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# Chief Minister underscores importance of savings

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on World Thrift Day (*English Translation*).

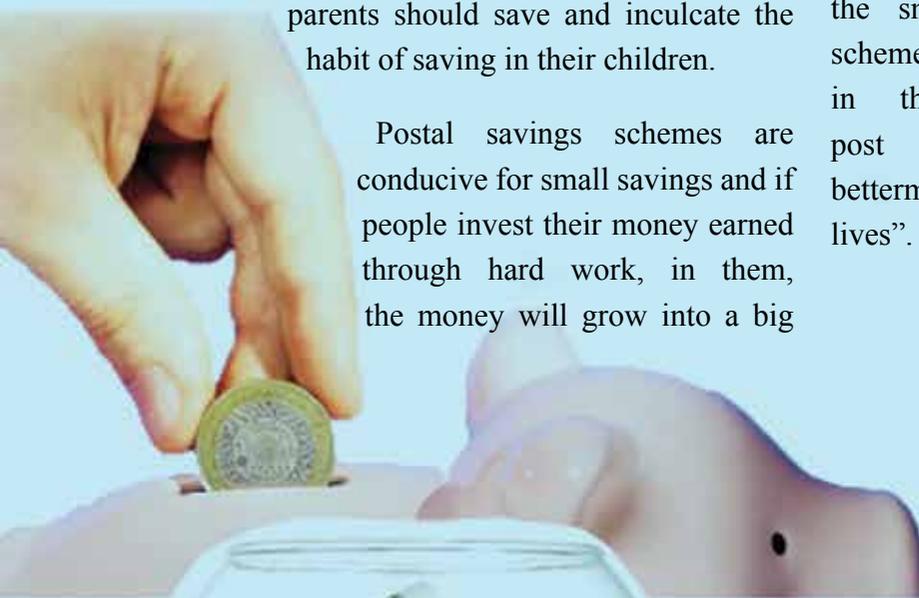
“World Thrift Day is observed every year on October 30 to stress the importance of thrift and savings in the lives of people.

For a bright future, every individual should realize the importance of savings and save hard earned money for the use of family and Country, by leading a frugal life. Likewise, parents should save and inculcate the habit of saving in their children.

Postal savings schemes are conducive for small savings and if people invest their money earned through hard work, in them, the money will grow into a big

amount like small droplets gathering into a big flood and be helpful to meet unexpected expenditure during emergencies.

Keeping in view that ‘today’s savings are the security for tomorrow’s life’, I affectionately request people on World Thrift Day to join the small savings schemes in vogue in the nearby post offices for betterment of their lives”.





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You must listen to the grievances of people amicably and attentively, and with humility and sympathy. You must then function with impartiality and integrity. You must remember that this is your foremost duty.

**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

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## **First Wrapper**

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India **Thiru. Narendra Modi** was welcomed when he visited Chennai on 06.11.2017, by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** at the Chennai airport with a shawl and bouquet. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit** and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister **Thiru. O. Panneerselvam** were present on the occasion.

# Chief Minister lauds Dina Thanthi, appeals to Press to be impartial



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** at the Dina Thanthi newspaper's jubilee function held on 06.11.2017 to mark the completion of 75 years of its publication (*English Translation*).

Prime Minister of India Thiru. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Governor Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Minister of Defence Tmt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of State for Shipping Thiru. Pon. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, Director of Dina Thanthi newspaper Thiru. Balasubramania Adithan, Hon'ble Ministers, Leaders of various parties, film artistes, Members of Parliament and Legislature, respected Elders and Ladies, at the outset I pay my respects to all of you.

Dina Thanthi kindled interest in the common man every day to develop the newspaper

reading habit. I am proud to participate in the jubilee function of such a newspaper to mark the completion of 75 years of its publication.

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister is the embodiment of courage, love and patience. He is taking steps for India to achieve big growth by implementing visionary schemes and reforms. Our Prime Minister is working round-the-clock tirelessly to discharge the responsibility entrusted to him by the people who have the confidence that he will lead India to a New Age. That this function is taking place in the presence of such a great Prime Minister, I consider, is a historic event.

The Director of this daily Thiru. Balasubramania Adhithan has earned the credit of keeping the newspaper with a readership in lakhs, in the premier place continuously through hard work like his grandfather Thiru. S.P.Adhithan and his father Thiru.Sivanthi Adhithan. I firmly believe that he will continue to achieve in this field and take the glory and excellence of this newspaper beyond its centenary.

The four pillars of Democracy are the Legislature, the Executive, the Judiciary and the Press. News denotes the four directions North, East, West and South. That is, it is newspapers which gather the day-to-day happenings in the four corners of the world and carry them to people truly and sensitively. It is the media sector that feels the pulse of the people and takes their viewpoints to the persons concerned. For democracy to flourish, the Government and the media should work together like the wheels of a cart.

When newspapers were patronized only by the educated and the well-to-do, Thiru. S.P.Adhithanar, first started a weekly "Thamizhan" with the view that commoners too should understand the happenings in the Country. Later, he started a daily with the name "Thanthi" at Madurai on 15.10.1942 with the announcement, "Read the day's news on the same day". This was the first daily to have been started outside Chennai. The same paper was started in Chennai in 1943 with the name "Dina Thanthi". Through this newspaper, he increased the reading habit in Tamil Nadu. His efforts helped to promote the newspaper

reading habit even in those who had only a basic knowledge of the language. That those who had no schooling started to read by spelling the letters one after another, was a great success to the simple style he adopted for his newspaper.

Thiru. S.P.Adhithanar sowed the seed for a new chapter in the Tamil magazine world by publishing every month a book "Rani Muthu" with the idea of bringing out a novel every month. Through this, readers started reading stories and the newspaper became very popular.

In tune with the Tirukkural couplet, "Thanthai Maganakku Aatrum Udhavi, Avayatthu mundhi iruppa cheyal" ('Making the son the foremost in an assembly is the help that a father can do to his son'), Thiru.S.P.Adithanar brought up his son Thiru. Sivanthi Adhithan. He handed over the management of Dina Thanthi newspaper also to Thiru.Sivanthi Adhithan. Keeping in mind another Tirukkural couplet, "Magan Thanthaikku Aatrum Udhavi Ivan Thanthai Ennotraan kol Enum Sol" ("The help a son can render to his father is to elicit the comment, "What religious merit his father must have earned to have such a son"), Thiru. Sivanthi Adhithan increased the circulation of the publications of Dina Thanthi, entrusted to him, several-fold. His administrative skills kept the Dina Thanthi daily in the position of the highest sold newspaper in Tamil Nadu for many years.

He set up several educational institutions in Tiruchendur region, the most backward in Tamil Nadu and helped the poor to get education. Besides the newspaper field, he created records in the fields of sports, education, industry and

the like. During Hon'ble Amma's rule, he was the Deputy Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority. The Union Government honoured him with the Padma Sri award in 2008 for his services in the field of literature and education.

News alone is not enough in a newspaper. It should have entertainment sections too. In countries like the USA and Japan, newspapers are published like that. The credit of introducing that model first in Tamil Nadu goes to Dina Thanthi.

Participating in the silver jubilee of this newspaper, Perarignar Anna lauded it saying, "Lakhs of people who read the Dina Thanthi newspaper get the same experience one gets while listening to and enjoying radio that offers everything from news to arts and entertainment."

Perarignar Anna also stated: "Dina Thanthi daily is not just a newspaper but is the sword and shield of Tamils and a soldier capable of protecting the rights of Tamils every time a situation arises when the rights of Tamils are snatched away and Tamils are compelled to defend themselves".

Declaring open the statue of Thiru.S.P.Adhithnar at Chennai on 24.5.1987, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R applauded: "Thiru. Sivanthi Adhithan, besides maintaining his father Adhithanar's establishments, is improving them also in an appreciable way".

Recognizing the neutrality and greatness of Dina Thanthi newspaper, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma presented the first copy of the

election manifesto of AIADMK party for the 2014 Parliament election to the Dina Thanthi reporter.

The statue of Thiru. Adhithanar at Egmore, opened by Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R was temporarily handed over to the Dina Thanthi Management for improving the traffic park developed around the statue. It was restored to the same place on his birth anniversary day of 27.09.2017. The beautification of the place around the pedestal of the statue will be completed by the Greater Chennai Corporation before the end of December.

My good wishes to Dina Thanthi newspaper to continue its publication for many more centuries.

A tree does not bear fruit for its own sake, a river does not flow for its own sake, the wind does not blow for its own sake, the sun does not give light for its own sake, rain does not rain for its own sake, gnanis don't live for their own selves. In the same manner, I request all newspapers to function selflessly and with impartiality.

I take leave, thanking the management of Dina Thanthi for inviting me to participate in this function, to the Hon'ble Prime Minister who has come from New Delhi to participate in this excellent function, to all other participants and the members of the celebration committee of the function.

Nandri! Vanakkam !





# 'Aim of Government is to make Tamil Nadu Police the best'

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** in Chennai on 16.10.2017 after distributing appointment orders to Uniformed Services selected by the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (*English Translation*).

I bow to Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. I am proud and happy in meeting you by participating in the distribution function of appointment orders for the uniformed forces.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Forests Thiru. Dindigul C. Sreenivasan, Hon'ble Minister for School Education Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity P.Thangamani, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development Thiru. S.P.Velumani, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Thiru. D.Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Thiru. K.P.Anbalagan, Hon'ble Minister for Environment Thiru. K.C.Karuppanan, Hon'ble Minister for Labour Welfare Dr.Nilofer Kafeel, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports

Development Thiru. P.Balakrishna Reddy, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble MPs and MLAs, Chief Secretary Dr.Girija Vaithiyathan, Additional Chief Secretary Thiru. Niranjan Mardi, DGP Thiru. T.K.Rajendran, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board Thiru. J.K.Tripathi, high officials of Police Department, selected candidates, friends of Print and visual media at the outset I welcome you all.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, who was by the people and for the people, through her selfless service and administrative acumen turned Tamil Nadu into number one State in the Country.

The present Government is continuing the good governance of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi



Amma by following Amma's dictum of 'peace, resources and growth'.

The Tamil Nadu Police are equal to Scotland Yard in maintaining the law and order and in preventing and solving the crimes.

The Police in the State have been functioning excellently in maintaining law and order, in safe-guarding national integrity and preventing extremism from rearing its ugly head.

During natural disasters, Police, Fire Service and Rescue personnel function well by co-ordinating with other departments. Prison Department Personnel also perform their task well in transforming criminals into well behaved people.

Compared to other States, the number of Police Personnel in the State is higher. As by increasing the number and filling the vacant posts in Police forces, it is possible to provide much better protection to people, you have been selected for various posts in uniformed forces.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma formed a separate Board for recruiting personnel for uniformed services in the State in November 1991. The Board is a pioneering attempt, a model to other States adding to the State's glory.

Till last year the Board had recruited 1,02,432 Uniformed Services Personnel. This year during the budget session I announced that more Police Personnel would be recruited and based on the announcement, the Board has recruited 15,621 Uniformed Personnel for various Departments. Of this, 6,004 candidates are Grade II male Constables and 2,564 are Grade II women Constables. For the Tamil Nadu Special Police 4,567 Grade II Constables and five Grade II Women Constables are selected. Totally 13,140 Grade II Constables have been recruited.

For the Prison Department, 954 Grade II male Jail Warders and 36 Grade II women jail warders have been selected. For the Fire Service and Rescue Department 1,491 Fire

service men have been selected. The Board has created history by selecting 4 transgenders as constables. The Government, which is being guided by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who is resting on the shores of Bay of Bengal, has for the first time in the Country selected transgenders for the Police Department.

I am happy to inform you that apart from these selected candidates more than 6,000 posts are to be recruited soon by the Board. With that a situation would be created that there won't be any vacancies in the Police Department. The aim of the Government is to make the Tamil Nadu Police the best ever force at the International level.

For the first time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, women Police Station was started in Tamil Nadu in 1992. It is not an exaggeration to say that Tamil Nadu is the only State in the Country where nearly one third of Police forces consists of women. This has considerably reduced the crimes against women in the State.

It is a proud moment for you to get an opportunity to serve in the Police Department. I want you to follow the dictum of Perarignar Anna 'Duty, Dignity and Discipline', maintain the decorum of Tamil Nadu Police and provide selfless service to the people. It is an opportunity for you to serve in the Police Department. This is a proud moment for you and your family members. You should keep this in mind and exercise your responsibility. You may have to meet lot of challenges in your career and work day and night. Following Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's golden words that I would not spare

even God if He commits a mistake, you must serve without any bias. You must bear in mind that hearing the grievances of people with humility, warmth, and sympathy is your foremost responsibility.

Hon'ble Amma's Government is providing houses to you under the 'Own Your House Scheme'. Applications are invited for houses in Kizha Kottaiyur similar to the scheme in Mela Kottaiyur, near Vandalur in Chennai. The Scheme is to be extended to other Districts also. This shows the interest of Government in the welfare of the Police forces. Everybody knows that solving crimes with the help of evidence left by criminals, facing challenges during accidents and natural disasters and making sacrifices while doing the duty are the hallmark of Police force.

At this juncture a story comes to my mind.

Years ago people in a village were worried by repeated robbery by thieves. To prevent the robbery, they organized meeting under the leadership of village headman. In the meeting it was suggested that if one man from the village joined the robbery gang without their knowledge and provided information about the movement of the thieves to the villagers it would help them nab the gang.

One brave young man came forward to help the villagers. He joined the robbers' gang and studied their movement. He alerted the gang's movement to the villagers by sending the information in a palm leaf through a near-by river.

The villagers conceived a plan with the information provided by the youth. The villagers attacked the thieves when they were sleeping in their den after taking their food. They also nabbed the robbers and retrieved their stolen goods from the gang.

One brave act by the young man had saved the villagers from the dreaded thieves.

In a similar manner every policeman should act bravely and diligently to establish peace in the Country.

A child asked a flower how it keeps smiling when it is being plucked. The flower said that

the smile I see in the face of the person when he plucks soothes my pain. Similarly, you should be happy when you see people live in peace and happy while you are encountering challenges and pain in exercising your duty. Your hands should become efficient hands to receive honours and medals in future.

My congratulations to the Board chairman and other members of the Board for the transparent and fair selection of candidates.

Nandri, vanakkam.

## NEWS IN PICTURE



In connection with the 110<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar and his Guru Pooja, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and Legislature and Government officials offered, on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government, floral tribute to his portrait, kept near his statue on Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai on 30.10.2017.

# ‘Amma planned for facilities in Tiruvannamalai visualizing it as a world spiritual centre’



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** at the Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Centenary Celebration function held at Tiruvannamalai on 29.07.2017 (*English Translation*).

I bow to Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

I am happy and glorified to meet you all at the Centenary Celebration function of Ponmana Chemmal Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R, who is a symbol of integrity, sceptre of justice, repository of love, modern-day Karna, and Idhayakkani of Peraringnar Anna.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha Dr.Thambidurai, who has delivered a special address, Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. Dhanapal, who has delivered the presidential address, Thiru. Sevoor Ramachandran, in whose presence the function is being held, Thiru. Dindigul C. Sreenivasan, Thiru. Sengottaiyan, Thiru. Sellur



Raju, Thiru. Thangamani, Thiru. Velumani, Thiru. Jayakumar, Thiru. C.Ve.Shanmugam, Thiru. K.P.Anbalagan, Dr.V.Saroja, Thiru. M.C.Sampath, Thiru. K.C.Karuppanan, Thiru. R.Kamaraj, Thiru. O.S.Manian, Thiru. Udumalai K.Radhakrishnan, Dr.C.Vijaya baskar, Thiru. R.Doraikkannu, Thiru. Kadambur Raju, Thiru. R.B.Udayakumar, Thiru. Vellamandi N.Natarajan, Thiru. K.C.Veeramani, Thiru. K.T.Rajenthirabhalaji, Thiru. P.Benjamin, Dr.Nilofer Kafeel, Dr. M.R.Vijayabhaskar, Thiru. M.Manikandan, V.M.Rajalakshmi, Thiru.G.Baskaran, Thiru. S.Valarmathi, Thiru.P. Balakrishna Reddy, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Assembly Thiru. Pollachi V. Jayaraman, Government Whip Thiru. Rajendran, Special Representative of Tamil Nadu at New Delhi Thiru.Thalavai Sundaram, Tamil Nadu Text Book Society and Educational Services Tmt B. Valarmathi, Tamil Nadu Housing Board Chairman Thiru. P.K. Vairamuthu, Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. R. Venkatesan, who welcomed the gathering, District Collector Thiru. Prasant Wadnere, who is to propose the vote of thanks, Hon'ble MPs and MLAs, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union Chairman Tmt. Amutha Arunachalam, former Ministers, MPs and MLAs Party workers who are the roots

of the organization, office-bearers of the co-operative Department, former representatives of the local bodies, Government officials, friends of print and visual media, youth, students, and beneficiaries of welfare assistance - at the outset I offer my respects to you all.

Agriculture is for food, spirituality is for peace, and tourism is for happiness. These three make a man healthy. All these three are found in Tiruvannamalai. So for health, happiness and peace, people from different parts of the world are coming to the holy city, Tiruvannamalai.

The Arunachaleswarar Temple in Tiruvannamalai has the magnetic power to draw people towards it from every nook and corner of the world.

Being born in Tiruvarur confers liberation, it is said. In the same way, living in Kanchi and dying in Kashi are believed to confer liberation. But one gets liberation if one just thinks of Tiruvannamalai.

Of the five sacred places of the five great elements (Pancha bootha thalanganal), Tiruvannamalai is the centre of the fire element.

It is a place where the soul of gnanis and siddhars like Bhagavan Ramana Rishi and Seshadri Swamigal lives.

One of the 18 siddhars, Idaikattu Siddhar got the grace of God here.

Great poets like Manickavasaga Swamigal, Tirugnasambandar and Tirunavukkarasar have sung about this sacred Town. Arunagirinathar who composed Tiruppugazh was born here.

That is why many lakh devotees from all over the world come here for 'Girivalam'.

I am happy that in this sacred soil, the centenary celebration of Makkal Thalaivar, Ponmana Chemmal, Puratchi Thalaivar who has been looked upon as God by poor people is being held.

The purpose of organizing M.G.R. centenary celebrations in different parts of the State is to make the younger generation and children know about M.G.R.'s philanthropy, lifetime achievements, the difficulties he encountered in his life, and the good behavior and culture he maintained throughout his life.

The Tamil Nadu Government started the centenary celebration function in Madurai on 30.06.2017 and planned to complete it in Chennai in December this year.

With the support and co-operation of Ministers, MPs, and MLAs of respective Districts, Government employees, M.G.R.'s blood brothers, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's faithful followers, the functions have been successfully conducted in Madurai and Tiruppur.

Normally people throng Tiruvannamalai during Karthigai Deepam festival. But today the faithful followers of Puratchi Thalaivar and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma have flooded the Town.

For that I congratulate and thank the Hon'ble HR and CE Minister Sevvoor Ramachandran, the party's District Secretary, District MLAs, party volunteers and the good-hearted people for their efforts in successfully organizing the function.

'Schemes should be for the welfare of the people and not vice versa'. These are the golden words of Hon'ble Amma. Hon'ble Amma coined these golden words after seeing the success of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.'s schemes. Puratchi Thalaivar explained how schemes should be conceived for the benefit of people in one of his songs in the film 'Kannithai'. 'Thavi Thavikira Ezhaikkaaga Thittam Podanum, Porulai Sarisamama panguvaikka sattam podanum, Kuvia Kuvia Vilaivadhellaam kooru podanum, Ezhai kudisaikkulle paalum thenum aaraa odanum' (Schemes should be formulated for the suffering poor. Law should be enacted for equal distribution of produce. The grains produced should be equally divided. Milk and honey should flow in the huts of the poor.)

M.G.R. was of the view that the purpose of schemes was to transform the lives of the poor. When he was the Chief Minister he introduced 'one bulb for every hut' scheme in the State so that there was no hut in the State without electricity. Many huts in villages saw light for the first time only after the introduction of the scheme. While the poor got the light, their wards got education. Due to this, M.G.R. earned a place in the hearts of the poor people.

M.G.R. in his childhood days suffered the pain of hunger as he did not have food in his house. This made him take a vow that no child

should suffer from hunger and the result was the Chief Minister's Noon Meal Scheme, introduced in the State in 1982. Now many lakh children are getting mid-day meal every day.

M.G.R. also brought renaissance in the field of education. A year after coming to power, Puratchi Thalaivar introduced 10-year school education replacing 11 year schooling. Pre-university Class (PUC), which was in vogue in colleges before the degree courses in those days was abolished. Instead Two year Plus-2 was introduced in Higher Secondary Schools. While in other States Plus 2 courses were conducted by Colleges, in Tamil Nadu it was run in schools. Introduction of Higher Secondary Schools created an educational revolution in the State and HSC schools were started in every nook and corner of the State. This helped more students in rural areas to undergo higher education.

Puratchi Thalaivar brought a revolution not only in school education but also in higher education. For over 100 years there were only 4 universities in the State. Within 11 years of Puratchi Thalaivar's rule seven new Universities - Bharathiyar, Bharathidasan, Kamarajar, and Anna Universities, Annai Theresa University for Women, Thanjavur Tamil University and EVR Maniammai University for Women - were started in the State.

As the livelihood of Tamil Nadu depends on agriculture, Puratchi Thalaivar took keen interest in the welfare of farmers.

That was the reason why in his film Vivasayi he sang a song: "Kadavul Ennum Mudhalali Kandedutha Thozhilali Vivasayee" (God who is the boss selected the farmer as his worker).

There was no difference between his reel life and real life. He considered farmers as the children of God. Everybody knows that his thoughts manifest themselves as stories, dialogues, and action. Puratchi Thalaivar spread his socialist ideas, his advice to children, sufferings of labourers, respect for women, integrity in politics among common poor through his songs in films.

I would like to cite one instance that how farmers worshipped Puratchi Thalaivar. Puratchi Thalaivar was returning after completing his poll propaganda in Madurantakam Constituency. At the outskirts of the Town, farmers who were working in the fields saw Puratchi Thalaivar. After greeting him the farmers lamented that they were all in debt as their crops had failed in the past three years. They said if Puratchi Thalaivar planted his 'golden' feet in their fields then they would reap bumper crops. Immediately, one farmer brought a mud pot filled with soil. The farmers appealed to M.G.R. to put his foot in the soil in the pot and they would sprinkle the soil in all the fields. Puratchi Thalaivar obliged them.

To respect their love towards him, Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. introduced many innovative schemes for the farmers and improved their standard of living.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma wrote to partymen on 06.01.2010 to show how Puratchi Thalaivar tactically handled the Cauvery issue. Even before assuming power, Puratchi Thalaivar solved the water problem in Tamil Nadu. Before 1977 general elections Puratchi Thalaivar undertook a whirlwind tour



of Tamil Nadu. During his tour he came across dried lakes and rivers and withering crops. The main reason for this was the refusal of the Karnataka Government to release water to Tamil Nadu in the Cauvery. He immediately contacted the Karnataka PWD Minister and volunteered to have dinner with him. The Karnataka Minister was surprised by Puratchi Thalaivar's voluntary offer as in the past Puratchi Thalaivar had never given an appointment to the Karnataka Minister despite his repeated invitations. At the dinner, both the Karnataka Minister and his mother personally served food to M.G.R. Within a few minutes, M.G.R. developed hiccups and Minister's mother asked him to give water to M.G.R. Immediately Puratchi Thalaivar replied that, 'Your son is not giving water to us' indirectly hinting that Karnataka was not releasing water to Tamil Nadu and the crops in the State were withering. The Karnataka Minister realized the intention behind M.G.R.'s visit and immediately contacted his Chief Minister and requested him to

release the water to Tamil Nadu. The Chief Minister also immediately directed his officials to release water to Tamil Nadu. Even before M.G.R. returned to Tamil Nadu, Cauvery water had reached the State.

That was the reason why M.G.R. ruled the State for 11 years for three terms successfully. He lived in the hearts of Tamil Nadu people.

Even before coming to power M.G.R. was popular among the masses. I would like to State one instance which speaks of his popularity.

During the 1976 Lok Sabha elections M.G.R. toured the State along with Indira Gandhi. At an election meeting in Madurai, after all speakers addressed the meeting only M.G.R. and Indira Gandhi were there to speak. A piquant situation arose for the organizers as to who they should call first to address the meeting. Sensing their predicament M.G.R. moved towards the mike and was about to begin his speech. Immediately, Indira Gandhi rushed to M.G.R. and appealed to him to allow her to speak first as the crowd would disperse after his address. Puratchi Thalaivar obliged and spoke after Indira Gandhi. Such was the popularity of M.G.R. No other leader commanded such a respect among people like M.G.R.

Puratchi Thalaivar was of the view that the benefits of welfare projects should reach the common man fully. He was of the firm opinion that products distributed to people under various welfare schemes should be of good quality. During his term he introduced distribution of free footwear to people. Officials of the Tamil Nadu Leather Products Corporation showed M.G.R. a model of chappals to be distributed to the people. M.G.R. put the chappals in water. After some time he removed the chappals and folded them. They broke into two pieces. M.G.R. took the officials to task for the poor quality of chappals. He asked them whether they were going to distribute this type of chappals which would not last even for one monsoon, to the people. He directed them to distribute chappals which would withstand both the heat of summer and the monsoon rains. Only after that were quality chappals distributed to the people.

In a similar manner, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma tested the quality of products that were distributed free of cost to the people. The products given to school children at no cost were also tested for their quality before distribution.

This showed the concern of these leaders for the people of the State. That was why people treated them as their own family members.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, with a long-term motive, made Tiruvannamalai as World spiritual centre. She conceived schemes to provide all necessary facilities to pilgrims and tourists coming to the Tiruvannamalai from all over the world.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, consecration of the Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Temple was conducted on 06.02.2017 at a cost of Rs.1.63 crore. Resting places for sadhus on the 'Girivalam' path, hall for free distribution of food, Odhuvar training school, and Karunai Illam with educational facility, were constructed at a cost of several crore rupees.

Tourist home (Yatri Nivas) is being constructed at a cost Rs.28 crore for the benefit of pilgrims.

Apart from this, between 2011 and 2017 consecration of 449 temples in Tiruvannamalai District was conducted at a cost of Rs.37.02 crore.

The present Government of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has undertaken social welfare activities also along with temple 'tiruppani'. The present Government is continuing various welfare measures initiated by the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Though it is difficult to list all the schemes initiated by Amma, I would like to mention a few of the schemes.

In Tiruvannamalai District, totally 3,112 works were started on 04.03.2017 at a cost of

Rs.192.12 crore including setting up of power sub-stations at a cost of Rs.45.53 crore.

On behalf of Highways and Small Ports Department Zonal office buildings, costing Rs.50 lakh, were declared open at Cheyyar on 08.05.2017.

Foundation stone was laid for Music School building at Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs.85 lakh on behalf of the Tourism, Culture and HR and CE Departments. In 15 high schools in the District, buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs.25,12,24,000/- with funds from the Middle level education scheme.

Classrooms, laboratories, toilets and compound walls were constructed for 3 higher secondary schools in the District with NABARD fund of Rs.5,26,17,000/-. The buildings were declared open on 24.06.2017. So far 3,279 works have been completed at a cost of Rs. 289.81 crore and they would soon be dedicated for public use. Foundation stones were laid for two more works and they are progressing.

Today, I am going to inaugurate the Integrated drinking water supply schemes for Arani Municipality at a cost of Rs.36.26 crore and 134 other works, including buildings, valued at Rs.67.12 crore.

Both Puratchi Thalaivar and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had special attachment and concern for the spiritual Town of Tiruvannamalai.

I assure you that more schemes would be announced for the District to make it a model District in the State.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma nurtured the AIADMK party like a family with military discipline. The cadres sacrificed for Amma and Amma in turn sacrificed for the party workers and protected the party. For the growth of the party both Amma and the workers sacrificed a lot. In this connection I would like to tell a story.

Once a herd of cows was returning in the evening after grazing. One of the cows which was sick was coming behind the herd. A fox and its cub watched the movement of the sick cow and decided to attack the cow and eat it. When they approached the cow, the cow said that it had no objection to be a prey for them. It then said, "But before that I would like to make one request to you. As we, the cows, are considered sacred by people we will not go back on our given word. My calf will be waiting for my arrival. If you eat me, my calf will be worried as it does not know my whereabouts. Please permit me to go to my house and meet my calf. After informing my calf, I shall definitely return and become your prey. Till then you wait. This is my promise".

But the fox did not believe the words of the cow. It said, "Your calf and other members of your herd will not allow you to return here after you reach home". But the cow said, "I assure you again that I will not go back on my promise. If I do so it is a disgrace to my herd". The fox was moved by the cow's request and allowed the cow to meet its calf.

After reaching home the cow narrated the incident to its calf and advised the calf to be a good calf in its absence. It said, "You should always live in harmony with the fellow cows". After giving this advice, the cow started returning to the fox to meet its commitment. But to its surprise, the cow saw its calf had already reached the fox and was found talking to it.

The calf was requesting the fox to eat it also along with its mother as it could not remain alone after the death of its mother. After hearing the words of the calf, the fox's cub was very much moved by the love of the calf towards its mother and told its mother not eat the cow. The fox and its cub bowed to the cow and calf for their affection towards each other and spared them.

Similarly, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma made sacrifices for the party and cadres like a mother. I request you to remain loyal to Amma and protect the party.

For the benefit of devotees, drinking water, toilet, and street light facilities are being provided and broadening of Girivalam path is being done at a cost of Rs.68 crore.

The opposition parties are making baseless charges against the AIADMK Government regarding NEET examination. This Government is functioning by keeping in mind the future of students. Every time I go to Delhi and meet the Prime Minister, I request him to exempt Tamil Nadu students from NEET. I would like to mention here that our Ministers during their visit to Delhi met the Union Minister of

Health, Law Minister and Human Resources Minister and requested them to give exemption to the students of Tamil Nadu from NEET examination. Puratchi Thalaivi's Government has great concern for the students.

Farmers require alluvial soil as the base fertilizer to improve the fertility of the soil. To make this alluvial soil available to farmers, the Government has allotted Rs.100 crore under the Kudimaramathu scheme and selected 1,519 tanks throughout the State. Farmers are happy as they are allowed to take the alluvial soil free from these tanks. Farmers all over the State are now engaged in removing the soil from the tanks to develop their lands. As the scheme is extremely successful, the Government has allotted Rs. 300 crore more for the extending the Kudimaramathu Scheme and included 2,065 more tanks. Earlier the Government used to float tender for removing the soil from the tanks. Now the tender procedure has been given up and the farmers themselves can take this soil from the tanks without paying any fee to the Government. This has twin benefits. The farmers are getting alluvial soil, besides the tanks are getting deepened thus increasing their capacity.

Now, the scheme is being carried out throughout the State successfully with the participation of the farmers.

On 13.03.2017, I myself inaugurated the kudimaramathu scheme at Manimangalam tank in Kancheepuram District. Similarly, in other parts of the State, Ministers of the

respective Districts inaugurated the schemes in their Districts. After that the scheme is going on in full swing throughout the State. Fifty-five days after the inauguration of the scheme, the Opposition leader in the State conducted desilting operation at the Sri Kothandaramar Temple tank in Saidapet, after seeing the success of the Kudimaramathu scheme. Normally people desilt tanks and rivers to remove the top soil from them. This would increase the capacity of the tanks and will be helpful in storing more water during rains. The Opposition leader could not digest the success of the Government scheme. He did not make any attempt to desilt the same temple tank when it was bone dry. But to show the public that his party was also interested in the welfare of farmers, he went to desilt the temple tank after I inaugurated the scheme. No doubt his operation was also good. I think he desilted the temple tank with a view to gain religious merit for himself. After that the Opposition leader went to my constituency.

There are over 40,000 tanks and pools in the State. It is not possible to desilt them all at one time. So the Government is doing the operation in phases and allotting funds for them. But the opposition leader wants to desilt the tanks without getting Government permission. Where is the justification for it? The tanks and pools are Government properties. How can one allow desilting of the tanks without getting Government permission. But his partymen went to the tanks in their respective areas and tried to take soil by preventing local farmers from doing so. How can this be allowed? They

created scenes when officials prevented them from desilting the tanks. These are all attempts to put the blame on the Government. But this Government functions as per law and it would not allow any unlawful activities. According to the Government order, one should get permission before removing the soil from the tanks. Based on the order, only farmers are taking the soil for their lands. But the opposition party men wanted to violate the law and are trying to take things for granted. How could a Government allow this 'unlawful activity'.

The opposition leader also made a wrong Statement. He said that no desilting activity has taken place in my Constituency. That is why the Opposition leader said he went to the Chief Minister's Constituency to desilt the tanks there.

As per Government's record there are 39 water bodies in my Constituency including 8 under the control of the PWD and 31 under the control of Local body. I would like to State that so far desilting operations have been completed in 36 bodies and 2,326 farmers have taken 2,62,803 cubic feet of soil from these tanks.

In Salem District there are 979 water bodies. Of these 133 water bodies are under the control of PWD, and 846 under the control of Local bodies. Till 26.07.2017, desilting operations are going on in 425 water bodies. Permission has been granted to 37,636 farmers and they have removed 3,51,41,888 cubic feet of sand and gravel.

But the Opposition leader says that no desilting operations in the State. There is a proverb in villages. Trying to fish in troubled waters. The Opposition leader is doing the same, thinking and trying to hide a pumpkin in a morsel of food.

The Opposition leader announced that he is going to desilt the Kacharayan tank, where desilting operations have already been done and farmers have removed the soil. The Opposition leader's action is only a gimmick.

There are many places to do politics. I request him not to do politics with the lives of farmers who are already suffering due to failure of monsoon. The farmers are trying to save rain water by desilting the tanks. Do not try to do politics and play with their lives.

The State is reeling under unprecedented drought of a severity unheard of in 140 years. There is not enough rain in the State. It received only 32 per cent of the normal rainfall. There is no water in a majority of tanks in the State. In some places one has to dig bore wells for more than 1,000 feet to get drinking water. To meet this situation, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government has taken steps to solve the drinking water scarcity in the State. I am happy to inform that there is no drinking water scarcity in the State thanks to measures taken by the Government.

The Government has taken steps to sanction Rs. 2,247 crore as drought relief to farmers affected by drought in the State. I would like to inform that drought relief is given to the

affected farmers in different parts of the State. Similarly for farmers who want to undertake cultivation, I have ordered giving of sufficient crop loans to them.

The present Government of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has done a revolution and renaissance in the field of education. Separate attention is being given to education. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had brought a renaissance in the field of education. In 2016, the State had registered an enrollment of 44.3 per cent in higher education as against all-India enrollment of 24.3 per cent. The reason for this is that during six years rule of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma totally 65 Colleges have been started including 4 Engineering colleges, 16 Polytechnic colleges, 21 Government colleges, and 24 University Constituent Colleges.

Thanks to opening of Engineering and Arts and Science Colleges in the State, the standard of education has improved substantially. A majority of these colleges are opened in rural areas to benefit the rural poor so that the suppressed, most backward and backward class students pursue their higher education. I am happy to say that the standard of education has improved in the State.

I am proud to say that this Amma Government has planned to open 11 colleges in the current year, including 8 Government Arts Colleges, and 3 University Constituent Colleges.

Thanks to consistent efforts made by the Government, the Sri Lankan Court ordered

release of 74 fishermen, who were earlier arrested by the Sri Lankan Army. This is due to pressure exerted by the Tamil Nadu Government on the Central Government and I thank the Prime Minister for his efforts to get the fishermen released.

Similarly, the Government is taking steps to provide houses for homeless people in Panchayat, Municipality and Corporation areas. It has planned to sanction a subsidy of Rs. 2,10,000/- for this project.

Due to my request to the Prime Minister that more money should be sanctioned to build houses for all in the State, he has announced in a public meeting in Rameswaram yesterday that money will not be a hindrance for sanctioning houses to the people in the State. This is a victory for the Amma's Government.

During the DMK regime there was acute power cut in the State. Because of this workers lost their jobs. Immediately after coming to power, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma completely changed the power situation in the State within three years of her rule. Amma converted the power cut State into power surplus State.

Accepting the demands of the Ministers, MLAs and the general public belonging to Tiruvannamalai District, I want to make 2 major announcements on this occasion.

A new Taluk known as Jamunamarathur will be created by including Polur, Chengam and Kalasapakkam divisions. The new Taluk will

help people in the hills to contact their Tahsildar to find solutions to their problems.

At present there are only two revenue divisions in the District. For administrative convenience, and the convenience of the public, a third revenue division will be formed with Arni as headquarters consisting of the newly formed Jamunamarathur Taluk and Arani, Polur and Kalasapakkam Taluks.

Amma's Government is your Government. It is a Government for the poor and the downtrodden. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma Stated in the Assembly that the AIADMK will continue to rule the State for the next 100 years and take care of the poor and marginalized people. The present Government will march on its victorious path and I am sure you will stand behind this Government.

Yesterday was ours, today is also ours and tomorrow will also be ours. Vaazhga Anna Namam, Valarga Puratchi Thalaivar Pugazh and Puratchi Thalaivi Pugazh Onguga.

Nandri, Vanakkam. ■

# Expedite action brings timely relief to Chennai areas hit by heavy rain



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami visited on 03.11.2017 the areas in Chennai and Kancheepuram District, affected by the North-East monsoon and inspected the ongoing relief operations, taken up on a war-footing. He consoled the people lodged in camps and distributed relief articles to them.

In continuation of this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected on 05.11.2017, the repair works to remove blocks in the Kodungaiyur Link Canal in the R.K.Nagar area under the Chennai Municipal Corporation area with robotic excavator, purchased from Lichtenstein in Europe and directed officials to expedite the work. He also ordered raising of the height of the bridges over the Link canal on

Tondiarpet Highway and on Manali Road for the smooth flow of water in future.

He then inspected the pumping of stagnant water in Venus Nagar near the Rettai Eri junction, Chennai and directed heightening of the drainage canals for people to cross the 200 ft. road there easily. He visited the medical camp held at Tirumalai Nagar on Vivekananda Main road in Ward 65, Zone 6 and distributed bread, biscuits and milk to about 200 beneficiaries including elders and children.

In Chitlapakkam area in Kancheepuram District, the Chief Minister inspected rain water affected areas, and the operations to drain the water in Babu street, Jawahar street, Vaithilingam street and other areas. After getting briefed that these areas are inundated



through the surplus drainage canals of Selaiyur and Chitlapakkam lakes, the Chief Minister announced that Government would examine the construction of a storm water drainage through the Tambaram-Velacherry Main Road as a permanent solution to this problem.

The Chief Minister inspected the streets in the Swamimalai area in Pallavaram Municipality. He learnt from the people that water had collected to the height of more than 3 feet and it had been pumped out and the level had come down to less than one foot. He instructed the widening of the existing storm water drain there and linking it with the nearby one at Thorapakkam road to find a permanent solution. He also distributed relief articles to the affected people in those streets.

At Keezhkattalai, the Chief Minister presented cheques of Rs.4 lakh each to the families of Thiru. Lokesh and Thiru.

Kishorekumar of Anakaputhur Village, Pallavaram Municipality, Kancheepuram District, and consoled the families. The two were struck by lightning and died.

Later talking to newsmen, the Chief Minister said: In the two month period of the North-East monsoon, the average rainfall is 79 cm. But in the last five days, 56.5 cm of rain has been recorded in Chennai city and suburban areas – nearly 72 per cent of the total rainfall. Despite the heavy rainfall, Government has taken action immediately and drained the water completely. Of the 315 places where rain water had stagnated, it had been totally pumped out in 200 places. Pumping work is on in the remaining 115 places. In the heavily water-logged areas like Sastri Nagar, Rajaji Nagar, Periyar Nagar, V.G.P. Selvam Nagar and Bhuvanewari Nagar, water is being pumped out through 167 motors. Also, water has been cleared in 22 sub-ways and traffic has been restored.

Eighty camps were readied to lodge the rain-hit people. Now, 2,161 people are staying in 20 camps. They have been supplied 1,81,625 food packets. This morning alone, 34,959 food packets were distributed.

So far, 32,236 persons have been treated in 512 medical camps. Already 400 special mobile medical camps were set up to rush medical assistance immediately. In deference to requests from people, 200 more mobile camps have been flagged off today. Totally, 600 mobile camps are operating. About 3,000 personnel - Doctors, Nurses and staff to help them - are manning these camps.

Information is collected immediately about the areas of water-logging and pumping operations are undertaken. Government is providing all necessary facilities to people - food, clothes and medical service. Nearly 14,000 tonnes of silt have been removed to a distance of 1,500 km, facilitating quick draining of rainwater despite the very heavy rains.

The speedy action was not confined only to the last two days. Officials rush to the affected places and meet the needs of the people. Pumping out stagnant rain water is done speedily. Officials have been briefed by senior Ministers in the three meetings, I had



held in anticipation of the rains, on preventing the damages, pumping out rainwater and on distribution of Government assistance.

Following the orders of the Supreme Court and High Court, Amma's Government is removing encroachments in waterbodies. The Government is also providing alternative accommodation to the encroachers. Removal of encroachments is not confined to monsoon seasons alone but is continuing.

As for coastal Districts, particularly Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur, the District Ministers and officials concerned undertake relief operations together. Government is also speedily taking action to remove rain water from farmers' fields.

Hence, the Government has left no stone unturned to stand by the people.

# 'Unique projects for Kancheepuram, starting point of the AIADMK'



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** at the Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R. Centenary celebrations held at Vandalur in Kancheepuram District on 30.08.2017 (*English Translation*).

I bow before Idaya Deivam Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, who permeates the hearts of the Tamil people.

I am extremely happy and proud to see you all in the centenary celebrations of Ponmana Chemmal Bharat Ratna Hon'ble Dr.M.G.R, who is sceptre of Justice, symbol of love, epitome of courtesy, man of principle, and personification of philanthropy.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Assembly Thiru. P.Dhanapal, who has delivered the presidential address, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, who delivered

the munnilai address, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. P. Benjamin, Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. Venkatesan, who welcomed the gathering, Kancheepuram Lok Sabha Member Tmt. K.Maragatham Kumaravel, Sriperumpudur Lok Sabha member Thiru. K.N.Ramachandran, South Chennai Lok Sabha Member Dr.J.Jayavardhan, Sriperumpudur MLA Thiru. K.Palani,

Hon'ble Ministers Thiru. Dindigul C.Sreenivasan, Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan, Thiru. Sellur K.Raju, Thiru. S.P.Velumani, Thiru. K.P.Anbalagan, Dr.V.Saroja, Thiru.



M.C.Sampath, Thiru. K.C.Karuppanan, Thiru. R.Kamaraj, Thiru. O.S.Manian, Thiru. Udumalai K.Radhakrishnan, Dr.C.Vijayabaskar, Thiru. R.Doraikkannu, Thiru. Kadambur Raju, Thiru. R.B.Udayakumar, Thiru. Vellamandi N.Natarajan, Thiru. K.C.Veeramani, Thiru. K.T.Rajenthirabhalaji, Dr.Nilofer Kafeel, Thiru. M.R.Vijayabhaskar, Dr.M.Manikandan, Tmt.V.M.Rajalakshmi, Thiru. K.Pandiarajan, Thiru. G.Baskaran, Thiru. Sevvoor S.Ramachandran, Tmt.S.Valarmathi, Thiru. P.Balakrishna Reddy, Chief Government Whip Thiru. S. Rajendran, Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Chairperson Tmt. B.Valarmathi, Tamil Nadu Housing Board Chairman P.K.Vairamuthu, Kancheepuram District Collector Thiru. P.Ponnaiah, Kancheepuram East District secretary and former MP Thiru. Chitlapakkam Rajendran, Kancheepuram West District Secretary and former MLA Thiru. Walajabad Ganesan, Kancheepuram Central District Secretary Thiru. Arumugam, former Minister Thiru. Somasundaram, former Ministers, MPs and MLAs, representatives of various co-operative bodies, former Members of local bodies, Party

cadres, who are the aerial roots of the AIADMK, Government employees, friends from print and visual media, respected elders, ladies, youth and students and beneficiaries of various welfare schemes... at the outset I offer my respects to all of you.

Kancheepuram is a mix of spirituality, education, art, and politics. Among the Towns, Kancheepuram is an excellent Town and so it is called Nagareshu Kanchi by scholars.

According to Patanjali Maharishi, Kancheepuram is an ancient city and belonged to second century AD. Kancheepuram Town was once the capital of Thondai Mandalam and later that of Pallava Kings till 9<sup>th</sup> century AD.

Sri Kailasanathar Temple here, constructed by King Rajasimhan before seventh century AD, adds glory to the Town. Great saints Appar, Sundarar, and Sambandar sang songs in praise of this temple.

Arulmigu Varadaraja Perumal Temple here is one of the 109 Divya Desams and 12 Alwars have mentioned about the glory of this sacred temple in their songs.

Foreign tourists were overawed by the 19 Prakaara Vimanams, 400 pillars, 100-foot mandapam, and artistic sculptures in the temple.

Kanchi Kamatchi Amman Temple is one of the Sakthi Peetams and Saint Arunagirinathar sang about Lord Muruga's abode in Kanchi Kumarakottam here. Kachiappa Sivachariar, who authored Kandapuranam was a native of Kanchi Kumarakottam.

The 300-year old Jumma Mosque, constructed by Nawabs of Karnataka, adds glory to the Town. Sri Vedagiriswarar Temple in Tirukazhukundram in the District is revered as a holy place to which devotees flock.

It is a knowledge city where scholars, religious minded people and educationists were born and lived. Chinese traveller Xuanzang has mentioned in his travelogue that an educational institution Kadiga and Ashoka Stupi were in Kancheepuram.

Pugazhendi Pulavar, who composed 'Nalavenba' belonged to the District.

The 68<sup>th</sup> Peethadhipathi of Kanchi Mutt His Holiness Sri Chandrasekerandra Swamigal graced the Town.

Like a mother, Kancheepuram District protected and nurtured all religions, namely Vaishnavam, Saivam, Samanam, Baudham, Kirithuvamand Islam.

Sekkizhar Peruman, who compiled the history of 63 Sivanadiyars and presented the great epic Periya Puranam to Tamil language, was born in Kundrathur in the District.

Among the 63 Nayanmars, 4 of them, namely Thirukurippu Thonda Nayanar, Iyadigal Kadavarkon Nayanar, Kazharsinga Nayanar and Sakkiya Nayanar belonged to this District.

Poigai Alwar, Bhoothath Alwar, Thirumazhisai Alwar, and Vedanta Desikar also belonged to this scared Town.

Sri Ramanujar, known as the Revolutionary Saint of Vaishnavam was born about 1,000 years ago at Sriperumbudur in the District.



World renowned philosopher Dharumapalar, who was the Chairman of the Nalanda University and Bodhi Dharmar, who set up a Buddhist Mutt in China were born here.

Philanthropist Pachaiappar who spent his entire earnings on constructing educational institutions and free choultries, lived in this Dharma Bhoomi.

Uthiramerur is the first Town in the Country where democratic election process was introduced through 'Kudavolai' to elect the head of villages.

Mamallapuram Town, which attracts tourists from all over the world for its beautiful stone sculptures, showcases the art, paintings and architecture of Tamils to the world, is in this District.

Apart from attracting tourists from all over the world, Vedanthangal Sanctuary in the District, draws birds from all over the world.

As the Town has got so many spiritual strengths it is said that one can attain mukthi if he lives in Kanchi.

Kancheepuram District is known for various tanks just as it is called temple Town.

There are about 2,000 tanks and more than 4,000 small and major ponds in this District and the agriculture in the District depends on these tanks.

There is an old saying that if you go to Kancheepuram you can earn livelihood by doing weaving. Till date, weaving is the major occupation for people here. Likewise, one can go on listing the glories of Kanchi.

By giving birth to Arignar Anna, Kancheepuram has occupied a special place in the world of politics apart from its spiritual and knowledge power.

If the seed of self-respect sprouted in Erode, it was nurtured and developed in Kancheepuram.

When Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma addressed a public meeting in Kancheepuram on 08.02.2003, she proudly listed the links between Kanchi and the party AIADMK. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma said that Kancheepuram was a sacred place which gave birth to Anna. The AIADMK party had his name in the party and his portrait in the flag. This showed that the link between Kancheepuram and the party was strong and wonderful. "It is a matter of pride to have the name and portrait of Anna in the AIADMK. I am duty-bound to praise Kancheepuram as it has shown through Perarignar Anna that even a common man could become history".



Periyar and Perarignar Anna were responsible for spreading Dravidian principles in the Tamil soil and thereby made people think independently.

Thanthai Periyar's self-respect and Perarignar Anna's thinking attracted Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar towards the Dravidian Movement.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R., who was in the Congress Party, was introduced to Perarignar Anna in 1952. Attracted by Anna's oratorical power, writing skill and thinking capability, Puratchi Thalaivar became a full-time Dravidian worker. After joining the Dravidian movement, Puratchi Thalaivar actively involved himself in the party works as well as in social activities.

After becoming the heartbeat and future of the Dravidian Movement, Puratchi Thalaivar also became the 'Idayakkani' of Perarignar Anna. Till date, Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. is the life and soul of the party workers. Through his dialogues and songs in his films, Puratchi

Thalaivar propagated the principles of Perarignar Anna to the people.

In the film 'Netru, Indru, Naalai', Puratchi Thalaivar in one of the songs praised Arignar Anna in the following words. 'Nattukkaga Uzhaipatharke Anna Pirandhar, Podhu Nalathil Naal Muzhuvadhum Kannaai Irundar. Etrukonda Pathavikellam Perumaiyai Thanthar, Than Iniya Kudumbam Ontrukku Than Varumaiyai Thanthar (Anna was born to work for the Country, He intently spent all his time in public service, He adorned every post that he held, He gave poverty only for his family).

In the beginning of the song, M.G.R. sang, Thambi Naan Padithen Kanchiyile Nethu, Adhai Naan Unakku Sollattuma Indru' (I learnt my political lessons in Kanchi yesterday, I will share them with you today) and 'Endrum Nallavarkku Vaazhvu Varum Naalai, Idhu Arignar Anna Ezhuthi Vaitha Olai' (A successful life always awaits good people, this is the assurance given by Arignar Anna).

Through the words 'Naan Padichen Kanchiyile Netru', Puratchi Thalaivar stated that he learnt Duty, dignity and discipline from Arignar Anna.

As per the request of the Arignar Anna, Puratchi Thalaivar contested the Assembly Elections in 1967 from St.Thomas Mount constituency in Kancheepuram District and was elected to the Assembly.

When Puratchi Thalaivar launched his own party in the name of Anna, the first meeting of the party was organized in Kancheepuram.

While felicitating Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma said just as



Parambu Malai is identified with philanthropist King Pari, Parangi Malai is synonymous with Puratchi Thalaivar. The native of AIADMK volunteers is Kanchi as it gave birth to Arignar Anna who introduced M.G.R. to the politics.

I took over as the Chief Minister with the blessings of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and I shall not forget this day as I feel it a privilege to address you from the soil of Kanchi.

The Second World Tamil conference was held in Chennai in 1968, when Perarignar Anna was the Chief Minister of the State. On the occasion, Puratchi Thalaivar installed the statue of Anna on Mount Road in Chennai from his personal finances.

Before installing the statue, Hon'ble M.G.R. sent a photographer to Anna's House to take a photograph of Anna for using it as a model for the statue. Anna posed for the photograph by showing his five fingers. But the photographer said that Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. wanted a photo of Anna showing only a single finger.

Anna immediately obliged saying that there would be some reason if M.G.R. had made such a request. Later when Anna met M.G.R., he asked M.G.R. what was the significance of showing one finger, when the party's symbol was identified with five fingers? Puratchi Thalaivar said people would understand Anna's golden words, 'Ondre Kulam and Oruvane Thevan' (People are one, God is one) on seeing his statue showing one finger. Anna also lauded M.G.R. for his humanism as he considered equality alone was important. This humanism made Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar as Makkal Thilagam.

During the silver jubilee celebration of M.G.R.'s film 'Enga Veettu Pillai', Anna predicted that if M.G.R. actively involved himself in politics, he would make his own mark in it also.

Anna's prediction came true in 1977 when M.G.R. took over as the Chief Minister of the State. M.G.R. was the first cinema actor who broke the iron curtain of cinema and moved with the public. That was pointed out by Anna much earlier. Only after M.G.R., many cine actors entered active politics and spent their earnings for the welfare of the people.

M.G.R. donated his earnings liberally for the poor as he believed in the dictum of Anna that one can see God in the smile of the poor.

Anna considered that the hard work of M.G.R. was responsible for the Dravidian Movement to strike roots in the Tamil Soil.

Anna openly acknowledged the popularity of M.G.R. and said that the party's victory would be assured if M.G.R. toured the every nook and corner of the State.



Like Anna, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma also had long-term perspective. His song in the film 'Nam Nadu' testifies to this. In the song Puratchi Thalaivi Amma welcomed Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.: 'Vangaiya Vathiyar iyya, Varaverkka Vanthom Iyya. Ezhaigal Ungalai Nambi Ethir Parthu Nindrom Iyya' (Welcome, Vaadhyaar Iyya, We have come to welcome you, We, the poor, believe in you and are awaiting your arrival).

Every party worker knows that Puratchi Thalaivi Amma faced many hardships and humiliations in protecting the party. She pointed out in the Tamil Nadu Assembly that the party would continue to rule the State for the next 100 years.

The blessings of Anna, M.G.R. and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and the unity of the party workers would further strengthen the AIADMK Government in the State.

The Government following the path laid by Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has been implementing various welfare schemes for the benefit of the people.

Today, in connection with the Centenary celebrations of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.,



I am happy to inaugurate completed welfare schemes, lay the foundation stone for new schemes and distribute welfare measures to beneficiaries in Kancheepuram.

Under the School Education Department, buildings constructed at a cost of Rs.16,10,65,000/- in 10 different places, and on behalf of Town Panchayats, marriage halls, and water tanks at Madambakkam, Peerkankaranai, Thiruneermalai, Mangadu, Uthiramerur, Perungalathur, and Karunguzhi, constructed at a cost of Rs.27,24,96,000/-, will be declared open.

On behalf of TWAD Board 58 completed works, at an estimate of Rs.77,41,71,000/- including drinking water supply works, at a cost of Rs.13,15,46,000/- will be declared open in Karunguzhi and Tirukazhukundram Town Panchayats.

Foundation stones are being laid for 17 works at a cost of Rs. 8,62,82,000/- on behalf of the Rural Development Department, four works at a cost of Rs.4,91,03,000/- in Padappai, Pazhavanthangal, Pallavaram and L.Endaathur on behalf of PWD, construction of buildings at a cost of Rs.2 crore on behalf of Municipal

Administration and Water Supply, 8 works at a cost of Rs.5.14 crore, on behalf of Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, and 3 works at a cost of Rs.4,06,43,000/- on behalf of Education Department and provision of additional water supply to Kancheepuram Municipality from the Tiruvannamalai integrated water supply scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.600 crore. Totally, foundation stones are being laid for 37 works totally costing Rs. 32,34,36,000/-.

I wanted to list some of the schemes that were completed at a short time by this Government, which functions under the guidance of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Till date, after the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Government took charge of the State, I have inaugurated 33,191 schemes completed at a cost of Rs. 7,301.71 crore, laid foundation stones for 4,215 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs.2,093.05 crore.

In connection with the Centenary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Centenary celebrations, I have distributed welfare assistance to the tune of Rs.166,02,66,107/- to 24,269 beneficiaries in Kancheepuram District.

Since Kancheepuram is the starting point for the AIADMK I have given unique projects to the District. Based on the demands of the people more schemes will be implemented in the District.

I am confident to say that the Party which is bearing the name of Kanchi Thalaivan cannot be cowed down by any force on earth.

Let us take a vow on this soil of Peraringnar Anna's birthplace that to protect the

organization, let us stand together and make any amount of sacrifice and we will not allow any people to divide the party for their selfish ends.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma Government, has inaugurated many welfare schemes and is fulfilling the dreams of two great leaders, Puratchi Thalaivar Ponnamma and Dr.M.G.R and Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

These two leaders worked throughout their lives for the welfare of the poor, workers, farmers and agriculture workers in villages. I like to inform that this Amma Government will work for achieving the aim of these two great leaders. We inaugurated the exciting Kudimaramathu Scheme first on this soil at Manimangalam village in the District. The scheme is a boon to Villagers. The District has more than 2,000 tanks and 4,000 ponds. The farmers and agriculture workers in the District are utilizing these water sources for agriculture purpose and also for drinking water. To conserve rain water in these tanks and ponds fully, the Kudimaramathu scheme was inaugurated by me in the District. The scheme has been completed. In the first phase Rs.100 crore has been allotted for the scheme. With the active participation of farmers and local residents, I am happy to say that the Government has desilted 1,519 tanks in the District. I am happy to announce that the scheme has now been extended and Rs.300 crore has been allotted in the second phase to desilt 2,065 lakes in the State. By desilting the lakes and ponds, farmers get alluvial soil free of cost which they use as base fertilizer for improving the productivity. I am happy to point out that Amma's Government has given this wonderful scheme for the welfare

of farmers. In a similar manner, steps are being taken to renovate the sluices in 787 tanks in 23 Districts. Through this, all the rain water will be saved for the benefit of farmers.

Amma's Government has allotted Rs.1,000 crore in the last three years for constructing check dams across tanks and pools. These check dams improve the ground water table in and around these water bodies, besides conserving rain water. I am happy to announce that steps have been taken this year to construct more check dams across tanks and ponds and for this Rs.350 crore has been allotted by this Amma Government.

Similarly, godowns are being constructed in different parts of the State to enable farmers store their produce. From 2011 to 2016 the Amma's Government has constructed a number of godowns in the State and helped farmers for their livelihood. The farmers can avail loan facilities at a simple interest by mortgaging their produce in these godowns. Once the price of the produce increases, farmers can redeem their produce and sell them at a remunerative price.

Thanks to various measures taken by Amma's Government for the benefit of farmers, the State has created a record in food production. Between the years 2011 and 2016 the State's food production has exceeded 100 million tonnes four times. For this the State has received Krishi Karman Award from the Central Government four times in the last five years.

At present the State is witnessing severe drought ever seen in the last 140 years. To overcome the drought situation and to protect the farmers in the State, Amma's Government has issued orders sanctioning an input subsidy

of Rs.2,247 crore to farmers as drought relief. Similarly, under the New Crop Insurance Scheme, farmers affected by drought are given insurance money to the tune of Rs.1,882 crore. The Government is taking steps to settle the insurance claims of more farmers in the State. To protect coconut farmers, Amma's Government has allowed tapping from coconut trees. I like to point out that due to this measure, the farmers in the State will get additional income from their coconut trees. Under the farmers protection scheme compensation for natural death of farmers has been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs. 20,000/-.

The education index measures the growth of the Country. Whether it is a Country or State, the economic development of the Country or the State will improve only if there is a growth in education. One can see such a growth in Amma's Government. Only in the Amma's Government, the enrolment of students in higher education has increased considerably. In the year 2011, when the Amma's Government took charge, the enrollment was 21 per cent. Thanks to the revolution brought out by Amma's Government in the last six years, the enrolment rate has increased to 44.3 per cent for higher education. That means 44.3 students out of 100 are pursuing higher education in the State. There is a jump of 23.3 per cent in the enrollment. It shows how much importance the Amma's Government has given for education by sanctioning more funds. Due to opening of colleges and polytechnics in rural areas, poor and marginalized students in villages are able to access higher education. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has created an interest among



rural students to go for higher studies. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi has opened 65 colleges in the last six years, including 21 Government Arts and Science Colleges, 24 University Constituent Colleges, 16 Polytechnic Colleges, and 4 Engineering Colleges. I am proud to announce that in the current year, Amma's Government has opened 8 Arts and Science Colleges and 3 university constituent colleges in the State. By this, Amma's Government has created a situation where students in the lower strata of society are able to go for higher studies as fees in these colleges are affordable.

Similarly, Amma's Government has recruited more teachers and filled vacant posts in educational institutions. In November 2012, the Government has created a record by recruiting 21,800 in one day and invited all of them to Chennai to receive their appointment orders. Apart from this, the Government has declared open high-tech computer laboratories at a cost of Rs.438 crore, and smart classes at a cost of Rs. 60 crore. In the current academic year, Rs.397 crore will be spent for improving the infrastructure in schools.

I am happy to announce that for the economically poor people in Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations, from the

year 2015 to till date 3,26,000 houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs.11,457 crore. I want to point out that in Town Panchayats and Municipalities, the Central and State Governments are giving a subsidy grant of Rs. 2,10,000/- per house. My personal meeting with the Prime Minister has yielded results in getting more assistance from the Prime Minister. Acceding to my request, the Prime Minister at a meeting in Rameswaram announced that the Central Government is ready to sanction any number of houses to Tamil Nadu.

A majority of people in Kancheepuram District are weavers. For the benefit of weavers, Amma's Government is providing power at no cost to weavers.

This year the State has recorded 68 per cent less rainfall. Ground water level in many places has gone down by more than 1,000 feet resulting in severe drinking water shortage. To tide over the drinking water scarcity, the Government has been sanctioning funds for digging bore wells.

During the year 2016-2017, the Government has executed 24 integrated drinking water schemes at a cost of Rs.901.33 crore for the benefit of 26,71,000 people.

To meet the election promise made by Amma during 2016 Assembly Elections, Amma's Government has increased the grant to pregnant women from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs.18,000/-. In no other State in the Country pregnant women are taken care of as in Tamil Nadu and the scheme was due to Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's motherly affection towards women. Apart from the financial assistance during pregnancy, the Government is also giving free gifts to women after their delivery. This free gift has 16 items

which are necessary for newborn babies and lactating mothers. Likewise, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma conceived schemes that are beneficial to people.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is the only Chief Minister in the Country to give laptops, worth Rs. 14,000/- free of cost to school students to enable them to go for higher studies. The scheme is not in vogue even in advanced Countries. Hon'ble Amma gave long-term beneficial scheme for the people which will ever remain in the history. Unemployment dole of Rs. 13 crore is being to 57,000 beneficiaries in the State.

Amma Government is functioning efficiently in the State. Amma Government's only aim is to fulfill the dream of Puratchi Thalaivar Ponmana Chemmal Dr. M.G.R. and the Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Unfortunately, some people are bent on toppling the Government. They are planning to come to power through the back door. But their plan will not work. We know that when Ponmana Chemmal M.G.R. started the organization he suffered a lot, had to face many comments and withstand humiliations. He nurtured the organization by shedding his blood. After the demise of M.G.R., the hard work of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma protected the organization. Amma is the only leader who toiled night and day and sacrificed her life for the party as well as its Government. Both these leaders throughout their lives worked for the welfare of the people and protected the organization. The duty of workers is to continue the work of these leaders. We must be ready to make any sacrifices to realize the dreams of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and the Puratchi

Thalaivi Amma. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has given strength to us to face any challenges and cross hurdles to save the party. As long as the party has cadres like you, none can harm the party. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had successfully retained power for second term in succession and her followers are running the Government successfully. Where there is hard work, there will be truth. Truth will always triumph. We are not afraid of any one. Our Government and the party will remain ever.

### **Announcements for Kancheepuram District**

The Senkazhu Neerodai Street in Kancheepuram will be renamed as Dr.Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Salai and the East Raja Veedhi as Dr.Puratchi Thalaivi Amma Road.

The District sports stadium will be named after Perarignar Anna and will be called Perarignar Anna District Sports Stadium.

The Uthiramerur Arts and Science College, functioning at Thirupulivanam in Uthiramerur Division will be named as the Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. Arts and Science College.

A new suburban bus stand will be opened at Kancheepuram and it will be located at Keezh Kadhirpur village near Kancheepuram.

New buildings will be constructed for Kancheepuram and Thiruperumbudur Taluk offices.

### **Construction of check dams**

Check dams will be constructed across Palaru at Isur - Vallipuram in Madurantakam Division, Venkadi and Ullavur in Walajabad Division, Vayalur in Thirukazhukundram Division, Puzhaveli and Paalur in Chengalpattu Division, and Venkatapuram in Kancheepuram Divisions after conducting surveys. The purpose of these

check dams is to prevent rain water going waste to sea.

There has been a demand to construct a check dam across Palar in Vayalur Village to prevent erosion of sea water and to prevent water pollution. The demand will be considered and the check dam will be constructed after a detailed survey.

At present there is no fishing harbour in Kancheepuram and Villupuram Districts. Fishermen in this District have been demanding a fishing harbour at the mouth of Buckingham Canal. The Government will conduct a survey to construct fishing harbours at Kazhiveli in Villupuram District on both sides of Alampuri Kuppam and Azhagan Kuppam.

There is a significance to Arignar Anna Zoological Park near here.

The zoo was inaugurated by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar Bharat Ratna Dr.M.G.R on 24.07.1985 at a cost of Rs 7.3 crore.

Puratchi Thalaivi amma who showed equal concern for animals visited the zoo twice in her career and named two lion cubs at the zoo.

In this historic park, tree planting function was organized and I planted trees on this happy occasion.

On this happy occasion, I thank three District secretaries of the party, Chitlapakkam Thiru. Rajendran, Walajabad Thiru. Ganesan, and Thiru. Arumugam, MPs and MLAs, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Thiru. P.Benjamin and Government officials who worked day and night for the success of the function.

Nandri! Vanakkam. ■



# Chief Minister orders grant of Rs. 10 crore for Tamil chair in Harvard University

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 27.10.2017 (*English Translation*).

“The Tamil language is most ancient; it is the Mother of all Dravidian languages; With its grammar and literature, it is a rich language; it is a pleasing language to all.

Every language has an identity of its own. The specialities of Tamil language will not certainly be in other languages. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma thought high of the Tamil language as one which alone 'has the unique quality and capacity of fostering other languages without getting itself distorted. In tune with this thinking, Hon'ble Amma's Government has been taking several steps for Tamil development and for the welfare of Tamil scholars.

In that way, Dr. Janakiraman and Dr. Thirugnanasambandam, Tamil residents of America are taking efforts and raising funds for setting a Chair for Tamil language at the famous Harvard University in America.

In this connection, they approached Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma for funds. As a follow up of this request, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma declared in the AIADMK party's

Election Manifesto, released for the 2016 general election that a Chair will be created in the famous Harvard University for Tamil language for spreading the greatness of Tamil language all over the world.

By way of implementing this declaration and after examining the request of the world Tamil community, I have ordered the grant of Rs.10 crore on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government that follows the footsteps of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, for the establishment of the Chair for Tamil language in the Harvard University.

By creating this Chair, many works can be undertaken to make known globally the richness of the Tamil language like doing research in Tamil on Indology in the United States of America, attracting students to do research in Tamil Literature, Grammar and Tradition, subjecting documents connected with Tamil language in the libraries and depositories of America to research and taking efforts to copy and publish the hitherto un-published documents”.

# ‘Amma punished wrong-doers, appointed no heir, paved way for commoner to lead her Government’



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** at the Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. centenary celebration at Tiruvallur on 05.09.2017 (*English Translation*)

I offer my humble pranams to all pervading Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. I am extremely happy and overwhelmed to see you all in the centenary celebration of Ponmana Chemmal Dr. M.G.R. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha Dr.Thambidurai, who has delivered a special address Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru. Dhanapal, who has delivered the presidential address, Hon'ble Deputy

Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. P.Benjamin, who has delivered 'Munnilai' address, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture Department Thiru. K.Pandiarajan, Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. R.Venkatesan I.A.S., who has welcomed the gathering, Tiruvallur MP Dr.P.Venugopal, who has delivered a special



address, Arakkonam MP Thiru. G.Hari, Sriperumpudur MP Thiru. K.N.Ramachandran, North Chennai MP Thiru. T.G.Venkatesh, Ponneri MLA Thiru. P.Balaraman, Ambattur MLA Thiru. V. Alexander, Tiruttani MLA Thiru. P.M. Narasimhan, P.M.Natchiappan, Gummidipoondi MLA Thiru. K.S.Vijayakumar, Poonamallee MLA Thiru. T.A.Ezhumalai,

Hon'ble Ministers Thiru. Dindigul C.Sreenivasan, Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan, Thiru. Sellur K.Raju, Thiru. P.Thangamani, Thiru. S.P.Velumani, Thiru. D.Jayakumar, Thiru. C.Ve.Shanmugam, Thiru. K.P.Anbalagan, Dr.V.Saroja, Thiru. M.C.Sampath, Thiru. K.C.Karuppanan, Thiru. R.Kamaraj, Thiru. O.S.Manian, Thiru. Udumalai K.Radhakrishnan, Dr.C.Vijayabaskar, Thiru. R.Doraikkannu, Thiru. Kadambur Raju, Thiru. R.B.Udaya Kumar, Thiru. Vellamandi N.Natarajan, Thiru. K.C.Veeramani, Thiru. K.T.Rajenthra Bhalaji, Dr.Nilofer Kafeel, Thiru. M.R.Vijayabhaskar, Dr.M.Manikandan, Tmt. V.M.Rajalakshmi, Thiru. G.Baskaran, Thiru. Sevoor S.Ramachandran, Tmt. S.Valarmathi, and P.Balakrishna Reddy, Deputy

Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. Pollachi V.Jayaraman, Government Whip Thiru. Rajendran, Special Representative of the Tamil Nadu at New Delhi Thiru. N. Thalavai Sundaram, Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Tmt. B.Valarmathi, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board Thiru. P.K.Vairamuthu, Tiruvallur District Collector Tmt.E.Sundaravalli, Hon'ble MPs and MLAs, former Ministers, former MPs and MLAs, former representatives of local bodies and members of various co-operative societies, party volunteers who are the aerial roots of the party, Government staff, media friends, youths, respected elders and ladies, youth and students beneficiaries of the welfare scheme --- at the outset I offer my respects to all of you.

I consider it a great privilege to participate in the function being held at Tiruvallur, one of the 108 'Divya Desams', the abode of Arulmigu Veeraraghava Perumal.

The Sangam literature classifies Tamil Nadu into five different types of land and the District has in it four of them viz., Kurunji, Mullai,



Marutham and Neithal lands. The District conveys the philosophy of life in a spiritual way.

Lord Muruga married the tribal woman Valli in Tiruttani in Tiruvallur District to establish that there is no caste differentiation.

Pattinathar, who propagated life's philosophy that nothing, not even an eyeless needle, accompanies man after death attained siddhi at Tiruvottiyur in Tiruvallur District.

Revolutionary mystic Vallalar Ramalinga Adigal who stressed 'Jeevakarunyam' (show kindness to all) lived along with his mother in Ponneri in Tiruvallur District.

Karaikkal Ammayar for whom the God appeared in person and called her 'My Mother' ('En ammaiye'), walked on her head to see God at Thiruvalangadu in Tiruvallur District.

Of the 63 Nayanmars, Moorka Nayanar, Kalia Nayanar, and Poosalar Nayanar, belonged to this District.

According to 'Periya Puranam' the Lord participated in the consecration of a temple constructed by his poor devotee Poosalar Naiyanar in his mind on the same day without presenting himself in the consecration of a stone temple built by Kanchi King Karkodan. It is a great pride to us that Poosala Nainar lived in Tirunindravur in the District.

Thirukachi Nambigal and Thirumizhaisai Alwar, propagated Vaishnavam, Thozhuvur Velayutha Mudaliyar spread 'sanmargam' (spiritual harmony) and William Goudie, Christianity, in this District.

The District is considered as the sanctuary for devotees with Devi Karumari Amman Temple in Thiruverkadu, Bhavani Amman Temple in Periapalayam, Thulukkanathamman Temple in Konedampettai, Muthumari Amman Temple in Kattupalli, Mahalakshmi Amman Temple in Kattur and Vadivudai Amman Temple in Tiruvottiyur. Pazhaverkadu, a trading centre for Dutch merchants during 17<sup>th</sup> century and the Pazhaverkadu lake in the District are of

historical importance. We learn that there was at least one tank in every village in this District and there are about 1,236 tanks in the District.

Famed tanks such as Poondi reservoir, Puzhal reservoir, and Pazhaverkadu lake are all located in the District. The Poondi reservoir with an area of 125 sq. miles, formed by the initiative of Dheerar Satyamurthi, Puzhal reservoir, Porur Lake, and other lakes in the District are the source of drinking water supply to Chennai City either directly and indirectly by safeguarding ground water. Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who rose from post of teacher to the President of India had his early education in Tiruttani in the District. Munusami Naidu who was the Chief Minister of Madras Rajdhani was born in Velanchery in the District. Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M.Bhakthavatchalam was born in Minjur in the District. Thus we can list the names of great people who were either born or lived in this District.

Tiruvallur District is also an industrial City. Ambattur Town in the District has one of the biggest industrial Towns in the Country. The industrial estate in Ambattur is one of the biggest in South-East Asia. Avadi Tank Factory, which produces tanks for the Indian Army is also located in the District.

At this juncture we have to remember Puratchi Thalaivi Amma as it was Amma who formed the Tiruvallur District on 01.01.1996 by carving it out from Chengalpattu District for administrative convenience.

There are many Industries and Educational Institutions in the District for which Puratchi

Thalaivar M.G.R. and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma were mainly responsible. We have to thank those leaders for bringing out revolutionary changes in the District.

To honour Ma.Po.Si, who was responsible for merging Tiruttani in Tamil Nadu, Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. made him the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council and later the Director of the High level committee for Tamil Development. At a later stage, when Ma.Po.Si was suffering from intestinal problem, Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. got him admitted in hospital and made arrangements for his operation. He was thus cured of acute stomach pain.

Puratchi Thalaivar never forgot those who served Tamil and the Country. His mentor Perarignar Anna taught this lesson to Puratchi Thalaivar. Perarignar Anna had a great faith and belief in Dr.M.G.R. and was sure that his ideas could reach the entire Tamil community through M.G.R.'s songs and dialogues.

When Puratchi Thalaivar formed the AIADMK he named his party after his mentor Perarignar Anna and depicted his image in the party flag. Through this M.G.R. imbedded the name of Anna in the hearts of Tamils all over the world.

Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was responsible for implanting the philosophy of Perarignar Anna 'Makkal Theerpe Magesan Theerpu' (People's verdict is supreme), Ezhaikalin Sirippil Eraivanai Kaanalaam, (one can see God in the smile of the poor) and Kadamai, Kanniyam, Kattupadu (Duty, Dignity, and Discipline) in the hearts of the Tamil people.

Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R., who came from the Perarignar Anna camp, has proved on many occasions that he was for egalitarianism and equality. M.G.R. considered persons in the top of the society and those in the bottom rung as equal. He showed this attitude on many occasions.

In 1978 during the inauguration of underground bridge in Palakkarai in Tiruchirappalli he invited the head mason who constructed the bridge and who was standing amidst the crowd, to declare open the bridge to the surprise of people gathered at the function.

Similarly, at the Guindy underground bridge inauguration he invited the engineer, who designed the bridge, to inaugurate the bridge. Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. always gave importance to workers and showed his humanism on many occasions.

Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. encouraged his car driver and made him the dialogue writer. The driver rose to the position of a cine director later. He was none other than famous director T.N.Balu. Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was always grateful to the common man. Once M.G.R. was admitted in the hospital in a serious condition and was fighting for life. Blood transfusion was done to him to save his life. It was actually a rebirth for M.G.R. After being discharged from hospital, Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. said, "I do not know whose blood is running in my veins. Those who donated blood for me do not know that their blood was given to M.G.R." But to thank that unknown donor who gave blood for him, Puratchi Thalaivar used to address people

as my blood unto blood in all his meetings. All of Tamil Nadu waited to hear him say, 'my blood unto blood'. It is difficult to see such a great man again who was thankful even to those who were not seen by him.

At the Chennai Law College there were two dance programmes, one by cine actor Rajasulochana, and another by a 10-year old girl. There was also a mimicry programme by a college student. Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. presided over the event. When Puratchi Thalaivar came to the dais for prize distribution he found only two prize cups on the table. When he questioned the organizers they said one cup was meant for Rajasulochana and the other was meant for the student who did mimicry. Immediately, M.G.R. asked what about the girl who performed dance. The organizers said no prize had been planned for the girl.

Puratchi Thalaivar distributed one cup to Rajasulochana and the 10-year old girl and gave his costly foreign watch to the student who did mimicry and showed his magnanimity at that time. That 10-year old girl was none other than Puratchi Thalaivi Amma whom Tamil Nadu later addressed as Amma.

At Tiruvallur, the deity Veeraraghava Perumal Himself came to the devotees and graced them. Similarly, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma implemented various free schemes for the people only from here on 15.09.2011.

At a meeting in Tiruvallur on 04.09.2003, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma told the audience that their loving sister had come to Tiruvallur not with empty hands but with a handful schemes worth Rs. 245 crore.



Completed schemes would be inaugurated and the foundation stone would be laid for new schemes.

The present Government following the path laid down by Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has not come here empty handed. I am happy to inform that welfare assistance will be distributed to beneficiaries, completed schemes will be declared open and foundation stone will be laid for new schemes.

On behalf of Public Works Department, 42 works costing Rs.50.33 crore will be inaugurated, including classrooms, constructed at a cost of Rs. 12.87 crore, and an International Driving Research and Training Centre at Gummidipoondi costing Rs.12.13 crore.

I have laid foundation stone for a check dam across Kosasthalai river in Adrampakkam at a cost Rs. 7 crore, construction of various buildings on behalf of the PWD at a cost of Rs.12.49 crore and various works on behalf of Rural Development Department at a cost of Rs. 56.72 crore. Totally, foundation stones have been laid for 2,204 works at a total cost of Rs.76.46 crore.

With the blessings of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the Government after coming to power has inaugurated 33,248 works under various schemes at a total cost of Rs. 7,251 crore. Foundation stones have been laid for 4,252 works which will cost Rs.2,125.42 crore. Totally 37,500 works are being implemented till date at a total cost of Rs. 9,376.42 crore.

In connection with the centenary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar, 36,851 beneficiaries will be given welfare assistance to the tune of Rs.296.77 crore. Time will not be sufficient to list out various schemes implemented by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government in the last six years. I shall mention some of the schemes implemented during the period.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma on 30.01.2013 declared open a Ship Yard and Captive Port at Kattupalli Village in Ponneri Division in the District at a cost of Rs.3,375 crore. Totally, 30,000 fishermen families who were affected by oil slick in Ennore area of the District were provided a relief of Rs.5,000/- each totalling Rs. 15 crore. On behalf of the Slum Clearance Board, 1,024



houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 71.44 crore.

An over-bridge, constructed at a cost of Rs.54 crore, was declared open for public use at Porur Junction. The bridge is situated near Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.'s house in Ramavaram.

The Hon'ble Minister Thiru. P.Benjamin and other MPs and MLAs requested that the Porur Bridge, constructed as per the directive of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, could be named after Puratchi Thalaivar as it is located near M.G.R.'s House. As per their requests the bridge will be named after Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Another overbridge at the Mattu Shandi in Tiruvottiyur constructed at a cost of Rs.54 crore has been declared open for the public use.

In the last five years, 5 Engineering Colleges, one University Constituent College, and one Polytechnic College have been inaugurated.

Under the Prime Minister's Housing scheme 6,578 houses will be constructed at a cost of Rs.111 crore. Under the Chief Minister's Extended Medical Insurance Scheme, treatment

worth Rs.123.93 crore is given to 62,748 beneficiaries.

Crop loans to the tune of Rs.503.37 crore have been given to 95,171 farmers.

Drinking water schemes have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.69.53 crore. At a cost of Rs.10.65 crore, 103 Check Dams have been constructed. To meet the power demand of the increasing population and industries in the area, the Government is setting up power sub-stations and transformers. In all the Assembly constituencies of Gummidipoondi, Ponneri, Tiruttani and Tiruvallur, new sub-stations and transformers are being set up at a cost of Rs. 591 crore and preliminary works have already begun. People know that all these works are being carried out by Amma's Government with the blessings of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

But some opposition parties here are always finding fault with the Government. A man coming from the workers' community alone knows the needs of people. Those who are born in affluence do not know the sufferings of the poor and the workers.

That was the reason why Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma selected people who came from the bottom rung of society and made them Ministers. It was so as she knew that only they would serve society.

At this juncture a story comes to my mind. Once in Madhya Pradesh there was a king by name Veerasingh who ruled the Country justly. But his crown prince was quite the opposite in character. Once, while hunting in a forest, the prince killed a saint. The Prince was arrested and brought before the King. The King asked the Prince whether he had killed the saint. The prince arrogantly replied that he did not kill the saint but only gave punishment to a man who was preventing him from hunting. On hearing the prince's reply, the King's face turned red. Sensing that the King might give severe punishment to the Prince, his Ministers appealed to the King not to give any harsh punishment to the Prince as he was his only heir.

The King said that the Prince not only killed a saint who was utterly innocent but also justified his action just because he was the son of the King. Such an arrogant person was unfit to rule the Country. "My affection towards my son should not be a hindrance to justice and law". Saying this, he killed his son. He turned towards his Ministers who said that there were no heirs to the throne: All citizens of the kingdom are princes and they are all eligible to attain the throne.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is a reincarnation of the King. Hon'ble Amma never hesitated to punish those who committed wrongs. Like that King, Hon'ble Amma did

not nominate anybody as her political heir. She has proved that every worker is eligible to rule the State. I like to inform you at this centenary celebrations that this attitude of Amma has made a farmer's son like me as the Chief Minister of the State. I am confident that if one believes in truth and hard work like Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, one can reach higher positions in life.

In attracting foreign direct investments and in exports, Tamil Nadu is a front-line State in the Country. The State continues to be the premier State in attracting investors. I am duty-bound to State that during the rule of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, she gave priority to industries and was instrumental in establishing many industries. Due to Amma's efforts, the State attained the number three position in the Country in 2016. For the first time in the Country since Independence, World investors meet was conducted in Tamil Nadu by Puratchi Thalaivi Amma on September 9 and 10, 2015 in which 1,200 foreign delegates and 5,000 representatives from different parts of the Country participated. Nine Nations functioned as partners. At this conference, 98 memorandum of understandings worth Rs. 2,42,160 crore were signed. Of the 98 MoUs, so far 61 projects worth Rs. 62,838 crore are functioning. Totally, 76,000 people have got direct and indirect employment through these projects. Steps are being taken to speed up the rest of the projects. As it will take 7 to 10 years for big projects to commence, investments and employments will increase every year. Kancheepuram, Tiruvannamalai, Thoothukudi, Salem, Tirunelveli and Krishnagiri Districts in Tamil Nadu have attracted investments.

As far as Tiruvallur District is concerned, MoUs have been signed with the CPCL for expansion, Kapoor Imaging, and Gulf Oil and the resultant projects are at different stages of commencement. In Ponneri, where the function is now being held, Sumitomo of Japan and Mahindra and Mahindra have entered into a joint venture for setting up a industrial park at a cost of Rs.925 crore. This will create employment opportunities for 15,000 people. I am duty-bound to announce that steps are being taken to conduct the second world investors meet in the State in 2018. Apart these projects, big automobile companies such as Hyundai Motors, Ford Motors, and Royal Enfield are to launch their expansion programmes soon.

Tiruvallur District is full industries, tanks, and educational institutions. Farmers are in large numbers in the District. For the benefit of the farmers, Amma's Government has introduced an excellent scheme known as Kudimaramathu scheme with the participation of farmers. In the first phase Rs.100 crore has been allotted for desilt 1,519 tanks. I would like to point out that the desilting work is almost complete in these tanks. Farmers in their respective areas remove alluvial soil from the nearby tanks and are using it as base fertilizer. I am happy to point out that farmers are likely to get good yield due to this measure. Due to desilting work, the depth of the tanks has increased as also their capacity. Alluvial soil is considered the best manure for the soil and results in increase in food production. I am happy to announce that the Government with a view to extend the scheme has allotted Rs.300 crore more for desilting 2,965 tanks in the State.

Similarly in the other 23 Districts, to develop 220 water bodies, Rs.787 crore has been allotted under Part II scheme through Water and Land Resources Development. I am happy to State that there are works been in this District also.

It has been planned to construct new check dams across rivers and tanks to recharge ground water in nearby areas, ground water resistance walls and dams in three years at a cost of Rs. 1,000 crore. In the current year Rs.350 crore has been sanctioned for constructing check dams, and ground water resistance walls in 10 places.

I like to point out that under Kudimaramathu scheme, 18,533 farmers and 15,35,704 beneficiaries have desilted 1,249 tanks in the State.

The second green revolution was introduced during 2011-2012. After that the food production in the State crossed more than 100 lakh metric tonnes four times between 2011 and 2016. I am happy to announce that the State has received Krishi Karman Award four times from the Central Government in the last five years. Amma's Government has given permission to coconut farmers to tap Neera from coconut trees. Due to this farmers' income has doubled.

Unfortunately today, the State is reeling under the severest drought witnessed in the last 140 years. The Monsoon has failed. Due to this, farmers could not take up any cultivation work. Standing crops also withered due to lack of adequate water. The present Amma Government with a view to provide relief to farmers has issued orders to identify the affected farmers and provide them relief to the

tune of Rs. 2,247 crore. Under the new crop insurance, the present Government has given Rs. 1,882 crore to farmers as compensation, who insured their crops. Under the Farmers Protection Scheme, the benefit for farmers has increased from Rs.10,000/- to 20,000/- in case of normal death.

A Country's development is measured by the standard of education. One can see such a development under Amma's Government. It has given priority to education and allotted Rs.26,932.31 crore for the year 2017-2018. High tech computer laboratories have been set up in Government High and Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs. 438 crore to provide computer education to students on par with private school students. Steps are being taken to open smart classes in middle schools at a cost of Rs. 60 crore, and allotted Rs. 381 crore in the current year for improving infrastructure of educational institutions. The School Education Department in the last six years appointed 39,412 teachers and 4,362 laboratory assistants. Under education-for-all scheme, 15,169 part time teachers have been appointed. Through these measures, the Government has improved the standard of education in the State.

The Government has so far opened 227 Primary Schools in the State so that students can avoid travelling long distances for their schools. Again, 116 Primary Schools have been upgraded as Middle Schools, 829 Middle Schools as High Schools and 402 High Schools as Higher Secondary Schools. The Government is giving laptops worth Rs.14,000/- to high and higher secondary school students at no

cost to impart knowledge-based education to them. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, with a view to imparting scientific education to students launched the free laptop for school students scheme. I am proud to claim that Tamil Nadu is the only State in the Country where laptops are being given at no cost to students. Thanks to various assistances provided to students, the enrollment of students is 99.85 at Primary Schools, and 99.20 per cent at the Middle School level. Similarly, the number of students studying higher education has increased considerably. When Puratchi Thalaivi Amma took charge in 2011, only 21 per cent of students pursued higher education. Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi allotted more funds for education thereby increasing the percentage of higher education to 44.3 per cent. Tamil Nadu has achieved the top position in the Country in enrollment of students in higher education.

During the last six years of rule, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma started 65 Colleges in the State. In a similar manner, the present Government, following the footsteps of Hon'ble Amma, opened 11 Arts and Science Colleges. If the students belonging to poor families want to pursue higher education, they have to spend heavily if they join private colleges. To enable them undergo higher education at a lesser cost, the present Government has opened more Arts and Science Colleges in rural areas and helped them to improve their standard of living.

Similarly, to help people get sand without difficulty, the present Government itself has undertaken sale of sand.

Under houses for all scheme, for people living below the poverty line in Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations, the Government from 2015-2016 to till date has constructed 3,27,717 houses at a cost of Rs. 11,457 crore. I am proud to announce that the present Government is providing houses to the poor and marginalized people to create a situation where there is no one without a house in the State.

It is Hon'ble Amma who set up the Medical Recruitment Board for recruiting staff for the Public Health and Family Welfare Department. Following the formation of the Board in the last six years, 1,20,506 employees have been recruited including Doctors and Para Medical Staff.

I would like to point out that Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government is implementing various welfare schemes for the benefit of the people in the State. Puratchi Thalaivar gave a good Government for 11 years and the Puratchi Thalaivi Amma for 16 years. These two leaders together led the State for 27 years and implemented many welfare schemes for the benefit of the people. I am proud to point out that AIADMK is the only party which has ruled the State for a long time.

These two leaders are God's gift to our organization. These two leaders are guarding the present Government with their divinely presence. A man is born, lives and dies. But what he does during his life alone will remain forever.

Puratchi Thalaivar was born, lived and died. But during his life time he carved out many

achievements, which still remain in the hearts of the people. Similarly, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma served the people throughout her life and sacrificed her life for the people. This Government is Amma's Government. Unfortunately, some people are trying to destabilize Amma's Government. As long as there are loyal workers in the party none can topple the Government. Like God, Puratchi Thalaivar and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma are protecting the Government.

These two leaders worked for upgrading the lives of farmers, who constitute 70 per cent of the population. They have created a situation that even those who are born in a poor and a downtrodden family can reach higher positions. The State is able to keep its head upright only because of these two leaders. As long as their services remain, nobody can touch either this Government or the party.

Local Ministers, MPs and MLAs have submitted many demands on this occasion.

Announcements made for Tiruvallur District on the occasion of centenary celebration of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.

On an average 12,000 people are visiting Tiruttani bus stand every day, Tiruttani being one of the six abodes of Arulmigu Subramania Swamy. As the number of devotees and people are increasing every day, a new bus stand will be opened at Tiruttani, with public private participation in Tiruttani Municipality.

Ponneri Town Panchayat is a growing Town. To meet the demands of the people and to protect public health, an underground drainage system

will be set up in the Ponneri Town Panchayat in the District.

The Avadi and Maduravoyal Taluks are newly formed and the Taluk offices are now functioning in rented buildings. Buildings for the Taluk office and quarters for Tahsildar will be constructed soon.

Over 50,000 people from villages in and around Tiruvallur are visiting the District headquarters using the only available road, causing inconvenience to the public and vehicles. A new alternative road will therefore be road formed around Tiruvallur Town from Ekkadu Society Nagar to Kakkalur Salai at a cost of Rs.3.85 crore.

Twenty-two roads in 15 Panchayats in nine Panchayat Unions of Tiruvallur District which are closer to Chennai, will be upgraded as tar roads at a cost of Rs.5.03 crore.

A multi-purpose technical park will be set up in Thandurai Village in Avadi division of Tiruvallur District on the land of Southern Structural Ltd., belonging to the State Government.

The Fisheries College and Research Centre, which was set up in Ponneri for the development of fishermen in and around Ponneri will be named after Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. The Government will favourably consider the demand of the Tiruttani MLA that a separate division be formed for R.K.Pettai in Pallipattu Taluk.

Puratchi Thalaivar in one of his films sang, 'Idaya Deivam Namadhu Anna Thondrinar. Avar Endrum Vaazhum Kolgai Deepam Etrinaar. Andha Oli Kaanalam, Sonna Vazhi Pogalam,

Naalai Varalaru Namakkaga Uruvakalaam, Ondre Kulam Endru Paaduvom' (The god in our heart, Our Anna was born, He lit the eternal flame of our ideals, We can see that light, We can journey in that path, Our tomorrows can create history).

I appeal to party volunteers to take these words of Puratchi Thalaivar as scripture, and work unitedly on Anna's path to safeguard the Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government.

This grand function is not an ordinary meeting of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.'s centenary celebration function. It is a conference.

Wherever you turn there are people. I express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister Thiru. P.Benjamin, District Secretary and party MLA Thiru. P.Balaraman, and Thiru. V.Alexander, and Thiru. K.Pandiarajan, who co-ordinated with above for successfully organizing the function.

Similarly, I thank the Government employees who worked without looking at the clock to make the function a grand success.

Yesterday was ours, Today is ours and Tomorrow is also ours.

Vazhga Anna Naamam, Valarga Puratchi Thalaivar Pugazh and Thodarga Puratchi Thalaivi Amma Atchi.

Nandri, Vanakkam. ■

# Modern fishing harbours for Tranqueubar, Vellapallam among many schemes benefiting multi-faceted Nagai



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**  
at the M.G.R. Centenary Celebration function held at Nagapattinam  
on 20.09.2017 (*English Translation*).

One who has found a permanent place in the hearts of Tamils and remains the life breath of one-and-a-half crore members of the AIADMK party cadre and continues to live in the hearts of people despite shedding her mortal coil – to that Goddess Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, I pay my obeisance.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R. was good to all; was God to the poor; a direction to the desolate; ladder to the efficient; inspirational to workers; guardian to women and an incomparable leader who aroused the youth and made them find their immense potential. I am extremely happy and proud to participate in the

centenary celebration function of such a person and distribute welfare assistance worth several crore rupees.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. P.Dhanapal who has delivered the Presidential address, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha Dr. Thambidurai who has delivered a Special address, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles Thiru. O.S Manian who has delivered the 'munnilai' address, Secretary to the Department of Tamil Development and Information Thiru. R.Venkatesan I.A.S., who has welcomed the gathering, Nagapattinam MP Thiru. K. Gopal who has delivered the felicitation address, Mayiladuthurai MP Thiru. R.K.Bharathi Mohan, Poompuhar MLA Thiru. S.Pavunraj, Sirkazhi MLA Thiru. P.V.Bharathi, Mayiladuthurai MLA Thiru.V.Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of the Assembly Thiru. Pollachi V. Jayaraman, Chairperson of Tamil Nadu Text Books and Education Services Corporation Tmt. B.Valarmathi, the Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board Thiru. P.K.Vairamuthu, the District Collector of Nagapattinam Dr. S. Suresh Kumar who is to propose a vote of thanks, MPs and MLAs, Party Executives, former Ministers, former MPs and MLAs, Representatives of Co-operative Institutions, former representatives of Local

Bodies, party cadre, the aerial roots of the party, Government staff, media friends, respected Elders and Ladies, Youths, Students, Beneficiaries of welfare assistance – at the outset I pay my respects to all of you.

Nagapattinam is a colourful, multi-faceted District, combining in itself courage, wisdom, love for language, patriotism, spirituality, communal harmony, literature, music, dance, agriculture and fisheries. It was Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, who after assuming office as Chief Minister for the first time, in 1991, carved out this Nagapattinam District on October 18 that year.

During the early Chola period, Nagapattinam was an international commercial centre and a great port. Tamils of Sangam Age used ships called 'Naavaai' for their overseas commerce. That is why this Town came to be called Navalpattinam which later changed into Nagapattinam. In this Nagai District existed another port and International Commerce Centre called Kaveripoompattinam also called Poompuhar.

Therazhundur, the birthplace of Kavi Chakravarthi Kambar is in this District; one of the quartets of Saivite religion, Thirugnana Sambandar's place of incarnation – Sirkazhi – is in this Nagai District; Sirkazhi Arunachala Kavirayar, Muthuthandavar and Marimutha Pillai, hailed by the music and literary world



as Trinity of Tamizh Isai lived in this Sirkazhi; the Father of Pure Tamil Movement, Maraimalai Adigalar was born in this District; Mayuram Judge Vedanayakam Pillai who introduced the art of writing novels in Tamil, was born in this District; the birth place, Malari, of Pulavar Ottakoothar to whom Kulothungan presented a whole Town, is in Nagai District; the awarded Town is now called 'Koothanur' after the name Ottakoothar; Tharangambadi (Tranquebar) where the Dutch constructed the Danish Fort for their commerce and where the first printing press came to be located, is in this District; Thillaiyadi, the birth place of Thillaiyadi Valliammai who joined Mahathma Gandhi, the father of the Nation, in his agitations in South Africa in here in Nagai; a memorial mandapam has also been erected for her in village; the spiritual Town Mayuram adorned by the proverb 'Aayiram Aanaalum Mayuram Aagaadhu' (even thousands of things cannot stand in comparison to Mayuram) is in this District. It is a traditional belief that the merit one accrues by bathing in Ganges daily for a thousand years can be obtained by taking a holy bath in the Cauvery in Mayavaram at the Tula Ghat in the Tamil month of Aippasi.

The Cauvery Pushkarani event that comes once in 144 years, started this year on September

12 and Tamil Nadu Government provided all facilities and assistance for devotees to bathe in the river.

Vedaranyam where Mootharignar Rajaji staged the salt satyagraha with thousands of people when Mahatma Gandhi set out on the Dandi March for a similar satyagraha, is in this District.

Gulam Khadir Navalar who wrote many Islamic literary works was born in Nagore in Nagapattinam District. The world famous Velankanni Madhaa Kovil, Nagore Andavar Dargah, Paappavur Dargah, Hindu's holy shrine Vaitheeswaran temple, Thirukadayur Abirami temple, Sikkal Singaravelar temple and many other sites, sung by saints are in this District testifying to communal harmony.

Cauvery river that originates in Kudagu hills merges in the sea at Poompuhar in this District; the Siddhar Kaadu in Mayiladuthurai where several hundred siddhars are reported to have lived, lends a holiness to Nagapattinam District. Having agriculture and fisheries as premier occupations, it is a magnificent District endowed at once with abundance of water, agricultural lands and coastal areas. The political history of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. says he had great interest in this District as Poompuhar in this District was the

birthplace of Kannagi of Silappadhikaram fame and of Pattinathar, who gave up all his wealth and family life in search of the truth and became a Siddhar who gave out the philosophy of Life.

While on a visit to Poompuhar as Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivar stayed at the guest house there. Thiru. Vijayaraghavan MLA met him and presented a petition requesting a bus service from Thillaiyadi to Tiruvarur via., Poraiyaru. Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. said he would look into the request. This happened in the morning. The same evening, when the MLA was sipping tea in a shop at Poraiyaru, a Government bus suddenly came there. People there including the MLA were pleasantly surprised as only bullock carts and cycles used to pass through that route hitherto. Enquiries with the bus driver revealed that on the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to operate a bus on this route immediately, officials had complied and started operating a bus service. All were surprised at Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.'s superfast action. No one can stand in comparison to Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. in taking action at lightning speed and in extending assistance in emergencies.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. remained a guardian of women. Mostly, his films and his film songs used to be one of praising women and safeguarding them. That is why he enjoyed abundant affection from children to elderly women in Tamil Nadu. All the people in Tamil Nadu know that Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. would rush and extend a helping hand wherever women were in distress. I am reminded of another event that took place in Nagapattinam District.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was careful in selecting the projects for Nagapattinam District as it has a mixed population of both haves and have nots. Like her mentor, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma too was selective and implemented schemes worth several crore rupees that pleased fisherfolk and farmers since the District is a coastal District and depends on Cauvery river for its agriculture. This Government that succeeded Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, as you know, has implemented many schemes. Today I have declared open 46 completed works worth Rs.100.23 crore; I have distributed welfare assistance on behalf of different Departments to the value of Rs.281.30 crore to 38,248 beneficiaries.

From the day of assuming responsibility of governance to this day, I have inaugurated 33,533 completed schemes across the State valued at Rs.8,203.16 crore; laid foundation for 6,555 works costing Rs.3,130.96 crore - totally, 48,088 works worth Rs.11,334.12 crore are under implementation.

Considering the paucity of time, I shall mention just a few achievements, this Government has recorded in the last six years.

I am happy to inform that tenders will be floated shortly for construction of a check dam at a cost of Rs.400 crore across Coleroon in the Adhanoor Kumaramangalam area, works will be started and come to fruition for the benefit of the people; laptops valued at Rs.96.44 crore have been distributed to 63,677 students at no cost; a new mother-child care centre is proposed to be constructed at a cost of Rs.20 crore at Mayiladuthurai, Nagai District; new CT scan



equipment is also proposed to be installed; MRI equipment is proposed to be installed at the Government Headquarters Hospital at Mayiladuthurai; like this many other schemes are proposed to be implemented through the Family Welfare Department at a cost of Rs.32.56 crore; Rs.71.47 crore has been disbursed to 80,525 pregnant women under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Maternity Financial Assistance Scheme; under the Rural Development Department, 10,282 green houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs.172.97 crore; 15,836 houses have been constructed under the Prime Minister Rural Habitation Scheme at a cost of Rs.174.91 crore; 6,312 works have been completed under the THAI scheme at a cost of Rs.87.85 crore; a Fisheries University was set up by Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma in this District; a fisheries college cum research centre is proposed to be started as a constituent college of Fisheries University at Thalaigayiru village, Vedaranyam Taluk, Nagapattinam District at a cost of Rs.72.42 crore; two university constituent colleges, one Government Arts and Science College and an Engineering College have been started in this District. I have referred only to a few schemes.

We are prepared to execute many more schemes without your asking. We are followers of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who was clever in framing schemes in accordance with the desires of people. We will implement schemes desired by the people.

When Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was expelled from the DMK, agitations broke out all over Tamil Nadu. At that time Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was busy shooting for the film 'Ulagam Sutrum Valiban'. Thiru. Madurai Muthu, the DMK dignitary vowed: 'I will wear a saree if Ulagam Sutrum Valiban picture is released'. He also scathingly criticized Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. at public meetings.

An ardent fan of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. who met him spoke against Madurai Muthu in an irate manner. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar immediately told that fan: 'Brother! Muthannan may criticize me severely today. But he has made countless sacrifices for the growth of the party. He may even come to our side tomorrow. Don't talk in an undignified way against anyone'.

Later Thiru. Madurai Muthu joined AIADMK. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. fielded him in the Madurai Mayoral election and made him win. Hence, we should be careful in criticizing others as advised by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.

Many indulge in rhetorics as a result of their day-dreaming without facing reality and meeting the people. They think people will believe them. However, people know all their flowery dreams are just sand forts built on beaches. Without showing interest in people's welfare and working for them, don't dream. Such meaningless dreams will turn out to be a danger to you. When I say this, I am reminded of a story.

A bachelor potter in a Town was running a shop to sell pots. It was difficult even to sell two pots. One day, a person came and ordered for 20 pots. The potter was immensely pleased and told the buyer to attend to his work and come back and in the meanwhile he would make a parcel of the pots for the buyer to carry them easily. The potter arranged the pots and sitting by their side indulged in fanciful thinking.

From the sale proceeds of 20 pots, we should purchase a hen; it would lay eggs bringing forth many hens and by selling them, purchase a goat; that goat, on its part, would bring forth many issues and from the money from their sale, he would purchase a milch cow and go up and up like this purchasing a bullock cart to ride, then a horse driven cart and with greater flow of money should get married and beget a child. When I am fashioning the pot, will the child keep quiet? It will play in the mud. I will shout at my wife for allowing the child to play in the mud. Doesn't she

have any sense? In what work is she so engaged as not to attend on the child. He shouts ( in his day dream) at his wife and tells the child: 'Don't cry son! Let her come; I will kick her like this'. So saying, he delivers a kick which lands on the pots kept for delivery, smashing them to bits.

There should be a limit even in indulging in fantasy. Like this, many people get spoiled and spoil others also who believe in them by indulging in such imagination. You know, whom I am referring to. Such day dreamers should stop their imagination and stop spoiling themselves and others.

Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles Thiru. O.S.Manian persuaded me to go over to the auditorium before the meeting started, brushing aside my request to wait for some time and take the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister along with me. He said as there was heavy traffic congestion, their arrival might be delayed and hence we could go to the place and return before the meeting started.

After reaching the auditorium I was surprised to see that 25 pavilions had been erected to cover all the schemes that had been implemented during Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's rule. I consider this historic. Visual impact is always better than auditory impact. The display will give an idea how many schemes have been executed in Amma's rule. Rearing a bull in a natural way is one of the schemes. To save the breed from extinction, Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma took special care and implemented a scheme in this District for rearing bulls.

Nagapattinam District depends on agriculture and fisheries for its livelihood. There are exhibits on the kinds of marine fish. Likewise, there are exhibits on prawn rearing scheme. Prawn fetches nearly Rs.450 a kg. The exhibits have gone in depth on how to rear prawn, how to earn profit and the rearing technology that will fetch the highest profit. All of them are eye-catching. In yet another pavilion, there is a realistic scene, depicting Puratchi Thalaivar Ponmana Chemmal M.G.R. taming a bull. The exhibits have been arranged Department-wise. Then come food grains. Organic foodgrains ensures better health.

So far such centenary functions have been conducted in 14 places. About 2.50 lakh students have benefited. I am duty-bound to say that these centenary functions are held only to expose the people to the schemes implemented by Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and those implemented by Amma.

Some political leaders accuse us of using the centenary function as a political platform. Each regime comes to power on the backing of a political party. Without a political party, no one can form a Government. The history



Hence, there is a display of the varieties of organic food grains. Some amidst you would not have seen some of these food grains at all. Farmers can raise these rare varieties and consume them for their health.

This centenary function is not a mere public meeting. It has turned out to be one of giving good advice to students. Earlier, in the morning a seminar was conducted where 15,000 to 20,000 students participated. They were exposed to different constructive ideas which in turn would improve their intellectual acumen. Character building was also part of it. Only in Ponmana Chemmal M.G.R.'s centenary we could see such a wonderful seminar.

of the party, its programmes and policies become that Government's schemes. When a scheme is designed, a mention about the party also has to be made. This was done in the earlier regimes also. When compared to former Chief Minister and father of DMK leader M.K.Stalin, we have only lightly touched on politics. It is a usual practice for party leaders to speak, while participating in welfare schemes functions, about political parties, how they framed their policies and how those policies would reach the people as Government schemes. To dub this as politics is not correct. When we speak, we give out facts, we tell the people what is happening. Why should you get angry? What is happening now? In a planned way, a trap is being laid. Every

day some issues are raised. What deficiency you have found in this regime? Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has given countless schemes in the last six years. Amma's Government continues to function. It has implemented many schemes. We assumed charge on 16.02.2017 and in the last 7 months, we have given schemes abundantly. When the opposition levels charges against us, we have to reply them. By way of rebuttal, we

the road. Only when a Government is good such overwhelming people's support can be obtained. This large crowd establishes that this Government enjoys the support of the people.

Nagai District is full of Villages. To facilitate students' commutation to school Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma implemented a pioneering scheme of distribution of bicycles to them. But what did Karunanidhi do as Chief Minister? You



are speaking and we will not convert the function into a political platform. We will never deviate from the path laid by Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and the policies Amma has given us. You think that a lie repeated several times will become a truth. That will never happen. The son of this District, Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles Thiru.O.S.Manian, guessed how you will talk and arranged these pavilions to inform the public about the schemes implemented by Amma. All these schemes exhibited are reaching the people. Out of jealousy, they are day-dreaming that this Government will be dissolved and the party will split into factions. About one-and-a-half lakh people have assembled here. They all feel Amma's rule should continue. Against their wishes, your dream will never fructify.

Because we have given so many schemes, people believe us; that is the reason this auditorium is packed to capacity and is overflowing all along

would have seen on TV. He changes the paint colour of the cycle and continues the scheme. But whichever opposition leader comes to power, he cannot stop the schemes implemented by Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and Ponmana Chemmal M.G.R. The welfare schemes of historic leaders cannot be thrown out by anyone. This is history.

Laptops are distributed to more than five-and-a-half lakh students every year free of cost. No other State in India has implemented this scheme; not at the global level or even in super power Countries. This scheme is to turn Tamil Nadu into a Science State. This scheme will be remembered even in the next century.

These people don't see all these schemes. By staging some agitation or the other, they want to hinder this Government. Their fond hope is that this Government will be dissolved. It will



never happen because the soul named Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is surrounding and protecting this Government and this party. Whatever be the number of incarnations you take, you can never touch this Government or the party.

Kudimaramathu is a dream scheme of farmers. It is being implemented with farmers' participation. The scheme aims at dredging water bodies. At one stroke, it increases the storage capacity of water bodies, paves the way for storing rain water during monsoons to greater measure, recharges ground water and thus makes available water for irrigation and also solves the drinking water supply problem and helps farmers to increase their grain production by using the dredged sediments, given to them at no cost, in their fields.

For the benefit of farmers in this District, Amma had framed a scheme costing totally Rs.960.66 crore to be implemented through the PWD with assistance from Asia Development Bank. This includes modernization of Harichandra river (Rs.257.74 crore), Adappaaru (Rs.168.35 crore), Pandavaiyaaru (Rs.100.80 crore), Vellaiyaru (Rs.178.17 crore), Valavanaru

canal (Rs.44.62 crore), Vedaranyam canal (Rs.32.18 crore) lift irrigation (Rs.14.59 crore) and others (Rs.164.21 crore). All these schemes are being implemented.

#### **NAGAPATTINAM District - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A modern fishing harbour will be located at Tharangambadi (Tranquebar), Nagapattinam District at a cost of Rs.170 crore for safe anchoring of 1,054 power boats, 6,917 fibre glass boats and with basic infrastructures like main and auxiliary retaining walls, fish auction hall, hall to weave nets, over head tank, office building and road facilities. Work will commence in the next financial year. This will benefit 14,470 fishermen of Chinnamedu, Chinnangudi, Thazhampettai, Pudupettai, Perumal Pettai, Vellakovil, Kuttiyandiur, Chandrapadi and Chinnoorpettai along with those in Tharangambadi.

2. At Vellapallam fishermen Village in Nagapattinam District, a similar modern fishing harbour will be located with all the above facilities at a cost of Rs.152 crore but with safe anchoring facility for 100 power boats and 1,000 fibreglass boats. This will benefit 7,176 fishermen in six

Villages of Kameswaram, Vizhunthamavadi, Vanavanmahadevi, Vellapallam, Naaluedapathi and Pushpavanam.

3. A study on the feasibility of locating a modern fishing harbour at Arcotthurai, Nagapattinam District will be taken up immediately. Needed funds for this study, will be allotted this year. The scheme will benefit fishermen of Maniantheevu, Kodyyakadu, Kodyyakarai, Seruthalaikadu, Pannal, Chinthamanikadu, Annapettai, Kovilthavur, Vellamanal, Vaimedu and Arcotthurai itself.

4. At present, there are two bus stands in Mayiladuthurai Municipality, Nagapattinam District. Considering the traffic congestion, a new bus stand will be set up at Manakudi village near the Municipality on a 13.77 acre land on PPP Mode.

5. To save the surplus rain water that goes waste in Nagapattinam District, to raise the water table and to prevent incursion of sea water, a check dam across Cauvery river near Dharmakulam, Kaveri Poompattinam, Sirkazhi Taluk, a check dam across Vellapallam Uppanaru, Thirunagari, Sirkazhi Taluk and a check dam across Chakkiliya canal in Ekarajapuram, Vedaranyam Taluk will be constructed in the coming financial year (2018-2019); steps will be taken to construct a check dam across Kaduvaiyaru at Karuvelankadai, Keezhvelur Taluk in the financial year 2019-2020; upgradation of the 106.86 km long State highway connecting Thanjavur to Kodiakarai via., Mannargudi, Tiruthuraiipoondi and Vedaranyam traversing across the three Districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur and Nagapattinam, into a National high way will be recommended to the Central

Government ; a 16.880 km long bypass road for Mayiladuthurai Municipality in Nagapattinam District will be laid; and Government will examine the setting up of a new Police Station at Tirukannapuram in Nagore Taluk by separating the Villages under the jurisdiction of Thittacheri Police Station and Nagore Police Station in the Nagapattinam Police Sub-division in Nagapattinam District.

The Fisheries University at Nagapattinam will be named after Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma; the fisheries college at Oradiyampulam will be named after Ponmana Chemmal Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.; likewise the newly started Sirkazhi Government Arts and Science College will be named after Ponmana Chemmal Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.

All the schemes I have mentioned here will be implemented. But the Opposition parties say nothing has been done by this Government. They have accused the Government of not implementing any of the programmes announced under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly. All the announcements made by Amma and most of her other schemes have been implemented. Amma's Government has carried out all the works left behind by Amma.

I take leave of you, thanking the District Minister Thiru.O.S.Manian, the MPs and MLAs of this District, the District Collector and other Government staff who have worked hard for the success of this centenary function and also the good hearted people who have graced this function. ●

# Ambitious aircraft accessories industrial park coming up



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami laid the foundation stone for an aircraft accessories manufacturing industrial park on 25.10.2017 at the Vallam-Vadakkal SIPCOT Industrial Park in Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District and issued land allotment orders to nine industries. The beneficiary industries are Tidel Park Ltd., Wineman Aerospace (P) Ltd., Metallic Bellows (India) Ltd., Bhastrik Mechanical Labs (P) Ltd., Bala Works, Techware Systems (P) Ltd., Minerva Aviation Service, Unicon (P) Ltd., and Wintech Precision Engineering.

SIPCOT has been setting up industrial complexes and industrial parks for the development of industries in the State. Only

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, announced industrial policies for the State three times, in the years 1992, 2003 and 2014. The first in 1992, paved the way for Chennai city to turn into a major automobile manufacturing centre in the world. The 2003 year policy brought about a great revolution in Tamil Nadu in the electronic industrial sector.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had stated: "I am aware of the necessity of paying attention to modern industries like aircraft and nano industrial sectors when Tamil Nadu is developing industrially".

By way of realizing Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi's statement, the Tamil Nadu Government that functions on the guidelines



laid by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, is acting with great interest to enthruse companies connected with the aircraft industry and military logistics manufacture by utilizing the State's manufacturing capabilities and the available industrial environment.

In the first phase, an exclusive industrial park for industries manufacturing accessories to aircrafts is being set up on 245 acres of land at a cost of Rs.198 crore at Vallam-Vadakal SIPCOT industrial complex. This scheme will be implemented by SIPCOT and TIDCO.

The very best industrial infrastructure of Tamil Nadu - good roads, four major ports, 20 minor ports, 7 airports and uninterrupted power supply – has always made the State a desirable destination for investment. Fifty companies are expected to set up their industries in the Aircraft Industrial Park. Besides, many initiatives are taken to attract aircraft companies globally.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government is taking many steps to strengthen the companies manufacturing aircraft accessories and those engaged in designing,

and to raise them to international standards. For this, TIDCO proposes to set up a Computing and Designing Centre on 10 lakh sq.ft. area at a cost of Rs.350 crore for helping companies engaged in designing aircraft engineering parts and production development. These facilities will greatly help aircraft industrial development in Tamil Nadu. The proposed Centre will house an aircraft parts designing centre, avionics production facility, skill development centre and a common godown facility. In the first phase of this project, building facilities of 5 lakh sq.ft are proposed to be provided at a cost of Rs.180 crore. Steps are on the anvil for setting up a multi-storey production complex to enable companies manufacturing accessories for aircraft and military logistics to start their production immediately.

It is expected that this Park will attract an investment of Rs.1,000 crore in five years and provide direct employment to 10,000 persons and indirect employment to 25,000.



Amma's Government continues great emphasis on education

## Chief Minister exhorts new teachers to hone the future citizens of India



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** at a function to distribute appointment orders to teachers held at Madras University Centenary Auditorium on 21.09.2017(*English Translation*).

**M**y obeisance to Goddess Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Amma.

Principal Secretary to Education Department Respected Thiru. Pradeep Yadav who has delivered the welcome address for this inspiring event, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. O.Panneerselvam who has delivered an excellent speech full of ideas, Hon'ble Minister for School Education Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan who has designed and

announced wonderful schemes, lauded by people and academics to ensure a good future to students and make the Department a model, Hon'ble Minister Thiru. D.Jayakumar and other Ministers, Chief Government Whip, MPs and MLAs, Chairperson of Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Services Corporation Tmt. B.Valarmathi, former Ministers, former MPs and MLAs, Director of School Education Dr. Elangovan who is to propose a vote of



thanks, Director of the Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Services Corporation Dr. D. Jaganathan, Directors of the different sections of the Department of School Education, Department officials, teachers who bestow the wealth of education to students, teachers who are to receive their appointment orders, Media friends – at the outset, I pay my respects to all of you.

Peace should prevail in every Country; for that to happen peace and happiness should reign in the hearts of the people; and education alone can give that peace and happiness. Only teachers can impart such an education. So, it is the teachers who create good citizens for establishing peace in the world. In that way, it is noteworthy that the function to issue appointment orders to teachers is held today, September 21 which is observed as the International Day of Peace.

All the 2,373 teachers who are receiving the appointment orders today have been selected by the Teachers Recruitment Board in a transparent way. On behalf of Tamil Nadu Government and on my own behalf, I offer my congratulations to all of you.

On 15.05.2013, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma said: "My Government has brought about a revolution in education in Tamil Nadu, realizing that education, the imperishable wealth, is the basis for a Country's growth, social development and enriching human life". I wish to recall that Statement here. As a continuation of that revolution, Hon'ble Amma's Government, from the day of its inception in office, is giving greater importance to the Department of Education and is framing many rare schemes.

A child should not lose its education. Its life should not become barren without education due to long distance commuting to reach the school. With this in mind, 227 new Primary Schools have been started in Tamil Nadu in the last six years; 116 Primary Schools have been upgraded into Middle Level Schools, 829 Middle Level Schools into High Schools and 402 High Schools into Higher Secondary Schools.

Hon'ble Amma's Government has realized fully well that vacancy in teachers' posts should not hamper students' education. That is why, in the last six years, 40,433 full time teachers and 15,169 part-time teachers have been appointed; 4,362 laboratory assistants have also been appointed. Today, 2,315 post graduate teachers and 58 special teachers are to be given appointment orders. This, by itself, is proof that the Government treading the path of Hon'ble Amma has taken great interest in the welfare of students.

In the history of the Department of School Education, today, as I view it, is a day to be engraved in letters of gold. For, I am proud to say, this is the first time in the history of the Department of School Education that Hon'ble Amma's Government has appointed 58 teachers to impart education to children who need special attention. These children are to be fostered and loved as the very children of God.

Tamil Nadu is a model State in India in offering inclusive education. Yet, I will say, that appointment of special teachers to improve the quality of education and to attend to special children is a milestone in the history of Education Department.



I wish to State that allocation for School Education from the 2011-2012 academic year when Hon'ble Amma assumed office as Chief Minister to the year 2017-2018 inclusive, has touched Rs.1,37,261 crore. No other Department has got so much allocation. For the year 2017-2018, the total allocation for School Education is Rs.26,932.31 crore, since Tamil Nadu Government has understood the importance and magnificence of education. I am also proud to say that Rs.48 lakh has been allotted for new initiatives.

To improve the standard of Government schools one more step, Hitech Labs are to be set up in Government High and Higher Secondary Schools. For this, computers and connected appliances are to be distributed, 10 each to 3,090 High Schools and 20 each to 2,939 Higher Secondary Schools, at a total cost of Rs.437.78 crore.

“Spread yourselves in all the eight directions; bring forth here all the art treasures”. That was

Mahakavi Bharathiar's call. To give life to his words, it is proposed to send every year 100 Government school students who have distinguished themselves in science, technology, art and literature, on educational tours to developed Countries in those fields as an incentive to the students. Hon'ble Amma's Government which has well realized that a bright future for India is in today's classrooms, is implementing 14 types of student welfare schemes in the interest of students.

The State Government is serving 13 kinds of mixed rice under Nutritious Meal Scheme and provides special incentive to prevent students from dropping out of studies. It gives Rs.75,000/- as assistance to children who have lost the bread winner of the family. There is an allocation of Rs.10 crore for the conduct of athletic competitions on Republic Day from 2013 – 2014, other R-Day competitions, Bharathiar Day competitions and National Sports Competitions.

Amma's Government that works on the lines of Hon'ble Amma is to implement many pioneering schemes for ensuring the development of School Education. Under the Clean School scheme of the Central Government, Tamil Nadu has bagged an award. I wish to mention a few features of the scheme.

A great students' arts carnival in 150 disciplines including arts, literature and fine arts has been introduced from this year to bring out and foster students' talents in arts and literature and by way of honouring the traditional arts and culture of Tamils. An 'innovative school award' is to be given to schools that fulfill the criteria of increasing enrolment in schools, upgrading learning skills, adopting innovative teaching methods, providing all infrastructure facilities and putting in best efforts for the development of school and students' education in co-ordination with the school management board. This award will be given to four schools in each District and Rs. One lakh each will be given to Primary and Middle Level Schools and Rs. 2 lakh each to High and Higher Secondary Schools. Napkin issuing and incinerator machines are distributed at a cost of Rs. 22.56 crore to 5,639 Government girls' High and Higher Secondary Schools. An award for 'Dream Teacher' and a cash incentive of Rs.10,000/- will be given by the School Education Department from this year onwards to six teachers in each District who have been adjudged as the best ones in making use of digital information in teaching and in carrying out co-curricular activities to education. For imparting education to rural students through computer,

smart class rooms will be set up in the first phase, in 3,000 Primary and Middle Level Schools at the rate of one classroom for each at a cost of Rs. 2 lakh (total Rs.60 crore). Action is being taken to change the syllabi, text books and humanities course for classes one to 12 on par to that at the all India level so that students, in future, can face any National level examinations without any sense of fear; in that way, the syllabi for the classes 1,6,9 and 11 are to be changed in the academic year 2018-2019, for classes 2,7,10 and 12 in 2019-2020 and for classes 3,4,5 and 8 in 2020-2021; steps will be taken to teach yoga in all schools for improving students' skills, health and calmness of mind.

Vacancies in schools are filled up speedily only with the view that all these schemes should be implemented without any slackening.

I wish to emphasize to teachers who got appointed today that you are not teachers only. You have to work bearing in mind that you are executives managing children endowed with the world's best intellectual capacities. You should think that you are also parents interested in the students' total growth and inculcate good qualities like discipline, good conduct and punctuality in them.

You have to remember that God is in the smile of these innocent children who come to you for learning with a pleasant face, believing implicitly that all you say is as true as the Vedas. Perarignar Anna saw God in the smile of the poor; you must see God in the smile of these innocent children.

Learning will not be a burden but an interesting experience for students, if only you plan well ahead of entering the classroom, think how you can teach the lesson to make students understand easily and what sort of educational aids you should use to achieve the purpose. I am reminded of a story when I think of the nobility and greatness of a teacher's profession.

Once upon a time, an emperor munificently distributed gold and other articles to his subjects when a son was born to him. One of his Ministers commented: "See, how our emperor is happily celebrating the birth of his son". The emperor replied: "It is not out of the happiness that a son is born to me that I am giving away gold and articles to people; it is out of happiness that my son is born in the times of my 'gurunathar' (teacher) himself; my teacher will shape my son also as an emperor like me. Out of that happiness I have presented gold and articles to my people". The teaching profession is so glorious. You inculcate enthusiasm and perseverance in each and every student and teach them without leaving any room for doubt like a Dronacharya taught Arjuna and Ramakrishna Paramahamsar taught Vivekananda. Your work should be such as to make a student pine to meet you again as exemplified in the Kural couplet: "Meeting with the learned gives joy. When they leave, the heart grows wistful" (Uvappa thalaikoodi ulla pirithal / anaitthae pulavar thozhil).

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma said: "A teacher's job is not confined to text books alone;

it is one of educating the students on discipline, culture, general knowledge and spirituality; you are a guide to the future generation; you are going to teach about a wealth that cannot be depleted; in any industry, no boss will like to see his subordinates rise above him; but teachers will be happy to see their students gain fame and become great intellectuals; a teacher's job is such a glorious one; a teacher's job is to bring out the talent of his students. You should take up such a responsible work and create an intellectual society". I affectionately request you to take up your work giving utmost importance to these words of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

If you discharge your duty with dignity, self discipline and intent, you will turn out to be good teachers, ever remembered by students. I once again extend my greetings to all the newly appointed teachers.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister put forth wonderful ideas here. He said you were the persons who shaped people, good politicians too. Not merely politicians. Teachers who are seated here are the ones who shape doctors, engineers, advocates, among others. The teacher's job is such a wonderful job. The teaching profession is a sacred one. You have received orders to take up such a profession. I take leave of you, wishing you all the best in your teaching career.

Nandri! Vanakkam. ■

# Mobile medical teams fan out to curb waterborne diseases



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami at a function in the Omandurar Tamil Nadu Super Speciality Hospital at Chennai, flagged off 200 special mobile medical teams on 05.11.2017 to provide medical assistance to people in rain-affected areas in the State. The mobile teams include 150 medical vans, 25 Nilavembu Kashayam (Herbal Water) distribution vans and 25 general health team vans to check the chlorine level in water. These vans are in addition to two-day 401 special medical camps being conducted by the Health and Family Welfare Department throughout the State.

The Health and Family Welfare Department has pressed into service mobile medical teams to provide medical assistance to people affected by rains in Chennai and suburban in their locality itself. For this, every medical team is provided with a special van which is equipped

with Doctors, Nurses and para-medical staff. Besides instrument to check BP, thermometer to check fever, medicines, tablets, tonics, and ointment are kept ready in the van. These mobile vans will divide the areas into themselves and visit the rain-affected areas to provide medical assistance to the rain-affected people there from 8 am to the evening.

On 03.11.2017, 295 special camps were organized in areas affected by North-East monsoon. Following this, on 04.11.2017, 106 mobile special medical camps were conducted in rain-affected areas in Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram Districts. To prevent spread of water-borne diseases such as dysentery and other infectious diseases, the team checked whether chlorine-mixed water is distributed to people.

At present, 102 medical teams are working in the rain-affected areas of Cuddalore,

Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur Districts. Apart from checking the quality of water supplied through tankers, 90 teams are functioning in these 6 Districts to check the quality of food and the drinking water supply. Based on the demand from people, the visit of these teams will be increased with more number of vans.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami at the flagging off ceremony:

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister for Health, other Ministers, Chief Secretary, High officials of the Health Department, Doctors and Nurses who are members of mobile teams, media friends, at the outset, I welcome you all to the special function.

With a view to providing medical assistance to people affected by rains, Hon'ble Amma's Government has already started 401 special medical camps and these camps are functioning at present. Apart from these camps, 200 mobile medical vans with Doctors are flagged off today. Totally, 601 medical teams have been pressed into service by the Government to provide medical assistance to people affected by rains. People should make the better use of these medical teams by contacting the members of these teams if they have any symptom of fever or water-borne diseases.

I appeal to media friends here to give wide publicity to these vans so that people can contact these medical camps in their areas.

Siddha Doctors and Doctors from different Medical Departments are participating in the team. I thank them also for their participation.

The Government is taking all precautionary measures to prevent spread of diseases during the rainy season. These mobile vans have been provided equipment to check the chlorine level in drinking water supply.

To keep the environment clean, bleaching powder is supplied by the staff of the mobile to the residents. As far as the Government is concerned, people should not be affected by rain-related diseases and that is the reason for organizing these camps. I thank and congratulate the Doctors, Nurses and other para-medical staff of the teams for their selfless service.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Health Dr.C.Vijayabaskar, other Hon'ble Ministers, Chief Secretary Dr.Girija Vaithiyanathan I.A.S., Principal Secretary of the Health Department Dr.J.Radhakrishnan I.A.S., Principal Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue Administration Dr. Satyagopal I.A.S., Commissioner of the Indian Medicine and Homeopathy and Addl. Chief Secretary Thiru. Mohan Pyare I.A.S., Director of National Rural Health Mission Darez Ahamed I.A.S., Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Dr.Umanath I.A.S., Director of Tamil Nadu Health Planning Tmt.Uma Maheswari I.A.S., Director of Medical Education Dr.A.Edwin Joe, Director of General Health and Disease Prevention Dr.K.Kulandaisamy, Additional director of Medical and Rural Health Care Services (Research), Dr.P.Banu, Director of Medical, Rural Health Care Services Dr.M.R.Enbasekaran and other Government officials participated.



# Unity

(The birth anniversary of poet Suradha falls on November 23)

If truth and love unite,  
even the glowing fire becomes the good sandal.

Finally justice will triumph.  
Believe it firmly.  
Unity is the backbone of the Country.  
The Wicked enemy's attack is  
just like a fragment of fuel wood falling on fire.

Refuting always everything is never a talent.  
A good heart lessens vices softly.  
If the Country should progress,  
let us have a feeling of national integrity

The people of frustration only create  
discord in society without any norm whatsoever.  
If qualities of generosity and peace be on the  
decrease,  
the social solidarity will be at stake.

*- Suradha's poetry*



# Listing schemes for Krishnagiri, Chief Minister asserts that ruling party is a steel fortress



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**  
at the M.G.R. Centenary Celebration Function held at Krishnagiri on 23.09.2017  
*(English Translation).*

I bow before the Goddess Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who remains in our hearts despite leaving the world and who rules the hearts of seven-and-a-half crore Tamils and functions as the life-breath of one-and-a-half crore AIADMK cadre.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. was a noble leader who rose from the ranks. He was the rationalist disciple of Pagutharivu

Pagalavan Thanthai Periyar; he was most dear to Perarignar Anna and an incomparable leader to Tamils all over the world, the Idaya Deivam of the poor. I am very happy and proud to participate in the centenary function of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and meet you all.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. Dhanapal, who gave the presidential address in this pleasant



function, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. O.Panneerselvam whose speech was dotted with several wonderful ideas, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha Dr. Thambidurai who delivered an excellent speech and demanded adequate water supply to the people of this District, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Balakrishna Reddy who delivered the Munnilai address and outlined the needs of this District, Secretary to the Department of Tamil Development and Information Thiru. R.Venkatesan I.A.S., who welcomed the gathering, Krishnagiri Member of Parliament Thiru. K.Ashok Kumar who offered the felicitation address, Uthangarai MLA Tmt. Manoranjitham, Bargur MLA Thiru. C.V.Rajendran, Hon'ble Former Ministers, Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Text Books and Education Services Corporation, Tmt. B.Valarmathi, Chairman of Tamil Nadu Housing Board Thiru. P.K.Vairamuthu, Collector of Krishnagiri District Thiru. C.Kathiravan, who is to propose a vote of thanks, MPs, MLAs, executives of AIADMK party headquarters, former Minister from this District Thiru. K.P.Munusamy, former Ministers, former Members of Parliament and Legislature, representatives of Co-operative Institutions, former representatives of Local Bodies, party cadre who are the aerial roots of the party, Government Staff, Media friends, respected Elders, Ladies, Youth, Students and Beneficiaries of Welfare Schemes, in the first place, I offer my respects to all of you.

There is a view that this place came to be called Krishnagiri as it was under the rule of Krishnadevarayar. Giri means mountain. The fort built by Krishnadevaraya had seen many wars. Even today, the fort remains strong and in good shape. It is a protected monument,

maintained by the Central Government's Department of Archaeology.

The horse breeding centre, started by the British in 1824 on 1,642 acres of land, has now changed into one of the biggest livestock farms in Asia.

With beautiful hillocks, mountains, greenery, natural scenery and cool climate, the Town 'Thali' was called by the Britishers 'a miniature England', bestowing an honour on Krishnagiri District. This District was created by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma in the year 2000 by bifurcating Dharmapuri District and thus added glory to this District. Hosur, has grown into an excellent industrial City through the starting of SIPCOT Industrial Complex and SIDCO Industrial Estates, by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma in 1992 and the private sector industrial establishments like TVS, Ashok Leyland and Titan.

In 2014, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma issued orders for setting up two SIPCOT industrial complexes in Shoolagiri Taluk; land acquisition works are at present on for them. The Union and State Governments are taking steps to locate a new airport near Hosur; the air service will commence shortly.

During her first term of office between 1991 and 1996 when she was elected to the Legislature from the Bargur constituency, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma created the Pochampalli Taluk; implemented many schemes like I.R.T. Polytechnic College, granite factory, Co-operative Industrial Training Institute, Government Engineering College and Government Arts College for Women and brought glory to this region.

The All India Mango Fair was started during the rule of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma

in 1993 and is conducted during the months of June and July. The Krishnagiri Mango Festival is very popular.

The Krishnagiri Bagalur roses have great demand both in inland and foreign markets. Lakes inclusive of the Nedungal reservoir that collects rain water, Rama Naicken Lake and Barur lake, and rivers like the Thenpennaiyaru and Markandeya Aaru, nourish the agriculture in Krishnagiri District.

Krishnagiri is the sacred soil that has holy spots like Chandrachudeswarar temple and the 2,500 years old Kaattu Veera Anjaneyar temple in Hosur and the 500 year old Betraya Swamy Temple at Denkanikottai.

Mootharignar Rajaji, the first Governor General of Independent India and former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was born in Thorapalli in this District.

Krishnagiri District always remains drenched in the sweat of the working class; and Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. used to like workers and the Towns filled with workers very much. By way of underlining the importance of work, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R., referred to its glory in many of his films such as the songs - "Naalai Ulagai Aalavendum/ Uzhaikkum Karangalae" (Only the toiling hands should rule the coming world), "Udal Uzhaikka Solvaen – Adhil Pizhaikka Solvaen" (Livelihood should be through the hard labour of the body) and "Uzhaitthu Vaazhavendum/ Pirar Uzhaippil Vaazzhndhidaadhae" (Toil and live; don't live on the labour of others). It is therefore no surprise that Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. liked Krishnagiri District that has a high manpower index the most.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. had realized the greatness of work. That is because

he grew up in poverty though he was born as the fifth son of a judge in an affluent family. He had to work hard in his youth to get even the basic facilities of food, clothes and a residence. He lost his father and three siblings – two sisters and a brother – in Sri Lanka and had to come to Tamil Nadu with his lone remaining brother Thiru. M.G.Chakrapani and his mother.

Tamil Nadu has no history of depriving those who have migrated to it. This is not so only now. Our Tamil literature has given a graphic picture of how Tamils welcomed and helped, even from ancient days, those who sought refuge. That is why Tamil Nadu remains from olden days to now a great State to live for workers and honest people.

It was Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. who gave the philosophy of life that students should learn vocational education also while prosecuting higher education, for a meaningful life. I wish to recall an incident that took place in Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.'s life while he was working very hard to progress in the film world.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. used to exhibit his heroism by jumping across wide gutters in Kolkatta while on a film shooting there. On one such occasion, one of his chappals snapped. He threw out the other chappal also and was walking bare-footed. That evening, he requested Thiru. Kalaivanar to get him a pair of new chappals for the next day's film shooting. Thiru. Kalaivanar extended a bundle towards him. Thiru. M.G.R. was surprised to see the pair of chappals he had discarded earlier in the morning, neatly mended and polished. Thiru. Kalaivanar advised Thiru. M.G.R.: "You have not yet become a big actor. So, don't waste money. Your mother is bringing you up with great difficulty".



Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. never forgot the pain he suffered without a pair of chappals in his early film career and was determined that no one else should undergo this suffering. In later days, he brought forth the free footwear scheme to remove the sufferings of the poor. He implemented suitable welfare schemes recalling the sufferings he had undergone along with his mother in his days of youth. I want to cite another instance that took place in his life.

While passing through Villupuram in his car, Makkal Thilakam Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. suddenly stopped the car near a petrol bunk. He asked his assistant to purchase 'vadai' from a wayside shop run by an old lady on the left side of the road and drop the money in the cash box without handing it to the old lady. The assistant did what he was told. The grandma was shocked to see Rs.200/- in the box. Our benefactor smiled and the car left the place.

The assistant asked in a surprised tone why Rs.200/- was given? Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. replied: "That Rs. 200 is not for the purchase; it is for the self-confidence and perseverance of the grandma. I wanted to honour that old lady who is self-dependent".

This gift of Rs.200/- became a routine affair while crossing Villupuram and the grandma wanted to know who was helping her so. On one such occasion, the assistant was shocked to see there was no grandma to receive the money and looked around.

The old lady could identify Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and told him with tearful eyes: "My Lord! (En Maharasa) all these years, were it you who had consumed the vadai I had prepared on this roadside? Maharasa! You are feeding thousands of families every day. I should have accumulated merit (Punniyam) in a very great measure for me to serve you the vadai I had prepared. But, it is embarrassing for me to receive Rs. 200/- like a lottery gift each time". Vallal Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. replied: "Consider it as the money given by your son. I shall move the Government shortly to give you this amount as a monthly pension".

Keeping up his promise, Ponmana Chemmal Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. implemented the old age pension scheme after he became the Chief Minister and other schemes like the noon meal and free clothes twice-a-year schemes and created history. Like this, our Ponmana Chemmal identified the wants of the people and implemented schemes and gave a golden reign to the State.

We Tamils should take pride that Tamil Nadu gave birth to such a great leader and in celebrating his centenary. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma came in the line of such a great leader and framed schemes for the upliftment of the poor. This Government too that follows in the footsteps of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, is formulating and implementing schemes as per the needs of the different Districts.

Due to time constraint, I wish to mention only a few of the achievements recorded by Amma's Government in the last six years in Krishnagiri District.

Co-operative bank loans of small and micro farmers amounting to Rs.89.06 crore have been waived, benefiting 13,859 farmers in this District; drought relief to an extent of Rs.17.42 crore has been distributed to 66,111 farmers whose crop yields have been affected; under the Chief Minister Uzhavar Padukappu Thittam, Rs.81 crore financial assistance has been given to 65,207 farmers; under the free distribution of laptop scheme, 79,575 laptops, costing Rs.123.84 crore have been distributed to students in this District; under the Chief Minister's Green house scheme, 11,485 green houses with solar panels, costing Rs.194.13 crore have been constructed and distributed in this District; under THAI scheme, 10,253 works have been taken up for execution in this District at a cost of Rs.155.07 crore; under the Pradan Mantri Awaz Yojana, 15,920 houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs.194.20 crore and distributed; a Government Arts College has been started in Hour region at a cost of Rs.8 crore; Polytechnic Colleges have been started in Othankarai and Kelamangalam areas;

under the 'kudimaramathu' scheme, 27 works have been taken up at a cost of Rs.3.80 crore; in the last five years, 23 electricity projects and schemes for new transmission lines and providing power connections have been executed at a cost of Rs.248.50 crore; under the Highways Department, road works to a length of 1,117.9 KM have been completed at a cost of Rs.386 crore and are maintained; also, construction of 17 bridges, road works and culvert works have been taken up at a cost of Rs.63.91 crore; under the Public Health Department, works have been taken up costing Rs.25.92 crore inclusive of starting a new mother-child care section at the Krishnagiri District Government Headquarters Hospital (Rs.20 crore), handing over a C.T. Scan equipment to Hosur Government Hospital (Rs.1.75 crore) and a new operation theatre at the Obstetrics and Neo-natal baby care centre (Rs.1.20 crore);

Today, I have inaugurated 441 works valued at Rs.66.13 crore; laid foundation for schemes costing Rs.327.14 crore which included power stations of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Corporation (Rs.182.39 crore) and projects of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (Rs.92.21 crore); and distributed welfare assistance to 33,131 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs.65.75 crore.

From the day of this Government assuming office till date, 33,589 completed works across the State, costing Rs.8,312.99 crore have been inaugurated and foundation stones have been laid for 6,555 works to be executed at a cost of Rs.3,130.96 crore. Totally, 40,144 works are being executed at a cost of Rs.11,443.95 crore.

The Leader of Opposition M.K.Stalin and former Minister Ponmudi have asked what are



the schemes we have brought about. I have just listed the schemes for this District alone. The Leader of the Opposition should first know the schemes we have implemented. They want to raise some issue or the other and want to reap benefits out of it. Hon'ble Amma's Government is vigilant. It will act with the courage of Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalai Amma. False propaganda carried to any extent will not shake Amma's Government. This is a Government that fulfills the aspirations of the people.

Like a flowing river, this Government is functioning without any hindrance. But some try to impede it by adopting a course that is anti-people and try to achieve political gains. Trying to achieve political gains through chicanery will never succeed. When I say this, I am reminded of a story.

A wolf in a forest one day asked the fox that was acting as its henchman, to fetch him food as it was unwell and could not hunt. The fox went to the village boundary and saw a bullock hiding in a place. It approached the bullock

saying, "Uncle; my greetings. Why are you hiding here". The bullock replied: "My master always drives a over-loaded cart; my mate is there; let my master suffer without finding me; that is why I am hiding here". The fox said: "Like the proverb pertaining to the donkey, he will search for you all over the Town and will take you away from here". "Is there no way to escape," asked the bullock. "Why not; come with me into the forest. There is plenty of grass there; without doing any work, you can graze and become healthy", tempted the fox. "They say there are lions, tigers and wolves in the forest. Is it not dangerous for me to come there", asked the bullock. "Have you ever seen wild animals", asked the fox. "I have never stepped out of this village", said the bullock. "Bullocks like you have grown so fat that all other animals are afraid of you", said the fox.

Believing the fox, the bullock accompanied the fox to the forest. On a signal from the fox, the wolf pounced on the bullock and injured it in a way that it could not get up. "Safeguard the bullock; I will take my bath and come for

the feast” – so saying the wolf went to a nearby river.

Before the wolf returned, the fox ate away the brain portion of the bullock as it could not control itself and as it could never dream of getting the brain part of the prey if the wolf returned.

“Why did you consume the brain of the bullock”, asked the wolf, fresh from its bath.

“If it had any brains, would it have believed me and come along with me? I wanted to see whether it has any brains. My guess is correct. It does not have brains”, said the fox. The wolf believed the fox. With the satisfaction of having achieved its desire, the fox left the place..

Likewise, many people tempt others to switch over sides and only to destroy them ultimately. So, don't fall a prey to the words of jugglery and temptation. This is the right place for you. Remain hopeful. I wish to State that all your aspirations will be fulfilled.

‘Kudimaramathu’ is farmers’ dream scheme. As Amma’s Government is farmers’ Government, it issued orders permitting farmers to dredge lakes, tanks and ponds in their areas and remove the sediments as per their needs for application in their fields as fertilizer. Besides, I am dutybound to recall that it is Amma’s Government which announced a three-year Rs.1,000 crore scheme for construction of check dams for protecting water resources. Under this scheme, check dams will be constructed across rivers and Odais. In the current year, the Government has planned to construct check dams at a cost of Rs.350 crore. In the remaining two years, Rs. 650 crore will be spent and every drop of water will be conserved for the irrigational needs of farmers. Water is the life-breath for farmers and it will be supplied to

them without wasting a single drop. Krishnagiri District has both agriculture and industries.

On account of the failure of monsoon, a severe drought, not witnessed in the last 140 years, is prevailing in Tamil Nadu. Sufficient quantum of water is not there in dams, lakes and tanks. Water is not there even for drinking purposes. Hence, steps were taken on a war footing; more than Rs.500 crore was allotted and the first phase of works were started. Amma’s Government took speedy action and saw to it that there was no problem with the supply of drinking water.

Puratchi Thalaivi Amma’s Government has brought about a revolution in the field of education. Several steps were taken by the Amma’s Government for giving best education to farmers’ children. In the last six years alone, 41,727 teacher posts, 58 special teacher posts, 4,361 laboratory assistant post and 15,169 part-time teachers posts were created bringing about a renaissance in education.

To provide the best education to rural children by opening new schools and thereby increase the student enrollment, Amma’s Government opened 227 new primary schools; 116 primary schools have been upgraded as middle level schools, 829 middle level schools as high schools and 402 high schools as higher secondary schools. Like these, many other welfare schemes were provided to students. As a result, enrollment in the primary education has increased to 99.85 per cent and at the middle level education to 99.20 per cent.

In a similar way, Amma’s Government, functioning on the lines of Amma, has created excellent facilities for the students from the socially and economically backward sections to take up higher education at low cost by

opening up 65 Arts and Science Colleges. Only in Amma's rule, Medical College, Veterinary College, Agriculture College and Law College have been opened and students enrollment in higher education has increased.

When Amma became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 2011, the percentage of students going for higher education was 21. The countless schemes implemented by Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and the revolution she had brought in, in the field of education increased this percentage to 44.32. If the percentage has increased from 21 to 44, you should ponder how much attention Amma would have bestowed on education. Likewise, Amma's Government will shape excellent students by effecting changes in syllabi for classes 1,6,9 and 11 in the academic year 2018-2019, for classes 2,7,10 and 12 in 2019-2020 and for classes 3,4,5 and 8 in 2020-2021.

After ushering in the second green revolution in 2011-2012, Tamil Nadu has set a high record of producing more than 100 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for four years between 2011 and 2016 and bagged Central Government's 'Krishi Karman' award four times in the last 5 years.

In post-Independent India, the first global investors meet was held only in Hon'ble Amma's rule in the year 2015 on September 9 and 10 at Chennai. Foreign dignitaries numbering 1,200 and Indian representatives, numbering 5,000 participated in the meet. More than 76,000 persons got direct and indirect jobs. Steps are taken to expedite action on the remaining memoranda of understanding. It was Chief Minister Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who sowed the seed, who remained the foundational force for the progress of a Country

industrially. I wish to point out that the action taken by Amma's Government fetched an 'Industrial City' for Tamil Nadu.

When DMK ruled Tamil Nadu, no developmental activities took place. For 8 years, from 1996 to 2014, they were in Central Government. DMK participated in the Congress and BJP coalition Governments. They never bothered about Tamil Nadu. Their only concern was about their family. Their thoughts revolved around getting which ministry for whom – son or grandson. As Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister mentioned, if only they had stressed on the Cauvery water issue, the Cauvery Management Board would have been set up by now.

Hence, I wish to point out that AIADMK aims at what it has achieved while in power. The Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha mentioned that even an ordinary party man can reach the highest position in AIADMK. That is true. In no other party, it is possible. In DMK, there is only dynastic politics. Father will be District Secretary; the son can become an MLA. In other parties, mirasdars and industrialists can become MLAs and MPs. But in AIADMK, whether it be in the rule of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. or Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, an ordinary cadre who is loyal and hard working can rise to high position. This has been proved. Some people think they can destroy this Movement. This is a steel fortress, built by one- and-a-half crore AIADMK volunteers. If anyone thinks of smashing this steel fortress, only his/her head will get smashed. Not the fort at any time. Some people cunningly think they can topple this Government. That will never happen because this Government is serving the people with the motto that service to people is service to God.



It is Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's rule that has implemented many schemes. Even now, some people are conspiring to harass the Government by causing some confusion or the other. They say law and order has deteriorated under this Government. They are hoping that some issue will burst out from the agitation they launch and push the Government into a quandary. This will never happen because people are with Amma's Government. You cannot even touch this Government as long as people are protecting this Government. You are only day-dreaming; you are after a mirage. If you offer constructive steps, Amma's Government will support. Amma implemented the dreams of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.; Amma's Government continues the tasks Amma has left behind and is creating records.

Our Minister from this District, MPs and MLAs and prominent partymen have placed some demands. I wish to mention some of them on which Government will take action.

#### **KRISHNAGIRI District – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Extension of the right bank canal of Aliyalam Anaicut: The right bank canal of Aliyalam anaicut across Thenpennai river in Krishnagiri District, runs for a distance of 8,960 metres. From the point of 8,800 metre in this canal, a new main canal for a

length of 19.85 KM and a branch canal of 1.20 KM will be constructed to carry surplus waters during times of floods to 13 lakes in the Taluks of Hosur and Denkanikottai and to Thoolchetty lake in Dharmapuri in deference to the request of the people of that area. This scheme will benefit 869 acres. It will be taken up immediately.

2. Check dams in Arasampatti and Pendarahalli: Check dams will be constructed across Thenpennai river in Krishnagiri District at two places – Arasampatti and Pendarahalli.
3. Survey for pumping water to 25 lakes from Kodiyalam Anaicut: A survey will be undertaken to sink a well near the Kodiyalam anaicut across Pennaiyar in Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District and pump water to about 25 lakes. The scheme will be implemented and the ground water table in those areas will be re-charged.
4. Survey for a new inlet channel: Surveys will be conducted for setting up inlet channels to Kottavur lake in Paapparapatti Panchayat from Santhanur lake in Damodarahalli, Krishnagiri District and to Pattarahalli lake from Pachanampatti lake in Kumbarahalli Panchayat.
5. New offices to PWD: A new Building Division (Building and Maintenance) will

- be created for the Krishnagiri District with Krishnagiri as headquarters.
6. Shoolagiri By-pass road: A by-pass road will be laid for Shoolagiri Town. A detailed project report will be prepared at a cost of Rs. 4 lakh for this by-pass road in the current year.
  7. A high rise bridge across Thenpennai river in Patthakotta Road: A high rise bridge will be constructed across Thenpennai river at a cost of Rs.3.65 crore at 2/6 KM Paathakotta road from V.C.C. road.
  8. Land acquisition for outer ring road for Hosur Town: Land acquisition at a cost of Rs. 145 crore will be undertaken for laying an outer ring road to Hosur Town; funds will be allotted for this work.
  9. Project report for a railway over bridge on Thali road: Steps will be taken to prepare a project report for constructing a railway over bridge on Thali road between the railway stations of Hosur and Anaikal.
  10. Primary Health Centre at Natrampalayam: As Natrampalayam Village in Thali Panchayat Union, Krishnagiri District, is situated in mountainous region, the villagers find it difficult to access medical facilities. In the interest of the people in that region, a Primary Health Centre will be located in Natrampalayam Village.
  11. New Deputy Director (Family Welfare) office: Even after the formation of the Krishnagiri District, the office of the Deputy Director of family welfare, Department of health, continues to function in Dharmapuri. In the interest of the general public, a separate office for the Deputy Director (family welfare) will be set up for the Krishnagiri District.
  12. Business Encouragement Centre near Hosur Town: Hosur Town is a developing industrial Town in Krishnagiri District. Along with automobile manufacturing industries, electronics spare parts manufacturing industries and aeronautics spare parts manufacturing industries, granite polishing industry also is functioning here. Considering that agro industries like production of cut flower, silk and mango pulp and their exports are flourishing, a Business Encouragement Centre will be set up by SIDCO in co-ordination with industry and trade associations, near Shoolagiri on the Hosur-Krishnagiri National highway.
  13. Upgrading Hosur into a Municipal Corporation: From 2012, Hosur Municipality in Krishnagiri District is functioning as a special grade Municipality. Under urbanization programme, it will be upgraded into a Municipal Corporation by annexing eight neighbouring Panchayats – Achchettipalli, Begappalli, Chenna Chandiram, Kothakondapalli, Nallur, Onnalvadi, Thorapalli Agraharam and Perandapalli. This will improve basic structures for the people of this region.
  14. Upgrading Krishnagiri into a special grade Municipality: From 1984, Krishnagiri Municipality is functioning as a first grade Municipality. Now, by annexing 8 Panchayats – Venkatapuram, Agasipalli, Devasamudram, Kattinayanapalli, Kattiganapalli, Peddanapalli, Kallakurikki and Paiyanapalli -- Krishnagiri Municipality will be upgraded as a special grade Municipality.
  15. New water supply scheme for Krishnagiri District: A survey will be undertaken for



a new drinking water scheme, costing Rs.60 crore with Thenpennai river as the water source for supply to 425 residential quarters in 6 Panchayat Unions in Krishnagiri District. The scheme, I am happy to State, will provide protected drinking water to 2,42,668 persons on a permanent basis.

16. Additional Courts to Hosur sports stadium: The Hosur sports stadium in Krishnagiri District has a 400 metre athletics track, a football ground, a volleyball court, kabaddi and go-go Courts. A basketball Court, an indoor badminton court, pavement and a gym will be set up additionally in this stadium.

Thiru. Rajendran, Bargur MLA has given a list of demands for his constituency. They will be examined and the feasible ones will be implemented.

Hon'ble Amma's Government is implementing so many schemes. But the opposition parties say no scheme has been implemented by this Government. They raise the doubt whether this Government is

functioning at all. Don't harbour any doubt. You can see things clearly. We have announced the schemes that we are implementing from this dais. People are clear in their minds. They are with Amma, with Amma's Government. Hence, I very categorically State that Amma's Government will continue its work for the people.

I record my hearty appreciation to all the good hearts who made arrangements for this function in an excellent manner, to the Hon'ble Minister for Sports who is also the Minister from this District for supporting the efforts for the conduct of the function and other MPs who stood by him. I take leave of you, saying this Government will continue to work as your servant.

Yesterday was Ours! Today is Ours! Tomorrow also will be Ours.

Vaazhga Anna Naamam!; Valarga Puratchi Thalaivar Pugazh! Thodarga Manbumigu Ammavin Aatchi!

Nandri! Vanakkam!



## Chief Minister congratulates former Governor for coffee table book on tenure in Tamil Nadu

Speech delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** at a function at Raj Bhavan in Chennai on 16.10.2017 (*English Translation*).

**M**y Pranams to Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

I welcome those, who have come here to participate in the inauguration of 400 kw solar power plant and the release of the book 'Those Eventful Days' written by Hon'ble Maharashtra Governor, which is a compilation of his experiences as Governor in Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Vice President of India, Hon'ble Maharashtra Governor, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble MLAs, Respected Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary of the Governor, who delivered the welcome address, Deputy Secretary to the Governor, who is to propose the vote of thanks, High officials of the Government, and those who assembled here, at the outset I offer my respects to all of you.

The Hon'ble Vice President of India, who is now seated with us, is very much concerned about the interest of Tamils, and has been rendering help for the welfare of Tamil Nadu. He had also won the admiration of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Hon'ble Amma had proudly mentioned at the inaugural function of Chennai Metro Rail services

at R.K.Nagar in Chennai on 23.07.2016 that Mr.Venkaiah Naidu was a good friend of Tamil Nadu. She said that it was not an exaggeration to say that Mr.Venkaiah Naidu was in the forefront, In protecting the interests of Tamil Nadu and in getting early clearance from the Central Government for Tamil Nadu Government schemes.

The presence of such a man at this meeting as Vice-President of the Country gives great pleasure to the people of Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Thiru.Ch.Vidyasagar Rao, the present Governor of Maharashtra and the former Governor of Tamil Nadu, is a great lawyer and a former Union Minister, who distinguishes himself in exercising his duties assigned to him. I am proud to say that he is responsible for the present function. He showed his love towards the Tamil language and the people of Tamil Nadu by installing the statues of Saint Tiruvalluvar and Poet Avvaiyar in Raj Bhavan with a plaque of Athichoodi near Avvaiyar statue. I am also happy to point out that Hon'ble Vidyasagar earned a place in the hearts of Tamil people by opening the Raj Bhavan for public view.

The newly sworn in Governor Hon'ble Thiru.Banwarilal Purohit served as MLA of Nagpur constituency in Maharashtra. He served well as a Minister of the State and as Member of Parliament. He acquitted himself well as the Governor of Assam. I am confident that Tamil Nadu would achieve more progress in his tenure as the Governor of the State.

I am informed that the newly inaugurated solar power plant by the Hon'ble Vice President of India at Raj Bhavan today has a capacity to produce six lakh units per annum. This will meet 80 per cent of the Raj Bhavan's power requirement and could save Rs. 45 lakh per annum.

Increasing the production of solar power and protecting the environment is one of the features of the Vision - 2023 of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. Hon'ble Amma showed keen interest in increasing the production of renewable energy and with this view Amma announced Solar Power policy in 2012. Based on that policy various pioneer schemes are being implemented in the State.

On 04.05.2015, agreements were signed for procurement of 648 MW of solar power in the presence of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma. Her last engagement was on 21.09.2016 when she declared open the 648 MW solar power plant installed at a cost of Rs. 4,536 crore.

The present Government which is following the footsteps of Hon'ble Amma is giving more importance to Renewable energy. On 26.09.2017 an agreement was signed for purchase of 1,500 MW of solar power produced by 16 solar power plants set up at a cost of Rs 9,000 crore. At present the State has an installed capacity of 1798.48 mw of solar power. This included 78.44 MW of roof top solar power. At present the State is getting 800 to 1200 MW of solar power during day time. I am happy to announce on this occasion that the State is the pioneer in the Country in the production of renewable energy.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Hon'ble Vice President of India and the two Hon'ble Governors for giving me the opportunity to participate in this august function.

Nandri, Vanakkam. ■

