhs); the Community Centre at Jalladampettai (Rs.10 lakhs); and the Ward Office at Ayanavaram (Rs.8.72 lakhs).

The new facilities for Municipal Administration are: Administrative Office for Zonal Director in Tirupur Municipality (Rs.1.50 crores); a similar office for Madurai Corporation (Rs.82 lakhs); and an office building in Manaparai Municipality in Tiruchy District (Rs.75 lakhs).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also gave appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds to heirs of 100 Chennai Corporation employees who had died in harness. The beneficiaries thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the kind gesture.

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## 20 New Veterinary Dispensaries at a cost of Rs.6 crores

Supply of subsidised Kerosene increased to 250 litres to the Fishermen  
of Tuticorin, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari Districts

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing countless schemes to improve the living standards of the people in the villages since the Country's Economic Development depended on the improvement of villages, the life force of India.

Taking into account the need to provide quality medicare to livestock, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered last year the upgradation of 585 sub-centres into 585 rural Veterinary Dispensaries and creation of 585 new posts of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and 585 posts of Animal Husbandry Assistants. Considering that 258 posts of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons are lying vacant, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered immediate recruitment be made for the entire 843 posts of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

As a further welfare measure, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that 20 more dispensaries be set up in the current year itself, at a cost of Rs.6 crores.

As an incentive for poultry development, the next important rural

industry after the livestock industry, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of 2 new poultry farming zones. One will be Villupuram Zone comprising the districts of Villupuram, Cuddalore, Ariyalur and Perambalur. The other will be Sankaran Kovil Zone comprising the districts of Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Virudhunagar.

Farmers in these 7 districts can set up farms to rear 1000-5000 broiler chicks as per their wish or according to their capacity. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allocated Rs.20,31,40,000/- for this project. It has been planned to set up 230 such farms in each of these districts.



To encourage native chicken rearing in the 16 districts of Dindigul, Dharmapuri, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari, Karur, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Thiruvallur, Trichirapalli and Vellore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs.2.04 crores. Through this, 35 units will be set up in each of these districts with a minimum strength of 250 hens.

For fishermen welfare, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has raised the supply of subsidised kerosene to 250 litres from

200 litres (the subsidised price is Rs.25 per litre) to fishermen in the districts of Tuticorin, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari. These fishermen operate country boats with outboard motors fuelled by kerosene. The Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs.37.25 lakhs on account of this. Hence the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allocated this year Rs.47,60,25,000/- for the supply of subsidised kerosene.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed the supply of an additional quantity of kerosene upto 100 litres per boat at open market price to fishermen in these districts.

## All Terrain Vehicles to Coastal Security Group at a cost of Rs.34.25 lakhs

To improve the efficiency of the Coastal Security Group, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has already ordered that an All Terrain Motor Cycle and an All Terrain Jeep be given to each of the 12 Police Stations of the Group. The Coastal Security Group has been set up to prevent smuggling of essential commodities through the 1,076 km long coastline from Tiruvallur District to Kanniyakumari District, infiltration of terrorists into Tamil Nadu and to gather intelligence about coastal security.

Considering the higher turnout of people at the Marina, Elliots and Thiruvananthapuram beaches for walking and for relaxation and to protect these

people from anti-social elements and to prevent infiltration into the state through the sea and the need to equip the police with vehicles suitable to patrol the sandy beach areas, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the purchase of 9 All Terrain Vehicles at a cost of Rs.34.25 lakhs and allotted 6 vehicles for patrolling duty at the Marina beach, 2 for the Elliots beach and 1 for the Thiruvananthapuram beach area.







## Flyovers - Subways at an estimate of Rs.231.68 crores in Chennai and Suburban Areas

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa has been taking steps to effect changes/improvement in road infrastructure so as to keep pace with the needs of the growing population in Chennai and suburban areas, industries and the vehicle population.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that flyovers, subways and skywalks be constructed and sanctioned Rs. 231.68 crores. Accordingly a flyover and a subway will come up at the junction of Market Road and Kundrathur Road in Pallavaram, GST Road (Rs. 80.74 crores). The other projects to be implemented

are a flyover at the Vijaya-nagaram Junction in Velachery (Chennai) connecting Taramani Road, Tambaram-Velachery Road and Velachery By-Pass Road and a skywalk to connect the Velachery Railway station (Rs. 98.22 crores); a flyover and a subway at the junction of Perambur-Red Hills Road near

Kolathur in the Inner Ring Road (Rs. 52.72 crores).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed that the stretch of the GST Road near the Chennai Airport be widened for a length of one km at a cost of Rs.1.75 crores to reduce the traffic congestion near the Airport caused by the laying of Metro Rail track.





## Construction of Flyovers, Bridges, Subways and Skywalks in Chennai at an estimate of Rs.109 crores

**T**he Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned Rs. 109 crores for construction of flyovers, bridges, subways and skywalks in Chennai city with a view to decongest traffic and help speedy travel for reaching destinations.

The State Government has been according priority for development and strengthening of road infrastructure facilities. A sum of Rs. 3,793 crores was earmarked last year for laying new roads, railway overbridges and for the maintenance of the existing roads and bridges.

In continuation of this policy the following projects will be implemented in Chennai: a flyover at the junction of Kalamman Koil street and the entrance of the mofussil bus stand in Jawaharlal Nehru Road (Rs. 40 crores); an additional three-lane bridge across Cooum river near Amaindakarai on the Periyar EVR Road (Rs. 8 crores); an additional two lane bridge at Mount-Poonamalle-Avadi Road (Rs. 5 crores); widening the bridge on the Mount-Poonamalle-Avadi Road (Rs. One crore); an additional two-lane bridge on the Singaperumal Koil

Sriperumbudur-Thiruvallur-Red Hills Road (Rs.2 crores); a grade separator on Karanodai-Minjur Road (Rs. 9 crores); a causeway on Tambaram - Mudichur - Sriperumbudur Road (Rs. 2 crores) a causeway on Chennai Kodambakkam-Sriperumbadur Road (Rs. 2 crores) and another causeway on the same road (Rs.1 crore).

Moreover, a subway will come up on the Anna Salai near Chinnamalai (Rs. 3.50 crores); another subway on the G.S.T Road near the junction of Guindy - M.K.N. Road (Rs. 3.50 crores); a subway at Ekkaduthaangal on the Jawaharlal Nehru Road near Malladi establishment (Rs. 3.50 crores), a subway on the same road near Kasi Theatre (Rs. 3.50 crores); and yet another subway near Koyambedu Mofussil Bus Stand (Rs. 5 crores). Also a skywalk will come up connecting Central Railway Station, Park Station and the General Hospital at a cost of Rs.20 crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned Rs. 33.36 crores for modernisation of 15 major check posts, 13 minor ones and 8 checking points.

The modernisation programme is to be taken up at the major check posts at Puzhal (incoming and outgoing), K.G. Chavadi (incoming and outgoing), Hosur (incoming and outgoing), Thoppur (incoming and outgoing), Bannari, Ranipet (incoming and outgoing), Katpadi, Kandamangalam, Puliarai and Kaliakkavilai and at the minor check posts at Tiruthani, Uthukottai, Pitchanoor, Gudalur, Gopalapuram, Meenakshipuram, Tharangampadi, Melvanchur, Kottakuppam, Pattanoor, Pennair Bridge, Lower camp and Bodi Mettu. The checking points that are to come up under the programme are at Concor (Chennai I), Royapuram, Egmore Goods Yard, Central Parcel Office, Chennai Port, Salt Cotaurs, Airport Cargo complex and Tuticorin Port.

The funds will be utilised for modernising the check posts, for the purchase of new vehicles, equipment to register the number plates of the vehicles that cross the check posts, equipment to ensure un-interrupted power supply, construction of cloak room to keep the goods, provision of basic facilities to employees such as drinking water supply and toilet, monitoring the movement of goods, detecting tax evasion and appointing additional staff.



## Financial Allocation of Rs.33.36 crores for modernisation of check posts

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already directed that the check post at Beddhikuppam on the border of Thiruvallur District be modernised.

By modernising the check posts, not only the time to handle vehicles will be economised, but their halting time will be minimised. Goods also will reach their destinations quickly.

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# TAMIL NADU WILL REGAIN THE HONOUR OF BEING POWER SURPLUS STATE

Statement of the  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of  
Tamil Nadu  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**  
on 08.07.2012  
(English Translation)

It is no exaggeration if it is said that electric power is the substratum for industrial, agricultural and economic development of a nation. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board has taken up the task of generating, transmitting and distributing such an essential utility as power and supplying the same to consumers. During DMK's rule between 2006 and 2011, the Board was caught in a crisis due to that Government's administrative inefficiency. When I assumed office, I initiated steps to retrieve the Board from the crisis and take it on the path of development.

Work on the 1,000 mw Vallur Thermal Plant, 1,200 mw North Chennai Thermal Plant and 600 mw Mettur Thermal Plant which were proceeding at

a snail's pace was pushed up in full swing and these plants are now on a near completion stage. Due to the tactful handling of the issue at the Koodamkulam Nuclear Plant by my Government, that plant also is about to commence power generation now.

To help the Board to provide speedy service to the people, I have directed that the 4,000 field Assistants posts, now being vacant, be filled up through the Employment Exchange directly. Those selected will be given training for 2 years. A consolidated payment of Rs. 3,250/- will be made to them during the training period. After the training, they will be made permanent employees and salary will be given on a time bound scale.



Through this, the activities of the Board will increase and its services too will be to the expectations of the people. The day is not far off for Tamil Nadu to regain the honour of being a power surplus state.

## Rs.3 crores for development of infrastructure facilities in Technical Training Institutes

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned Rs. 3 crores for development of infrastructure facilities in three Technical Training Institutes so as to meet the specifications prescribed by the All India Technical Education committee and to cater to the needs of the students. Of this amount, Rs. 85 lakhs will be allotted to the Ceramics Technical Training Institute at Virudhachalam, Rs.95 lakhs to Instrumentation Engineering Institute at Dindigul and Rs. 1.20 crores to the Government Technical Training Institute at Guindy.

The Ceramics Institute offers a three years diploma course on Ceramics Technology. The Instrumentation Engineering Institute offers a three year course on Printing and other Engineering



subjects. The Guindy Institute offers a three year course on Printing Instrumentation Engineering, Refrigeration and AC mechanism. Several front ranking companies have selected students from these institutions in campus recruitment and some of them are employed abroad. ●

The Tamil Nadu Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps to provide equal opportunities to the differently abled, protect their rights, ensuring their full participation in the development of the society and to give excellent education to them.

As a token of these efforts, the Chief Minister has ordered that Magnifiers

### Magnifier to the Visually impaired differently abled Students

will be supplied to 500 visually impaired students at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs.

The Magnifiers will help these students in handling implements like computer, laptop and television sets. ●

**Hon'ble  
Chief Minister  
orders  
Master Plan  
Complex for  
Tiruppur District  
Collectorate at an  
Estimate of  
Rs. 52.13 crores**

**H**on'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed that a huge office complex be created in Tiruppur District at a cost of Rs. 52,13,54,000/- to house the offices of the District Collector, District Superintendent of Police, Fire and Rescue Services, an integrated Court Complex, other Government offices, quarters for Government servants, camp office for the District Collector and a guest house.

The new district has been created bifurcating the Coimbatore District.

The Chief Minister has also directed the disbursement of Rs. 51,25,39,800/- to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department for getting the needed land for the creation of the huge Complex.

Presently Government offices are located in small buildings at different parts of Tiruppur town. This imposes hardships on the people. The creation of a huge complex will bring the scattered Government offices functioning in small buildings at one place and help people to get their needs fulfilled easily. ●

**WAGES UNDER MGNREGS ENHANCED TO Rs.132**

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed that the wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme be increased in the state to Rs. 132/- per head per day from Rs. 119/-. More than 25 lakh workers will be benefitted by this.

Realising that the country's development depends on the development of villages, the Chief Minister has been implementing several schemes for the economic upliftment of the villages. The MGNREGS

is being implemented effectively in all the districts in the state.

The scheme envisages guaranteed employment for not less than 100 days in a year to willing unskilled labourers in rural areas. The ancillary objective of the scheme is to improve the natural resources through undertaking works for the prevention of soil erosion, destruction of forest and drought. Welfare works like protection of water resources, afforestation, tree planting and desilting of tanks and lakes are also undertaken under the scheme. ●





## **Ensure that Tamil Nadu's First Instalment of Rs.138.58 crores is released without any further delay**

“Kindly refer to your Lr.No. G-11011/01/2012-Water dated 4th July, 2012, regarding the release of funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during the year 2012-13. In this connection, I would like to point out that the closing balance of funds under the NRDWP for Tamil Nadu was Rs.243.86 crores as on 31.3.2012. Of this amount, Tamil Nadu received Rs.58.33 crores on 3.3.2012 as an incentive fund for good performance based on Management Devolution Index. Further, an additional allocation of Rs.98.20 crores was received on 4.4.2012 based on Tamil Nadu’s good performance and considering the fact that the State had utilised more than 60% of the available funds under the NRDWP. You may recall, you had written to me about this on 29.3.2012. In addition, a further sum of Rs.12.24 crores was received under the NRDWP Calamity Fund on 4.4.2012. Therefore, a total sum

Text of the D.O Letter  
dated 15.7.2012 addressed by  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa,**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of  
Tamil Nadu to Shri Jairam Ramesh,  
Hon'ble Union Minister of  
Rural Development, Drinking  
Water and Sanitation,  
Government of India

of Rs.168.77 crores was received by Tamil Nadu in the months of March and April, 2012.

I would also like to inform you that for the period from 1st April, 2012, to date, the State has spent a sum of Rs.87.45 crores under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme. Your Ministry’s Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) also shows the expenditure of Tamil Nadu as Rs.50.71 crores as on 30th June, 2012. Tamil Nadu also came in for high praise





His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Dr. K. ROSAIAH** administered the oath of office to Thiru. Thoppu N. D. Venkatachalam as the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J JAYALALITHAA** at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 19.7.2012

during the Conference of State Ministers and State Secretaries on 24th and 25th May, 2012, which you had chaired. You had, in fact, commended the Tamil Nadu model in accounting and auditing for emulation by other States.

In the meeting you had also pointed out that States should not be held responsible for NRDWP Funds released at the fag end of the earlier financial year, resulting in higher Opening Balance and directed that the first instalment should be released to all eligible States by 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. While my State Government was expecting an early release of funds based on the assurance given by you in the Conference, your letter of 4th July, 2012,

has come as a rude shock. This is more so in the context wherein for some other States which had a higher opening balance than Tamil Nadu and whose expenditure level was almost on par with Tamil Nadu as per your own IMIS report, a substantial amount of money has been released during 2012-13 as well. Such differential treatment and discrimination against Tamil Nadu leads me to wonder whether the release of funds is being done on a purely objective basis.

Against this background, given the fairly high level of expenditure incurred by Tamil Nadu till date, I request you to ensure that Tamil Nadu's first instalment of Rs.138.58 crores is released without any further delay."

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"I would like to draw your kind attention to disconcerting reports appearing in the media about the Kerala Government's plan to construct a dam across the river Siruvani at Attapadi. It appears that Kerala has planned to build a dam of 4.5 TMC ft capacity on the river Siruvani for the Attapadi Irrigation Scheme. This has caused concern among the people of Tamil Nadu as the inflows into the river Bhavani would be considerably reduced if Kerala goes through with its plan. Further, there is wide apprehension among the people that the entire city of Coimbatore and its adjoining areas, dependent on Siruvani for their drinking water needs, will be totally affected if Kerala is allowed to build the dam.

The Government of Kerala had brought up this issue before the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal claiming 4.5 TMC ft of water for the Attapadi Irrigation Scheme. The Government of Tamil Nadu objected to the claim and the Tribunal in its Final Order dated 5.2.2007 has allocated only 2.87 TMC ft of water to Kerala for the Attapadi Irrigation Scheme. Therefore, the present proposal of Kerala is in violation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.

The Governments of Kerala and Karnataka have appealed in the Supreme Court against the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Government of Tamil Nadu has also approached the Supreme Court on certain aspects of the said Final Order. All the Party States have also filed

**Advise the Central  
Water Commission  
not to accord  
technical clearance  
for Kerala's proposal  
of building the dam on  
the river Siruvani**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 21.06.2012 addressed by **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

clarification petitions before the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal under section 5(3) of the Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956. These petitions are pending. In these circumstances, it is only proper for the Party States to await either the notification of the Final Order or the judicial decisions before initiating any new scheme in the Cauvery Basin or in its subbasins.

May I, therefore, request you to advise the Government of Kerala not to proceed with the proposed Attapadi Irrigation Scheme or any other scheme on the river Siruvani in violation of the Tribunal's Final Order. I also request you to advise the Central Water Commission not to accord technical clearance for Kerala's proposal of building the dam on river Siruvani.

I request your immediate intervention in this matter to protect the interests of Tamil Nadu." ●



# Orders to create 410 posts in 8 Government Polytechnic

**A** Nation's development can be moulded only by higher education. It alone is the basis for the growth of all disciplines. The Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing several schemes for the development of such higher education and technical education.

To further enhance the standard of higher education, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of 371 posts in the newly started 7 Government Colleges of Polytechnics. This will help to provide quality education for the second-year students in these colleges.

The creation of these posts will benefit each of the colleges with 5 Heads of Department one each for Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics and Communication and Computer Branches, 18 Lecturers, 1 Librarian, 1 Director of Physical Education, 2 Workshop Instructors, 15 Skilled /Laboratory Assistants, 2 Assistants, 2 Junior Assistants, 1 Typist, 3 Security personnel, 1 Gardener, 1 Sweeper and 1 Scavenger. The Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs. 15.51 crores per year.

The newly started 7 colleges are in Theni, Thiruvavarur, Villupuram, Thiruvanna-

malai, Dharmapuri, Karur and Perambalur.

Likewise, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the creation of 39 posts in the Government College of Polytechnics at Ambalakaran patti in Melur Taluk, Madurai District. The posts are 4 Heads of Department one each for Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, and Communication Branches, 12 Lecturers, 1 Librarian, 1 Director of Physical Education, 2 Workshop Instructors, 10 Skilled/Laboratory Assistants, 1 Supervisor, 1 Assistant, 2 Security posts, 1 Gardener, 2 Sweepers and 2 Scavengers. The Government will incur a recurring expenditure of Rs. 1.38 crores per year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's gesture in creating 410 posts in these 8 colleges and allotting Rs. 16.89 crores, will pave the way for providing quality education to students in these colleges through expert teachers.



## Issue immediate directions to the Department of Fertilizers to allocate the full requirement of fertilizers for Tamil Nadu

“It is with a sense of deep pain and anguish that I write this letter to you to protect the interests of the farmers of Tamil Nadu. The introduction of the Nutrient Based Subsidy Scheme (NBS) by the Government of India from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, coupled with an unreliable supply of fertilizers to the State is indeed threatening to deprive our farmers of their basic means of sustenance and livelihood.

The annual consumption of Chemical Fertilizers in Tamil Nadu is about 28 Lakh Metric Tonnes (MT). With the introduction of the NBS policy, liberty has been given to the Manufacturers /Importers of Chemical Fertilizers to fix the MRP based on their cost of production/ import. Since then, these fertilizer companies have been hiking the retail price of fertilizers at will, causing extreme hardship to farmers.

Consequently, the prices of various fertilizers have gone up two to three times after the introduction of the NBS policy.

Text of the D.O. letter dated 26.6.2012 addressed by  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa,**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
of Tamil Nadu to  
**Dr. Manmohan Singh,**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

The increase has been particularly steep since April, 2012. To cite a few examples, between 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, and 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, the MRP of a 50 kg bag of DAP and MOP marketed by Indian Potash Limited has increased from Rs.910/- to Rs.1200/-, and Rs.680/- to Rs.840/- respectively. The rate of a 50 kg bag of DAP (IPL) has gone up to Rs.1200/- from Rs.486.20 (an increase of 247%), a 50 kg bag of MOP (IPL) now costs Rs.840/- as against Rs.231.66 (an increase of 363%), the rate of a 50 kg bag of Complex 10:26:26 (IFFCO) has increased to Rs.1110/- from Rs.374.24 (an increase of 297%) and the rate of a 50 kg bag of Complex 20:20:0:13 (Greenstar) has increased to Rs.858.76 from Rs.327.40



(an increase of 262%) since 2010. To add insult to injury, despite such a phenomenal increase in fertilizer prices in the current year, the Department of Fertilizers, GOI, has reduced the subsidy for 2012-2013 for DAP to Rs.14,350/- per MT from Rs.19,763/- per MT fixed last year, and for MOP to Rs.14,400/- per MT as against Rs.16,054/- per MT fixed last year. I understand that the Department of Fertilizer has also proposed a hike of another 10 per cent in Urea prices and has also planned to cut subsidies further on the pretext of subsidizing bio-fertilizers. Faced with a steep price rise and having to digest a sharp reduction in subsidy, our farmers have been hit hard in terms of economic returns from farming. I have tried to mitigate the blow delivered by the Central Government and protect our farmers' interests by waiving the levy of 4% VAT on the sale of fertilizers. This waiver of 4% VAT on Chemical Fertilizers, Bio-fertilizers, Pesticides etc., from 12th July, 2011, onwards, has afforded some relief to our farmers.

However, since the pricing of fertilizers is governed by various policies of the Central Government, I strongly urge you to immediately withdraw the NBS policy and reintroduce the fixed MRP policy for all fertilizers. Otherwise a situation will emerge wherein farming will become absolutely unremunerative, resulting in large tracts of land being left uncultivated.

The timely supply of fertilizers in adequate quantity is another area to which I would like to draw your urgent attention. Fertilizer is the most critical input in farming. But there was a

shortfall of 1.1 Lakh MT of MOP for the Kharif Season in 2011. Further, the State also faced short supply of DAP and Urea during August-November 2011 (Samba Season) to an extent of 33,967 MT and 1.37 Lakh MT respectively. Despite all these constraints, due to effective measures and timely steps taken by my Government, Tamil Nadu has performed well and is expected to record an all time high level of food-grains production of 103.85 lakh MT during 2011-2012. But the supply of fertilizers continues to be dismal in the current financial year also. While the DAP requirement for April to May 2012 was 48,000 MT, the fertilizer firms supplied only 20,603 MT, resulting in a shortfall of 27,397 MT. In the month of June 2012, the allocation of DAP is only 23,000 MT against the estimated requirement of 30,000 MT. I strongly urge you to immediately allocate the estimated full requirement of DAP to the State to meet the demand for the Kuruvai cultivation, which is already underway.

I wish to conclude by reiterating the points made earlier that the Nutrient Based Subsidy policy should be immediately withdrawn and that the previous system of fixed MRP of Fertilizers should be restored to protect the farming community and to ensure food security for the Nation. I also request you to issue immediate directions to the Department of Fertilizers to allocate the full requirement of fertilizers for Tamil Nadu so that our farmers are not faced with fertilizer shortages. I shall be thankful for your personal intervention in the matter."

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## Enhance the quota of seats to perform Hajj Pilgrimage

Text of the D.O. letter dated 14.07.2012 addressed by  
**Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
**Dr.Manmohan Singh**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"The Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee this year has received more than 12,100 applications for Hajj 2012. The Hajj Committee of India, Mumbai, has allotted a quota of 2863 seats for Tamil Nadu. Needless to say, this is woefully inadequate.

As per the guidelines for Hajj 2012, out of the total quota of 2863 seats, 1146 seats will be apportioned for reserved categories and about 1717 seats will be dispensed for selection under the general category. The number of disappointed applicants will be around 9243.

During Hajj 2011, the Hajj Committee of India had initially allotted a quota of 3049 seats against the receipt of more than 10,000 applications from Tamil Nadu. After the release of additional quota and

Government discretionary quota, a total of 4084 pilgrims from this State were able to perform the Hajj pilgrimage during 2011, whereas the quota for this year is fixed as 2863 only which is an all time low.

I therefore, request your kind intervention to enhance the quota taking into account the sizable Muslim population and the large number of applications received from Tamil Nadu for 2012.

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, may be requested to release a suitable additional number, so that a greater number of pilgrims from Tamil Nadu would be benefited and enabled to perform the Hajj pilgrimage in 2012."

**P**reventing prisoners from indulging in acts of crime once again, reforming and rehabilitating them in society have been the objectives of the Prison Department. The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing several reformative schemes for the welfare of prisoners and for developing the infrastructure facilities in prisons.

In that way, the Chief Minister has ordered that a modern Bakery Unit be set up in the Puzhal prison at a cost of Rs. 45 lakhs. Of this funds, Rs. 30 lakhs would be spent on machinery, Rs. 9.50 lakhs on providing the needed infrastructure, Rs. 2.50 lakhs on electrical equipment, Rs. 1 lakh on culinary articles and Rs. 2 lakhs retained as working capital. Products from this bakery will be sold in the open market. Of the profits earned, 20 percent will go into the accounts of those who prepared the bakery products, 20 percent into Government account, 20 percent into the accounts of the Tamil Nadu Prison Staff Welfare fund and the remaining 40 percent into the account of Tamil Nadu Prison Department Manufacture of Goods Fund. Orders



## A scheme to Rehabilitate Prisoners

to create these two funds have also been issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

These steps will not only generate ideas to indulge in constructive activities among prisoners but would also help them in their self-employment.



## Rs.25 crores to improve the infrastructure in Veterinary Hospitals

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing schemes for ushering in the Second Green Revolution and the White Revolution and thereby improve the economic condition of the villages.

Considering the important role cattle played in village economy and the need they should be reared well, the Hon'ble Chief Minister allotted last year Rs. 25 crores for upgrading the infrastructure facilities in veterinary hospitals and dispensaries. Of this allotment Rs. 22 crores was earmarked for the development of 67 veterinary hospitals and 361 dispensaries and Rs. 3 crores for purchase of storage materials. This has helped animal husbandry in the villages.

In the current year also (2012-2013) the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 25 crores. Of this, Rs. 22 crores will be spent on improving infrastructure facilities in 49 veterinary hospitals and clinician centres and also in 353 veterinary dispensaries and in the maintenance and reconstruction works of 4 office buildings and Rs. 3 crores for the purchase of storage materials. ●





"When a world-wide demand asking the Central Government in which the DMK is a partner, to compel the Sri Lanka Government to bestow the Sri Lankan Tamils their rights and provide equal status with Sinhalese, is still ringing in the ears, the news has come that 9 Sri Lankan Air Force Personnel have come to get technical training at the Tambaram Air Force Station in Tamil Nadu. This is nothing but driving a dagger in the hearts of Tamils. I strongly condemn this Anti-Tamil, Anti-Tamil Race action of the Central Government.

The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution that an economic embargo be imposed with the co-operation of other countries on Sri Lanka till such time as the Tamils languishing in Sri Lankan Camps return to their homes and get rights on par with the Sinhalese.

### Offering technical training to Sri Lankan Air Force personnel in India is anti-tamil

Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** Statement

on 5.7.2012 (English Translation)

The Central Government which keeps mum on this resolution will be insulting Tamils if it offers training to Sri Lankan Air Force Personnel.

I would like to categorically state that offering technical training to Sri Lankan Air Force personnel in India, that too in Tamil Nadu, when internationally the demand is raised that the country be tried for war-crimes, is not only inappropriate but it is anti-Tamil. I strongly urge the Central Government on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu to take necessary steps to send back the Air Force Personnel to Sri Lanka.

## ARRANGE FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF 26 FISHERMEN OF TAMIL NADU ARRESTED BY THE SRI LANKAN NAVY

Text of the D.O. letter dated 04.07.2012 addressed by **Selvi J JAYALALITHAA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Dr. MANMOHAN SINGH**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

"I invite your kind attention to my letter dated 28.6.2012, wherein

I have sought your intervention in preventing the incidents of harassment of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy. I am deeply pained to bring to your notice two more incidents of apprehension of Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy on 2.7.2012

One vallam with 3 fishermen went fishing from Mukundarayachathiram fishing base in Rameswaram on 29.6.2012. The above vallam and the crew are reported to have been arrested near Kalpiti Island by the Sri Lankan Navy, alleging transportation of tobacco products. The fishermen and crew were reportedly taken to Neer-Colombo for further enquiry.

In another incident, one mechanized fishing boat with 5 crew members which went fishing from Rameswaram base got grounded in the sea near Katchatheevu. A search boat with 5 crew members was sent to locate and tow the grounded boat back to the fishing base. It has been reported that both the boats with all the 10 crew members onboard have been detained by the Sri Lankan Navy and they have been lodged in a Sri Lankan Jail.

You are aware that already 5 Rameswaram fishermen are languishing in Sri Lankan jails due to a fabricated case since 29.11.2011. The arrest of 13 more Rameswaram fishermen with their 3 boats has further confirmed the unrelenting, harsh attitude of the Sri Lankan Navy towards our Tamil Nadu fishermen who seek to eke out their livelihood by fishing in the traditional Palk Bay waters.

I, therefore, request you to kindly take up the issue with the Sri Lankan Government and arrange for the immediate release of all the fishermen of Rameswaram arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy."

# Technical Training should not be given to Sri Lankan Air Force Personnel Anywhere in India

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 6-7-2012 *(English Translation)*

I had strongly condemned on 05.07.2012 the Central Government for providing technical training for nine months to 9 Sri Lankan Air Force personnel at the Tambaram Air Force Station in Tamil Nadu as it amounted to insulting the people of the state. The Centre had been keeping a long silence on the resolution passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly seeking the imposition, jointly with other countries, of an economic embargo on Sri Lanka till such time as the Tamils languishing in Sri Lankan camps returned to their native place and got back rights on par with the Sinhalese.

In that statement, I had urged the Centre to withdraw its acts such as the present one, which were Anti-Tamil and did not respect the sensibilities of Tamils. All the opposition parties in Tamil Nadu had echoed the same view.

But a leader who claims he is toiling for Tamils alone, has reacted in an indifferent way and mouthed empty words by saying "If the news is correct, providing such training is condemnable; it will only be proper for the centre to send back the trainees."

However all sections of the people of Tamil Nadu have opposed giving training to the Sri Lankan Air Force personnel at Tambaram Air Force Station.

Today (06.07.2012), the centre has despatched by air the nine Sri Lankan Air Force personnel to Yelahanka Air Force Station at Bengaluru. This act, has aroused a suspicion, in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu whether the Central Government in which the DMK is a part, is siding with those who work against Tamils and the Tamil Race.

The People of Tamil Nadu want that those who had contravened, against the Sri Lankan Tamils, the war conventions, be declared, through the United Nations Assembly, as war criminals and tried accordingly. Averting the giving of training to Sri Lankan Air Force personnel in Tamil Nadu and providing the same in Bengaluru will never be accepted by Tamils.

I once again strongly urge the Central Government not to provide technical training to Sri Lankan Air Force personnel anywhere in India and send the nine personnel back to Sri Lanka immediately.

"You may recall the Resolution passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in June, 2011, urging the Government of India to take up with the United Nations Organisation the issue of declaring those found guilty of war crimes as war criminals, and also to initiate action by working with other Nations for the imposition of an economic embargo on the Government of Sri Lanka till the Tamils

Text of the D.O. letter dated 16.07.2012 addressed by

**Selvi J Jayalalithaa,**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
**Dr.Manmohan Singh,**

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

who are now living in camps in Sri Lanka are resettled in their own places and are allowed to live with dignity and with equal Constitutional rights on par with the Sinhalese citizens.

Tamils across the world feel that the sentiments of the Tamils have been trampled on by the Government of India not only by its inaction on this resolution, but also by continuing to give preferential treatment by way of providing technical training to defence personnel belonging to Sri Lanka.

When nine personnel belonging to the Sri Lankan Air Force were undergoing technical training at the Air Force Station, Tambaram, Tamil Nadu, I had issued a Press Statement condemning this action of the Government of India and requesting that these Sri Lankan Air Force personnel should be sent back to Sri Lanka. Instead of sending them back to Sri Lanka, the Government of India is now providing

## Desist from giving any training to personnel belonging to the Sri Lankan armed forces anywhere in India

training to these personnel at the Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru.

Again, it has now come to my notice that Air Vice Marshal Jegath Julanga Diaz of the Sri Lankan Air Force and Rear Admiral S. Ranasinghe of the Sri Lankan Navy, who are undergoing training at the National Defence Academy, New Delhi, along with 25 other trainees belonging to various countries have arrived at Coonoor, The Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu, on 15.7.2012 and are visiting the Defence Service Staff College, Wellington, on 16.7.2012 as part of their training programme. Imparting training to personnel belonging to the Sri Lankan Armed Forces in Defence Training Institutions in India and allowing them to visit Tamil Nadu reveals the utter disrespect shown to the sentiments of the people of Tamil Nadu.

The people of Tamil Nadu are frustrated and outraged by this callous and adamant attitude of the Government of India in persistently giving training to personnel belonging to the Sri Lankan Armed Forces in India.

I, therefore, request you to give suitable instructions to the Ministry of Defence to desist from giving any training to personnel belonging to the Sri Lankan Armed Forces anywhere in India and send such personnel back to Sri Lanka immediately."



# Sri Lankan Air Force personnel should be sent back!

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 13.7.2012 (English Translation)



Following severe protests from all sections of Tamils and my own severe condemnation, the Central Government has shifted its programme of imparting technical training to Sri Lankan Air Force personnel from Tambaram Air Force station to the station at Yelahenka in Bengaluru. On hearing this, I again emphatically stressed to the Centre that no training should be imparted to any Sri Lankan Defence personnel on the Indian Soil.

But DMK President Thiru M. Karunanidhi who, while boasting himself as “Leader of the Tamil Race” turned responsible to the annihilation of Tamils by the Sri Lankan Government, parried newsmen's question on the possibility of the centre giving training to Sri Lankan armed force in other states and slipped away without any sense of Tamil pride. Out of fear of losing posts in the Union Ministry and possible

danger to the family members involved in the Himalayan 2G spectrum scam, Thiru Karunanidhi has replied that the bridge would be crossed when one come to it. This reminds one of his earlier antic of announcing a rally at Madurai to condemn the Central Government on the Mullaiperiyar dam issue, then changing it to an agitation against the Kerala Government and cancelling even that programme. Thiru Karunanidhi has once again proved that all his actions are hypocritical. His actions remind the proverb 'A sweet tongue but poison at heart.'

If Thiru Karunanidhi has any real interest towards the Tamil Race he should have compelled the Central Government which he is shouldering, to despatch the Sri Lankan Air Force personnel back to Sri Lanka forthwith. But anyone who knows Thiru Karunanidhi will not be surprised at his inaction over the cause of Sri Lankan Tamils though he has the capacity to intimidate the Centre and achieve things whenever his family interests are involved.

It is regrettable that India, instead of pouncing like a tiger is meekly bowing like a mouse to Sri Lanka. I once again reiterate to the Centre to take immediate steps to send back the Sri Lankan Air Force personnel. ●

## An allocation of Rs.2 crores for the upgradation of school for the blind at Poonamallee



For the betterment of the differently-abled, Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa had created a separate Directorate for the handicapped even in 1993 and spelt out a detailed State Policy for them in 1994.

The Government has been implementing plans to help the differently abled to lead a normal life on par with others.

The Government Higher Secondary School for the Blind at Poonamalle is functioning from a building constructed 124 years ago. The school campus accommodates an industrial training centre for the blind, a rehabilitation centre for the visually handicapped women, a Brailly Printing Press, a middle level teachers' training centre and a diploma training centre for teachers to handle classes for the visually impaired.

To take up repair and maintenance works in these institutions and in the school the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 2 crores.

The funds will be utilised for the construction of a multi-purpose hostel (Rs. 1.50 crores), a model kitchen with necessary accessories (Rs. 20 lakhs), repairing the Brailly Printing Press (Rs. 10 lakhs), sprucing the playground (Rs. 10 lakhs) and for purchasing accessories for the Teachers Training Centre, Library and for the Laboratory (Rs. 10 lakhs).



**“The Expectations of the People are the Prime Force Driving this Government”**

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



## Orders to create 107 new Revenue Villages in Kanniyakumari District

The Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered that 107 new Revenue Villages be created in Kanniyakumari District by re-organising the 81 existing villages, in the Revenue divisions of Nagarkoil and Padmanabapuram.

The Chief Minister has been taking steps to improve the efficiency of the Revenue Department, the backbone of administration. Accordingly the re-organisation has been taken up in Kanniyakumari District.

The 81 Revenue villages are in the taluks of Agastheeswaram and Thovaalai (Nagarkoil District) and Kalkulam and Vilavancode (Padmanabapuram District). The re-organisation will increase the number of the Revenue villages to 188.

The re-organisation has been necessitated due to overlapping of Municipal and major Panchayat areas in some villages, the density of people in the district remaining at 1106 though the district extends to an area of 1684 sq. km, the bigger size of the Revenue villages in the district compared to that prevailing in other districts, the size of the population in several Revenue villages in the district which ranges from 30,000 to more than one lakh, and to avert long distance travel by people to meet the Village Administrative Officer and to help the VAOs to effectively supervise their areas of administration.

The Chief Minister has also ordered the creation of 107 additional VAO's posts and 107 additional Village Assistant's posts to serve the newly created revenue villages.

The exercise will entail the Government a recurring expenditure of Rs. 2,68,12488/- per year and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 5,60,68,000/-.





## The Insurance Cover and Housing Loan to Government Employees and Teachers Increased

As a further measure of protecting the welfare of Government Servants and Teachers, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has increased the house loan advance ceiling to Government servants to Rs. 25 lakhs from Rs. 15 lakhs and to the All India Cadre Officers to Rs. 40 lakhs from Rs. 25 lakhs. The revised ceiling comes into effect from 01.04.2012.

The Chief Minister has directed that the improved insurance scheme for Government servants be implemented by the public sector United India Insurance Company for the next 4 years i.e from 01.07.2012 to 30.06.2016.

The improved Insurance Scheme additionally covers 61 medical and



surgical treatments over and above the 52 existing form of treatments. Also the insurance cover has been increased from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs. Subject to this ceiling, Government servants and members of their families can take treatment any number of times.



On account of this, about 13,50,000 employees and their family members will derive benefit.



## Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 35 New Bridges Constructed at an estimate of Rs.172.20 crores

Through Video Conferencing the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 19.06.2012 declared open at the Secretariat, 35 new bridges built at a cost of Rs.172.20 crores and also the Thurayur (Tiruchy Dist.) by-pass road laid at a cost of Rs.9.45 crores.

Realising the importance of developing road infrastructure the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa is keen on constructing new bridges and in the maintenance of roads and bridges.

The bridges opened are: one over the railway level crossing at Sundarapuram between Pothanur - Madhukarai

railway stations in Coimbatore District (Rs.15.12 crores); one over Noyyal river at Iruttupallam in Thondamuthur Constituency (Rs.2.53 crores); one at Kattarampakkam in Sriperumbudur Constituency in Kancheepuram District (Rs.1.40 crores); the reconstructed one at Aandithope, Kanniyakumari District (Rs.2 crores) and a similar bridge at Marthandamthurai in Vilavankode Constituency (Rs.1.07 crores); a high level bridge across the rivulet at Azad Nagar, in Thenkasi Constituency, Tirunelveli District (Rs.3 crores); one across Tamaraparani river at Cheranmahadevi River Road in Ambasamuthiram Constituency (Rs.8.81 crores); one across

Vaipaaru at Vilathikulam. Thoothukudi District (Rs.13.65 crores); one across Koraiyaru at Paiyur, Villupuram District (Rs.10.79 crores); one at Kunnathur in Aarni Constituency, Thiruvannamalai District (Rs.7.30 crores); one at Pondhai in Chengam Constituency (Rs.1.40 crores); one over the railway crossing at Bommidi in Pappireddipatti Constituency in Dharmapuri District (Rs.10.60 crores); one across South Pennar in Mallamapuram (Rs.5.80 crores); one at Lakshmanapatti in Athur, Dindigul District (Rs.3.40 crores); one at Nambiyur in Gobi Constituency, Erode District (Rs.95 lakhs); one at Moonampalli (Rs.78 lakhs); one at Ezhumathur, Modakurichi Constituency (Rs.90 lakhs); one at Velakkanatham in Musiri Constituency, Tiruchy District (Rs. 2.44 crores); one at Sirukalapur, Lalgudi Constituency (Rs.84 lakhs); one at Nambivayal, Pattukottai Constituency, Thanjavur District (Rs. 1.94 crores); one at Parakkalakottai (Rs.1.02 crores); one at Mayilai, Aruppukottai Constituency, Virudhunagar District (Rs.1.99 crores);

one at Palayakottai, Kangayam Constituency, Tiruppur District (Rs.2.57 crores); one at Daasanayakkanpatti, Dharapuram Constituency (Rs.1.39 crores); one at Karatholuvu (Rs.1.20 crores); one at Karaipudur, Kangayam Constituency (Rs.88 lakhs); one at Kamakkapalayam, Thalaivasal Constituency, Salem District (Rs.1.07 crores); one at Nallur (Rs.50 lakhs); one at Jalakandapuram, Yercaud Constituency (Rs.1.02 crores); one at Keeripatti, Athur Constituency (Rs.84 lakhs); one at Mallasamudram, Sankagiri Constituency, Namakkal District (Rs.1.15 crores); one over the railway level crossing at Wallajah, Sholinghur Constituency, Vellore District (Rs.15.50 crores); one across Coleroon connecting Neelathanallur and Mathanathur areas in Kumbakonam and Jayankondan (between Thanjavur and Perambalur Districts) (Rs.35 crores); one across Vaigai river at Paramakudi in Ramanathapuram District (Rs.10.60 crores); and one at Kilari in Thiruvarur District (Rs.2.75 crores). ❖

## Thiyagigal Dhinam



Hon'ble Ministers, the worshipful Mayor of Chennai, Government officials and public paid floral tributes to the portraits of Thiyagi Arya, Thiyagi Sankaralingam and Thiyagi Shenbagaraman kept near their statues in Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai to mark Thiyagigal Dhinam on 17.7.2012.





The Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated at the Secretariat on 11.08.2012 a website for the Chief Minister's Special Cell viz. <http://cmcell.tn.gov.in> for receiving petitions from the public and taking speedy action on them and service of informing the petitioners about the receipt of their complaints, through SMS.

The Chief Minister's Special Cell facilitates common man and the poor to convey their basic needs, the short comings they suffer and get adequate relief. It also carries the Government's welfare measures to them.

The cell receives about 3000 to 3500 petitions daily from the people, directly, through post, e-mail and other media. The petitions are categorized and adequate actions are being taken on them. People are

## Inauguration of a New Website to take immediate action on the petitions received by the Chief Minister's Special Cell

benefited by the quick action taken on the petitions received at the cell.

To take speedier action on the petitions received from the public, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated a new website for the Chief Minister's special cell viz.,

<http://cmcell.tn.gov.in> on 11.08.2012. The receipt for the petitions received through the website will be sent to the petitioner's e-mail address with registration number immediately.

The petitions received through the website will be transferred through computer to the concerned departments and those details will be conveyed to the petitioners. As the website carries the names of the cell's co-coordinating officers in the various departments, the petitioner can contact that officer directly.

As the use of mobile phones has become widespread, the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.8.2012 inaugurated the service to convey the receipt of petitions at the Chief Minister's special cell through SMS.

As for petitions sent through post, if the petitioner had mentioned the



mobile phone number, details such as the registration number given by the Chief Minister's special cell, the department to which the petition had

been referred to and the name of the concerned officer would be sent through the SMS.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented cheques for Rs. 25,000/- each of 113 poor students studying in MBBS and B.E. courses as educational assistance. The amount has been drawn from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.







## Hon'ble Chief Minister orders to set up Perarignar Anna Handloom Silk Park at an estimate of Rs. 83.83 crores

The Tamil Nadu Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing the 'Integrated Textile Park' scheme for protecting Tamil Nadu's time honoured silk weaving industry and to improve the village economy.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already agreed to sanction a subsidy of 9 percent, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 9 crores, of the cost of all Textile Parks set up under the Integrated Textile Park scheme.

Now, as per the guidelines of the scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of "Perarignar Anna Handloom Silk Park" on 75 acre Government land in Survey No 3/3 at Kilkathirpur village in Kancheepuram

District. The plan estimate for this park is Rs. 83.83 crores. The 9 percent subsidy works out to Rs. 7.54 crores. The value of 75 acre Government land is estimated at Rs. 13,77,25,794/-

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that after deducting the subsidy component of Rs. 7.54 crores from the land value, the balance amount of Rs. 6.23 crores be treated as Government unsecured loan repayable in 5 years.

This Silk Park will be set up with all infrastructural facilities such as halls for locating looms, dyeing units, design centre, testing unit, training centre, dispensary, utilities centre, a retail shop, an exhibition room, and a centre to store raw materials. The Government will



provide all the basic facilities for this park like roads, water, drainage and affluent treatment plant. This Park will benefit 10,000 silk weavers directly and indirectly.

Likewise the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of Weaver's Training Centres at the handloom intensive areas of Kumbakonam and Kancheepuram for producing high quality handloom clothes with new designs by using high technology and to create an awareness that handloom is not a community based industry but anyone, after due training can take it up.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has accorded sanction for Rs. 92.19 lakhs for setting up the training centres at



Kumbakonam and Kancheepuram at a cost of Rs. 46,09,500/- each.

The centres will be located at places owned by the dissolved handloom weavers Co-operative Societies in Kancheepuram and Kumbakonam areas, and training will be given to weavers in weaving, dyeing, designing, processing, artistic works, etc.

These measures will pave the way for the growth of handloom industry in Tamil Nadu, continuous job opportunities for the handloom workers and for raising their standard of living. ❖

## **Integrated Court Complex at a cost of Rs.17.31 crores in Thindivanam**

The Tamil Nadu Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been a forerunner in providing needed infrastructural and other facilities to one of the pillars of democracy, the Judiciary and thereby enabling it to function effectively and help litigants get justice speedily. In accordance with this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister is giving priority to the construction of own buildings in a phased manner for courts presently functioning in rented buildings.

Taking into account that 7 courts in Thindivanam, Villupuram District, viz. the

Magistrate Court II, 2 Fast Track Courts, 2 Sub-Courts and 2 District and Sessions Courts are functioning from different premises with great space constraint, the needs of the people and the absence of residential quarters for the Additional District Judges (Fast Track Court I and II), the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the setting up of an integrated Court Complex for the Courts and Judges' Quarters on a 8.15 acre plot at Jakkampettai Village, Dindivanam Main Road, Thindivanam at a cost of Rs.17,31,69,000/-.





## 11 New University affiliated Co-education Arts and Science Colleges

The Honbl'e Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated 11 new University affiliated co-education Arts and Science Colleges through video conferencing at Secretariat, Chennai on 11.08.2012.

The Government's aim is to promote Tamil Nadu into an intellectual state. For the growth of higher education, Tamil Nadu Government is implementing several pioneering schemes. Through higher education, the country's development can be improved. The Government is opening several colleges in such a way as not to strain rural students to go to cities to pursue their higher education but to get it nearer to their places of living. By facilitating higher education to rural students, they can get better employment opportunities,

reach a good position in life and improve their economic status. With this view the Honbl'e Chief Minister directed on 29.5.2012, the opening of co-educational Arts and Science colleges affiliated to Universities at 11 places.

Accordingly, the Honbl'e Chief Minister on 11.08.2012 inaugurated the 11 colleges through video conferencing which have been located at Edapadi (Salem district), Kanniyakumari (Kanniyakumari), Vendasandur (Dindugul) Modakurichi (Erode), Thirumangalm (Madurai), Thiruvotriyur (Thiruvallur) Paramakudi (Ramanathapuram), Kadayannallur (Tirunelveli), Aruppukottai (Virudunagar), Nagapattinam (Nagapattinam) and Arakkonam (Vellore District).





## Sewage Treatment Plants at a cost of Rs. 300 crores

With Chennai and its suburbs turning into centres for several industries and commercial complexes, individual houses are getting replaced with multi storeyed buildings so as to cope with the increase in population. And this necessitates laying of adequate conveyance system for the sewage. With the view of preventing the mixing of untreated sewage water with water sources and waterways, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J. Jayalalithaa has directed the setting up of sewage treatment plants at 337 places at a cost of Rs. 300 crores viz., at 105 points where sewage water can drain into the cooum river, at 183 places in Buckingham Canal and at 49 points in of the Adyar river.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered release in phases of Rs. 150 crores in the first phase to the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board for taking up these works.

Works such as laying main sewerage pipes, replacing small pipes with higher dimension sewage propelling pipes, setting up roadside small sewage pumping stations, taking up improvement works in the existing sewage pumping stations and replacing small sewerage pipes with bigger ones, will be undertaken. Through these works mixing of untreated sewage water with rivers will be prevented.

Since a healthy competition among urban local bodies is necessary to improve the quality of service they render, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that an annual Chief Minister's Award would be set up and

presented on the Independence Day to the Municipal Corporations and Municipalities that had rendered best service to people. The best Municipal Corporation would get a prize money of Rs. 25 lakhs, the first three Municipalities Rs. 15 lakhs, Rs. 10 lakhs and Rs. 5 lakhs respectively and the first three Major Panchayats Rs. 10 lakhs, Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs. 3 lakhs respectively. They would also be given commendation certificates.

To select the best urban local bodies, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has constituted a high level committee with the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development as President and the Additional Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Urban Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation, President of the Municipal Chairmen's Council as members and the Director of Municipal Administration as Member Secretary. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also allotted Rs. 55 lakhs for this.

This committee will select the winners on the yardstick of mobilisation of funds by the Municipal Corporations and Municipalities through tax and non-tax revenues, management of solid waste, water supply, efforts taken to abolish open-air defecation, road development, conservation of power and operating streetlights only during the needed hours, efficient management of funds, activities of the service centres, improvement in other types of services and special efforts taken. ❖



Irrigation is essential to increase food production. the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps to increase irrigational facilities.

In that way, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the restoration of the Singaneri Lake in Kannanthankudi Melaiyur village in Orathanadu Taluk, Thanjavur district at a cost of Rs. 75 lakhs. As the lake was in a degraded condition, rain water could not be stored in good measure for irrigation and was going waste. The restoration work will include laying the bund with a uniform width of 5 metre, re-constructing one of the sluices, setting up an additional sluice for discharge of water and de-silting of inflow canals and the entire lake. Through these measures, 189 acres of land will get irrigational facility.

Since the sluice bridge constructed 65 years ago as a transport facility for the people on either side of Poondi Reservoir in Thiruvallur District, has been damaged, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of a causeway across Kosasthalayar river at a cost of Rs. 2.86 crores to function as an alternative route and there by prevent damage to the dam structure caused by the vibrations of the overbridge traffic.



## **Causeway at the base of Poondi dam at a cost of Rs. 2.86 crores**

The causeway will be not only useful for transportation but will link the village roads of Krishnapuram, Nayapakkam, Nambakkam and Ariyathur lying between Poondi Panchayat Road and first Rangapuram village.

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The Tamil Nadu Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa is engaged in increasing and improving the urban infrastructure to match the growing urban population and the connected commercial activities.

The urban population in Tamil Nadu accounts for 48.45 percent according to the 2011 census. There is every possibility this may increase to 67 percent in the next 20 years-that is in 2030. As people move to nearby cities in search of employment and as the cities are growing fast, it has become necessary to provide the needed basic facilities to people.

Having this in mind, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already ordered the implementation of an "Integrated Urban Development" plan.

As per this plan, works to establish in urban areas basic facilities such as drinking water supply, disposal of sewage, public health, storm water drainage, thorough fares, roads, solid waste management, parking places, bus stand and parks, are to be taken up in Municipal Corporation and Municipal areas upto a cost of Rs. 5,890.12 crores and in major Panchayat areas upto a cost of Rs. 763.91 crores, that is at a total cost of Rs. 6,654.03 crores. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already passed orders in this regard.

In the first phase, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had allotted last year-2011-2012 - Rs. 506.48 crores for providing basic facilities in Municipal Corporation and municipal areas and Rs. 250.80 crores for the major

## **Allotment of funds - Rs. 750 crores for the continuation of Integrated Urban Development works in 2012-2013**

Panchayat areas a total of Rs. 757.28 crores altogether.

In the current year-2012-13- the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allocated Rs. 500 crores for the Municipal Corporations and municipalities other than Chennai and Rs. 250 crores for major Panchayats, a total of Rs. 750 crores, for continuing the works under the Integrated Urban Development Plan.

The Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has taken a decision to relocate all major Panchayat offices to a layer number of people visiting the offices and with facilities to cater to their needs.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted in the current year 2012-2013, Rs. 7 crores viz. Rs. 1 crore for constructing the Deputy Director of major panchyats office building, Tirunelveli Zone and Rs. 6 crores for 15 major Panchayats at the rate of Rs. 40 lakhs each. The benefiting major Panchayats are: Pennathur in Vellore District, Panaimarthupatti (Salem), Arakandanallur (Villurpuram) Pannaikadu (Dindigul), Chettipalayam and Pallapalayam (Coimbatore) Perundurai and Vengambur (Erode), Kamuthi and Sayalkudi (Ramanathapuram), Kalakadu, Thirukurunkudi, Pathamadai and Thisayanvilai (Tirunelveli) and Aralvaimazhi (Kanniyakumari District). ★



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## New posts of Trainers to develop Sports Persons

A Country's Vigour is measured by the character of its youth and by their victories. Erudition and excellence in sports are essential for the youth. The Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking steps to create such an intelligent healthy society.

Countless schemes like setting up sports hostels, imparting complete training through day-to-day training scheme, laying sports fields at international standards, offering incentives to induce sportsmen to participate in International events and setting up in-door stadiums are being implemented by the Tamil Nadu Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa.

As one of the measures, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the installation of 4 High Mast Tower Electrical Posts at the Nehru Stadium at Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 1.56 crores to facilitate the conduct of day-night matches and to streamline the power facilities and to instal two 75 KVA diesel generators.

The Government will provide 50 percent of the cost as grant and the balance will be met by the Sports Development Authority from its funds.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 10 lakhs for the conduct of state-level competition in badminton, as is done in respect of other games by the Sports Development Authority with a presentation of Hon'ble Chief Minister Trophy.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed recruitment of 80 new trainers over and above the existing 139 trainers, on a contract basis at a monthly salary of Rs. 8000/- so that sportsmen/sportswomen in Tamil Nadu can get effective training and participate in National and International competitions. On account of this, the Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs. 76.80 lakhs.

The Tamil Nadu Government is creating the necessary sports infrastructure in all district headquarters like sports complex, swimming pool and in-door stadiums. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 2 crores for setting up modern swimming pools on international standards at Namakkal and Thiruvallur each costing Rs. 1 crore. ❖





## Hon'ble Chief Minister orders to raise the price of Green Tea by Rs.2 per kilo for the Small Tea growers

**T**he Tamil Nadu Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps to develop the tea industry, the lifeline of the people of the Nilgiris and tea workers.

Following the steep fall in the price of tea leaves in 2001, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the procurement of 200 tonnes of manufactured tea through the Government owned INDCOSERVE from auction centres every month and its sale through fair price shops in all districts. From 28.08.2001, this tea is being sold under the label "Ooty tea".

Likewise the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated on 13.09.2003 an electronic auction centre for the tea-TEASERVE-for the benefit of small growers of tea, the first of its kind in the whole world. Also the Hon'ble Chief Minister implemented in 2005 the "Small Tea Growers Protection Plan" to protect the workers when tea price suffered steeply.

After assuming office for a third time, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered that the price of tea leaves procured from the 22,000 small growers who are members of the 15 Industrial Co-operative Tea Industries in Nilgiris District be raised

from an average of Rs. 6/- per kilo to Rs. 8/- on par with the private sector price. This scheme was implemented till the end of March 2012.

Since the Co-operative Tea Industries have old machineries, the workable price they offer to small growers is less than the market price. With the view the small growers supplying tea leaves to Co-operative Tea Industries should not suffer, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the price offered to them should be along the market price. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the price may be raised upto Rs.2/- per kilo over and above the market price and has allocated Rs. 6 crores towards this for the months July to December.

As the output in 12 of the 15 co-operative tea industries in the Nilgiris District is low, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned a grant of Rs.5.46 crores towards capital expenditure for increasing their productivity through replacing the old machineries and for improving the quality of tea so manufactured. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also permitted INDCOSERVE to utilise from its funds Rs. 54 lakhs for repair works in its damaged buildings. ❖



# Permission to produce artificial sand by pulverising granites

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Selvi J Jayalithaa on 11.8.2012  
(English Translation)

Today (11.08.2012) I convened a meeting to discuss in detail the directive given by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on 3.8.2012 in respect of the sand quarries in Cauvery-Coleroon riverbeds, how it could be

(1) All departments and District Collectors should ensure that sand quarrying should be in such a way as to protect environment.

(2) To avert scarcity of sand, new quarries are to be identified immediately and steps are to be taken expeditiously and to get the permission of the state Environment Impact Assessment Authority.

(3) The District collectors should take steps to prevent illegal sand mining from unapproved places and to make available



given effect to and to ensure uninterrupted supply of sand to construction activities.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity and Prohibition and Excise, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Hon'ble Minister for Public works, Chief Secretary, Director-General of Police, Secretary, PWD and other high officials participated.

The decisions taken at the meeting are:-

sand so that construction activities are not affected.

Also, the meeting decided to grant necessary permission to factories that produced 'Manufactured sand' (by pulverising granites) and to permit immediately the existing crushing units to produce the artificial sand. It was also decided to take steps to get these factories, if needed, loan from the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation for purchase of machineries.

These steps will pave the way for the supply of sand to people at a low rate and without interruption.

## Inauguration of 7 buildings for TANUVAS constructed at a cost of Rs.1.64 crores



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 11.8.2012 declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat 7 Buildings of the Tamil Nadu Veterinary Medical Sciences University, constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,64,88,000/- and laid foundation for buildings to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 3.86 crores.

The buildings declared open were the 2,150 sq.ft office building for the training and research centre at

Salem (Rs.33 lakhs); the 4000 sq.ft hostel building for the (B.F.Sc) men students studying at the Fisheries College and Research Institute at Tuticorin (Rs. 43.50 lakhs); the 1200 sq.ft hostel building for women students doing their M..F.Sc course in the same college (Rs.16 lakhs) the 1700 sq.ft quality control and certificate issuing centre building (Rs. 21 lakhs); to facilitate export of fish and other marine products; the 2600 sq.ft cattle farm training complex building (Rs. 25 lakhs) at the Namakkal Veterinary Medical Research Institute the milking unit (constructed with all modern facilities in the same complex (Rs.8 lakhs) to import training in handling milch cows and the new "website training centre" with 35 computers at the Chennai Veterinary Medical college (Rs.18.38 lakhs) for knowing the latest inputs through the computers and get information through websites.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stones through video conferencing for a hostel for the students from foreign Universities and research scholars on an area of 14,000 sq.ft to be constructed at an estimate of Rs. 1.70 crores in the premises of Poultry Research Centre, Nandanam Chennai; 4 professors' quarters at an estimate of Rs. 1.16 crores in the campus of the TANUVAS and for the construction of Dr. Rao memorial Poultry Rearing Training Centre at an estimate of Rs. 1 crore at the Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal. ●





## Rs. 11.95 lakhs for the upkeep of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi

The Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking steps to maintain in good condition the memorials of leaders who have toiled for the freedom of the country and for its development.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 11.95 lakhs for the upkeep of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai and its surroundings.

The marbles in the pedestal of the statue will be replaced with new ones. Several works such as renovating the parapet over the pedestal, setting up a stainless steel ladder with railings at the backside of the statue, additional lighting, placing flower pots around the statue, attending to minor defects in the statue and painting works will be undertaken.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the renovation at a cost of Rs. 37 lakhs of the 'Manimandapam' set up at Kanniyakumari in memory of Kamarajar who universalized education in Tamil Nadu.

Accordingly works will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 28.32 lakhs for removing cement coating on the walls and in the ground floor and taking up new cement coatings and installing steel railings, locating a garden with in-built water facility at a cost of Rs. 2 lakhs, undertaking electrical works at a cost of Rs. 2.50 lakhs, ornamental work in stainless steel and teak wood at a cost of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 3.18 lakhs for other works.



## An allocation of Rs. 37 lakhs for the renovation of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam



# Protective gear to Fire and Rescue Services Personnel

**T**he Fire and Rescue Services Department has been protecting human lives and their belongings from fire disasters and extending a helping hand to those affected by natural calamities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been taking several steps to improve the working of this department.

Taking into account, the ever increasing number of multi-storeyed buildings in Chennai, so as to keep pace with the population and the growing number of commercial complexes comprising several multi-storeyed buildings and to help fire service personnel discharge their duties efficiently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the purchase at a cost of Rs.5.97 crores of a 'snorkel' whose ladder can reach a height of 54 metres for Chennai use. This vehicle will be handed over to the Ashok Nagar Fire and Rescue Services Station in South Chennai Division.

The acquisition of this vehicle will help in extinguishing fire immediately

in case fire breaks out in skyscrapers and thus avert life and material losses.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the purchase at a cost of Rs.28 crores and distribution of protective gear to fire service personnel who have to dive amidst flames and protect lives and belongings. It includes a three-tier fire-proof jacket with gloves, gum boots, fire-proof helmet and oxygen masks with all accessories.

The protecting gears will be distributed to 1980 persons at the rate of 6 to each of the 302 fire service stations in the state, 4 each to the stations located at Hogenekal and Kothagiri and 160 to supervisory and station staff.





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The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated a software e-pathai (Electronic Project, Administration, Traffic, Highway Assets and Information Management System) for the maintenance of roads in Tamil Nadu, at Secretariat, Chennai on 19.6.2012.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurated works completed at a cost of Rs.3.25 crores in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandaloor, through Video Conferencing at Secretariat, Chennai on 19.6.2012



# Rs.1.25 crore Government Grant for 500 Hindus to undertake Pilgrimage to Mukthinath

Treating all people alike, the Tamil Nadu Government, headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing several schemes to promote brotherhood among them and provide equality of opportunity to them.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had assured during the election campaign that her Government would extend assistance to Christians to undertake pilgrimage to Jerusalem and to Hindus for their pilgrimage to Manasarover in China and to Mukthinath in Nepal.

By way of redeeming that pledge, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already ordered the execution of the financial assistance scheme to 500 Christians in the first phase to go to Jerusalem and come back.

Likewise, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Government grant to 500 Hindus from the State-250 selected by the Indian External Affairs Ministry to go to Manasarover and 250 who undertake pilgrimage to Mukthinath, one of the 108 vaishnavite holy places.

In the current year 2012-2013, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allocated Rs. 1 crore for the Manasarover pilgrimage at the rate of Rs. 40,000/- to each of the 250 pilgrims. The grant will meet a part of the to and fro air fare to Manasarover, estimated at Rs. 1 lakh. For the

Mukthinath pilgrimage, Rs. 25 lakhs has been allocated at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- to each pilgrim to meet part of the to and fro train fare, estimated at Rs. 25,000/-. Totally a sum of Rs. 1.25 crores has been allocated.

To select the beneficiaries for this Government grant, the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department will advertise in the print media before October 15 every year. The Department will select the eligible beneficiaries after examining their applications and in accordance with the rules.

These measures will help Hindus, especially the economically backward, to realise their dreams of undertaking pilgrimage to Manasarover and Mukthinath.





# Orders to set up a Social Audit Society to audit the works undertaken under MGNREGS

**T**he Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has been implementing several schemes to improve the economic conditions of the rural people with a view that the nation's development depends on the development of villages.

Accordingly the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is getting implemented in all districts with verve. The scheme aims at providing employment for not less than 100 days in a year to each rural family that has adults who are willing to do unskilled manual labour. The ancillary aim of the scheme is to further stabilise growth by firming up the development of natural resources through works that prevent drought, deforestation, soil erosion etc. Also, through this scheme, village welfare works such as protection of water resources, afforestation, tree planting

and de-silting of tanks and lakes are also implemented.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has already ordered that the wages disbursed under the scheme enhanced from Rs.119/- to Rs.132/- per worker.

Now the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the setting up of a Social Audit Society (Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu) for auditing the works undertaken in each village panchayat under the MGNREGS and the wages disbursed to workers thereunder. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also ordered the creation of 858 posts for manning this Social Audit Society.

The posts are one Director, 2 Joint Directors, 1 Deputy Director, 1 Social Audit Expert, 4 State Committee Supervisors, 4 Assistants, 44 District Resources Officials (at the district level) 31 District Assistants and 770 Block

Resources Officials. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that 62,620 educated persons working under the MGNREGS scheme be drafted at the rate of 5 for each panchayat, for audit work for 5 days in a year.

On assuming office, the Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalithaa had changed the name of the post Panchayat Assistant into 'Panchayat Secretary' and fixed the salary of the incumbents in a time-scale of pay Rs. 2,500-5,000 and granted a grade pay of Rs.500/- and a special allowance of Rs.500/- to them.

Now the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that a permanent monthly travelling allowance of Rs.300/- be paid to the village panchayat secretaries, to enable them to discharge their duties effectively.

Presently they are not paid any travelling allowance even though they have to make frequent trips, on official duty, to their respective District Collectorate and to the offices of Deputy Director (Panchayats), Deputy Director (Audit) and Panchayat Union from their Village Panchayats. This will benefit the 12,524 Panchayat Secretaries.

Likewise the Hon'ble Chief Minister has granted a special allowance of Rs.200/- per month to the overhead Tank Motor operators in Villages after taking into account the nature of their job. This is the first time that such an allowance is granted to them. ❖





## Applications are invited from indigent artistes for financial assistance under the scheme for distribution of assistance to indigent and aged artistes

Under the Tamil Nadu Government's Scheme for a financial assistance of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) for the best artistes who are aged and are living in indigent circumstances, applications are invited from such artistes in the fields of Iyal, Isai, Dance, Drama, Cinema, Folk Arts, Painting and Sculpture who have completed 58 years of age and have contributed in a significant way in their chosen sphere.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website <http://www.tn.gov.in/appforms/artculture/iyalisaiaappform.pdf> and received from the offices of Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram, Commissioner, Directorate of Art and Culture and the Zonal Art and Culture, Centres.

Completed application forms with proper certificates and recommendations of Revenue Department/RDO should be submitted in the concerned Zonal Art and Culture Centre, that comprises their respective district as indicated below:

<b>Zonal Office where applications should be submitted</b>	<b>Districts covered in the Zones</b>
Assistant Director, Kancheepuram, Zonal Art and Culture Centre 73-A, Mettu Theru, Kancheepuram - 631 501 Phone No. 044-27231339	Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai
Assistant Director, Thanjavur, Zonal Art and Culture Centre 5, Manimegalai Street, Muthamizh Nagar, Medical College Road, Thanjavur - 613 007. Phone No. 04362-240252	Thanjavur, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Thiruvarur
Assistant Director, Madurai, Zonal Art and Culture Centre Government Music College Complex, Pasumalai, Madurai - 625 004. Phone No. 0452-2374420	Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai
Assistant Director, Salem, Zonal Art and Culture Centre Sarada College Road, Azhagapuram, Salem - 636 016 Phone No. 0427-2442197	Salem, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Namakkal, Krishnagiri, Erode, Dharmapuri, Thirupur
Assistant Director, Tiruchy, Zonal Art and Culture Centre 15, Samad Palli Street, Kasa Nagar, Trichy - 620 020 Phone No. 0431-2423122	Tiruchy, Pudukottai, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Karur
Assistant Director, Tirunelveli, Zonal Art and Culture Centre Tamil Development and Culture Central Building, 820, Truckter Street, Government Official 'A' Block, Tirunelveli - 627 007. Phone No. 0462-2553890	Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Virudunagar, Kanniyakumari

Those who had applied in the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 under this scheme need not apply once again. Last date for receipt of applications is 30.09.2012.





The awardees who received the Government Awards and Certificates during the Independence Day Celebrations held at Fort. St. George, Chennai, sought the blessings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** (15.08.2012)