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Honourable Tamil Nadu Chief Minister the Late Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa

### Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa is a phenomenon

Date of Birth: 24.02.1948

Date of Demise: 05.12.2016



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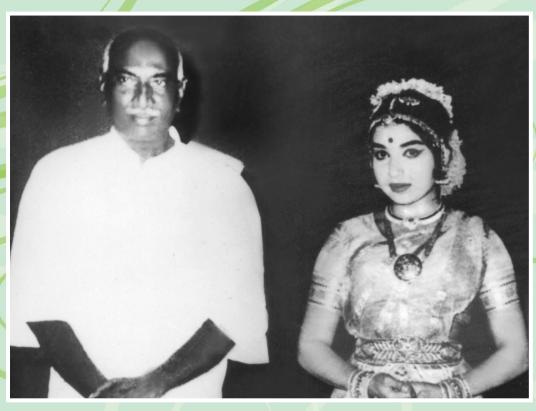




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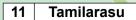




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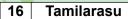
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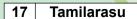




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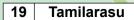
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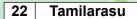
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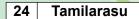




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Taking Oath of Office as Chief Minister for the first time (24.06.1991)



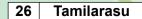
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Taking Oath of Office for the Fifth time (23.05.2015)



Taking Oath of Office for the Sixth time (23.05.2016)

# Memories of Thanga Tharagai



### Even as disconsolate people bid a tearful goodbye,Amma shines in their hearts

Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa was admitted to Apollo Hospitals on September 22, 2016 following a setback in health. As her health condition worsened on the evening of December 4, 2016, intensive treatment was given; the Chief Minister was put on ECMO and other life-saving equipment and intensive treatment was continued by medical experts. A team of expert doctors continued to monitor the Chief Minister's health condition. A team of experts from AIIMS hospital in New Delhi also air-dashed to Chennai and provided intensive treatment. However, the Chief Minister did not respond to the treatment and passed away around 11.30 p.m. on 05.12.2016.

Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa is the queen of Tamil Nadu history; the guardian deity of crores and crores of people; an epoch in the life of the nation and a saga of achievements. On hearing of her demise, the whole of India shed tears, what to speak of Tamil Nadu.

The body of Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa was taken to her residence in





Poes Garden from Apollo Hospitals. After the performance of rituals, the body was taken to Rajaji Hall at the Omandurar Government Estate on Anna Salai for public homage.

From early morning, party volunteers and members of the public in lakhs assembled at the Estate to pay their last respects to their great leader. The entire complex and Anna Salai turned into an ocean of people who struggled to control their tears. Lakhs of mourners turned into a disciplined army and waited for their turn in long queues to pay their tearful homage to the departed leader.

The death of Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, who has carved out a permanent niche in the hearts of the World Tamil Community and who is fondly called 'Amma', has jolted Tamil Nadu and the entire Tamil community spread all over the world and has plunged them into immeasurable grief.

Prominent among those who had placed wreaths and paid their homage were: Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu (in charge) Thiru. CH.Vidyasagar Rao, former Prime Minister Thiru. Deva Gowda, Chief Justice of Madras High Court Thiru. Sanjay Kishen Kaul, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala Thiru. Sadasivam, Hon'ble Chief Ministers Thiru. Shivraj Singh Chauhan (Madhya Pradesh), Thiru. Siddharamiah (Karnataka), Arvind Kejriwal (Delhi), Thiru. Naveen Patnaik (Odisha), Thiru.Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra Pradesh), Thiru.Narayanaswamy (Puduchery), Thiru. Devendra Fadnavis (Maharashtra),



Thiru. Akhilesh Yadav (Uttar Pradesh), Thiru. Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala), former Kerala Chief Minister Ooman Chandi, Maharashtra Minister Pankaja Munde, Maharashtra MLA Thamizh Selvan, all party leaders in Tamil Nadu, high officials of Tamil Nadu Government and the Police Department, Madras High Court Judges and other VIPs, Kerala State Congress President Ramesh Chennithala and consulate heads of foreign countries based in Chennai.

The Vice President of the Congress Party Thiru. Rahul Gandhi and senior leader of that party Ghulam Nabi Azad placed wreaths and paid their homage.

At a function held at Kolkatta, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee offered floral tributes to a portrait of late Chief Minister Puratchi Thalalivi Amma and paid her respects. Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Thiru. Keshari Nath Tripathi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan Vasundara Raje, Assam Chief Minister Thiru.Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam Governor Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Senior Congress leader Thiru. Ashok Gehlot, YSR Congress President Thiru. Jagan Mohan and others condoled the death.

After the public homage, the body of the late Chief Minister was placed in a glass casket and was mounted on a decorated army gun carriage, carried by the personnel of the three wings of the Defence Forces. At the sight of this, lakhs of party volunteers and members of the public burst into loud wailing. Amidst these sights, the funeral procession started.

Amidst the sea of humanity, the funeral procession could only inch its way through

Walajah road to reach the Marina the where arrangements had been made for the burial near the memorial of MGR. There, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. CH. Rao, Hon'ble Union Ministers Vidyasagar Thiru, Venkaiah Naidu and Thiru, Pon. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. O. Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha Dr. M.Thambidurai, Hon'ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. P. Dhanapal, former Governor of Tamil Nadu Dr. K.Rosaiah, Vice President of All India Congress Party Thiru. Rahul Gandhi, high officials of the three wings of Defence Forces placed wreaths and sprinkled flower petals on the body of late Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and paid their last respects. This was followed by the final rites.

The body was then placed in a sandalwood casket embossed with the name 'Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa' both in Tamil and English. After the final homage, the body was interred with gun salute and full State honours.

Though the late Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, affectionately called by the entire world as 'Amma' has faded away from this earth, the stark truth is that, she is living in the hearts of crores and crores of people as a Guide to take them to a life of prosperity.

The Tamil Nadu Government has declared a 7-day mourning and a 3-day holiday for all educational institutions following the sad demise of the former Chief Minister.





## 'Charismatic Leader, People's CM'

#### Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee

Expressing grief at the demise of the stalwart of Tamil Nadu politics, Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee said, "Heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Ms. Jayaram Jayalalithaa, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu".

"One of India's most charismatic and popular leaders, Ms. Jayalalithaa was a visionary and able administrator. Her life was dedicated to the socio-economic transformation of Tamil Nadu and its people," the President said.

"In her passing away, the Nation has lost an icon who was loved and admired by millions. Her contribution to the progress and development of Tamil Nadu will be long remembered," he said.

#### Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi

"Deeply saddened at the passing away of Jayalalithaa; her demise has left a huge void in





Indian politics,"Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tweeted soon after the news of her death broke.

"I will always cherish the innumerable occasions when I had the opportunity to interact with Jayalalithaa ji. May her soul rest in peace," he said.

#### Hon'ble Vice President Thiru. Hamid Ansari

Vice President Hamid Ansari also condoled her death, saying Ms. Jayalalithaa's demise is an "irreparable loss to the people of India". economic development of the State and social welfare of the poorer segments will be long remembered and cherished".

#### Hon'ble Union Minister Thiru. M. Venkaiah Naidu

Selvi Jayalalithaa used to be very

affectionate towards me. I admire her for her courage, dynamism, and bold administration".

#### Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. CH.Vidyasagar Rao

"I am deeply shocked and grieved to hear about the sad demise of Selvi J Jayalalithaa, the charismatic leader and the people's Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

She stood as a symbol of dynamism, bravery and was known for her sagacity and sharp intellect. Affectionately called as "Amma", she

"An eminent public figure, a charismatic personality, she had immense influence over the political developments in Tamil Nadu as well as the National level.

"As Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, her contributions towards the





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was an embodiment of women's empowerment and filled with indefatigable spirit. She was known for her noble qualities and sacrificed her life for the cause of the poor and downtrodden.

Selvi J Jayalalithaa has struggled for more than two months in the hospital and fought the death valiantly with her indomitable will power. It is sad that the clutches of death have snatched away the life of the leader of masses.

I fondly remember the day she received me at the Chennai Airport when I came to assume office as the Governor of Tamil Nadu. Her bottom of my heart to the people of Tamil Nadu and pray to God to rest her soul in peace".

#### Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Tmt. Mehbooba Mufti

"She was a very great leader who fought for the welfare of the people. Selvi J Jayalalithaa was one of the best educated

politicians in Tamil Nadu".

#### Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Thiru. Arvind Kejriwal

"She was a very brave and sensitive leader. The vacuum will be very difficult to fill in the Indian political system".

Mr.Arvind Kejriwal, in a tweet, said, "Very sad to hear the demise of Amma. A very very popular leader. May her soul rest in peace."

affectionate gesture and kind words are still afresh in my memory.

Her passing away has caused an irreparable loss to the nation in general and to Tamil Nadu in particular.

I express my sincere condolences from the



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### Richard R. Verma, U.S. Ambassador to India

"Chief Minister Jayalalithaa will be remembered for her years of public service to Tamil Nadu and as a supporter of closer ties between the U.S. and India. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Tamil Nadu during this time of sorrow".

#### DMK leader M.K.Stalin,

DMK's M.K. Stalin said he was deeply

shocked at the news of Ms. Jayalalithaa's demise. "Though we had different political views, it is an irreparable loss to the State.

My deepest condolences to the party cadres and well wishers in this hour of grief. She was an iconic and courageous leader.

Whatever the issue she remained determined and put herself into it completely to execute it. Her determination to go through with the issue till the end calls for much praise".

#### **Unconquerable Leader**

Congress President Sonia Gandhi, while condoling Ms. Jayalalithaa's death, said, "I am deeply grieved to learn the passing of Selvi J Jayalalithaa.

Selvi Jayalalithaa lived her entire life with the same indomitable courage with which she battled her illness. As the leader of AIADMK and four-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, she had a unique and deep empathy with the needs and hopes of the people, and put in place policies that immeasurably improved their lives.

Whether it was her welfare schemes for the rural and urban poor, her swift relief measures in the aftermath of tsunami, or her vision of Tamil Nadu's industrial development, her leadership qualities and administrative abilities were truly outstanding," Mrs. Gandhi said.

Sonia Gandhi hailed her as a "towering figure in our National and political life, who won admiration across the political spectrum for the intrepid spirit with which she faced the ups and downs of her life in politics".

#### **Mother to Millions**

In his tweet, condoling Ms. Jayalalithaa's demise, Rahul Gandhi said, "We lost a great leader today. Women, farmers, fishermen and the marginalised dreamt through her eyes. We will miss Jayalalithaa ji, Amma to millions.

She was not only a great leader of Tamil Nadu, she was a leader of this country ... our respects to a great lady, to a great leader of Tamil Nadu".

#### **Unique Place in Politics**

Thiru. L.K.Advani, Senior leader, Bharatiya Janata Party: "Selvi J Jayalalithaa of Tamil Nadu was an influential politician.

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Likewise, she remained a famous leader for the poor and the downtrodden. She occupied a unique place in politics. She was courageous. A former actress, she was the queen of Tamil cinema.

## Welfare Schemes that fared well

Thiru. Sitram Yechury, General Secretary, Communist Party of India (Marxist): "I convey my deep condolence over the demise of Selvi Jayalalithaa, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and an influential leader. The various welfare schemes implemented by her Government provided immediate relief to the common man. She has left deep imprints in Tamil Nadu politics".

#### **Famous and Courageous**

Thiru. Lalu Prasad Yadav, President, Rashtriya Janata Dal: "I was extremely sad on hearing the death of the National leader 'Amma' who was pro-poor, famous, courageous, firm and capable of finding a solution to any problem. My prayers for the people of Tamil Nadu, well-wishers of Jayalalithaa and her family members".

She has done a lot for the welfare of middle class, farmers and poor people. I humbly request the people of Tamil Nadu to bear this great loss with courage. Jayalalithaa has left a great void in politics".

#### **Epochal Life**

Thiru. M.G.K. Nizamudin, General Secretary, Indian National League: "The five time Chief Minister whose life was an epoch, has become History today. In her 34 years political life from 1982, she chalked out a unique style of her own, developed herself into a leader of great administrative capacity and scored many achievements. On my own behalf and on behalf of Indian National League, I convey a deep sense of condolence and grief".



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# MGR's Heir

Thiru. M. Karunanidhi, President, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam: "By acting in more than 120 Tamil, Telugu and Kannada films as a heroine of international repute, Jayalalithaa became famous in film world. Later, she was brought to politics by my dear friend Puratchi Nadigar MGR.

She was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1984 to 1989. After M.G.R's demise, she became Chief Minister. Suddenly, she was admitted to the hospital. When there was expectation she would return to her home shortly after the continuous treatment, I was immensely sad to hear the news that she had died.

Though there were differences of opinion at the parties' level, there could never be a second opinion for any one that she had acted courageously in the interest of her party. She had died after a short span of life. However, there is no doubt that her fame will last for ever. I convey my deep condolence to the front rank leaders of her party and her lakhs of comrades and friends".

Thiru. K. Veeramani, President, Dravidar Kazhagam: "The Dravidar Kazhagam was happy to confer the title 'Samooga Needhi Kattha Veeraanganai' (the heroic protector of social justice) for the historic achievement of getting constitutional protection to 69 per cent reservation in Tamil Nadu by including it in the 9<sup>th</sup> schedule of the Constitution (76<sup>th</sup> amendment) and thus helping the oppressed. We hope the mandate she got from the people to rule will be carried on with a great sense of unity in the path she had chalked out. It is most important that this Government."

#### All - round Respect

Thiru. K. Thirunavukarasar, President, Tamil Nadu Congress: "I was sad and distressed on hearing the news that Chief Minister



Jayalalithaa had passed away. Identified by M.G.R, Jayalalithaa remained an uncrowned queen in the film world. Commanding the affection of crores and crores of people and remaining a beloved of women, she was respected by all, cutting across the boundaries of caste and religion. I convey my deep sense of sorrow over her demise".

#### **Humane Leader**

Tmt. Thamizhisai Soundararajan, President, Tamil Nadu BJP: "The Heart refuses to accept that a courageous and a humanistic leader is no more with us. The death of Jayalalithaa alias Amma has caused a void. I feel her death is a personal loss to me. It is not easy for a woman to come up as a politician and become a Chief Minister.

We prayed she should recover. Today, let us pray God to give us the strength to bear the loss. I share my sense of deep grief with the people of Tamil Nadu".

#### **Shock and Distress**

Thiru. Vijayakanth, President DMDK: "I was greatly shocked and distressed on hearing the news that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa had passed away. All prayed that Jayalalithaa, undergoing treatment in hospital, should recover and resume her duties. Now, her death has caused inconsolable grief. I pray to God to let her soul rest in peace".

#### **Noteworthy Journey**

Dr.Ramadoss, President, Pattali Makkal Katchi: "I was shocked and grief stricken to hear the demise of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Selvi Jayalalithaa. There is no doubt that Jayalalithaa's journey in Tamil Nadu politics is noteworthy in all respects."

"Fighting and swimming against the current, marked her life. Though there may be difference of opinion on her way of approach in any matter, , no one can deny, she had led her party in a highly disciplined manner".



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Among the many schemes implemented in her rule, the cradle baby scheme, abolition of lotteries and new Veeranam scheme are a few noteworthy schemes".

#### Multi-faceted Achievements

Thiru. VaiKo. General Secretary, Marumalarchi DMK: "Javalalithaa, a star in 127 films, was a voracious reader; assumed responsibility as Chief Minister 6 times; passed a resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for holding a referendum in the Tamil areas of Sri Lanka for an independent Eezham; protected Tamil Nadu's Tamil rights by moving the Supreme Court on the Mullai-Periyar issue; the persistent efforts of Chief Minister Javalalithaa resulted in the gazetting of the final order of the Tribunal on the Cauvery river issue by the Central Government. I convey my deep condolence to the people of Tamil Nadu and Tamils all over the world who love her most dearly".

#### **Broke Gender Barrier**

Thiru. Thol Thirumavalavan, President. Viduthalai Sirutthaigal "It Katchi: is disappointing that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa could not be saved despite intensive treatment for two and a half months. Her demise has created a big void in the Tamil Nadu political scene. She established herself as a great leader in the political arena in a male dominated social set up by bravely facing countless challenges and numerous critical situations and scored achievements. Her loss cannot be made good in any way. I convey condolence on behalf of my party to all those who are bereaved".

#### **Commanding Leader**

Thiru. G. Ramakrishnan, State Secretary, Communist Party (Marxist): "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa's demise is a great shocking news. She remained a commanding leader both at the State and National level politics. She bravely faced the countless



challenges in her political life. Her loss is an irreparable one".

#### **Shocking Demise**

Thiru. R. Mutharasan, State Secretary, Communist Party of India: "It is unbelievable that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa has passed away. It is shocking. She overcame several hardships in her life, and won the hearts of all. We believed she would return in good health. Her loss is an irreparable loss".

#### **Iron Lady**

Prof. M.H. Jawahirulla, President, Manitha Neya Makkal Katchi: "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Amma's death has plunged all in great sorrow. I convey deep condolence on behalf of my party to all the people of Tamil Nadu grieving over her death.

Chief Minister Amma was a political leader of great intellectual acumen. She had the mental strength to carry out courageously what she felt as right. Though she faced several trials and tribulations in her public life, she became an Iron Lady by overcoming them with courage and self confidence".

"She lost her father at the age of 3; mother at the age of 22; won the hearts of Tamils after overcoming great difficulties. Her loss is an irreparable loss to the entire Tamil community. While offering condolence to all, I pray to God to bestow patience on the people of Tamil Nadu grieving over the loss."

### **Matchless Qualities**

Thiru. Sarathkumar, President, All India Samathuva Makkal Katchi: "Jayalalithaa combined in herself matchless leadership qualities, charisma to attract both the literate the illiterate. dazzling intelligence, and immeasurable mental strength, ability to complete successfully even difficult tasks and noble thoughts to uplift the people. The Tamil race and the people of Tamil Nadu cannot forget for ever the efforts and actions she had taken with an iron will on the basis of morality and law, to tackle some of the long pending



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issues like Sri Lankan Tamils and the sharing of Cauvery waters".

#### Fighter for Rights of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. G.K.Vasan, President, Tamil Maanila Congress: "The death of Chief Minister is a great loss to Tamil Nadu, India and to the Tamil diaspora. She toiled for the people till her last breath. Jayalalithaa instilled hope in farmers by pressuring the Central Government through Courts on Tamil Nadu's important issues of Cauvery and Mullai-Periyar. Though Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, who had lived for the people, passed away, her works and services to the State would stand for ever. My prayers for her soul to rest in peace".

#### **Exemplary Courage**

Thiru. K.M. Khadar Mohideen, State President, Indian Union Muslim League: "Chief Minister Jayalalithaa had the qualities of deep understanding, clear expression and powerful execution of any thing. She was an example for courage. Jayalalithaa's name has found a place in the list of achievers who had established their name and fame permanently in this evanescent world. From today, she has become History".

#### **Unforgettable Deeds**

Thiru. Nawab Mohamed Abdul Ali, Prince of Arcot: "Chief Minister Jayalalithaa was a good administrator; courageous leader; a charismatic leader and one who commanded great respect from people. People of Tamil Nadu will always remember her for her deeds. Late Jayalalithaa had great respect and love for the historic 'Arcot House'. My family will always remember her visit to the hoary 'Ameer Mahal'. It is very difficult to fill the void created by her demise. Let her soul rest in peace".

#### Velu Nachiar of Our Times

Thiru.T. Velmurugan, President. Thamizhaga Vaazhvurimai Katchi:" Jayalalithaa lent her voice tirelessly on the issues of State's rights and on the rights of Tamil race, whenever she held office as Chief Minister On the Eezham Tamils' issue, she passed a resolution in the Legislative Assembly that an independent Tamil Eezham alone is the solution. She was a contemporary Veeramangai Velunachiar who conducted legal battles for the release of 7 Tamils including Perarivalan in the Rajiv Gandhi case. She was a great banyan tree of confidence to the Tamil race all over the world and her demise is a great loss for the entire Tamil race".

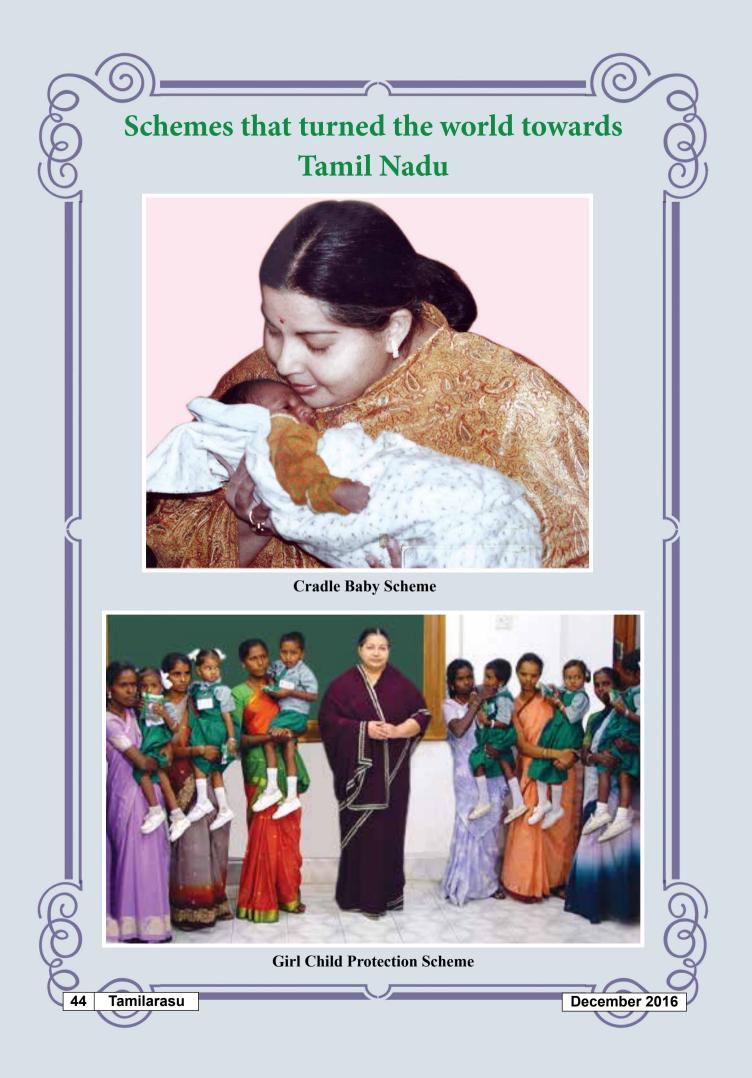
#### **Decisive Voice**

Thiru. Paari Vendhar, President, Democratic Party of India: "Death at the age of 68 cannot be accepted in an era of scientific development and medical wonders. Her voice was an uncompromising war bugle for getting the rights of Tamil Nadu and her achievements and welfare programmes for the people would establish her fame for ever".

#### Woman who stood tall

Thiru. P. Maniarasan, President, Tamizh Desiya Paer Eyakkam : "I express my sense of deep sorrow and condolence over the death of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa. She was a highly popular leader in Tamil Nadu. It is a notable achievement that a woman rose to such great heights in a male dominated political field and stayed put there with an overwhelming support of the people".

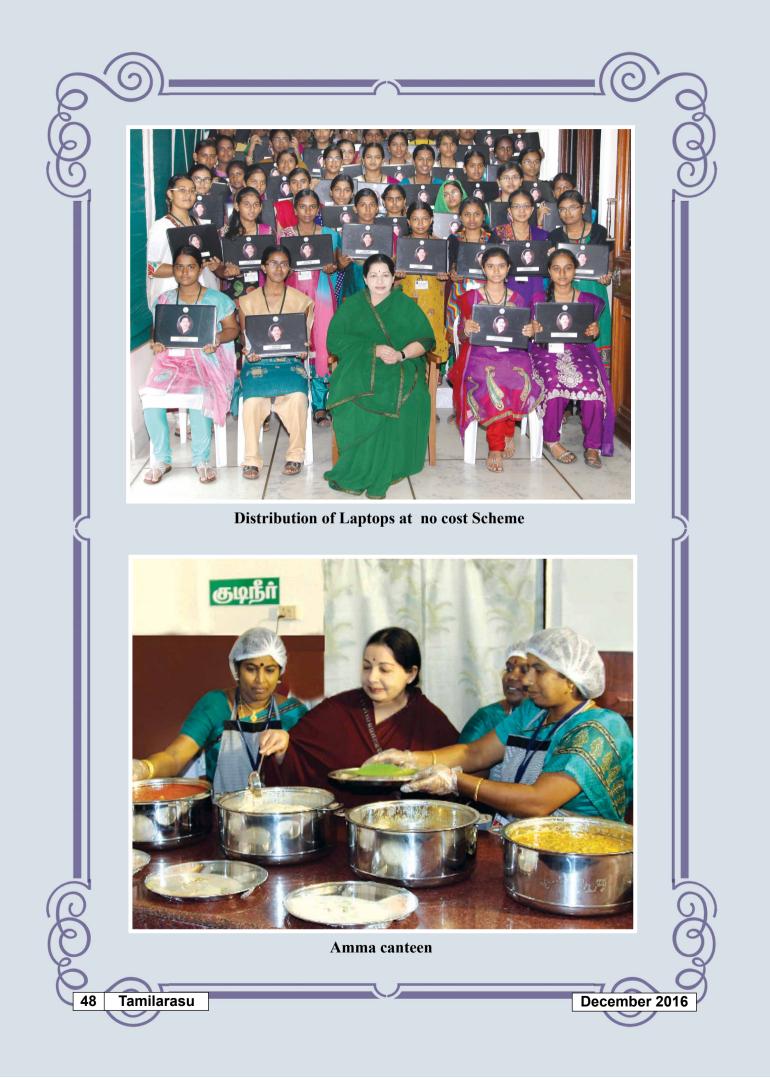
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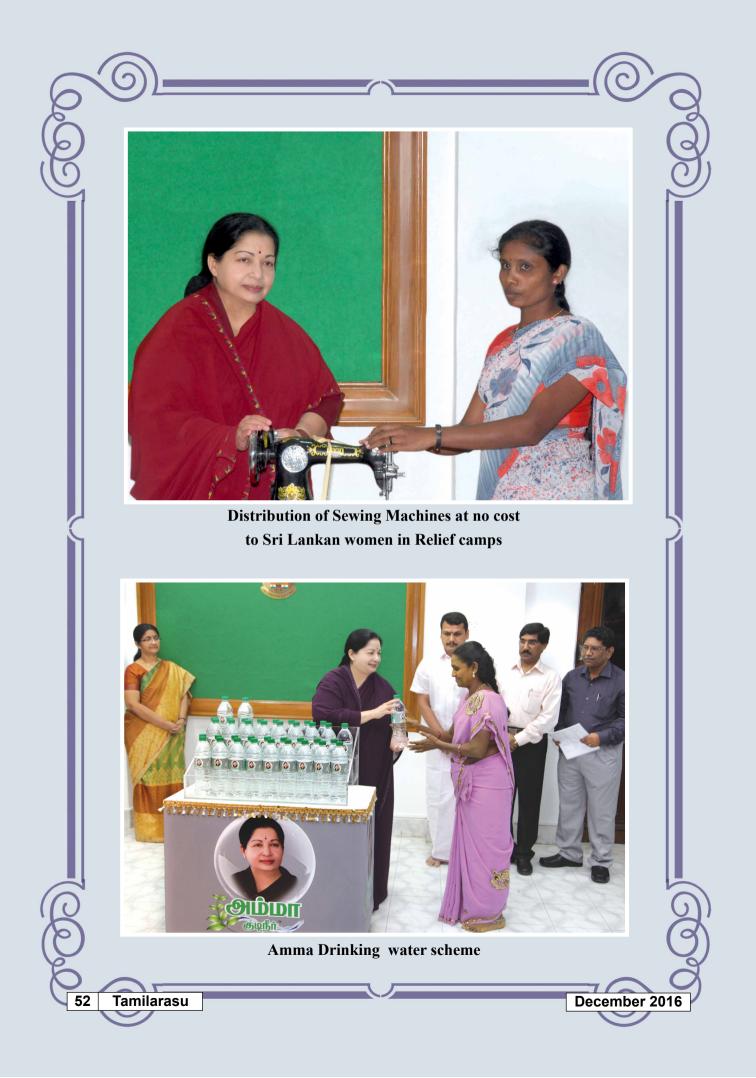










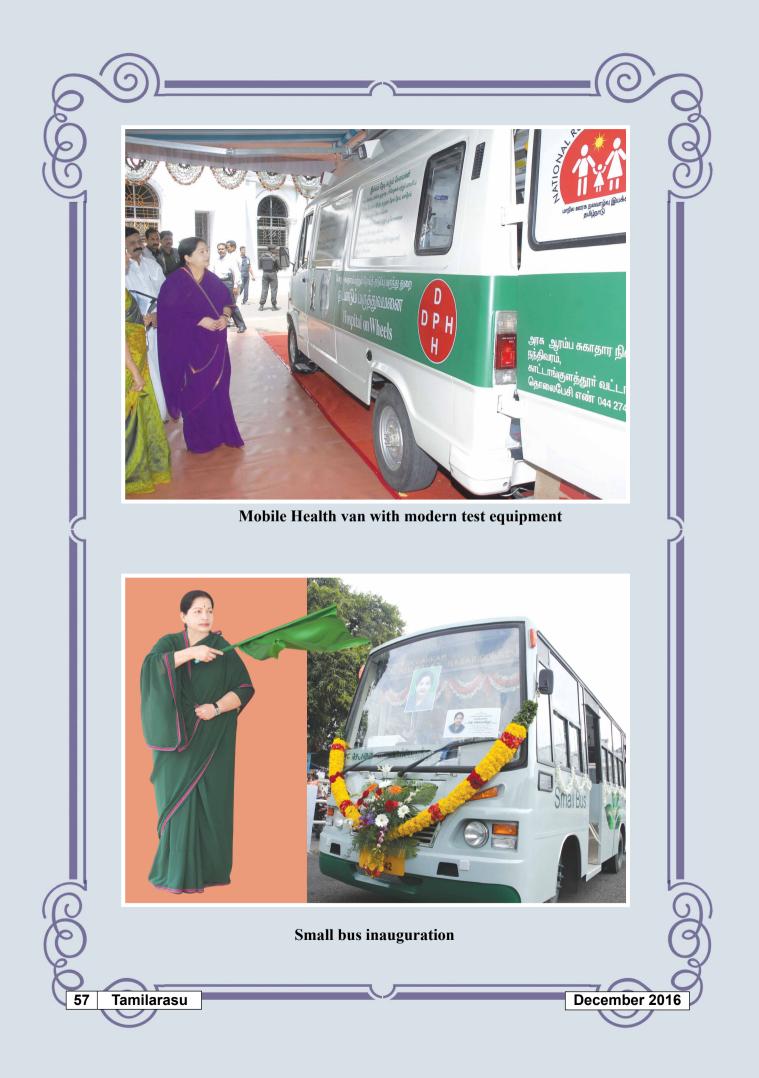








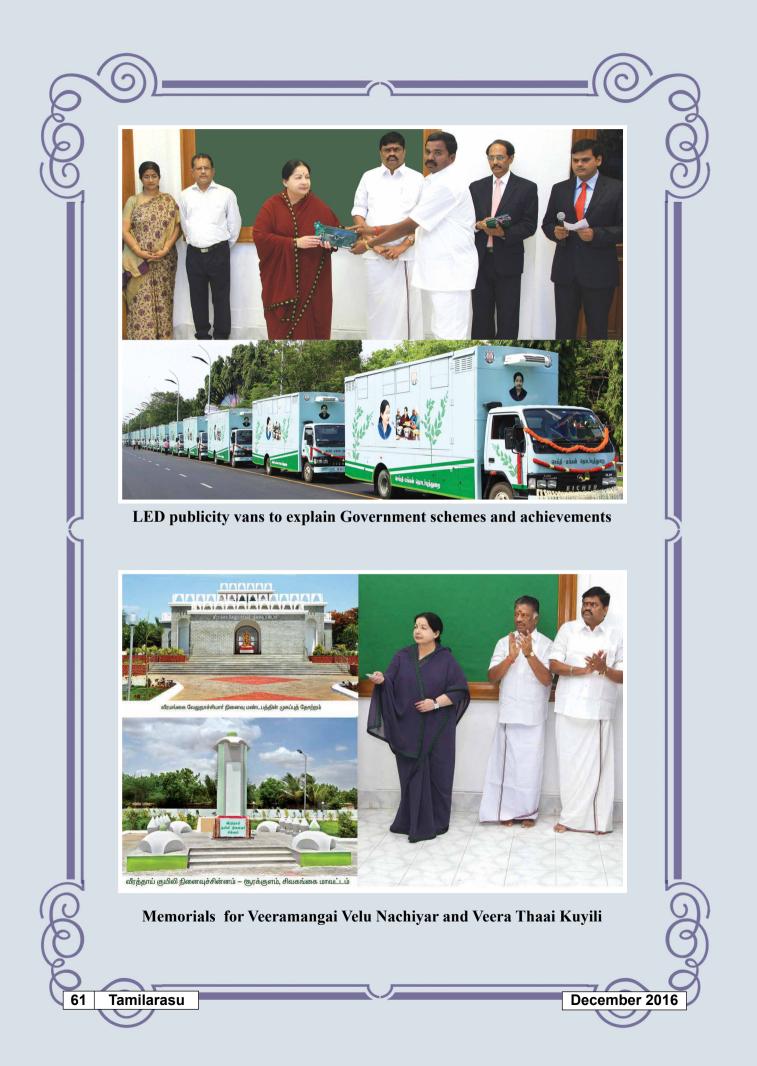






















# Seven-day mourning

The Tamil Nadu Government has declared a 7-day mourning in connection with the demise of Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. During the period of mourning, the National Flag will be flown half mast in all State Government buildings and there will be no Government functions. Also, all educational institutions in Tamil Nadu will remain closed for three days from 06.12.2016, according to a Government press release. Likewise, the Union Government declared a day-long mourning and the National Flag was flown half mast in all Central Government Offices throughout the Country on 06.12.2016.

The States of Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka, Bihar and Uttarakhand too observed a day-long mourning on 06.12.2016; Government offices were closed on that day.

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