



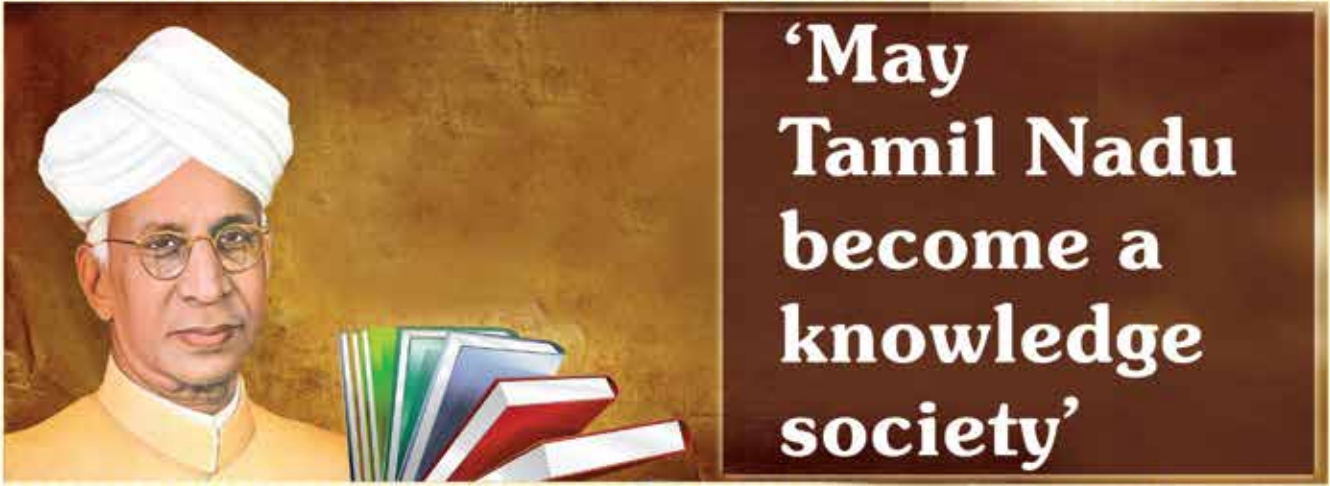
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Teacher's Day greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 04.09.2018 (*English Translation*).

September 5, the Birth Anniversary of philosopher Dr.S.Radhakrishnan who rose to become the President of India from humble beginnings as a teacher, through hard work and noble thoughts and made the world realize the greatness of our motherland, is celebrated as Teacher's Day. I extend my hearty greetings to all the teachers who celebrate this day. I also convey my good wishes to all the teachers who have been conferred the Best Teacher Award on this good day.

Mahakavi Bharathiar described Tamil Nadu as excelling in education. By way of upholding his statement, the Tamil Nadu Government that functions on the lines of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, is implementing many schemes to help all students in Tamil Nadu to shine in education. These schemes include education, bus pass, bicycles, school uniforms, text-books, note-books, laptops, ancillary educational tools – all at no cost, incentives to reduce the number of drop outs, filling up teacher vacancies so that

students get uninterrupted excellent education, designing new syllabi for quality education to students and toll-free help centres to clear doubts of students and parents.

The Tamil Nadu Government is honouring teachers with 'Dr.Radhakrishnan Award' for teachers who perform the great task of instilling in students good ideals and social awareness and open up their eye of intelligence and 'Dream Teacher Award' for teachers who make the best use of computer in educating the students, good at organizing co-curricular activities and excel in student enrollment and school management.

Education is the basis of a Country's development. May the services of teachers who impart such an education to the younger generation and create a knowledge society flourish more and more!

I once again extend my Teacher's Day greetings. May teachers work excel! Let knowledge flourish and Tamil Nadu rise high!



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“Even while teaching students in class, teachers should tell them the problems they may face in life, the values they have to adopt to resolve those problems and about patriotism and honesty.”

**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

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## First Wrapper

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** presented  
Dr. Radhakrishnan Awards for Best Teachers  
at a function held at Kalaivanar Arangam,  
Chennai on 05.09.2018, on behalf of the  
Department of School Education.

# Tamil Nadu urges Finance panel to reward population control during devolution of funds



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** in the Fifteenth Finance Commission on 06.09.2018.

Hon'ble Chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission Thiru.N.K.Singh,

Hon'ble Members of the Fifteenth Finance Commission Dr.Anoopsingh,

Dr. Ashok Lahiri and Dr. Ramesh Chand,

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister,

Hon'ble Ministers,

Chief Secretary Tmt. GirijaVaidyanathan,

Thiru. Arvind Mehta,

Secretary of the Commission,

Senior Officials of the Fifteenth Finance Commission and Officers of the State Government, Vanakkam.

On behalf of the Government and people of Tamil Nadu, I extend a warm and hearty welcome to the respected Chairman and Members of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

Tamil Nadu has always been a strong supporter of the institution of the Finance Commission. Even in the days of the Planning Commission, we always emphasized that the Finance Commission should be the main source



of fiscal transfers of funds from Centre to State. However, Tamil Nadu's share in devolution has fallen in all recent Finance Commissions. Even the increase in share of Central taxes from 32 to 42% by the Fourteenth Finance Commission did not help Tamil Nadu, because the horizontal share was drastically cut. Tamil Nadu has lost Rs.6,000/- crores per annum in the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. This has cast doubt on the fairness of the whole system in the minds of the people.

I had already written to the Hon'ble Chairman expressing some of our serious concerns on the

Terms of Reference of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. I wish to reiterate that we oppose the use of 2011 population data. It would punish progressive States like Tamil Nadu which have achieved success in population control through their own efforts. I urge the Commission to make Population Control one of the points for devolution, with as much weight as Population. I also request that for the purposes of devolution 1971 data be adopted by the Finance Commission.

Tamil Nadu is one of the best performing States in implementation of flagship schemes of the Government of India. Still, in principle, we have serious concerns on the clause about incentives linked to Government of India flagship schemes. We are constrained to point out that this kind of reference is beyond the scope of Article 280 of the Constitution. We also strongly oppose the reference to control of expenditure on so-called populist programmes. "Populist" is a subjective term which has a very fine line of difference with popular schemes. The Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Noon Meal programme for school children was once called populist. Now the Government of India has made it the part of the National Food Security Act. Tamil Nadu has a number of social welfare schemes. Each of them is designed with specific socio-economic objectives. The schemes are for the benefit of deserving and carefully targeted groups. Hence, they cannot be termed populist. I feel that it would be inappropriate for the Finance





Commission to judge the collective wisdom of States' Legislatures.

In a big country like India, we understand the need for some re-distribution. However, some recommendations of previous Finance Commissions have resulted in perverse incentives. There has been too much weight for income distance. This has rewarded States which lag in developmental efforts. It has penalised engines of growth like Tamil Nadu. For India to grow fast, progressive States like Tamil Nadu have to be encouraged. Tamil Nadu needs funds for investment to sustain growth. Without growth, there will not be much to distribute. Hence, I urge the Commission to strike a proper balance between re-distribution and growth.

The Comptroller & Auditor General has pointed out that in the past the Centre has not fully devolved the amounts which should have been distributed. Tamil Nadu has lost a lot of money because of this. I request this Commission to review the past shortfalls in

actual devolution and recommend arrangements to release these amounts immediately. I also urge the Commission to give importance to maintenance of productive assets in making its recommendations.

My officers will be making a detailed presentation. We look forward to a very productive and fruitful discussion with you.

This Commission has an ideal mix of experts. After a long time, the Commission is headed by a person with political and Administrative experience. Nearly 8 crore people in Tamil Nadu are looking up to this Commission with high hopes. I am sure this eminent group would not let them down and will restore the people's confidence in the very institution of the Finance Commission.

Thank You.



# **Tamil Nadu makes strong case for Finance Panel to scrap skewed criteria and finally give the State its due**

Salient points of the Memorandum presented to the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission  
by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**.

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**T**amil Nadu is the only State which has seen its inter se share in devolution decline in every single Finance Commission since the 9<sup>th</sup>. Criteria have come and criteria have gone - but regardless of which criteria were adopted by which Commission, Tamil Nadu always ended up with a reduced inter se share of devolution. This has led to a crisis of confidence in the polity, and among the people, in the core institutions of fiscal federalism. The 78 million people of Tamil Nadu are looking to this Commission to undo the unfair and unscientific treatment this State received from the 14<sup>th</sup> and earlier Finance Commissions.

The Commission has been constituted at a time when the Union and the States are facing volatile growth in economy. The era during which fiscal indicators of the Union and the States steadily improved has ended. In the GST regime, the resource stream is less predictable due to instability in the taxation and collection system. Being closer to the people and having a greater responsibility to protect them from the rigours of economic fluctuation, the State Government is forced to balance between fiscal prudence and welfare measures.

It is a tragedy that successive Finance Commissions assessed Tamil Nadu as having a post devolution surplus based on undue assumptions of a higher rate of revenue growth, whereas the actual scenario turned out to be different.

Despite its deficit, the State has not received any compensation or revenue deficit grant during the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission award period. It is therefore clear that the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has erred seriously in making its projections relating to Tamil Nadu which had a debilitating effect on the State's fiscal stature.

Tamil Nadu has not benefited from the increase in Share of Central Taxes from 32% to 42% by the Fourteenth Finance Commission because of the drastic cut in the horizontal share among States. Instead, Tamil Nadu has lost Rs.6,000 crore per annum in the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission alone.

Realistic projections which anticipate economic trends are essential, if the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission is to enable a fair distribution between the Union and the States of the net proceeds of taxes, a just allocation

**amongst the States of such proceeds, and a reasonable set of recommendations on grants to the States.**

**Failure to meet investment needs in progressive States like Tamil Nadu will choke growth in the very States which are most capable of pulling the Nation upward. Thus, the present trend in transfer of resources - of rewarding those who use resources inefficiently and do badly, and punishing those who use resources efficiently and do well - has to be reversed. The flow of resources to States like Tamil Nadu has to increase substantially, not only on grounds of fairness, but also to sustain growth in India as a whole and thereby help all States.**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission needs to keep in mind three critical aspects in formulating its recommendations:**

- ★ Firstly, as emphasised above, the inherent imbalance in the Constitutional scheme where the States have been entrusted with responsibilities far in excess of the financial resources endowed on them; the Finance Commission as a Constitutional mechanism is intended to correct this basic imbalance;**
- ★ Secondly, the need for realistic rather than optimistic projection of States' revenue and expenditure;**
- ★ Thirdly, adoption of pragmatic, fair and scientific criteria which encourage developed States to accelerate growth further, rather than dampen their spirit and enthusiasm, while also stimulating the backward States**

**to bestow more attention on rapid economic and social changes.**

- ★ The State Government put forward major recommendations like adopting the criteria of Population of 1971, Population control based on inverse population growth from 1971 to 2011 with equal weightage to counter each other, Income distance measured from minimum level of Upper Middle countries and contribution to Central Taxes, each with weightage of 25% for deciding the horizontal distribution among States. It was also emphasized to compensate the State for the revenue loss faced by Tamil Nadu due to unfair recommendations of Fourteenth Finance Commission.**
- ★ Grants-in-aid and State Specific Needs Grant sought for by the Tamil Nadu Government**
- ★ A grant of Rs. 4,800 crore as a State specific need, albeit one of National importance considering the economic importance of Chennai metropolis.**
- ★ Rs.260 crore towards Prevention of Sea water intrusion into the coastal aquifers of Tamil Nadu**
- ★ Rs.1,000 crore towards anti sea-erosion works.**
- ★ Rs.1,900 crore for Eastern Ghats Development Project consisting Sub-Project on Eco-restoration and Resource Management, Sub-Project on Preservation of Traditional Knowledge and Sub-Project on Heritage Conservation and Eco-tourism**



- ★ **A special grant of Rs.5,000 crore may be given to further expand coverage of Zero Liquid Discharge based Common Effluent Treatment Plant.**
  - ★ **A grant of Rs.300 crore for a grant towards Revamping of Chennai Water Bodies**
  - ★ **A special grant for development of Key Towns of Tourist Importance viz., Rameswaram (Rs.200 crore), Madurai (Rs.500 crore), Palani (Rs.100 crore), Tiruchendur (Rs.75 crore), Srirangam (Rs.100 crore)**
  - ★ **Rs.7,800 crore grant towards Inter-linking of Cauvery - Agniyar - South Vellar - Manimuthar - Vaigai - Gundar canal scheme**
  - ★ **Rs.400 crore towards Renovation of Historically Important Ancient Temples**
  - ★ **A grant of Rs.23,465 crore towards maintenance of 58,326 single, intermediate lane, double lane, multi lane roads in the State.**
  - ★ **Rs.1,000 crore grants-in-aid for maintenance of 30,952 sq.km forests.**
  - ★ **Rs.7,875 crore grant for augmenting Police infrastructure viz., Construction of Police Stations Buildings, Construction of Police Quarters, Equipment and Infrastructure for added strength, Upgradation of Tamil Nadu Police Academy and Urban Law and Order Management Training.**
  - ★ **A grant of Rs.1,500 crore towards Improvement of Judiciary in the State viz.,**
- Construction of own buildings for existing Courts, Construction of own buildings for new Courts, Construction of residential quarters for judges of subordinate judiciary and Upgradation of IT infrastructure for High Court and Subordinate Judiciary.
- ★ **Rs. 5,000 crore to meet the funding for Urbanisation, Migration and Slum Development in Tamil Nadu.**
  - ★ **A one-time grant of Rs.1,500 crore exclusively for Restoration of Traditional Water Bodies.**
  - ★ **A grant of Rs.1,000 crore, towards Support for Health Care Institutions in the State, Rs.600 crore for construction of new building / revamping of old buildings existing in the old Government Medical Colleges and Rs.400 crore to upgrade all the tertiary institutions with necessary infrastructure for better patient care.**
  - ★ **A grant of Rs.250 crore for preservation and restoration of heritage structures in Chennai such as Fort St. George, High Court of Madras, Government Museum, single – storey building next to Kalas Mahal, PWD Complex in Chepauk, Humayun Mahal, are illustrative of some of the heritage buildings which require renovation.**
  - ★ **Rs.80 crore for developing infrastructure facilities in Juvenile Justice System.**
  - ★ **A grant of Rs.6,000 crore towards maintenance of public local body buildings.**

# Chief Minister asserts Amma's Government is determined to foster a knowledge society



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** at the Teacher's Day Mupperum Vizha held at Kalaivanar Arangam on 05.09.2018 (*English Translation*).

**B**owing to Goddess Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma,

At the outset I offer my Teacher's Day good wishes to all teachers.

I am extremely happy to participate in this pleasant function held on behalf of the Department of School Education today which marks the 130<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of India's former President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Thiru. O.Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who delivered an excellent speech at this function,

Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan, Hon'ble Minister for School Education who delivered the Presidential address, Thiru. D.Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Hon'ble Ministers, Respected MPs and MLAs, Respected Tmt. B. Valarmathi, Chairperson of Tamil Nadu Textbook and Education Services Corporation, Chief Secretary to Government, Principal Secretary to the Department of School Education who spoke on the scheme, Respected former Ministers, former MPs and MLAs, Director of School Education who delivered the welcome





address, Director of Elementary Education who is to propose a vote of thanks, Directors and Joint Directors of the various wings of the Department of School Education, former representatives of Local Bodies, Teachers, Parents, Students, Newspaper and Media Friends, officials of the Education Department who have made excellent arrangements – I offer my respects to all of you.

Today is the Birth Anniversary of philosopher Dr.S.Radhakrishnan and Kappalottiya Thamizhan, Chekkizhuttha Chemmal V.O. Chidambaranar – the former lit the lamp of education and removed the darkness of ignorance; the latter lit the lamp of freedom and removed the darkness of slavery. It gives me great happiness to celebrate, a triple function like a ‘Thriveni’ confluence – the first for school cleanliness, the second for teachers and the third for students.

Holding the teachers who taught me education and Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who taught me politics in the background of my mind, I once again extend my hearty Teacher’s Day good wishes to teachers who are engaged

in the noble task of imparting education to students.

There are two most important chambers in one’s life – one is the womb of one’s mother; the other is the classroom which is the realm of the teacher. One’s mother gives birth and introduces one to the world; the teacher gives knowledge and introduces one to life.

Teachers shine as true guides by inculcating good qualities – good conduct, culture, skills, enthusiasm, self-confidence, perseverance, general knowledge and the like. By way of expressing our gratitude to such teachers, we celebrate September 5 as Teacher’s Day.

Teachers are the worthy people who foster social development; they are lamps that kindle the light of Wisdom. Only a lamp with a live wick can light another lamp. So too, only those who work selflessly and with a sense of fulfillment can be teachers. Teaching is the noblest calling in the world; it is not to be treated just as a profession. It is to be respected as a service rendered with a sense of sacrifice. Only then will its greatness grow, its grandeur glow, its uniqueness shine and its spirit of sacrifice bloom.



It is not enough for teachers to be unselfish persons alone, they should have an overwhelming urge to teach. Only such persons are truly teachers.

I heartily congratulate the 373 teachers who receive the Dr.Radhakrishnan Award today for the excellent work they have put in and the 960 Tamil medium students who receive the “Kamarajar Awards” for their brilliant performance. I also congratulate the Headmasters of 40 schools receiving the “Clean School Award” and their Parent-Teacher Associations. This award is given in appreciation of the fact that these schools are functioning well from the standpoint of cleanliness and hygiene and to highlight their achievement.

Bharathiar sang: “Kalvi Sirandha Thamizhnaadu, Pugazh Kamban Pirantha Thamizhnaadu” (Tamil Nadu excels in education; it is the birth place of the famous Kamban). Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who lived as the ‘Modern Woman’ envisaged

by Bharathi, turned Bharathi’s dream into a reality and made Tamil Nadu the Best State in education, a model to other States and has left it to us to take it forward.

“Theruvengum palligal kattuvom; kalvi theriyaadha paergalae illamal seivom; karutthaga pala thozhil payiluvom” – so sang Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. (‘We will build schools in every street; we will create conditions where there will be no one devoid of literacy; we will earnestly learn many types of work’).

Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma said: “If intellectual human resource development is to be achieved, uninterrupted quality education should be ensured to all”. Every scheme of the Education Department is designed and implemented on the basis of this nectarine saying.

I am proud to mention here that Amma’s Government that functions on the lines of Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has allotted more funds this year to the Education



Department than in any earlier year and is implementing many schemes effectively.

To ensure that the remoteness of schools in distant places does not deprive students of their dream of education, 20 new elementary schools have been started in villages and hilly areas. Further, 100 middle level schools have been upgraded this year into high schools and 100 high schools into higher secondary schools. Thirty-two Government higher secondary schools, selected at the rate of one for each District, are being changed to model schools through the provision of necessary infrastructure facilities apart from Rs.50 lakh each for raising the standard of teaching. For this, Hon'ble Amma's Government has allotted Rs.16 crore.

Hi-tech computer laboratories are proposed to be set up to help students in Government schools gain the necessary computer skills. As per this plan, 10 computers each will be supplied to 3,090 high schools and 20 computers with accessory electrical devices to 2,939 higher secondary schools.

On this occasion, I wish to recall with happiness the inauguration of the scheme by me to distribute bi-cycles to 11.17 lakh students this year.

Moved by the great ideal that shortage of teachers should not in any way hinder the education of students, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government is filling up vacancies then and there. In this way, 4,362 laboratory assistants and 2,373 post-graduate and special teachers have been appointed.

Special skill lessons have been introduced in the syllabus for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards to facilitate job opportunities after the completion of education. The attractive colourful new text books introduced this year, are of high quality and have in-depth content. They will help students handle competitive examinations and are creating an intellectual revolution in their minds. The quick response codes (QR codes) in these books have, in addition, brought about the wonder of tapping the limitless richness of internet information to one's finger tips. An evolutionary change in education, to suit the times, has flowered. Teachers are also trained to handle the new syllabi in an excellent way.

The release of public examination schedule for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> classes at the end of the year makes students tense. Changing this practice, we are releasing the examination schedule and the date of publication of results at the beginning of the academic year itself. This has removed the mental tension of students. We have also accomplished a historic achievement by sending by SMS, the mark sheets of students within two minutes of the release of the public examination results. Students and parents are immensely happy over this.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma implemented 14 types of welfare schemes at no cost to students of Government schools. To prevent students from getting exhausted, she added mixed rice in the list of nutritious meals scheme. Hon'ble Amma's Government continues to implement them excellently. Through this, I proclaim proudly that Hon'ble Amma's Government has changed

Tamil Nadu into a State free of illiterates. Realizing that students need general knowledge along with academic education, Hon'ble Amma's Government is setting up many libraries.

With the lifting of court stay order which lasted for nearly 3 years, counselling for the posting of Headmasters of 1,172 high schools has been completed successfully. For the 2018-2019 academic year counselling for the transfer of teachers and Headmasters, participants expressed their wishes over the places of posting through the Internet and got orders for promotion and transfer. A toll free phone service (14417) has been introduced for students and parents to get clarification for their doubts connected with education. This has received overwhelming support. For the 15 lakh students studying in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standards, guidance for higher education and training for future employment is given.

Under the Right to Education Act, admission to primary classes are carried out online from this year. Till now, Rs.400 crore has been allotted for this scheme; 4,20,485 students have benefited. Relief assistance is provided to students of Government schools and Government-aided schools in the event of accidents occurring during school and school-related activities. The relief is Rs. 1 lakh in the case of death, Rs.50,000/- for major injuries and Rs.25,000/- for minor injuries. The amount is handed over to their families within 24 hours.

In the demand for grants for the school Education Department for 2017-2018, it was

announced that an award - 'Pudhumai Palli Award' (Novel School)- will be given to the best functioning school for the educational development of students at the primary, middle, high and higher secondary levels in each District with a prize money of Rs. 1 lakh each for the primary and middle level schools and Rs.2 lakh each for the high and higher secondary schools. By way of implementing this announcement, 56 schools were selected for the 'Pudhumai Palli Award' – 16 Panchayat Union primary schools, 16 middle level schools, 12 high schools and 12 higher secondary schools. I wish to state proudly that I handed over the awards and the prize money of Rs.80 lakh on 09.07.2018.

Likewise, it was announced in the demand for grants that a 'Dream Teacher Award' and an incentive of Rs.10,000/- will be given each to 6 select teachers in each District for encouraging teachers in the Panchayat primary and middle level schools and those in high and higher secondary schools. The awards are for the best teacher who teaches students using computer in the best way, the teacher who excels in co-curricular activities and the best teacher in admission of children and in school management. By way of translating the announcement into action, 140 teachers were selected and given the 'Dream Teacher Award' by me on 09.07.2018.

From this year onwards, an 'Ilam Padaippaalar Virudhu' is proposed to be given to encourage school students with intellectual acumen, good conduct, oratorical and writing talents by holding competitions in oratory, poetry and essay writing.



By way of housing different directorates in the Department of School Education in one building, foundation has been laid for construction of a 'Puratchi Thalaivar Centenary Building' on an area of about 1 lakh sq.ft. at a cost of Rs.39 crore; I proudly say that building works are progressing fast.

Training in self-defense martial arts is given to girl students in the middle level classes in 242 schools in Tamil Nadu with best coaches on an allotment of Rs.21.78 lakh. Under the Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan scheme, 6,700 students from 67 education Districts were taken on a tour to Vikram Sarabhai Space Research Centre at a cost of Rs.1.34 crore for upgrading their field experience and knowledge. One hundred students and 12 teachers in the disciplines of science, technology, arts and literature are to be selected and sent on a tour of overseas countries. For this novel event, Rs.3 crore has been allotted.

The already existing 67 District Education Officer posts and all other comparable posts have been integrated and increased to 120 District education offices for effective inspection of all the schools functioning under the Department of School Education, for handing over Government's welfare programmes to all the students and to redress teachers' grievances immediately.

On this pleasant day I wish to tell teachers about the qualities a teacher should have as cited by educationist. Teachers should not engage themselves only in teaching but should be multi-taskers. A teacher should be an advisor, a talent scout, an assistant, a disciplinarian, an

evaluator and one who sparks a greater search in newer dimensions.

The teaching community should function on a broader canvas, beyond the boundaries of academic education, with a sense of social responsibility, decisiveness, attractiveness, friendliness, with a mind to appreciate public good and as a guide for the upliftment of society. Likewise, the student community should realize its responsibility and duty and act.

The teacher's job is a noble one, a sacred one. Only those with a sense of sacrifice, patience and perseverance can become good teachers. Concealing all your own sufferings, you, the teachers mingling with students giving joy like the melodious 'Sivaranjini' raga, should foster in students the tendency to think beyond text books. You should develop the talent in students to learn from their own surroundings. Detecting the talent in the young Narendran, his Guru Ramakrishna Paramahamsar, elevated him into a Vivekananda. Likewise, the talent in the missile man of modern India Abdul Kalam was also brought out by his teacher. When I say this, I am reminded of a story.

Gopalan, a shepherd boy, saw an orphaned lion cub one day while grazing goats and fed it with goat's milk out of pity. He then reared the cub along with the herd of goats, feeding it with milk and grass. In course of time, the lion cub grew up like a goat amidst goats.

One day, while the goats were grazing along the river bank, a full grown lion pounced on them. The lion cub also ran here and there, bleating like a goat. On seeing this, the lion was astounded. It stopped the cub and asked

why was it bleating like a goat when it was also a lion like itself. But the lion cub firmly believed it was a goat. The lion took the cub to a water body and asked it to carefully look at its reflection. “Both of us are lions”, it said. The lion cub alternately gazed between its own reflection and the lion and slowly started to roar and finally roared like the lion by its side. It then ran into the forest along with the lion.

As in the above story, teachers should remove the darkness of ignorance in students and bring out their talent and innate abilities.

A student asked a teacher: “How should a student be?”. The teacher replied: “Like the crane, the crow, the hen, the salt and like you”. The student was puzzled and requested the teacher to explain.

The teacher said: “The crane waits patiently, leaving off the small fry and catches hold of the big fish when it passes by. Likewise, students should discern the best opportunity that comes in their way and catch hold of it. Like the crow, students should develop the qualities of remaining with its kith and kin, storing the needed articles, not trusting anyone easily, and being courageous without losing the sense of caution”.

“How is it that the student should be like a hen?”, the student asked. The teacher said: “Have you watched the hen? It will stir up the garbage and eat what it needs. Though a student learns many things, he should discard the bad things and take up, like the hen, what is needed for his life and for his development and progress “You mentioned salt”, the student said. “Yes. Think about the salt. No one

wants to take food items without salt. Though salt dissolves and disappears when mixed with food items, it lends taste to the food. Similarly, though the good acts of students are not visible to others, they should live in such a way that others realize that these things were made possible because of students only”, the teacher said. “All right. You said the student should be like me. What do you mean by that?” asked the student. The teacher replied: “A student should raise his doubts without any hesitation and get clarifications from teachers. That is why I cited you”. Like this, students should learn the needed lessons from Nature also.

The teacher’s job is one of fostering righteous values. Teachers therefore should function with a sense of dedication. The teacher-student relationship is like that between parents and children –why, for that matter, it is more sacred than that. The parent is the second teacher, the teacher is the second parent. Both should realize this.

Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma’s Government is preparing many good schemes for students and implementing them in a good way so as to tear the norm that the deprived should dream only within their limitations, and to ensure that they too can dream sky high, work to realize their dreams and become known through their achievements.

The student community can achieve anything. Teachers too know this. Hence, teachers who are in the job of guiding students in the right path, should create in them a good understanding beyond mere textual knowledge. The students should be made aware of the



excellent community-oriented steps taken by the Tamil Nadu Government. The teachers should help in achieving success through student power. That is, teachers should convey to students the importance of kudimaramathu that helps agriculture, rain water harvesting that removes water scarcity, toilet in each house to care for hygiene and eradication of the use of plastic goods to safeguard the environment. Such awareness should be created in the minds of the students. This is my request at this pleasant function.

Today, I have released here the book ‘Gandhiya anubavakkalvi matrum adipadai kalvi’ (Gandhian life education and basic education). I wish to say a few words about this book. Education is not confined only to text books. An education learnt by a child in a wholesome way through integration of body, mind and soul alone will help the child grow up as a cultured person. This is imperative in the present conditions.

It is good that efforts are afoot to take Gandhiji’s ideas of general education, basic education and vocational education all over the country at a time when his 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebrations are to begin on October 2, 2018. As part of these efforts, I am extremely pleased to release on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government this book on Gandhian education. Gandhiji’s concepts of basic education, syllabus for vocational and general education, syllabus for diploma course

for teacher training and degree course for teaching and many other things are featured in this book.

By studying this book, 92,36,192 students in 57,539 primary schools and 40,41,789 students in 12,471 high schools will benefit. I convey my appreciation on this occasion to the Tamil Nadu Education Department and the Rural Education Council of the Central Ministry of Human Resource Development for undertaking this excellent work.

It should not be considered that awardees – past and present – alone are good teachers. All are good teachers. Those not receiving the award should not feel depressed. Awardees should not halt their endeavours. New responsibilities are given to you through this award. We have issued only a ticket to you in the name of award. You should realize that you have to journey a long distance. Teachers should always be students and learn more and more new things. Whatever you learn you should pass on to students. This is the service you are doing to the student community. My greetings to the award winners and thanks to the Department of Education for arranging this excellent function.

Vaazhga Anna Namam!; Valarga Puratchi Thalaivarin Pugazh! Thodarga Puratchi Thalaivi Amma Avargalin Porkaala Aatchi!

Nandri! Vanakkam!

# Ornamental Arch for Puratchi Thalaivar



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami laid the foundation stone on 23.08.2018, for an ornamental arch in connection with the centenary celebrations of Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R. The Arch is to be constructed at a cost of Rs.2.52 crore, on the Kamarajar Salai near the PWD Office, Chennai.

Hon'ble Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. has etched a permanent place in the hearts of Tamil people through his selfless service to them. To commemorate his lofty ideals and his fame, the Tamil Nadu Government, following the path of the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, organized centenary celebration meetings in a grand manner throughout Tamil Nadu. The Centenary celebrations, which began in Madurai on 30.06.2017, are being organised in every District.

In connection with the Centenary celebrations of former Chief Minister Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Late Dr.M.G.R. who has been eulogized as Ponmana Chemmal, Makkal Thilagam and Vallal Peruman by people, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami announced in the Assembly on 28.06.2017 that a Centenary Ornamental Arch would be erected in Chennai.

As per the Hon'ble Chief Minister's orders, the foundation stone was laid for the Centenary Arch for the Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. near the PWD Office in Kamarajar Salai in Chennai by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, under the presidentship of the Hon'ble Speaker, Thiru.P.Dhanapal, and in the presence of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Thiru. O.Panneerselvam. The Arch will be artistically designed with beautiful carvings. The Arch with a breadth of 66 feet and height of 52 ft. is to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 2.52 crore.



# Water released from Mettur dam

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 16.07.2018 (*English Translation*).

The Mettur Dam Irrigation System is the main source that serves to ensure that the Cauvery delta area remains Tamil Nadu's granary. The Cauvery Tribunal gave its final order on the Cauvery water dispute on 05.02.2007. After effecting some changes in that order, the Supreme Court gave its final judgement on this issue on 16.02.2018. The Cauvery Management Authority and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee were constituted on 01.06.2018 on account of the manifold series of steps and legal actions taken by Hon'ble Amma's Government on the lines of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's battles as per law. The setting up of the bodies were also gazetted. In continuation of this, the first meeting of the Cauvery Management Authority was held on 02.07.2018 and Karnataka was directed to release in full to Tamil Nadu, the water allocated for the month of July.

Hon'ble Amma's Government announced a Rs.115.67 crore 'Kuruvai cultivation package' as the Mettur Dam could not be opened on the usual date of June 12 due to inadequate storage. As a result of this package, Kuruvai paddy cultivation has been taken up in the delta Districts.

With the South-West Monsoon getting vigorous in the catchment areas of Cauvery, the inflow in Mettur dam increased considerably and as on date the water level in the dam is 89.18 ft., the inflow 99,372 cusecs and the storage is 51.72 tmc ft. water.

In this situation, I consulted today with the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Senior

Ministers, Delta District Ministers and High Officials concerned on releasing water from Mettur dam for Cauvery delta irrigation. Taking into account the storage in the Mettur dam, the inflow into the dam, the Indian Meteorological Centre's reports that the monsoon will continue to be vigorous in Cauvery catchment areas, the water to be got from Karnataka reservoirs in the coming months, farmers' water needs and the requests received from them, I have ordered release of water from Mettur dam from July 19 this year, for Cauvery delta irrigation for paddy cultivation.

Also, the release of water will fill up some 700 river-side lakes and tanks, useful for irrigation and for re-charging of ground water which in turn can be used for drinking water needs.

Along with this, I have instructed the Department of Agriculture to store sufficient stocks of long-term paddy varieties like C.R. 1009, C.R.1009 sub 1 and A.D.T. 49 in all the agriculture extension centres in delta Districts for farmers to cultivate them in the samba season; and storing of sufficient stocks of chemical fertilizers like DAP, Urea, Complex and Potash in Primary Agriculture Co-operative Credit Societies to meet the needs of Samba cultivation.

I have also instructed to use the water, at present released from Amaravathi Dam, for irrigation through channels and check dams by employing water management. ■



# Amma's Government has its focus on education and will fulfill people's needs fully



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**  
at a function at Vanavasi in Salem District on 27.07.2018 (*English Translation*).

**B**owing to goddess Hon'ble Idaya Deivam  
Puratchi Thalaivi Amma,

Amma's Government that functions on the lines of Hon'ble Amma has education as its focus point. The State that has a great number of educated persons will progress, its economy will develop and peace will prevail. When Amma was Chief Minister, she allotted more funds for the education of the people. Continuing this, I wish to point out that Amma's Government has allotted more funds for education and higher education than that for other Departments. On your request I laid the foundation for a wonderful polytechnic college last year choosing Vanavasi area, which is centrally located for the three Constituencies of Mettur, Sankagiri and Edappadi. With your great support, we have

now declared it open. You should ponder how Amma's Government has recorded the achievement. Last year the foundation was laid and works were executed speedily and we have started the college. This is an achievement. During the reign of Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, 65 Government Arts and Science Colleges were opened. Last year Amma's Government opened 11 Government Arts and Science Colleges. This is to provide higher education at low fees to rural students from the poor, depressed and oppressed classes and pave the way for their uplift.

In the erstwhile DMK rule, were so many colleges opened? Did so many poor students get enrolled in higher education? You should think over it. Just in 5 days after this college



was opened, 200 students have been admitted. The target is enrollment of 300 persons. The college offers 5 courses – Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Electronic & Communication Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. This is a big achievement for Amma's Government has created this Polytechnic College at a cost of Rs.56 crore. We have implemented all our promises. Earlier, Amma set up Government Arts and Science Colleges and today 1,300 students study in them. A request was made for a B.Ed. college. We are constructing a B.Ed. college at Ettukottaimedu. It will be opened next year. A SIDCO Industrial Estate will also be opened at Ettukottaimedu in a year.

A request was made to us when we canvassed for votes to solve the drinking water problem faced by the people there. When Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was Chief Minister, I conveyed their plea and requested her to implement a combined water supply scheme so that people there could get protected Cauvery water. On the basis of that request, she announced a combined water

supply scheme which included Mecheri and Nangavalli Panchayat Unions. The scheme was designed at an estimate of Rs.158.64 crore. We are now constructing an excellent tank. Many such tanks have been constructed. I am happy to say that in two months, these works will be completed and protected Cauvery water will be supplied on a permanent basis to all the Panchayats and Town Panchayats in the Mecheri and Nangavalli Panchayat Unions.

Likewise, administrative sanction has been given for Rs.9.5 crore for supplying water to 51 new apartments in Edappadi-Konganapuram Union by extending the pipeline of the existing combined water supply scheme for 327 habitations that benefit 11,302 people. Work on the scheme will start shortly. I wish to inform that we propose to implement a sludge management scheme at a cost of Rs.2.9 crore in Jalakandapuram as part of the Septage Management scheme.

I am happy to state that a new fire and rescue station has been opened today at Nangavalli by way of implementing the request from the executives of the AIADMK party and the general public. This area has big towns in a





20 k.m. radius and this fire and rescue station has been opened to attend to fire accidents immediately. There are 326 fire and rescue stations operating in Tamil Nadu and with this new one, the total number goes up to 327. During Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's rule, we purchased a fire tender (Snorkel), capable of tackling fire accidents even at an altitude of about 350 ft. In India, only our State has purchased such a vehicle. The new fire station is a scheme designed in Amma's rule and implemented by Amma's Government. At present, there are 7,225 personnel in the Fire and Rescue Service Department. There are no Women Fire Fighters; there are nine Women Station Officers and two Women Deputy Directors. Amma's Government newly recruited to the Department 791 persons in 2013 and 1,434 in 2017 – a total of 2,225 persons. Besides fire fighting, to spread awareness, the Department stages rehearsals on how to act during times of flood and disasters at exhibition auditoriums and through short films in schools, factories, offices, slums and multi-storey complexes. In 2017, fire prevention awareness camps were conducted in about

9,076 places 4,881 educational institutions, 4,095 factories and in public places where people gather. Amma's Government has completed these camps conducted to create awareness on the precautionary measures to be taken when fire accidents occur.

Also, many schemes have been implemented in the Edappadi Assembly constituency. Construction of 42 fair price shops at a cost of Rs.307.15 lakh has been undertaken; construction of 13 Anganwadi buildings at a cost of Rs.72.80 lakh has been completed; construction of 7 multi-purpose centres at an estimate of Rs.53.58 lakh has been taken up; construction of 4 community halls at an estimate of Rs.58.50 lakh has been undertaken; new veterinary dispensaries and new animal husbandry buildings have been constructed and opened; approach road at a cost of Rs.3 lakh has been taken up; construction of 7 Rest Room complexes at an estimate of Rs.54.35 lakh has been undertaken; 18 works of laying concrete road at a cost of Rs.67.90 lakh have been taken up; construction of 16 compound walls for schools has





been undertaken at a cost of Rs.60.20 lakh; construction of 16 cycle sheds in schools has been undertaken at a cost of Rs.64.10 lakh; works on setting up 6 drainage canals at a cost of Rs.32.75 lakh have been taken up; work on setting up a mini pumpset at a cost of Rs.1.65 lakh has been taken up; setting up 58 new deep bore wells at a cost of Rs.149.70 lakh has been taken up; work on refurbishing 11 black-top roads at a cost of Rs.98.74 lakh has been taken up; repairing 4 damaged houses at a cost of Rs.12.50 lakh has been taken up; work on setting 2 new Sintex tanks at a cost of Rs.5.30 lakh has been taken up; laying of 2 two-tier black top roads at a cost of Rs.16.50 lakh has been undertaken. Also, more number of rural roads are getting repaired. Getting LPG gas connection to Anganwadi Centres has been taken up at a cost of Rs.31.93 lakh.

I wish to inform that funds have been allotted for replacing leaky ceilings of 45,000 houses of downtrodden people that were constructed more than 25 years ago and repairing them in fulfillment of the representations made by the inmates while we went for canvassing, during election time.

While Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was Chief Minister, a scheme was prepared to divert the surplus waters to lakes in drought areas in Salem District for recharging the ground water and make available water for irrigation and drinking purposes. For preliminary works Rs.10 lakh was allotted. To expedite this scheme, a committee of retired Chief Engineers was set up two months ago and they are to take up the work. This Government is putting in efforts to replenish about 93 lakes with Mettur dam water – in whichever direction water can be conveyed. As it is a big scheme, survey work is under way. As there are only a small number of Officers and Engineers for this work, the committee of retired Chief Engineers has been set up to expedite the work. The works will be speedily taken up and executed.

For nearly 25 years, the practice of applying sediments as natural fertilizer in lands had gone out of vogue. To revive the practice, we introduced the Kudimaramathu Scheme. As a pilot project, we took up maintenance work in select 1,519 lakes at a cost of Rs.100 crore in the first phase. As there was good reception for the scheme from among farmers and the general public Rs. 328 crore has been allotted this year and 1,511 lakes have

been selected for the purpose. No tenders will be floated; farmers themselves will take up this work. We have changed the tender system; we wanted the Kudimaramathu scheme to be implemented with farmers' participation and we have implemented it in this way. Farmers, getting irrigation facility from lake or tank have formed committees in their respective areas; this scheme is available to the farmers who have registered themselves in such committees. Amma's Government has allotted needed funds for taking up 'maramathu' works in lakes and tanks.

To prevent surplus waters during monsoons draining wastefully into the sea through rivers and odais, the Government will take steps to construct check dams in those water bodies after conducting surveys to choose the locations. Rs.1,000 crore will be allotted and the scheme will be implemented in 3 years. The Government does not want even a single drop of rain water to go waste.

I wish to state that Amma's Government is one that safeguards the interests of farmers and the general public. As far as Amma's Government is concerned, we implement what people want. After Amma's struggles and court battles, Amma's Government got the Cauvery Management Authority. The struggle, not of one or two years, but of several years has come to an end. Amma's Government fought and got a judgement for getting our share of water (in the Cauvery). In the interest of our farmers, Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma went on a fast for 4 days, unmindful of her health, to get our share of water from Karnataka Government. On the basis of the case filed in the Supreme Court when Amma was alive, Amma's Government

got a judgement resulting in the setting up of the Cauvery Management Authority and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee. Two meetings of these bodies have also been conducted. Necessary steps were taken in these meetings. I wish to point out that Amma's Government got a judgement from the Supreme Court directing the Karnataka Government to release our share of water every month.

God is also on our side. Whether the Karnataka Government releases water or not, Nature is favorable to us. By God's grace and by the blessings of Varuna Bhagawan, there is good rain and the water level in Mettur Dam rose to 120 ft. in 30 days and surplus water is getting discharged. Such a good situation is prevailing all over and all dams are getting filled up. God supports our Government; people support us. Obstructors and agitators cannot stop us; as far as Amma's Government is concerned, the people are its masters and their interests will be served. People are the judges; Amma's Government will obey their verdict and fulfill the needs of the people.

Amma's Government is a Government that carries out the demands of the people. As a Chief Minister, I have to meet the people in all the 234 constituencies. Edappadi Assembly constituency, as Chief Minister's constituency, has got an opportunity that others do not have. On that basis, many schemes, roads and bridges are getting implemented. I wish to point out that Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government is a Government that fulfills the needs of the people, that toils for the good of the poor people.

Nandri! Vanakkam!



# Chief Minister releases Mettur water with heart overflowing with gratitude for Amma



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 19.07.2018 at the function organized in connection with water release from Mettur Dam, Mettur, Salem District (*English Translation*).

**P**aying obeisance to Goddess Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma,

With the blessings of Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, water is released today from the Mettur dam for delta irrigation for farmers to take up cultivation on time.

Both Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and Ponmana Chemmal Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. fought for this long-standing issue of the people of Tamil Nadu.

Along with them, farmers and the general public fought jointly for nearly 48 years to get our rights on the Cauvery water. As a result of Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's court battles, Amma's Government, with the blessings of these two great leaders, got and handed over a very big victory to the people of Tamil Nadu and farmers. This is a historic achievement. On the basis of the Supreme Court's judgement, the Karnataka Government should release





177.25 tmc water every year to us. Amma's Government got this historic judgement.

Amma's Government has today realized Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's dream. Water is the lifebreath of farmers. To get that water, Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma worked till her last breath; at different stages, she inflicted suffering on herself by going on a fast for 80 hours on the Marina beach, took the issue to the Central Government's attention and waged court battles. On the very second day after her admission to the Apollo Hospitals due to a setback in her health, she talked about the Cauvery issue. I was Public Works Minister then. As the Central Water Resources Minister Tmt.Uma Bharathi had convened a meeting the next day on the Cauvery water issue between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, she gave detailed instructions through a letter on who should represent the State at the meeting and how the line of presentation of our issues should be. She deputed me, the Chief Secretary to Government and the PWD Secretary for that meeting. That was her last event before her death. Why I am saying this is, because there are so many party leaders, but it is Puratchi Thalaivi Amma who – I am saying this with a heavy heart – emotionally fought for getting a (favourable) judgement on Cauvery water dispute, ignoring

her health even at the last stage of her life. We got this victory due to such a fight. Because of the perseverance of such a fighter Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the Central Government has set up, as per Supreme Court judgement, the Cauvery Management Authority and the Cauvery Water Regulation committee for getting us every year our share of water. Following a discussion between these two bodies, 9.19 tmc ft. water was released to us by the Karnataka Government for the month of June, in the first phase. Now, it is July and the quantum of water to be released for this month is 31.24 tmc ft. water. Whether they release the water or not, by the Grace of God, Mercy of Varuna Bhagawan and the Blessings of Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, monsoon has become vigorous and the receipt at Mettur today is 1.05 lakh cusecs. Last month, on this day, the dam was dry. By the Grace of God and the Mighty Power of Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, her blessings, more than one lakh cusecs of water is flowing into the Mettur Dam – just in a month – and the water-level in the dam has risen to 109 ft. I am happy to say that in about another 3 days, the water level will reach 120 ft.

So, today we see a situation where the Cauvery Management Authority and Cauvery



Water Regulation Committee have been set up and water in the dam is about to touch the 120 ft. mark. This is a historic event. I am happy to say that this is a very great victory for Amma's Government. Likewise, I wish to convey a happy news obtained through a good judgement of the Supreme Court – that the Karnataka Government should release 45.95 tmc ft. of water to our dam for the month of August, 36.76 tmc ft. for September, 20.22 tmc ft. for October, 13.78 tmc ft. for November, 7.35 tmc ft. for December, 2.7 tmc ft. for January and 2.50 tmc ft. of water from February to May.

So, hereafter, instead of fighting for our share of water every year, the Cauvery Management Authority and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee, after mutual consultations will decide and release water to us on the basis of the level of rains in the catchment areas of Cauvery in Karnataka and as per the quantum I have mentioned for every month. Conveying this happy news, I now turn to the participants in this function – Hon'ble Minister for School Education Thiru. K.A.Sengottaiyan, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition & Excise Thiru.P.Thangamani, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Thiru. K.P.Anbalagan, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare &

Nutritious Noon Meal Programme Dr.S. Saroja, Hon'ble Minister for Environment Thiru.K.C.Karuppanan, Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru.M.R.Vijayabhaskar, MLA of this constituency and former Minister Respected Thiru.Semmalai, Member of Parliament Thiru.Panneerselvam, MLAs Thiruvalargal Venkatachalam, Sakthivel, S.Raja, S.Vetrivel, R.M.Chinnathambi, A. Maruthamuthu, Tmt. Manonmani, Tmt. Chitra, MLAs from Tiruchengode and Bhavanisagar, District Collector, MLAs on the dais, MPs, former MPs and MLAs, Secretary of this Department, Engineers, High Officials, Executives of AIADMK Party, farmers, Presidents and Executives of Farmers' Associations, Elders, Ladies, Newspaper and Media friends – I offer my grateful respects to all of you.

Amma's Government is taking many steps for the benefit of farmers. About 20 to 25 lakh metric tonnes of fertilizers are proposed to be used this year in the early kharif cultivation season and later in the rabi season. In the 2018-2019 financial year, the fertilizer needs for kharif and rabi crops are 9.90 lakh metric tonnes of urea, 2.25 lakh metric tonnes of DAP, 4.60 lakh metric tonnes of Potash and 5.90 lakh metric tonnes of other varieties. For the kharif crop this year, the Central Government

has allotted 3 lakh metric tonnes of urea, 1 lakh metric tonnes of DAP, 1.50 lakh metric tonnes of Potash and 2 lakh metric tonnes of other varieties of fertilizer. Till date, the receipt of these chemical fertilizers is 1.68 lakh metric tonnes of urea, 0.47 lakh metric tonnes of DAP, 0.72 lakh metric tonnes of Potash and 0.78 lakh metric tonnes of other varieties. The present stock position is: urea -0.96 lakh metric tonnes, DAP - 0.51 lakh metric tonnes, Potash – 0.49 lakh metric tonnes and other varieties – 1.09 lakh metric tonnes. In the delta Districts alone, the stock position of these chemical fertilizers is urea – 3 lakh metric tonnes, DAP -0.17 lakh metric tonnes, Potash – 0.13 lakh metric tonnes and other varieties – 0.32 lakh metric tonnes. There are enough chemical fertilizers for Samba and Kharif cultivations. I wish to inform on this occasion that the Joint Secretary of the Central Government Department of Fertilizer has stated in his weekly video conferencing that more urea, DAP and potash and other varieties will be allotted to Tamil Nadu.

From today onwards, water is being released to meet the demands of delta farmers. I am happy to inform that Amma's Government will take steps to step up this water release gradually to meet their full demands, even for the farmers at the tail-end areas. I am duty-bound to inform on this occasion the happy news that water will be released on the scheduled date in the east and west bank canals for Cauvery basin farmers.

To commemorate the setting up of the Cauvery Management Authority after court battles, a memorial pillar will be erected in the Mettur Dam park. Rs.2 crore will be allotted – Rs.1.25 crore for the erection of the pillar and Rs.75 lakh for development of the park.

Mettur dam has never been de-silted in the last 83 years of its existence. As the sediment has reduced the storage capacity of the dam, farmers in the region and delta farmers represented to Government to permit farmers to remove and take home the de-silted sand at no cost. Conceding their request, Amma's Government issued necessary orders and every day, the de-silted sand from Mettur dam was removed in 3,000 lorries and applied in farmers' lands as natural fertilizer. Farmers in a 60 km radius of the dam benefited. They told me, "You have announced a historic scheme. For long we have been using only chemical fertilizers in our lands. As a result of application of this sand as a natural fertilizer, production of grains has increased". On the one hand, the dam gets de-silted and the dam's depth increases; on the other, farmers make use of the excavated sand as natural fertilizer to their lands. Amma's Government has announced such a magnificent scheme and is implementing it successfully. Government will make an announcement that farmers can remove the dam-sand every year at no cost after water has drained in the dam.

This Government is a farmers' Government; one that implements many schemes for farmers. Every year, water is released on June 12 for kuruvai cultivation in delta areas. As sufficient storage was not there in the dam on June 12, water could not be released for kuruvai cultivation on the scheduled date. Still, when Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was Chief Minister, she announced a kuruvai package so that farmers could take up kuruvai cultivation. When a situation arose where water could not be released from Mettur Dam for kuruvai cultivation, Amma's Government took a leaf out of her book, and announced,



after consulting senior Ministers, that delta farmers could take up kuruvai cultivation with the available ground water and encouraged the farmers with a Rs.115 crore kuruvai package plan and they have also taken up cultivation. The scheme was announced only to help the farmers to grow the crop with ground water even though water could not be released from the dam.

An unprecedented event has taken place for the State as a whole. The nearby Bhavani Sagar Dam has received nearly 24 tmc ft. of water; in the past, it had just 3 tmc ft. of water in this period. Amaravathi dam has reached its full level; Mullai Periyar dam is filling up; Siruvani dam is overflowing – it is the drinking water source for the people of Coimbatore Municipal Corporation and there was severe water supply problem as it had gone dry. Because of the good monsoon, water level in a majority of dams like Parambikulam-Aliyar, Manimutharu and Papanasam is going up. I wish to inform that all the dams will be opened on the scheduled dates for irrigation and reiterate that Amma's Government is the only Government that implements schemes needed for the people.

Various parties, opposition parties staged agitations; spread wrong information in Tamil Nadu that a good judgement could not be obtained as the case had not been argued properly in the Supreme court and cast a slur on the Government. Amma's Government took the same action that Ponmana Chemmal Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma took and got the farmers a firm judgement through court battles. There is good rain and dams are getting filled up to a level that they could wag their tongue no more.

I had already made an announcement in the Legislative Assembly that the Birth Anniversary of respected Former Minister late Ramasamy Padayachiar, one of the National Leaders who toiled for the welfare of the people of Tamil Nadu and dedicated himself for the uplift of backward classes, would be celebrated by the Government. Following that announcement, Hon'ble Ministers Thiruvalluvar C.Ve.Shanmugam (Law), K.P.Anbalagan (Higher Education), M.C.Sampath (Industries), R.Doraikannu (Agriculture), K.C.Veeramani (Commercial Taxes), MPs, MLAs, good hearted people of that community, met me and requested that a manimandapam and a life-size bronze statue should be erected for him in his native District of Cuddalore by way of honouring and paying tributes to him.

Declaring from this good dais on this good day that Government would construct a memorial mandapam and erect a life-size bronze statue in that mandapam for Ramasamy Padayachiar in his native District of Cuddalore, by way of commemorating and honouring his greatness and pointing out that Amma's Government is taking up such works for the education of the future generation about the life history of such eminent leaders, I take leave of you. I heartily thank the Hon'ble Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Presidents and Executives of Farmers' Associations, agriculturists, general public, Executives of the AIADMK party at various levels and media friends who have graced this function.

Nandri! Vanakkam!.



# Missive to Central Minister for speedy resolution of lorry stir

Text of the D.O. letter dated 26.07.2018 addressed  
by **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
to **Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari**, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

“I invite your attention to the on-going All India Lorry Strike since 20.07.2018 by the All India Motor Transport Congress and would like to bring to your kind notice the difficulties being faced by the people of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu is one of the Industrial and Urbanised State in India and a major producer of vegetables and eggs. Many industrial clusters are functional in Tamil Nadu such as Garments Industry in Tiruppur, Erode and Karur, Foundry and Textile Mills in Coimbatore, Leather Industry in Vellore, Automobiles and Electronics Industry in and around Chennai, Construction and real estate Industry in Chennai and Coimbatore, Heavy Machinery and Electrical equipments manufacturing in Trichy, Vegetable cultivation in Dindigul, Ooty and Tirunelveli, Flowers cultivation in Madurai and Theni, Eggs, Poultry, Tanker Lorry, chassis and Bus body building Industry in Namakkal and Karur, Cement Industry in Ariyalur, etc.

More than 4.5 lakh lorries and trucks are registered in Tamil Nadu and more than 10 lakh people are directly and indirectly dependent on the lorry and truck industry for their livelihood.

This strike has affected the livelihood of many workers who are dependent on this industry. Many perishable commodities like vegetables, flowers, eggs and poultry from various parts of the State are stagnating due to the ongoing lorry strike.

There is a danger of increase in the price of essential commodities and continuance of this strike might result in shortage of essential commodities in the State.

I, therefore, request your immediate intervention in the issue to resolve the strike and to pave the way for uninterrupted transport of goods.”





# More tiger enclosures for better view, new children's park at Vandalur Zoological Park



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami inaugurated on 24.07.2018, new enclosures for tigers at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Kancheepuram District, to enable visitors to have a better view of the tigers. These enclosures have been set up at a cost of Rs.27 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open a new children's park, constructed at a cost of Rs.27 lakh, and named a newly born lion cub.

The Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, has been providing the ideal environment for appropriate breeding and reproduction of animals on the verge of extinction. The zoo has been successful in improving the tiger population by reproduction. At present there are 26 tigers in the zoo, including Royal Tigers and White Tigers.

As the Lions have been maintained extremely well in the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, reproduction of the lions has been successful. A female cub was born to lion Siva and lioness Neela on 27.01.2018 and the Hon'ble Chief Minister named the newly born cub as Jaya.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami said that with the blessings of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the six-month lion cub, born to lioness Neela and lion Siva has been named Jaya.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had great affinity for animals. She contributed a lot for developing infrastructure in the zoo. There are 17 lions and 10 lionesses in the zoo. These





apart, 193 varieties of animals are here and totally there are 2,410 animals. In addition 46 different varieties of birds are also housed in the zoo. He said, “I am happy to inform that the Government has been providing excellent

arrangements for maintaining these animals and birds for the public to view them. I am glad to announce that soon a rhinoceros will be brought to the zoo from Patna Zoo, Bihar State”.



## Bakrid greetings

Bakrid Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami (English Translation).

“On this joyous day when Muslims celebrate Bakrid with devotion and a sense of sacrifice, I offer my hearty Bakrid greetings to all the people of the Muslim community.”

Bakrid is the great day that reminds the world of Prophet Ibrahim's sense of sacrifice in offering his only son at the altar at the behest of God. This day also marks the good day

of sowing the lofty ideal that one should be prepared to sacrifice one's all for obtaining the Grace of God.

On this day, I request all to keep in mind the greatness of sacrifice, follow the ethical values espoused in Islam and live in unity with a sense of brotherhood. Once again, I extend my good wishes for Bakrid to all brothers and sisters of the Muslim community.”

## Chief Minister launches State-level campaign for Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu



By way of launching the State-level campaign for the creation of a “Plastic Pollution Free Tamil Nadu”, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami introduced the Logo for it at the Secretariat on 23.08.2018, inaugurated the website – [www.plasticpollutionfreetn.org](http://www.plasticpollutionfreetn.org) – and the mobile App Plastic pollution free Tamil Nadu and released short skits on avoiding the use of plastic and re-cycling the used plastic. The Hon’ble Chief Minister also introduced the film actor Thiru. Vivek who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador by the Tamil Nadu Government for creating awareness among people for a plastic pollution-free Tamil Nadu.

Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma set up a special committee – “Expert Committee to examine the hazards caused by the use of plastic articles on health and environment”. On World Environment Day (05.06.2018), the Hon’ble Chief Minister made an announcement under Rule 110 in the Assembly that the Government

proposed to implement this scheme as per the advice of the Expert Committee and with the co-operation and participation of the people. “Through this scheme we will present to the future generation a plastic pollution free Tamil Nadu. To enable the general public and traders get used to the alternatives to plastics like cloth and paper bags, the Tamil Nadu Government has decided not to enforce the ban immediately but from 01.01.2019.”

In continuation of this and to monitor production, sale, storing and use of the banned plastic articles under the Environment (Protection) Act of 1986 and to scrutinize the steps taken by the different Departments in this connection, the Tamil Nadu Government has divided the state into six zones – Chennai, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli and Madurai – appointed senior I.A.S. officers as zonal co-ordinators and allotted Rs.54 lakh for conducting workshops on the use of alternatives to plastic in all zones.





Besides stressing the importance of averting the use of plastics, the web site [www.plasticpollutionfreetn.org](http://www.plasticpollutionfreetn.org), has details about the ways in which the use of plastic articles can be avoided, the steps proposed to be taken by Government Departments on avoiding the use of plastics and re-cycling the plastics and information about Government Officers implementing the plastic pollution free Tamil Nadu scheme.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister formally launched the campaign for plastic pollution-free Tamil Nadu by presenting paper folders to Hon'ble Ministers and the Chief Secretary Dr. Girija Vaidyanathan I.A.S. and cloth and jute bags to the Brand Ambassador Thiru. Vivek. In the districts, the campaign will be launched on 25.08.2018 by the Hon'ble Ministers of the concerned Districts and the District Collectors.

Further, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented bank drafts for Rs.21.35 lakh to 5 industrial

entrepreneurs engaged in the production of plates, cups and like articles from arecanut leaf stalks as alternatives for plastic articles. The fund, through the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, is by way of loan assistance with subsidy.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said: Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Chief Secretary to Government, Brand Ambassador Thiru. Vivek, MPs, MLAs, high officials of the Government and media and newspaper friends – I extend my grateful thanks to all of you.

Following many requests from the general public for banning “use and throw” plastic articles, Hon'ble Amma's Government, after deep consideration, issued orders banning such plastic goods from January 2019. Single use plastic articles cause many problems. If we want to create a clean Tamil Nadu, we should avoid the ‘use and throw’ plastic articles



totally. People should co-operate in this matter. By using the alternatives to the banned plastic articles, we can lead a healthy life. As plastic goods cause health hazards and pose different difficulties to people, the Government has taken this step after careful consideration. I request the trading community and the people to extend full co-operation to this effort.

For the total ban of plastics, film actor, Respected Vivek has been appointed as the brand ambassador. To work jointly with him, actors Thiru. Surya, Thiru.Karthik and actress Tmt. Jothika have also been appointed as brand ambassadors by the Government.

Actor respected Thiru. Vivek has participated in this function; the other three, are unable to participate due to their film shooting.

Requesting the trading community and the people, on this occasion, to co-operate fully with the steps taken by Amma's Government for the creation of a plastic free Tamil Nadu in future, I wish to point out that distribution of paper folders will be started today itself so that Hon'ble Ministers can start using them immediately and that files sent to me should also be in paper folders. I take leave, thanking all those who have participated in this function.

Nandri! Vanakkam!



**“To** all the Malayalam speaking people celebrating the Thiruvonam festival, I extend my hearty Onam Day greetings.

Besides providing, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, a financial assistance of Rs.10 crore with affection and friendliness to the Kerala State which has been affected due to unprecedented heavy rains, the Tamil Nadu Government has sent different relief articles



to the people of Kerala, inclusive of rice, milk powder, clothes, bed sheets and medicine.

Also, more relief articles worth several crores of rupees are being collected from the people of Tamil Nadu, known for their high sense of fraternity and the articles continue to be sent to Kerala. I pray to Almighty God, on behalf of Tamil Nadu people, that the people of Kerala, affected by the heavy rains, should come out of their distress and resume normal life soon.

Once again, I extend my hearty Onam good wishes to all Malayalam speaking people.”





**Chief Minister inaugurates police station at Konganapuram**

**‘Whether it’s cracking crime or excelling in sports, Tamil Nadu police is the best’**



Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**  
after declaring open a new Police Station at Konganapuram, Salem  
on 27.07.2018 (*English Translation*).

I wish to convey the happy news that Amma's Government has implemented your request for a new police station by inaugurating it here today. Likewise, I wish to share another

happy news that a new All Women Police Station has been opened today at Vazhapadi in deference to the wishes of MLAs, President of the State Co-operative Bank and the general





public. Similarly, the Vellalapuram Amma Park and an Amma Gym have been opened today.

To the Director General of Police, the District Collector, Inspector General of Police, Western Zone, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Salem Range, Salem Member of Parliament Thiru. Pannerselvam, Mettur constituency MLA and former Minister Thiru. Semmalai, MLAs Thiru. Venkatachalam, Sister Manonmani, Thiru. Vetrivel, Thiru. Raja, Sister G. Chithra, Thiru. Maruthamuthu, Thiru. Chinnathambi, President of the State Cooperative Bank Thiru. R. Elangovan, Salem Superintendent of Police, former Vice President of Panchayat Union Thiru. K. K. Mani, former District Panchayat Committee member brother Thiru. Rajendran, Elders, Ladies, Executives, Police Department friends, Newspaper and Media friends – I convey my humble respects to all of you.

All through the day today, I have been laying foundation stones for many schemes in the Edappadi Assembly Constituency, I have been declaring open completed works and I am winding up with the inauguration of a new police station. In the morning, a new fire and rescue service station was inaugurated at Nangavalli; this was followed up with the inauguration of a new polytechnic college at Vanavasi, coming under the Edappadi constituency. In the notified 4 days, 205 persons have applied for admission to the college that has a total seat of 300. For construction of buildings, Amma's Government has allotted Rs.56 crore. We have created conditions for students in the surrounding areas from poor and marginalized sections of society to study in polytechnic college at low rates of fees. As the college has been located at Vanavasi, the central place for the constituencies of Mettur,





Sankagiri and Edappadi, students from the three constituencies are joining the college. As a result of the inauguration of this college, we have created conditions for poor students, who would have otherwise gone to agriculture and the weaving industry, to take to higher education.

Likewise, I have made this year 41 Constituent Colleges of University into Government colleges, despite an additional annual recurring expenditure of Rs.152 crore to Government, so that education is imparted at low fees. Similarly Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma gave priority to education. Government has allotted more funds to the Education Department than other Departments. I wish to convey a happy news that a new B.Ed. college will be opened next year at Ettikuttaimedu, coming under Konganapuram region.

We have created conditions for setting up an industrial estate at Ettikuttaimedu. A huge

SIDCO industrial estate will be set up there in a year. I am happy to say that a four-lane road is to be laid from Tiruchengode to Omalur via Konganapuram.

There are 1,342 Police Stations in Tamil Nadu and there are different types of Police Stations – light, medium, heavy, metro, metro-2 and all-women stations. Traffic Police Stations are 266. With the station opened at Konganapuram, the total number of Police Stations has gone up to 1,343; the all-women police station opened at Vazhapadi is the 201st station of its kind. As of 01.07.2018, the total number of Police Personnel – from the Director General of Police to Constable – is 1,24,236; at present the number of Constables in service is 1,12,728 - 94,321 men and 18,407 women; vacant posts are 11,508. Compared to other states, Tamil Nadu has 195.4 constables for every one lakh population; in Bihar it is 107.7, Rajasthan 142.1, West Bengal 143.4, Gujarat 168.9, Kerala



178.2, Karnataka 183.2, Uttar Pradesh 187.8. From 2011 to 2017, Amma's Government has recruited and appointed 32,905 constables. As for Sub-Inspectors, 112 persons have been appointed from 2015 to 2018. Ninety-nine Superintendents of Police have been appointed from 2012 to 2018. Of the 31 Police Stations in Salem District, 5 are Women Police Stations and 2 are Traffic Police Stations; of the 15 Metro Police Stations in Salem District, 3 are Women Police Stations and 2 are Traffic Police Stations.

The allocation made for the Police Department in the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's rule in 2010, was just Rs.2,962 crore. Amma's Government has allocated Rs.7,877.58 crore in 2018-2019 – that is 166 per cent more.

I wish to mention the Police Department's achievements here. The derailed maintenance of law and order in the DMK's rule was set right and upgraded to win the confidence of the

people and we are maintaining peace in society for the last 7 years.

All protest agitations – Mullaiperiyar, Koodankulam, GAIL Gas Pipeline, Jallikattu and all and sundry ones – were permitted without much hindrance to people.

A separate wing was started to enquire into land grab complaints and cases were registered against many persons inclusive of Veerapandi Arumugam, N.K.P. Raja, J.Anbazhagan, Ranganathan, Udumalpet former Municipal Chairman Velusamy, former Madurai District Secretary Thalpathy, Attack Pandi of the DMK, and S.R.Gopi for offences committed in the DMK rule and action is being taken against them.

Till 31.01.2016, 3,203 cases were registered, 3,100 accused were arrested, 5,181 acres of land and 34,91,099 sq.ft. of house sites, all worth Rs.3,646 crore were retrieved and handed over to 2,775 landowners.



I wish to detail the prizes won by our constables at the All-India level. To encourage medalists in All India Police competitions, orders were issued, sanctioning Rs.5 lakh each for gold medalists, Rs.3 lakh each for silver medalists, Rs.2 lakh each for bronze medalists and for participating teams, Rs.50,000, Rs.30,000 and Rs.20,000 respectively. At the 55<sup>th</sup> All India Police Skills competition held at Nashik, Maharashtra in 2012, two gold, five silver, four bronze and two rolling cups were won; at the 56<sup>th</sup> Police competitions held at Bhopal in 2013, Tamil Nadu came first at the national level by winning 14 of the 54 medals – 5 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze; at the 57<sup>th</sup> competitions held in Haryana in 2014, 13 gold, 9 silver, 6 bronze and 7 trophies were won; at the 58<sup>th</sup> All India Police competitions held in Punjab in 2015, 6 gold, 4 silver, 1 bronze and 3 trophies were won; at the 59<sup>th</sup> competitions held at Haryana in 2015, 7 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze and 5 trophies were won; at the All India Police shooting competition held in Assam state in 2014, 22 personnel participated and bagged the Hon'ble Chief Minister Trophy in the overall performance category.

As per the National Crime Records Bureau report for the year 2016, Coimbatore tops the list of cities as being the safest for women and Chennai is the premier one among Metros in the Country. From this, I am happy to say, it is evident that Tamil Nadu is the premier State in the Country with regard to the safety of women.

As per this Bureau's statistics, Tamil Nadu continued to occupy the first place at the All-India level in recovering stolen articles in the four years of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. I am happy to state that the Police Department brought us fame and honour with the selection of R.S.Puram Police Station in Coimbatore as the best Police Station in the whole of India and the Anna Nagar Police Station as the Fifth best in the Country; the selection of the best Stations was done under many parameters.

CCTV cameras are installed in all major cities for easy detection of crimes. Whatever be the scale of crime, CCTV cameras will record them, enabling the easy detection of those engaged in the crime. To initiate appropriate action against the culprits and get them punishment, Amma's Government offers suggestions and on that basis, the police take action. Just as the fence protects the crop, the Police Department is very much necessary to safeguard the people. Stating that such a Police Department is functioning effectively in Tamil Nadu, I take leave of you, thanking the Director General of Police for organizing this function in an excellent and inspiring way, the District Collector who worked jointly with the DGP and high officials of the Police Department.

Nandri! Vanakkam !

# Tamil Nadu asks Centre to enact law on dam safety only after consensus

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** in the Legislative Assembly on 26.06.2018, proposing the Assembly resolution on the Central Government's draft Dam Safety Bill 2018 (*English Translation*).

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Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

The Central Government sought the views of States on its draft Dam Safety Bill 2010. Hon'ble Amma, through letters dated 29.07.2011 and 17.03.2012, objected to some provisions of the Bill that were adverse to Tamil Nadu and requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to change them, as it was felt that the Bill would create problems for the operation and maintenance of dams, constructed by Tamil Nadu in the neighbouring State.

Still, the draft Bill was moved in Parliament and sent to the Standing Committee for its views. On 03.08.2011, the then AIADMK MP Dr. Venugopal and High Officials of our Public Works Department, met the Chairman of the Standing Committee for Water Resources Thiru. Gogoi and explained in detail Hon'ble Amma's objections.

Acceding to Hon'ble Amma's request, the Central Government dropped the draft Bill of 2010. However, in 2016, the Central Government forwarded a draft Dam Safety Bill to Tamil Nadu for its views for passing a law regarding dam safety, applicable to the whole country. A detailed scrutiny of the Bill revealed some aspects that went against Tamil Nadu's interests. Particularly, it is not clear whether it will be practical to vest the National Dam

Safety Authority, proposed in the draft Bill, with powers to inspect the dams and reservoirs within the States when the Constitution States that such bodies constructed across intra-rivers of States belong to the States concerned and will be operated and maintained by them.

The Supreme Court has confirmed that the dams, constructed by a State in another State through Inter-State agreements, belong to the State that constructed them and the responsibility of their operation and maintenance falls within that State's jurisdiction. The Mullai Periyar, Parambikulam, Thoonakadavu and Peruvuripallam dams have been constructed and are operated and maintained by the Tamil Nadu Government through agreements entered into with the neighbouring State of Kerala. The draft Bill is silent about such dams. The draft Bill, approved by the Central Cabinet will create hurdles in maintaining these 4 dams. No solution can be found to difficulties created by bodies like the proposed National Dam Safety Authority and Dam Safety Committee.

Every State has a dam safety set up. It functions as per the guidelines of the Central Water Resources Commission, given now and then. Also, experienced and efficient engineers in the respective States undertake dam safety works.



Citing all these points, Hon'ble Amma wrote a letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister on 11.09.2016. Strongly opposing the draft Dam Safety Bill 2016, Hon'ble Amma stated in that letter, that the Bill interfered in States' powers, that many issues could arise in the operation and maintenance of Tamil Nadu Government's dams in the neighbouring State and so this Bill should not be considered in haste and that the Central Government should consider passing a law only after a detailed examination of all the provisions of the Bill. The Tamil Nadu Government continues to voice its opposition to this Bill.

Newspapers and media carried the news that the Central Government gave its approval on 13.06.2018 to the Dam Safety Bill 2018. The Central Government has not sought Tamil Nadu's views on this draft Bill. Through a letter dated 15.06.2018 to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, I pointed out that the draft Bill contained provisions affecting Tamil Nadu's rights, that it could create problems in the operation and maintenance of Mullai Periyar, Parambikulam, Thoonakadavu and Peruvaripallam dams, constructed by Tamil Nadu Government in the neighbouring State and as such, I requested, the Dam Safety bill should not be enacted till a consensus was reached after consultations with States and till that time, the decision taken by the Central Cabinet should be kept in abeyance.

The Supreme Court's judgements of 27.02.2006 and 07.05.2014 established Tamil Nadu's rights in the Mullai Periyar dam issue. As per those judgements, water was stored in the dam, in the first phase, up to 142 feet. The Tamil Nadu Government continues its activities to raise the water level in Mullai Periyar dam to the full level of 152 feet as per the recommendations of the

Central Water Resources Commission and those of the Experts' Committee appointed by the Supreme Court and as per the judgements of the Supreme Court. For this, Tamil Nadu Government should complete the remaining works for the strengthening of the dam. The Kerala Government, without co-operating continues to place hurdles. Still, Tamil Nadu Government is taking steps to remove the hurdles and complete the works speedily.

In this situation, if the Central Government's proposed Bill is passed, Tamil Nadu will face hurdles, under the cloak of Dam Safety, in the maintenance of the four dams of Mullai Periyar, Parambikulam, Thoonakadavu and Peruvaripallam.

I move the following resolution that the draft Dam Safety Bill 2018, approved by the Central Cabinet on 13.06.2018 be kept in abeyance, that the Central Government could enact the Dam Safety Law after consulting the States and arriving at a consensus and till that time, it should stop its activities on the proposed Dam Safety Law.

### RESOLUTION

“As the Central Government's proposed draft Dam Safety Bill-2018, has features affecting Tamil Nadu's rights, particularly, as problems may arise in the operation and maintenance of dams constructed by Tamil Nadu Government in the neighbouring State, this House strongly urges the Central Government to enact the Dam Safety Law after consulting the States and arriving at a consensus and till such time, stop the activities taken to bring about the Dam Safety Law.”

Through you (Hon'ble Speaker), I request this House to pass this resolution unanimously.

# Speedy steps being taken for safe return of stranded Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims

Clarification of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** in the Legislative Assembly on 04.07.2018  
on the steps taken to bring back safely Tamil pilgrims of Kailash Mansarovar  
who were left stranded due to bad weather (*English Translation*).

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Devotees from all over the Country go on a pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar in the Himalayas every year from June to September. Following reports in the media that 629 Indian pilgrims were left stranded in Simikot, 451 others at Hilsa and 500 more at the Tibetan border of China due to bad weather, I ordered officials to ascertain whether there were any pilgrims from Tamil Nadu stranded in those places and if they were, to take action.

Officials of Tamil Nadu Government contacted the Indian Foreign Affairs Ministry and Indian Embassy in Nepal and obtained details. It was learnt that a team from Chennai, comprising 19 persons, was in Simikot area in Nepal and the members of the team were in good health. Yesterday, the weather condition improved and 18 of the team reached Nepalgunj by flight. I directed two officials of the Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi to go to Nepalgunj and arrange for the return of the pilgrims to Tamil Nadu. With the co-operation of the Indian Embassy and Nepal Government, they are taking steps to extend needed help to all the pilgrims and send them back to Tamil Nadu safely. Eighteen persons of the team reached

Lucknow this morning. The remaining one will reach Lucknow before this evening. They are expected to arrive at Chennai tonight.

Four persons from Krishnagiri District have gone on a pilgrimage. They have returned to Simikot yesterday. Steps have been taken to bring them back to India via Nepalgunj.

Besides, information was received that a 69-year-old headmaster, Thiru. Ramachandran, who was one of a six-member team that separately went on the pilgrimage from Theni District, had died of breathlessness on his way back without completing the pilgrimage due to his health condition. His body had now been brought to a Kathmandu hospital. His son and daughter had gone there on receipt of this information. Officials of Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi are taking steps speedily through the Indian Embassy to bring the body to his native place either today or tomorrow.

I convey through You (Hon'ble Speaker) to this House that Amma's Government is taking all steps for the safe return of all the pilgrims who have gone to Nepal from Tamil Nadu. ■



# Ultra high tech unit to give milk packets 90 days shelf life at room temperature



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami at the Secretariat on 16.07.2018 inaugurated through video conferencing, an ultra high tech milk processing unit, built at a cost of Rs.34 crore, at Sholinganallur Dairy Plant in Kancheepuram District, on behalf of the Milk and Dairy Development Department. The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion also declared open buildings for Animal Husbandry, Milk and Dairy Development and Fisheries Departments, all constructed at a total cost of Rs.15.23 crore.

The Tamil Nadu Government, which is treading the path of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has been implementing many welfare schemes to increase the number of cattle in the State, improve the infrastructure of Dairy plants, ensure fair procurement price for milk producers and supply quality milk to consumers at a fair price.

The high tech milk processing unit inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister boils the milk, procured by Aavin, up to 139 Deg C, and processes and packs it in 200 ml, 500 ml and 1,000 ml pouches. The milk thus processed will have a shelf life of 90 days even at room temperature. It does not require any refrigeration facility.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated schemes Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries Department totally worth Rs.49.23 crore. These schemes are as follows:

Modern Aavin Parlours, one each at Velappadi in Vellore at a cost of Rs.1.06 crore and the other at Ilangamanipuram on the Kanniyakumari – Nagercoil National Highways, set up at a cost of Rs.70 lakh;

On behalf of Animal Husbandry Department, buildings for a veterinary disease detection centre at Tiruvallur at a cost of



Rs.77 lakh, and two veterinary clinic buildings, one each in Villupuram and Tirukoilur in Villupuram District, constructed at a total cost Rs.1.05 crore;

On behalf of the Fisheries Department, a fish landing centre, refurbished at a cost of Rs. 2.15 crore at Pazhaverkadu in Tiruvallur District, improved fish production centre, costing Rs.3 crore in Poondi in Tiruvallur District, and in Thirukampuliyur in Karur District, fish producing and rearing centre costing Rs.2.90 crore, Fish rearing centre, at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh in Kulithalai in Karur District and in Manimutharu Dam in Tirunelveli District, an improved national fish seeds farm and old farm (Pazhaya Pannai), costing Rs.2.85 crore.

The Indian Oil Corporation has come forward to set up 9 petrol dispensing points for filling fuel for the tankers of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers Federation and other Co-operative milk unions and their leased tankers.

In the first phase, in the Salem-Namakkal District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union complex, a retail fuel filling bunk of the Indian Oil Corporation on a 1,225 sq.metre land belonging to the union, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. This retail petrol bunk will fetch the Salem-Namakkal District Co-operative Milk Union a rental income of Rs.33,000/- per month and a monthly commission of Rs.1 lakh.

To improve the functioning of the Tamil Nadu Milk Producers' Co-operative Union, 17 tankers, which are more than 20 years old are to be replaced by new tankers, each of 15,000 litre capacity, costing totally Rs. 4.60 crore.

For the employees of the Veterinary Department to monitor the developmental schemes of the Department, and make field inspections, 25 new jeeps have been sanctioned. As a token, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over keys of 6 jeeps to the drivers. ■



# Chief Minister declares open tenements for Police Personnel



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami at the Secretariat on 25.07.2018 declared open 60 tenements for Policemen, constructed at a cost of Rs.7.40 crore, at Jayamkondan in Ariyalur District and 6 tenements for all-women Police Station constables, built at a cost of Rs.81.51 lakh at Jayamkondan, through video conferencing on behalf of the Home Department. In addition, the Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open 89 tenements and 8 Police Station buildings, constructed at a cost of Rs.16.97 crore.


Tamil Nadu Police are responsible for protecting the lives and properties of the public, maintenance of peace and implementation of law and order in the State. For the welfare of Police, who carry out their duties with a sense of commitment, the Tamil Nadu Government, following the path laid down by the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has been implementing various welfare schemes including construction of own buildings for Police Stations replacing rented buildings, apartments for Policemen near their workplace and new office buildings for the Police Department. In this connection,

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edapaddi K.Palaniswami declared open the afore mentioned buildings.

In addition, he opened 21 tenements at T.Palur in Ariyalur District, 63 tenements in Tirupathiripuliyur in Cuddalore District and 5 tenements in Armed Police complex in Thanjavur in Thanjavur District, totally 89 tenements, constructed at a cost of Rs.11.46 crore.

Buildings for 8 Police Stations, all constructed at a total cost of Rs.5.51 crore, in Pillur Dam and Vadakkipalayam in Coimbatore District, Velampalayam in Tiruppur District, Tiruvidaimaruthur in Thanjavur District, Jambunathapuram in Tiruchirappalli District, Avalur and Rathnagiri in Vellore District, and Periyathachur in Villupuram District were also declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion.

In all, 155 tenements for Policemen and 8 Police Station buildings, all constructed at a total cost of Rs.25.19 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. ●



## Green corridor cuts down distance, vehicular wear and tear, will ensure safe journey

Explanation of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** in the Legislative Assembly on 26.06.2018 on the Green field corridor (*English Translation*).

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Hon'ble Members referred to the green field corridor. In your (DMK) rule also many highways came up. In your regime, you acquired 3,023 hectares of land between 2006 and 2009. I have statistics for that. When you were acquiring land, the compensation offered was meagre. Now, as per the new Land Acquisition Act, higher compensation is given. The respective District Collectors mention clearly the amount of compensation paid.

Moreover, marking stones have been planted for the stretch of land to be laid as road. In Dharmapuri, 90 per cent of the work of putting up marking stones is completed; for the 56 km road, stones have been set up for 53 km. In Salem, of the nearly 36.9 km long road, marking stones have been erected for 26.9 km. Some are affected and they agitate. I request you on this occasion not to blow it up out of proportion. You refuse to reveal that land has already been acquired for laying the road for a distance of 53 km and that marking stones

have been put up. It is not proper to oppose the laying of this road on the strength of what some people say. The total extent of land to be acquired for this road is 1,900 hectares; of this 400 hectares are Government poramboke land; of the balance 1,500 hectares land, 1,100 hectares are to be acquired from arid areas; I wish to inform through You (Hon'ble Speaker) that of the lands to be acquired only 400 hectares are agricultural lands.

Irrespective of who runs the Government, it is a fact that roads are laid for developmental programmes. I wish to point out that land was acquired in your regime also for laying a 3,023 km long road.

I wish to emphasise the importance of roads on this occasion. When you were ruling both at the Centre and in the State, land was acquired on 31.03.2008. You laid the Ulundurpet road when the number of vehicles in Tamil Nadu, was 1.07 crore. Likewise, Salem-Krishnagiri



road was also laid. The number of vehicles in the State has been calculated as being 2,57,78,000 as on 31.03.2018. Two wheelers in 2008 were 82,60,019; the number of other heavy and light weight four-wheelers were 18,08,991. Now, as of 31.03.2018, the number of two-wheelers in the State is 2,15,86,210 and the number of heavy and light weight four-wheelers is 41,92,286. You laid two roads when the vehicle population was just 1.07 crore. Now, as the numbers have increased, the necessity of roads has become very important. This is so, because precious lives are lost due to road accidents.

This road is just 277.30 km long – nearly 60 km has been cut short. This conserves fuel and expenditure on fuel is reduced. The wear and tear of vehicles is less as also the travel time. We can undertake a safe journey. As for the green field corridor, it is laid in a modern way with technical inputs. The road is designed to avert accidents. This will improve Tamil Nadu's growth.

Travel time to Salem, Karur, Erode, Tiruppur and Kerala will be reduced when vehicles take this road. Safety of heavy weight vehicles is very important. This green field corridor is laid, taking into account the safety aspects also. A majority of the people support this green field corridor scheme; only a few oppose. The opposition is exaggerated through media and newspapers. As already stated, marking stones have been planted in Salem and Dharmapuri. In other Districts also, these works will commence shortly. This is a very big scheme, implemented in Tamil Nadu with funds from the Central Government. Hon'ble MLAs, MPs and the general public demand that road accidents should be brought down and roads should be widened. On the basis of that demand, nearly 40 roads have been upgraded and made into National Highways; the Government has plans for widening many roads and that work will also commence shortly.



# Bus depot opened in Srirangam division



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, at the Secretariat on 25.07.2018, declared open through video conferencing a bus depot, constructed at a cost of Rs.98 lakh, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Transport Corporation, Kumbakonam, at Edamalaipatti Pudur in Srirangam Division in Tiruchirappalli District.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma announced under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 09.05.2012, that 25 new bus depots for Chennai, Villupuram, Salem, Coimbatore, Kumbakonam, Madurai and Tirunelveli Transport Corporations will be opened in different parts of the State to meet the shortage of bus depots for operating additional buses by various transport corporations.

In keeping with this announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Edamalaipatti Pudur bus depot built on a 2.14 acre plot. It has a maintenance hall, warehouse, workers' rest room, Branch Manager's office room and washing area for buses.





# Roller grinding machine for TNPL second unit



**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami, at the Secretariat on 25.07.2018, inaugurated through video conferencing the roller grinding machine, installed at a cost of Rs.30 crore, at the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Board Ltd., - Unit II at Mondipatti village in Manapparai Taluk in Tiruchirappalli District.

The two-lakh tonne capacity Multi-layer Double Coated Board Plant of the TNPL was declared open by the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma on 29.01.2016. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma on 31.08.2016 announced in the Legislature under Rule 110 that a Roller Grinding Machine would be installed at the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Limited – Unit II at Mondipatti Village in Manapparai Taluk in Tiruchirappalli District.

The paper board manufacturing machine at the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Limited

Unit II has about 200 rollers fixed in different parts of the machine. These pressure rollers, drying rollers and rollers for coating are made of rubber or steel-covered rolls.

To manufacture quality paper board, these rollers have to be cleaned at regular intervals by removing the hardness on top and on different sides of the rollers. To repair the rollers at regular intervals, avoid delay in cleaning the rollers, improve productivity and reduce expenditure, the roller grinding machine has been installed, taking into consideration the demands of the multi-layer double coated paper plant.

This roller grinding machine is the most technically advanced and can be operated with precision through computers. The machine is capable of grinding the rollers in three paper manufacturing machines. The installation of the machine will improve the productivity of the machine.

# Chief Minister inaugurates eleven power sub-stations



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami declared open a 110/22 KW power sub-station at Poonachi in Erode District, set up at a cost of Rs.10.31 crore, on behalf of the Energy Department, at the Secretariat on 06.08.2018 through video conferencing. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open 10 sub-stations, costing Rs.70.81 crore in 9 Districts in the State and an office building of the Superintending Engineer of the Power Distribution Corporation in Krishnagiri, constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.50 crore.

As it is essential to set up additional power sub-stations to avoid line losses of electricity, reduce maintenance cost and to ensure optimum availability of power, the Tamil Nadu Government, following the path of the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has been setting up new power sub-stations and upgrading the existing power stations depending on the power requirement.

In this connection, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami inaugurated the 110/22 KW power sub-station at Poonachi in Erode District.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open the following 10 power Sub-stations,

costing Rs. 70.81 crore on the occasion: 110/11 KW power sub-station in Mangadu and 33/11 KW power sub-station in Thirumukkudal both in Kancheepuram District, 110/33 KW power sub-station (Proportional introduction) at Poondi in Thanjavur District, 110/33 KW power sub-station (Proportional introduction) in Uthukuli in Tiruppur District, 33/11 KW power sub-station in Iyyur in Ariyalur District, 110/33/11 KW sub-station in Narimanam in Nagapattinam District, 110/33/11 KW power sub-station in Uppur in Ramanathapuram District, 110/33 KW power sub-station (Proportional introduction) in Punalkulam in Pudukkottai District, 33/11 KW power sub-station in Varaghur in Tiruvannamalai District, 110/33 KW power sub-station in Kolathur in Salem District. He also opened the Superintending Engineer's office Building of the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation at Krishnagiri in Krishnagiri District at a cost of Rs.4.50 crore.

Totally, 11 power sub-stations and the SE Office Building of the Power Distribution Corporation, all costing Rs.85.62 crore were declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami.



# ***e-Stamping facility extended to 56 Sub-Registrar Offices***



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami declared open an Integrated Registration office complex, Office building for Assistant Commissioner (Commercial Tax) and 2 Sub-Registrar Offices, all constructed at a cost of Rs.4.85 crore, from the Secretariat on 25.07.2018 through video conferencing. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated e-Stamping facility in 56 Sub-Registrar Offices in 11 Corporation areas.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma at the Legislative Assembly on 07.08.2014 announced under Rule 110 that a majority of the offices of the age-old Registration Department were functioning either in rented buildings or in dilapidated own buildings. All Registration offices, now functioning in rented buildings would be shifted to own buildings and the dilapidated office buildings would be renovated. Hon'ble Amma also announced that Integrated Registration Office Complex, including Sub-Registrar offices, would be constructed in

Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruppur, Salem and Thanjavur.

Following this announcement, an integrated Registration office complex, constructed at a cost of Rs.2.07 crore was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami at Thanjavur. Constructed on a 1,359 sq.ft. area, the complex has ground plus two floors, with the office of the Deputy Inspector General of Registration, District Registrar's Office – I (Administration and Audit) and Joint Registrar's Office.

Besides Krishnagiri Assistant Commissioner (Commercial Taxes) Office, built at a cost of Rs.1.42 crore, and Sub-Registrar Offices in Guduvancheri in Kancheepuram District and Manavala Nagar in Tiruvallur District, both constructed at a cost of Rs.1.36 crore, totally new buildings for the Commercial Taxes and Registration Departments built at a cost of Rs.4.85 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami.

The e-Stamping system has been introduced as an alternative to conventional registration documents. The e-Stamping system is implemented by the Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL), a firm recommended by the Government of India. At present the e-Stamping system is in force in all the 63 Sub-Registrar offices in Chennai Region. To extend the e-stamping system to 56 Sub-Registrar offices in Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Erode, Thoothukudi, Tiruppur, Dindigul and Thanjavur Corporations, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the e-Stamping system. The e-Stamping system enables people to pay stamp duty with ease and also avoid fake stamp papers.

For the use of the Commercial Tax Department officials 10 Tata Sumo vehicles,

worth Rs. 60 lakh were given to the Department. As a mark of handing over the vehicles, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, handed over keys of 3 vehicles to the drivers.

The Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board, attached to the Commercial Tax Department, has been extending medical assistance, education allowance for the wards of traders, family welfare fund for the families of deceased traders and financial assistance to traders who lost heavily in business. Family welfare fund of Rs.1 lakh each to families of 10 deceased traders and Rs.50,000/- to a trader for his heart treatment as medical assistance were given. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, handed over cheques for family welfare fund to 5 family members.

## **Chief Minister conveys Sri Krishna Jayanthi greetings**

*Greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami on 01.09.2018 (English Translation).*



“I convey with great joy my heartfelt good wishes to all those who are celebrating Sri Krishna Jayanthi on the day of the avatar of Maha Vishnu as Sri Krishna, to teach the world the values of life through the Bhagavad Gita.

On this day of the birth of Sri Krishna who declared that he would take birth in the world whenever there was decay of righteousness, people engage in enthusiastic celebrations and make offerings to Sri Krishna of his favourite foods like

butter, curd, fruits, sweets and savouries and draw the tender footprints of a child for a length in the house as if Bhagawan Krishna himself has come to their houses.

While conveying my sincere good wishes to every one on Sri Krishna Jayanthi, I wish the people a life of duty consciousness and happiness based on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita that speak of the greatness of doing one's duty and of working without a desire for reward.



# Hon'ble Chief Minister confers handloom awards



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami presented at the Secretariat on 16.08.2018, cheques to the value of Rs.5.75 lakh, the prize money for State-level awards and certificates to 27 handloom weavers in connection with the 4<sup>th</sup> National Handloom Day. The Awards are Best Weaver Award (Silk and Cotton), Best Designer Award and Skilled Weavers Award.

For the upliftment of handloom weavers, the Tamil Nadu Government that functions on the lines of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is implementing different schemes such as distribution of dhoti and saree at no cost, 4 sets of school uniforms to students in Government and Government-aided Schools at no cost, old age pension and family

pension to Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers, Green Houses to weavers, electricity at no cost to handloom and powerloom weavers, life insurance to handloom weavers, scholarship to their wards, distribution of awards to best weavers and skilled weavers and handloom assistance scheme.

The Tamil Nadu Government has launched and is implementing a scheme from 2013-2014 of presenting a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh along with "State-level Best Weaver Award" and certificate for encouraging weavers who have been supportive of growth of handloom weaver co-operative societies and have made a significant contribution to higher production and sales.

By way of extending the scheme and encouraging more number of weavers, it was announced in the Assembly, during the demand for grants for the Handloom Department for 2018-2019 that Rs. 1 lakh, Rs.75,000 and

Rs.50,000 will be given from this year as first, second and third prize for weavers producing silk and cotton fabrics in two separate categories. And to encourage designers in weaver co-operative societies, best designers will be selected and given Rs.25,000, Rs.10,000 and Rs.5,000 as first, second and third prize from the current year.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented cheques for Rs. 1 lakh each to Tmt.S.Kuppammal of Arignar Anna Silk Weaver Co-operative Society, Kancheepuram (for silk variety) and to Thiru. P.R.Ravindran of Kalaimagal Cotton Weavers Co-operative

Society, Paramakudi (cotton variety) as first prize, cheques for Rs.75,000 each as second prize to Thiru. M.Manickam (Silk variety) and Tmt. S.Chandra (cotton variety), and cheques for Rs.50,000 each to Thiru. S.Saravanan (silk) and Thiru.V.N.Ganesamurthy (cotton), a cheque for Rs.25,000 to Thiru. P. Parthiban of Arignar Anna Silk Weaver Co-operative Society, Kancheepuram as first prize for Best Designer and cheques for Rs.5,000 each to 20 skilled weavers for weaving quality cotton fabrics with the best designs - totally Rs.5.75 lakh.

### 136<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Thiru.Vi.Ka.



On the 136<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Tamizh Thendral Thiru. V. Kaliyanasundaranar on 26.08.2018, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. Benjamin, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture Archaeology, Thiru. K. Pandiarajan garlanded his statue at his native village Thundalam, Maduravoyal Taluk, Thiruvallur District and paid floral tributes on behalf of the Department of Tamil Development, Tamil Nadu Government. Thiru. R. Venkatesan I.A.S. Secretary, Department of Tamil Development and Information, Dr. Vijayaraghavan Director, Tamil Development Dr. N. Arul, Director, Translation Department, Tamil Scholars and high Officials of Government participated.



# Bicycles to encourage education of girl students



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami, inaugurated at the Secretariat on 23.08.2018, the distribution of 11,78,790 bicycles at no cost to students of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Standards and of Industrial Training Institutes, costing Rs.437.86 crore. As a beginning, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over bicycles to 9 students.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma inaugurated the distribution of bicycles at no cost to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> std girl students of higher secondary schools, belonging to Adi Dravidar, and Tribal community, from the academic year 2001-2002 to encourage education of girl students. From the academic year 2005-2006, the scheme was extended to all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> std students of Government / Government-

aided Higher Secondary Schools in the State, benefiting a majority of students.

The present Government, treading the path of the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, with a view to continuing the distribution of bicycles at no cost to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard students of the Government/Government-aided higher secondary schools in the State, during the academic year 2018-2019, will distribute 11,78,790 bicycles, at a cost of Rs.437.96 crore. Through this scheme, 5,06,132 boys and 6,49,758 girl students, studying in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> classes and 18,506 boys and 4,394 girl students of ITIs will be benefited. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami inaugurated the 'Bicycles to students at no cost' on 23.08.2018.

# Dining hall at Thallakulam Ayyappan temple & facilities at Thiruverkadu temple



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami declared open from the Secretariat on 16.08.2018, a dining hall (Annadhana Koodam) at Arulmigu Ayyappan temple at Thallakulam, a subsidiary temple of Arulmigu Kallazhagar temple, Azhagarkovil, Madurai District, constructed at a cost of Rs.52 lakh and a chamber to keep devotees articles, a safe-keeping room for footwear and a power distribution room, constructed at a cost of Rs.50.70 lakh at Arulmigu Devi Karumariamman temple, Thiruverkadu, Tiruvallur District.

Temples are the repositories of Tamil culture and the storehouses of spirituality and artistic talent. The Tamil Nadu Government

that functions on the lines of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is executing through the Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, works such as protecting and maintaining temple properties, ensuring daily poojas without hindrance and providing the necessary facilities for devotees.

On this basis, the dining hall at the Thallakulam Arulmigu Ayyappan temple has been constructed on a 3,712 sq.ft. area for 100 devotees to take food at a time and other facilities created at the Arulmigu Devi Karumariamman temple, Thiruverkadu on an area of 1,440 sq.ft. Totally, HR & CE buildings worth Rs.1,02,70,000 were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ●



# State Plan for Disaster Management approved



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami presided over the Disaster Management Board's meeting at the Secretariat on 23.07.2018.

At the meeting, the Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue Administration presented the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Perspective Plan 2018-2030 for approval and explained in detail the special features of the Perspective Plan.

The Perspective Plan included the 10 point action plan mentioned by the Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister in the ASEAN Ministers' Conclave for mitigating disaster, Sendai Framework, United Nations Sustainable Development Plan 2030, Priorities and Targets fixed in the Paris Agreement on Climate

Change and the National Disaster Management Plan 2016.

The plan's framework has been formulated by including a brief note about Tamil Nadu, impact of disaster, its vulnerability, assessment about dangers, utilizing naturally available solutions, infrastructure, readiness to face disaster, payment of compensation and rehabilitation, prevention and mitigation of the impact of disaster, integrating disaster reduction into development plans, streamlining plans, financial resources and long-term planning schemes.

At the end of the meeting the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority gave its approval to the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Perspective Plan 2018-2030. ●

# Own buildings for 10 Sub-Registrar offices



Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** in the Legislative Assembly on 03.07.2018 under Rule 110 (*English Translation*).

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

For the development of the Department of Commercial Taxes and Registration which is supportive of taking Tamil Nadu on the path of growth, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and this Government that functions on the path shown by Hon'ble Amma, have implemented many schemes. On that basis, I am happy to inform this House that office buildings with modern facilities for 10 Sub-Registrar offices that are functioning now in rented buildings, will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 10 crore .

## **DEPARTMENT OF BACKWARD, MOST BACKWARD AND MINORITIES WELFARE**

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

I make the following announcements on behalf of the Department of Backward, Most Backward and Minorities Welfare:

1. The Central Government has stopped, from this year 2018, the subsidy it has been giving every year to Muslims who undertake the Hajj pilgrimage. Like the subsidy given to Hindus who go to Manasarovar and Mukthinath and Christians going to Jerusalem, this Amma's Government that functions on the lines of Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, in the interest of minorities, will provide Rs.6 crore as subsidy every year for Muslims to undertake Hajj pilgrimage. I am happy to announce to this House that 3,728 persons will undertake Hajj pilgrimage this year (2018-2019) under this scheme.

2. In 502 school and college hostels for girls, functioning across the State, 31,940 girl students are staying and studying. Taking into account their safety, CCTV cameras will



be installed in these hostels on all the four sides at a cost of Rs.5.02 crore at the rate of Rs.1 lakh per hostel.

3. Of the 1,343 hostels in Tamil Nadu, 1,265 have own buildings. Of these 1,265 hostels, functioning from their own buildings, it has been brought to Government's notice that maintenance works have become imperative in 595 hostels. Accordingly, repair and maintenance works will be undertaken in these hostels in the current year at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

4. I am happy to inform that 10 Kallar Reclamation Schools will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.3,08,33,000/-, the break-up being 4 Government Kallar Primary Schools at Mathipanur and Mela Thirumanickam in Madurai District and at M.Perumalpatti and Balarpatti in Theni District into middle schools, 3 Government middle schools at K. Puliyankulam, A.Pudhupatti and V.Perumalpatti in Madurai District into high schools and 3 Government Kallar High Schools at Annanji (Theni District), Theppathupatti (Dindigul District) and Kovilangulam (Madurai District) into Higher Secondary Schools.

## **LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT**

I make the following new announcements to be implemented in the current year on behalf of the Department of Labour and Employment.

1. To ensure safety of construction workers, kits with Rs.2,000/- worth safety equipment, will be given, in the first phase, to 25,000 workers at a cost of Rs.5 crore. The kits will have protective footwear, helmet, glowing apron, gloves and safety goggles.

2. New buildings will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.03 crore for the offices of Industrial Safety and Health Directorate, functioning at present in rented buildings at Coimbatore.

3. At present, 29 of the 32 District employment exchange offices function from own buildings. In the current year, own buildings will be constructed for the offices in Krishnagiri and Thoothukudi Districts, at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore each.

4. Now, 5 Regional Joint Directors are supervising the various skill training schemes being executed by the Department of Employment and Training in the 32 Districts. To efficiently administer and monitor the Government industrial training institutes and other such institutes, two Regional Joint Director (Training) offices (Villupuram and Salem) will be set up in the current year at a cost of Rs.2.85 crore.

5. I am happy to inform that a CT Scan equipment will be provided, at a cost of Rs.7 crore, to the Employees State Insurance Corporation Hospital at Ayanavaram; Intensive Care Units (ICU) will be created at a cost of Rs.3.82 crore in 7 ESI hospitals; new auxiliary equipment like 'semi auto analyser', binocular microscope and ECG equipment will be provided to the laboratories in 75 ESI dispensaries at a cost of Rs.2.84 crore; refrigeration rooms and generators will be set up at a cost of Rs.1.80 crore in 7 ESI hospitals and 4 Regional Administrative Medical Offices for storing high class medicines for treatment of workers.

# Only two slabs in revised property tax

The Tamil Nadu Government issued an order on 19.07.2018, on behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, revising from the first half of the financial year 2018-2019, Property Tax for the Greater Chennai Corporation, Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats in Tamil Nadu, not more than 100 cent for non-residential and rented residential buildings and not more than 50 per cent for residential buildings occupied by the owners themselves.

As per the Property Tax rules, the Tax has to be revised once in five years. But in the Greater Chennai Corporation, the Property Tax was last revised in the year 1998. After that, the Tax had not been revised in the years 2003, 2008 and 2013, that is for the last 20 years. In local bodies other than Chennai Corporation, the Property Tax was revised in the year 2008. Subsequently, no hike in Property Tax was initiated in the year 2013. As per schedule, the Property Tax has to be revised in the year 2018.

The Madras High Court issued a directive to the Government on 17.07.2018 that the Property Tax has to be revised within two weeks as per its guidelines.

Earlier, the Property Tax in Chennai Corporation was revised in 1993 and in 1998. As per the last revision in 1998, the tax was not more than 50 per cent for residential buildings and not more than 100 per cent for non-residential buildings.

For Local bodies in Tamil Nadu, in the year 1998, the tax was revised not more than 50 per cent for the residential buildings occupied by the owner, not more than 100 per cent for rented residential buildings and not more than 150 per cent for commercial/ industrial buildings.

Subsequently in the year 2003, the tax was revised by not more than 25 per cent for residential buildings, 150 per cent for commercial buildings and 100 per cent for industrial buildings. In 2008, the property Tax was revised not more than 25 per cent for residential buildings, not more than 150 per cent for commercial buildings and not more than 100 per cent for industrial buildings.

Recently, the Tamil Nadu Government considered revision of property tax by the Local Bodies with a view to improving the finance of the local bodies without affecting much the residents in the State and took into consideration the Property Tax rates in other cities in the country.

Subsequently, the Government issued a Government Order. As per the revision announced in the G.O., the Property Tax will not be more than 50 per cent for residential buildings occupied by the owners, not more than 100 per cent for rented residential buildings and not more than 100 per cent for non-residential buildings. The G.O. comes into effect from the first half of the financial year 2018-2019 and



it has not been issued with retrospective effect. So there is no need for the residents to pay tax arrears for the period before the financial year 2018-2019.

Following representations from the general public, welfare associations of various flat owners and various welfare associations that the tax hike of not more than 100 per cent would be very steep for owners and would lead to many practical difficulties. They appealed to the Government to reconsider the increase in Property Tax. Taking into consideration their request, the Government has decided to reduce the Property Tax from 100 per cent to 50 per cent for rented residential buildings, so that the Tax for both the rented residential buildings and residential buildings, occupied by the owners,

will not be more than 50 per cent.

Now as per the present revision of the Property Tax, there will be only two slabs, one for residential buildings, which is not more than 50 per cent and the other for non-residential buildings, which is not more than 100 per cent. For example in Ambattur, Alandur, and Madhavaram areas, the hike in tax will not be more than 10 per cent and in Tiruvottiyur, Sholinganallur and Valasaravakkam, the hike will be within 20 per cent. The local bodies in the State will decide the Property Tax in their respective areas. Even after the revision, the property Tax rate in Tamil Nadu is less when compared to cities in other States.

## 147<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of V.O. Chidambaranar



On behalf of Tamil Nadu Government Hon'ble Ministers, MPs and High Officials of Government paid floral tributes to the portrait of Kappalottia Thamizhan V.O. Chindambaranar placed near his statue at Rajaji Salai Chennai on 05.09.2018 to mark his 147<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# Forest Policy released



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami released the Tamil Nadu State Forest Policy 2018 at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur in Kancheepuram District on 24.07.2018 and Hon'ble Minister for Forests Thiru. Dindigul C.Sreenivasan received it.

It has become necessary to have a separate Forest Policy for Tamil Nadu in view of its distinct geographical, climatic, edaphic, ecological, environmental and demographic characteristics. The new Forest Policy has been drawn taking into consideration the preservation of natural resources and wildlife, conservation of eco systems and their bio diversity,

environmental stabilization, enhancement of forest productivity, augmentation of water resources in forests, increasing tree cover and mitigation of climatic change.

Following National Forest Authority's recommendation that 2.5 per cent of the budget should be allocated for Forests and Environment, the State Government will take steps to increase the allotment for the Forest Department to achieve the targets fixed by the new policy. In the coming years, schemes will be evolved based on the new Forest Policy and taking into consideration the improvement of livelihood of people through forests and trees.



# Chief Minister writes to Kerala counterpart for restoration of power to Mullai Periyar dam



*Text of the D.O. letter dated 16.08.2018  
addressed by Thiru. Edappadi  
K.Palaniswami,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
Thiru. Pinarayi Vijayan,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala.*



“I am in receipt of your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 and I would like to State that Mullai Periyar Dam is safe in all respects viz., hydrologically, seismically and structurally as per the Supreme Court Order dated 07.05.2014. During the past, the Dam was inspected by many experts on several occasions and they had also found that the Dam is safe in all aspects.

As you are aware, the Supreme Court appointed Supervisory Committee inspects the Dam periodically and in the last inspection carried out on 04.08.2018, the Committee has found that the Dam is safe to store water upto 142 ft. Therefore, there is no threat to the safety of the Dam and water is being stored at the permitted level of 142 ft. as per the orders of the Supreme Court.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been transferring water from Mullai Periyar Dam to Vaigai Basin to the maximum extent possible through the tunnel. When the inflows started to increase in the Dam, there has been continuous co-ordination between the engineers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala and the respective District Collectors.

The Water Resources Department of Tamil Nadu is maintaining the releases through the spillways so as not to exceed the permitted water storage level at 142 ft. duly giving periodical warnings to all concerned in Kerala.

The Chairman, Sub-Committee of Mullai Periyar Dam during the inspection on 15.08.2018 has found that the Digital Water Level Recorder is functioning well. In addition, there are several

gauge plates installed to ascertain the water level of the Dam.

I would also like to point out that Kerala is not permitting Tamil Nadu officials to gauge the rainfall in the catchment area and Tamil Nadu officials are therefore compelled to assess the inflow only based on the actual rate of raise in water level in the Dam. I would request you to inform your officials to share the rainfall data in the catchment of Mullai Periyar Dam with Tamil Nadu officials on a real time basis.

I would also like to draw your attention to the issue of restoration of power supply to Mullai Periyar Dam and its appurtenant structures.

As agreed to by Tamil Nadu and Kerala, a sum of Rs.1.65 crore has been deposited by Tamil Nadu with the Kerala State Electricity Board to restore the power supply. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been in constant touch with the Government of Kerala and the Kerala State Electricity Board for restoring the power supply to the Dam, but of no avail.

Hence, I would request you to kindly issue instructions to the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to restore the power supply to the Dam and its appurtenant structures.

The Water Resources Department of Tamil Nadu is managing and regulating the releases from the Dam according to the rate of inflow into the Dam.”

## Tamil Nadu stands by Kerala in its time of natural disaster

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 09.08.2018 (*English Translation*).



The heavy rains and unprecedented floods in certain Districts of Kerala have caused extensive damage to property and have taken toll of lives. This has also caused untold suffering to the people of the State of Kerala.

On behalf of the State Government and people of Tamil Nadu, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the family members of all those who have lost their lives in the rains and floods. The State of Kerala is faced with the arduous task of ensuring immediate rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures for the flood ravaged

areas and reconstruction of the devastated areas in the coming days. As a token of the support and solidarity of the Government and people of Tamil Nadu with the Government and people of Kerala in their hour of need, I have ordered the immediate contribution of a sum of Rs.5 crore from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the Government of Kerala.

The Government of Tamil Nadu stands ready to render any other assistance as may be required by the Government of Kerala.





# **‘Don’t process Karnataka report for balancing reservoir at Mekedatu’**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 04.09.2018 addressed  
by **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India.

**I** am constrained to bring to your notice, the Government of Karnataka’s unilateral action in having approached the Central Water Commission for clearance to the Feasibility Report of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project with an installed capacity (400 MW) at an estimated cost of Rs.5,912 crore across the river Cauvery.

I would like to point out that this action of Karnataka is in violation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Hon’ble Supreme Court and also in contravention to the directives of the Government of India to share the plans with the co-basin States for their consent before proposing any new schemes.

As you are aware, the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal as modified by the Hon’ble Supreme Court prescribes the total quantity of water to be used for consumptive use by all the Party States. This proposal of Karnataka to build a reservoir at Mekedatu

across the Cauvery river would amount to a clear violation of the Final Order of the Tribunal and the judgement of the Supreme Court. The proposed reservoir will affect the natural flow of the river Cauvery and will nullify the Final Order of the Tribunal and the Supreme Court. In a federal structure, no upper riparian State should unilaterally interfere with the natural flow of an inter-State river without the consent and concurrence of the lower riparian States.

I would like to point out that the Government of Karnataka has not approached the Government of Tamil Nadu seeking concurrence for its Mekedatu Project. Instead it has directly approached the Central Water Commission in contravention to the guidelines / procedure laid down by the Government of India.

The Central Water Commission ought not to have processed the proposal of Karnataka to construct a balancing reservoir at Mekedatu and instead should have advised Karnataka to

get the concurrence of Tamil Nadu and other co-basin States at the outset.

This unilateral action of Karnataka has caused great alarm and apprehension among the people of Tamil Nadu as it will affect the livelihood of lakhs of farmers who depend on Cauvery water.

I, therefore, request you to kindly instruct the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation to direct

the Central Water Commission to stop forthwith further processing of the Feasibility Report of the Government of Karnataka to construct a Balancing Reservoir at Mekedatu across the river Cauvery and not to give any consent to any projects in the river Cauvery without obtaining the prior concurrence of Tamil Nadu and other co-basin States.

I look forward to your immediate positive reply.



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## Chief Minister condoles death of Kalaighar Karunanidhi

Condolence message issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 07.08.2018 (*English Translation*).

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“I was extremely distressed on hearing the news that Kalaighar Thiru. M.Karunanidhi, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the most senior politician of India, President of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam for 50 years and at present a member of the Legislature, died in hospital on 07.08.2018 without responding to treatment.

Greatly interested in drama, poetry and literature even in his school days, he involved himself in social movements at the age of 14 itself. Kalaighar Thiru. M.Karunanidhi entered the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly as a Member for the first time in 1957 by winning the Kulithalai constituency. From that time onwards, he won all the Assembly elections he contested and became a notable personality and fought for social justice.

Kalaighar Thiru. M.Karunanidhi became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 1969. He had the honour of being the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for 5 times.

Besides politics, he showed his prowess in Tamil literature and in fields like story and dialogue writing in Tamil films and created social awareness. He left his imprint in national politics also besides Tamil Nadu politics.

Former Chief Minister Kalaighar Thiru. M.Karunanidhi's demise is a great loss to Tamil Nadu. Besides conveying my deep condolences and sympathy to all his bereaved family members, to his son and Leader of the Opposition in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru. M.K.Stalin and Dravida Munnetra Kazhaga partymen, I pray for his soul to rest in peace”.



## Kailash pilgrims meet Chief Minister to express gratitude for rescue



Every year from June to September, devotees from all over India make a pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar in Himalayas. Last month, due to bad weather conditions, pilgrims from Tamil Nadu were stranded in Nepal. On hearing this information, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, immediately issued orders for their safe recovery.

As per the Hon'ble Chief Minister's orders, Tamil Nadu Government Officials immediately contacted the officials of the Indian External Affairs Ministry in Nepal. The 18 pilgrims from Tamil Nadu were found stranded in Simikot in Nepal. They were immediately brought to Nepalganj by plane and the Tamil Nadu House officials in New Delhi rushed to Nepalganj and brought them to Tamil Nadu safely with the

co-operation of Indian Embassy and the Nepal Government.

The pilgrims, who were rescued with the assistance of the Tamil Nadu Government include, Thiru. S.R. Balasubramanian, Thiru. S. Hariharan, Thiru. C.N. Ravi, Thiru. T.V. Santhamurthi, Tmt. K.S. Vijayalakshmi, Tmt. B. Annapurna, Thiru. G. Anandam, Thiru. V. Gopalakrishnan, Tmt. B. Premalatha, Thiru. T.M. Subramanian, Tmt. A.S. Lakshmi, Thiru. R. Subramani, Tmt. S. Meenakshi, and Thiru. N. Sakthivel.

The rescued pilgrims met the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, at the Secretariat in Chennai on 05.07.2018 and thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Government officials for taking all efforts to rescue them and bring them back. ■



# Chief Minister opens school buildings worth over Rs.160 crore across State



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, at the Secretariat on 02.07.2018, declared open through video conferencing, a building with 22 classrooms and a laboratory, constructed at a cost of Rs.3.28 crore at the Maduramangalam Government Higher Secondary School in Kancheepuram District, on behalf of the School Education Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion also declared open school buildings for various Government high schools and higher secondary schools in various Districts across Tamil Nadu, constructed at a cost of Rs.157.29 crore.

The Tamil Nadu Government, which is administering the State on the path laid down by Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, with a view to make the students in Tamil Nadu the best in education, and to enable them to attain higher positions in society, has been providing free education, bus pass, bicycles, uniforms, books and note-books, laptops, footwear, educational kits at no cost, incentives to bring down dropout rates and constructing classrooms for improving infrastructure.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion also declared open 306 classrooms, 44 laboratory buildings, drinking water facilities, toilets and compound walls, constructed at a cost of Rs.65.69 crore in 44 Government High Schools and Higher Secondary in Ariyalur, Kancheepuram, Krishnagiri, Kanniyakumari, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Tiruvannamalai, Tirunelveli, Vellore and Villupuram Districts.

Under the 'Secondary Education for all Scheme, 59 school buildings, constructed at a cost of Rs.91.60 crore were opened in 58 Government higher Secondary Schools in Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Kancheepuram, Krishnagiri, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Thanjavur, Theni, Tiruppur, Tiruvarur, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Villupuram and Virudhunagar Districts.

Totally, school buildings constructed at a cost of Rs.160.58 crore were declared open on 02.07.2018 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.





## Helmet, seat belt mandatory to avert fatalities in accidents

The Tamil Nadu Government has appealed to two wheeler riders and pillion riders to wear helmet and motorists to wear seat belt to protect their lives.

The Tamil Nadu Government has been taking various precautionary measures to reduce accidents in the State. Despite various measures taken by the Government, till July this year (2018), 38,491 accidents have taken place in the State. Of this, two wheeler accidents alone are 15,601, which account for 40.53 per cent of the total accidents. In the 38,491 accidents, 7,526 people lost their lives. The number of those who lost their lives in two wheeler accidents is 2,476, which is 32.90 per cent of the total fatalities. Of the deceased, 1,811 riders were not wearing helmets at the time of accidents, which is 73.4 per cent of the two wheeler casualties. So far, 2.14 crore two wheelers have been registered in Tamil Nadu, which constitutes 84 per cent of the total number of vehicles in the State.

Every day thousands of vehicles are utilizing the roads. Accidents do occur unexpectedly. As a safety measure in case of accidents, it becomes necessary for two wheeler riders to wear helmets and the motorists to wear seat belts while driving. Life is precious and accidents are unpredictable. Moreover, accidents occur in a split second. If we

don't protect ourselves, we will have to pay with our lives or suffer serious injuries. To protect lives, one should follow road safety measures. Two wheeler riders are advised to wear helmets and the drivers of four wheelers are advised to wear seat belts.

As per the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 under Section 129 it is mandatory for all two wheeler riders and pillion riders to wear helmets.

The Hon'ble Madras High Court has directed that the Motor Vehicles Act stipulation on compulsory wearing of helmets by the two wheeler riders and the pillion riders should be implemented. So the riders of two wheelers and the pillion riders should compulsorily wear helmets. Riding two wheelers without helmet is an offence liable to be fined under Motor Vehicles Act 1988 under Section 177.

The Tamil Nadu Government has been taking various measures to reduce the number of accidents. Officials of the Police Department, Highways Department and Transport Departments are also conducting campaigns to create awareness among the public on the need for two wheeler riders and pillion riders to wear helmets. All two wheeler riders are therefore asked to wear helmets compulsorily to protect their precious lives.

# Memorandum to Central Minister for release of grants for rural local bodies

**Memorandum Presented by Thiru.S.P.Velumani, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Implementation of Special Programme, Tamil Nadu to Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Mines, Government of India, New Delhi on 28.08.2018.**

**Dear Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji,  
Vanakkam.**

I request your kind attention to all my personal representation and communications on earlier occasions regarding the release of Basic Grant and the Performance grant to the Rural Local Bodies of Tamil Nadu as recommended by the 14<sup>th</sup> Central Finance Commission. This grant has not been released to the RLBs of the State since the same has not been recommended by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission had allocated an amount of Rs.1,516.12 crore to the Rural Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu as Basic Grant for the Financial Year 2017-2018 and the 1<sup>st</sup> installment 50% was already released by the Government of India. The 2<sup>nd</sup> installment Basic Grant of Rs. 758.06 crore and the Performance Grant of Rs.194.78 crore is due to the State for the Financial Year 2017-2018. Further the Government of India has earmarked an amount of Rs.1,753.88 crore as Basic Grant and Rs.221.20 crore as performance Grant to the

Rural Local Bodies in the State for the Financial Year 2018 -2019. The first installment of Basic Grant of Rs.876.94 crore for the Financial Year 2018-2019 is due for the State.

In your D.O. letter No. N-11013/5/2017-FD dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018, you have informed that second installment of Basic Grant for the financial year 2017-2018 can be considered only after the elected Gram Panchayats are in place. Here, I wish to point out that Tamil Nadu has been conducting Local Body Elections regularly in the year 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 since the enactment of 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment and Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994.

Likewise, the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission had notified the Local Bodies Elections on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its order dated 04.10.2016 on the W.P. No.33984 of 2016 filed by DMK Party had set aside the Election Notification of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.



The State Election Commission had gone on appeal to the Madras High Court.

The Civil Appeal No. 5467-5469 of 2017 filed by the DMK against the Madras High Court order dated 21.09.2016, permitting TNSEC to conduct Local Body Elections in October, 2016 is still pending. The main prayer in C.A. was to conduct elections after Delimitation of LB wards as per 2011 Census. The case is being listed in the Monthly list but doesn't figure in daily cause list.

In respect of Appeal filed by TNSEC in CA 1268/2016, against single judge order Dt. 04.10.2016 quashing Election Notification, the Division Bench of Madras High Court directed TNSEC to conduct the Local Body Elections before November, 2017. However, it was also stated that this direction is subject to orders passed by the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal filed by DMK. In the meantime, due to various representations, Delimitation Commission was formed in July, 2017 and it has initiated Delimitation exercise.

In view of the amended Act provisions enabling to conduct elections based on the earlier delimitation has been removed, TNSEC has also filed Interlocutory Application in Supreme Court seeking clarification regarding conducting Elections in view of above mentioned developments. But this is yet to be taken up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Civil Appeal filed by DMK and Interlocutory Application filed by TNSEC in Supreme Court are pending as on date.

Thus, the conduct of Local Body Elections in Tamil Nadu has been delayed on account

of multiple litigations pending in the Madras High Court and Supreme Court of India. However, Special Officers appointed under the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994, are discharging the functions of the Local Bodies in the best possible manner

In this regard, the Advocate General of Tamil Nadu has opined that,

*“There is no doubt that there is Constitutional requirement to conduct local body elections within the period of five years, in view of the relevant constitutional provisions. Equally, there is Constitutional obligation to specify the territorial limitation of each ward on the basis of the latest population census in a particular manner so that the population of each ward is more or less the same.*

*The requirement to comply with this Constitutional mandate and specify the wards in the manner contemplated under Constitution is under way and it is yet to reach its completion and therefore on the peculiar facts and circumstances of this situation, the election has been necessarily delayed.*

*It may be pertinent to point out that these grants are released for the local bodies to provide facilities to ordinary citizens residing within the limits of local bodies and delay in conducting elections due to the facts mentioned above should not result in denial of basic needs of people and denial of fundamental rights of the citizens residing within the limits of the local bodies.*

*In view of the facts stated above, I am of the opinion that State Government has a strong*

*case to again approach the Government of India for release of the above grants, which is the legitimate due of the Urban and Rural Local bodies”.*

As recommended by 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the entire grant sanctioned to Tamil Nadu during the last two years have been released to the Village Panchayats which in turn have utilized this amount to undertake development works and provision of basic amenities such as water supply, sanitation, waste management and street lighting. Likewise during 2017-2018 the Village Panchayats have taken up development works based on the Village Panchayat Development Plan (VPDP) for the entire financial allocation and have utilized 1<sup>st</sup> installment fund to settle the bills. The works are in completion stage and require further funds to settle the final bills.

Hence, I request you to recommend to the Ministry of Finance to release the second installment of Basic Grant of Rs.758.06 crore and Performance Grant of Rs.194.78 crore for the Financial Year 2017-2018 and the first installment of Basic Grant of Rs.876.94 crore for the Financial Year 2018-2019 to Tamil Nadu State.

#### **Release of fund under MGNREGS**

In Tamil Nadu, 21 types of material intensified works within the permissible list of 260 works by MoRD have been taken up during 2018-2019, apart from the Natural Resource Management works under MGNREGA, such as CC pavement, Paver Block Culverts, Minor Bridges, Panchayat Offices, Anganwadi Centres, Food Grain Godowns etc.,

A sum of Rs.1073.98 crore is the requirement to complete the above works. So far, the Government of India, MoRD has released a sum of Rs.362.73 crore as its 75% share and the State Government released a sum of Rs.120.91 Crore as its 25% share of material component. There is no pendency regarding the release of State Share by GoTN.

I request the GOI to release a sum of Rs.500 crore, as it is the immediate requirement of our State, to ensure completion of 2017-2018 works and to expedite 2018-2019 works.

#### **Inclusion of eligible beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Gramin) (PMAY-G)**

The State had identified 5,09,343 eligible households who are not covered in SECC 2011 Data. As per the instructions of Government of India, the process of inclusion of additional beneficiaries in the Permanent Wait List (PWL) through Awaas+ mobile application is under progress in the State.

Hence, the Government of India is requested to consider positively and approve the eligible households for construction of houses under PMAY(G).

I wish to state that, Tamil Nadu Government will continue to give top priority for the implementation of all the Flag Ship Programmes of GOI for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.

Thanking You. ■



# Jobs for legal heirs of employees who died while in service



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami at the Secretariat on 28.08.2018, handed over appointment letters for the posts of junior assistants on compassionate grounds to the dependents of 42 employees of Public Health Department, who died while in service. The Hon'ble Chief Minister personally gave away the appointment orders to 5 persons.

To fill the vacant posts in Government Hospitals and newly created posts, as per the advice of Hon'ble Amma, the Medical Services Recruitment Board has been formed exclusively

for recruitment of doctors, nurses and para-medical staff. The Recruitment Board has so far recruited 23,882 employees. Apart from these appointments, the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has selected and appointed 216 Regional Health Statisticians.

In continuation of these appointments, legal heirs of 42 employees of the Public Health Department, who died while in service, have been given appointment as junior assistants. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami personally handed over appointment orders to 5 persons. ●

# Uzhavan app wins Skoch award, Minister gets good wishes from Chief Minister



The Tamil Nadu Government, following the path of the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has been providing many useful services to farmers through modern technology. In continuation of these services, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami had inaugurated on 05.04.2018, a mobile app named 'Uzhavan' for extended service to farmers.

The new app provides 9 important kinds of information, both in English and Tamil, including subsidies available for schemes under various heads, registration of beneficiaries for various subsidized schemes, details on crop insurance, stock position of seeds and fertilizer, farm equipment hiring centres, market price of farm produce, monsoon-based information and the availability of farm extension officers.



Following good response from the farmers, more heads like storage-level of main reservoirs in the State, farm-based information and feedback from farmers, were introduced in the mobile app. So far 1,45,000 farmer beneficiaries have downloaded the Uzhavan app and are making use of it. Another 15,300 beneficiaries have registered for availing schemes with the subsidiary benefits.

This year's 52<sup>nd</sup> State conference of the Skoch was held at the Constitution Club of India in New

Delhi recently. At this meeting, the Agricultural Department of the Tamil Nadu Government participated in the discussion on 'Sustaining the Use of Publicly available information from Agricultural Portal (SUPPORT) in which the Uzhavan app was selected for the 'Order of Merit'. At the final meet on 23.06.2018, Uzhavan App was selected for the Skoch Silver Award based on a referendum and an opinion poll conducted under the 'Information Technology on Agriculture section'.



## 'Demise of former PM Vajpayee is a great loss to India'

Condolence message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

**Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on the demise of former Prime Minister

**Thiru. Atal Bihari Vajpayee** (*English Translation*).

"I was greatly pained to learn that former Prime Minister of India, the first President of Bharatiya Janata Party and a senior politician, Thiru. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was admitted to a New Delhi hospital, died on 16.08.2018 without responding to treatment.

It is to be noted that Thiru. Vajpayee was the first Prime Minister from the Bharatiya Janata Party. He served the people as Prime Minister thrice. He was Foreign Affairs Minister also and distinguished himself as an effective member of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for about 50 years.

A votary of literature, Thiru. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a great orator. An excellent administrator and a hard worker, he was affable towards all.

Thiru. Atal Bihari Vajpayee dedicated his entire life to India. He was the recipient of Indian Government's prestigious awards like Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan.

The demise of former Prime Minister Thiru. Atal Bihari Vajpayee is a great loss to India. While conveying my deep condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family members and Bharatiya Janata Party members, I pray to the Almighty God to rest his soul."





## Medal-winners get high cash incentives, congratulatory letters from Chief Minister

**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami announced on 25.08.2018, a high cash incentive of Rs. 20 lakh to Tamil Nadu's Thiru. Prajnesh Gunneswaran, who won a Bronze Medal in the Tennis Men's Singles event at the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, and also sent him his congratulatory letter.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also announced on 27.08.2018, a cash incentive of Rs. 20 lakh to Thiru.Saurav Goshal, for winning a Bronze Medal in the Squash Men's championship; a high cash incentive of Rs. 20 lakh to Selvi Joshana Chinappaa, who won a Bronze Medal in the Squash Women's Singles and a high cash incentive of Rs. 20 lakh to Tmt.Dipika Karthik, who won a Bronze Medal in the Squash Women's Singles. All these sportspersons who belong to Tamil Nadu also received the Hon'ble Chief Minister's congratulatory letters.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on 28.08.2018 a high cash incentive of Rs. 30 lakh to Thiru. Dharun, belonging to Tamil Nadu, who won a Silver Medal in the 4 by 400 metres Men's Relay Event and a high cash incentive of Rs. 30 lakh to Thiru.Arokia Rajiv. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also sent separate congratulatory letters to the champions.

He announced on 29.08.2018 a high cash incentive of Rs. 20 lakh each to Thiru.Sharath Kamal, Thiru.Amal Raj and Thiru.Sathyan, belonging to Tamil Nadu, for winning a Bronze Medal in the Table Tennis Men's Team Event at the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also sent separate congratulatory letters to these three players.

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## Chief Minister declares open 29 Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres



**H**on'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami, at the Secretariat on 25.07.2018 declared open through video-conferencing, an Integrated Agricultural Extension Centre, constructed at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore, at Tirunavalur in Villupuram District, on behalf of the Agriculture Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion also inaugurated 28 Integrated Agricultural

Extension Centres, 2 fertilizer control laboratory buildings and 2 soil testing laboratory buildings, all built at a cost of Rs.44.40 crore.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma made an announcement at the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 07.08.2014 under Rule 110 that Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres would be opened in different parts of the State to provide all agricultural services to farmers under one roof.

These centres would serve as one-stop centre disseminating innovative technologies and consultation services on key matters, stocking and distributing critical inputs, agriculture implements, plant protection equipment, providing advisories on all seed-to-seed activities, act as a point for implementing formulated schemes and policies of Government, besides linking farmers to markets. It will be a multi-functional centre with training room for farmers and distribution centre for agricultural inputs.

Ponnamaravathi in Pudukottai District, Kamudhi in Ramanathapuram District, Vembakkam, Kalasapakkam and Thandrampet in Tiruvannamalai District, Needamangalam, Tiruthuraipundi, Mannargudi and Muthupet in Tiruvarur District, Rishivandiyam, Koliyanur, Tiruvennainallur and Sankarapuram in Villupuram District, Melbhuvanagiri, Kurinjipadi and Nallur in Cuddalore District,

Uthiramerur in Kanchipuram District, Veppur in Perambalur District, Ammapettai in Thanjavur District, Pongalur, Moolanur, Uthukuli, and Kudimangalam in Tiruppur District, Poondi and Ellapuram in Tiruvallur District, Lalgudi and Uppuliapuram in Tiruchirappalli District, and Vasanthapuram in Namakkal District – 28 Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres at a cost of Rs.42 crore;

Fertilizer Control Laboratory buildings at Kumbakonam in Thanjavur District and Tiruvarur in Tiruvarur District, set up at a cost of Rs. 1.20 crore; and Soil Testing Labs in Namakkal and Virudhunagar at a cost of Rs. 1.20 crore.

Totally 29 Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres, 2 Fertilizer Control Centres and 2 Soil Testing Centres, all costing Rs.45.90 crore, were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami.

## News in Picture



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** inspected the damaged barrage at the upper Anaicut on Coleroon, Mukkombu, Tiruchirappalli on 24.08.2018. Hon'ble Ministers, MPs, MLAs and high officials of the Government were with him.



# Plea to Prime Minister: Name Central Station after Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.

Text of the D.O. letter dated 12.09.2018 addressed by **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to  
**Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

**O**ur former Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.Ramachandran was honoured with the highest civilian award, the “Bharat Ratna” in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public service by the Government of India in the year 1988.

I write to you strongly proposing as unanimously resolved and recommended by the Tamil Nadu Cabinet to rename Chennai Central Railway Station after “**Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.Ramachandran**” in commemoration of his birth centenary. The Hon'ble former Chief Minister Dr.M.G. Ramachandran, who is affectionately known as “Puratchi Thalaivar” (Revolutionary Leader), was a self-taught genius, an iconic film personality, who became Tamil Nadu's most popular mass leader.

The birth centenary of Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.Ramachandran, Hon'ble former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu which fell in 2017, is being celebrated by the Government of

Tamil Nadu in a glorious and befitting manner.

Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.Ramachandran was one of the most illustrious, charismatic and popular Chief Minister of the State, who rode like a colossus during the turbulent transitional socio-political period of the State for more than three decades as an actor supreme and as a political leader invincible, till his death in 1987.

Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.Ramachandran is remembered Nationally and Internationally for having launched several innovative welfare programmes which have become model to be emulated throughout the country. He was socially conscious and politically committed and his yardstick for governance, was whether a welfare scheme would ultimately benefit the poor. “The Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.R. Nutritious Meal Programme” implemented in all the Schools in Tamil Nadu, is a manifestation of his commitment for the welfare of the weaker sections of the society. The scheme has been

commended by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as worthy of being followed by other states, now religiously being adopted by the Government of India as a pan-Indian Programme.

As Chief Minister, Dr. M.G.Ramachandran, placed great emphasis on socio-economic development of the masses, especially poor and downtrodden. He was instrumental in laying the foundation for the rapid socio-economic growth that the State of Tamil Nadu has witnessed in the last four decades. In order to encourage community participation and promote the goal of self-sufficiency at the village level, he introduced the popular "Self Sufficiency Scheme".

With an innate understanding that knowledge provides children the power to dream of a bright future and attain it, Dr. M.G.Ramachandran introduced a comprehensive package for school children, which included supply of free books, uniforms, footwear, free education upto Higher Secondary Level and the popular Nutritious Noon Meal Scheme. This had far reaching results in terms of improving school attendance and reducing drop outs appreciably, especially in rural schools.

Dr. M.G.Ramachandran's love for Tamil language and his vision for the development of language manifested in establishing a exclusive Tamil University for Tamil language so as to provide higher research in the Language. As a champion of the cause of women, especially their education, he established Mother Theresa Women's University at Kodaikanal.

To the people of Tamil Nadu and to Tamils across the world, Dr. M.G.Ramachandran continues to be an inspirational figure who is always remembered for his qualities of magnanimity, generosity, commanding leadership and determination to fight for the legitimate rights of the States.

As desired by him, his residence at Chennai has been converted into a school for the hearing and visually challenged children, after his demise. Dr. M.G.Ramachandran's life story continues to inspire millions to strive for greater public good through dedicated service.

To honour the memory of Bharat Ratna Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G.Ramachandran, a great and an illustrious son of the Nation, it is felt that it would be proper if, on the occasion of his birth centenary, the Central Railway Station at Chennai, one of the most prominent and iconic landmarks be named after him. In view of the above, the Tamil Nadu Cabinet unanimously resolved on 09.09.2018 to recommend to the Government of India to rename Chennai Central Railway Station after "Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran".

I request you to kindly take steps to rename Central Railway Station at Chennai as "**Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station**" in commemoration of his birth centenary.