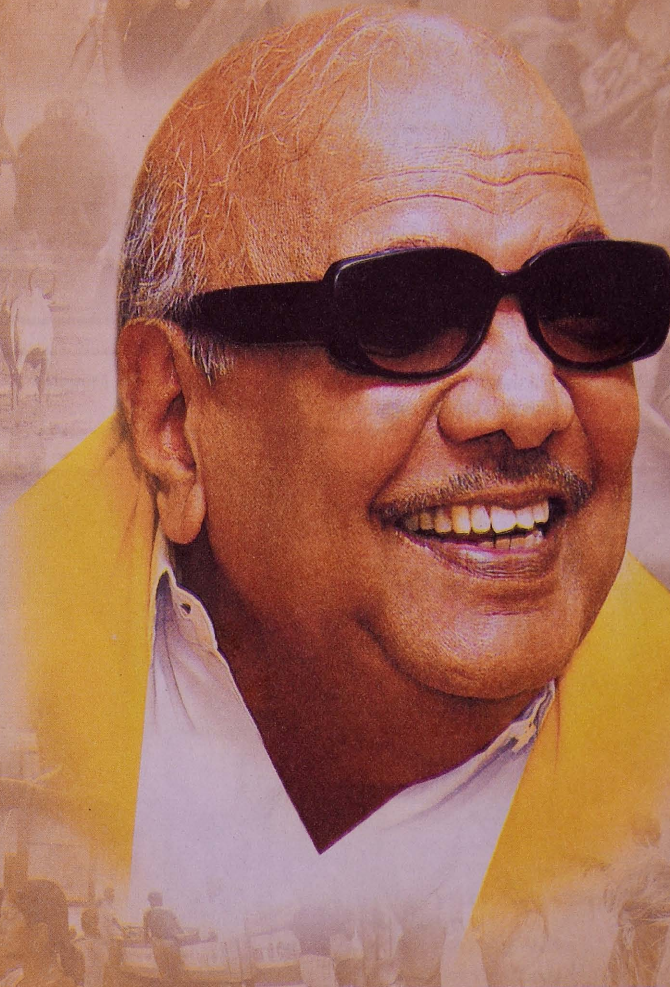


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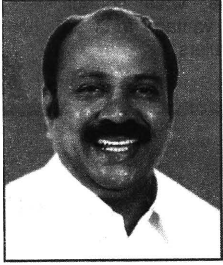
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PROJECTS IN MEMORY OF EMINENT LEADERS

Hon'ble Minister for Information
Thiru. **PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI**

- ★ Kannagi Statue has been reinstalled at a cost of Rs.4.90 lakh at the same place from where it was earlier removed on Marina Beach, Chennai.
- ★ Life size bronze statue of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan, installed in Chennai at a cost of Rs.8.95 lakh was unveiled by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 21.7.2006.
- ★ Orders were issued to install a life size statue of Thalainagar Katha Thamizhchelvar Ma.Po.Sivagnanam at a cost of Rs.6.24 lakh in Chennai.
- ★ M.G.R. Museum established in the Dr. M.G.R. Memorial in Chennai was opened on 30.03.2007.



The first meeting of the Tamil Films Reforms committee, under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar, was held on 13.6.2009. Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi, Committee members and officials attended.



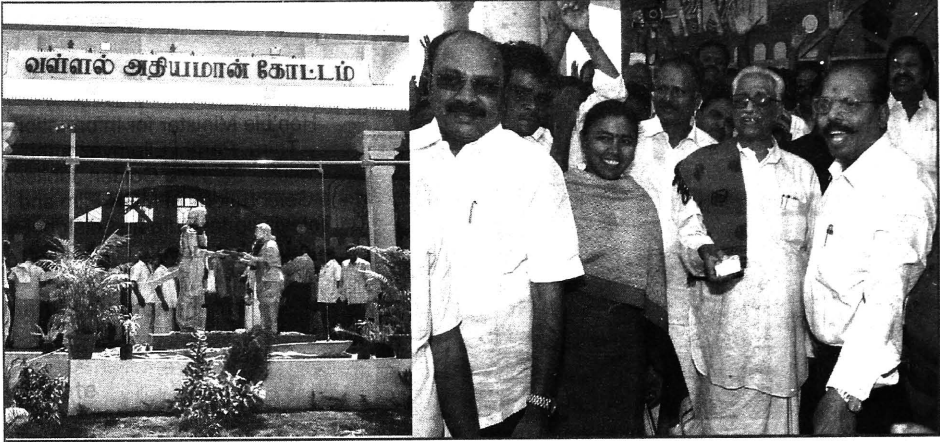
Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar scrutinised the models of statues of the Thamizhisai Moovar - Arunachala Kavirayar, Manimutha pillai and Muthu Thandavar - to be installed in thai memorial at Seerkazhi. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin and Other Ministers are seen in the picture (9.9.2008)

- ★ 20 memorials at a cost of Rs.26.23 lakh in 2006 - 07 and memorials at a cost of Rs.43.45 lakh in 2007 - 2008 have been renovated.
- ★ Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Memorial was renovated and centenary arch and lamp are being erected at an estimate of Rs.50 lakh. A new building at a cost of Rs.10 lakh is also constructed in the memorials.
- ★ New Memorials for freedom fighters and Tamil scholars such as Vellaiya Thevan, Veeran Sundaralingam, Mozhignayiru Thevaneya Pavanar, Parithimar Kalaingar, Amuthukavi Umarupulavar and Dr. U.Ve.Sa have been opened.
- ★ The birth centenary of P. Jeevanandam was celebrated in Chennai, Coimbatore, Kanniyakumari districts on 21.8.2007.
- ★ The birthday of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar was celebrated in Ramanathapuram district on 30.10.2007.
- ★ The centenary year of the Tamil Weekly "Oru Paisa Thamizhan" started by Ayothidasa Pandithar was celebrated in Chennai on 8.7.2008.

- ★ A photo exhibition depicting the life history of Perarignar Anna was organised in Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai in connection with the Perarignar Anna Centenary Celebrations.
- ★ Commemorative stamps in memory of Sir.Pitti.Theyagarayar, Dr. C. Natesan and T.M. Nair were released on 17.9.2008 in Chennai.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Government film awards for 2005 and 2006 were selected by a selection committee; Hon'ble Chief Minister presented the awards.
- ★ The selection committee under the chairmanship of Justice A.K. Rajan is scrutinizing feature films and films by the students of MGR Film and TV Institute for the years 2007 and 2008.



Hon'ble Minister for Finance Prof. K. Anbazhagan inaugurated the Photo Exhibition at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai held in connection with the Perarignar Anna Centenary Celebrations (15.9.2008). Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi is seen in the picture.



Hon'ble Minister for Finance Prof. K. Anbazhagan opened the Vallal Athiyaman Kottam in Dharmapuri 28.7.2009. Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi and officials are seen.

- ★ Under the Tamil Nadu Government Scheme of providing subsidy to low budget quality films, Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the subsidy amount of Rs.7 lakh on 8.08.2008 to selected films from each of the years 2005 and 2006.
- ★ For the first time, awards were announced for small screen also from 2006. Hon'ble Chief Minister presented the awards on 8.8.2008 for the year 2006.
- ★ Following the announcement in the budget of 2008 - 2009 that a health fund of Rs.1 crore would be created to benefit artistes and technicians of television industry, a committee has been constituted to fix the guidelines; the first meeting was held on 20.8.2008.
- ★ Rs.95 lakh as finance assistance was given to the film 'Periyar'.
- ★ Rs.25 lakh was given to the Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation for conducting the International Film Festival.
- ★ The charges of Rs.1 lakh for shooting in Rajaji Mandapam, Gandhi Mandapam fixed by the previous Government have been reduced to Rs.10,000. Further, shooting charges for Government buildings have been reduced from Rs.50,000 to Rs.5,000 and that of



Hon'ble Minister for Information
Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi
inaugurated the Golden Jubilee
Celebrations of MGR Film and
Television Institute and distributed
prizes to students (11.6.2009)

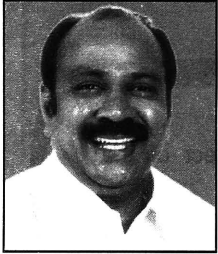
roads, playgrounds from Rs.30,000 to Rs.3,000. For shooting television serials, the charges have been reduced to 50% of the existing charges.

- ★ Works are nearing completion for construction of memorial for Rettamalai Srinivasan in Gandhi Mandapam Campus, Guindy, Chennai.
- ★ Works are in progress to establish memorials for Pattukottai Azhagiri at Pattukottai and Thiyagi P. Srinivasa Rao at Thriuthuraipoondi, Thiruvavarur district.

Stationery and Printing Department

- ★ To install additional machines at Government Central Press and for modernisation of the branch Press at Thiruchirapalli, Rs.193.15 lakh were allocated in 2006 - 2007. Additional modern machine has been installed in the Madurai High Court branch of Government Press at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.
- ★ During 2007 - 2008, modern machines and computers have been installed in all branches of Government Press under the Stationery and Printing department at a cost of Rs.79.60 lakh.

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SECOND MASTER PLAN FOR THE CHENNAI METROPOLITAN PUT INTO EFFECT

Hon'ble Minister for Information
Thiru. **PARITHI ELLAMVAZHUTHI**

★ The Chennai Metro Rail Project has been sanctioned for implementation at an estimate of Rs.14,600 crore with assistance by the Japan International Co-operative Bank.

★ The Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project III is being implemented at an estimate of Rs.188 crore.

★ The Second Master Plan for the Chennai Metropolitan is put into effect from 2.9.2008.

★ Rs.4,875 crore have been spent till 2007 - 08 for the Chennai Metropolitan Area development. Projects worth Rs.2,328 crore have been completed in 2008 -2009.

★ The Mass Rapid Transport System Phase II from Thirumayilai to Velachery was completed at an estimate of Rs.877.59 crore and is in use from November 2007. The Central Government have sanctioned approval for extension of the track for 5 km upto St.Thomas Mount. The land acquisition is in progress and construction has also commenced.

★ As part of the formation of the outer ring road, a six lane road has been laid for 30 kms at an estimate of Rs.864.22 crore.



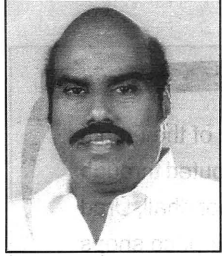
Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi explained to the media about the Chennai Metropolitan Master Plan 2026 (2.9.2008).

Federation of Housing Cooperative Societies

- ★ The outstanding loan amount upto Rs.25,000 has been waived in respect of the economically weaker section.
- ★ The penal interest was fully waived and 50% of the interest was waived for loans above Rs.25,000 upto Rs.1 lakh; 25% of the interest was waived for loans above Rs.1 lakh upto Rs.2 lakh and 10% of the interest was waived for loans above Rs.2 lakh upto Rs.7 lakh. 5,05,080 persons have benefited by these concessions. Rs.242.36 crore have been repaid by them.
- ★ Orders were issued for relaxation regarding the approval of lay outs for the Tsunami rehabilitation projects along the coastal areas of the state so as to facilitate the affected people to construct houses.
- ★ Under Heritage Town Development Scheme, financial assistance of Rs.50 lakh was given to Nagore, Gangaikondacholapuram, Pichavaram, Bhavani and Rs.42.25 lakh to Chitthannavasal, Rs.8 lakh to Idaikattur, Rs.50 lakh to the Nine Tirupathi (Navatirupathi) pilgrimage centres in 2006 - 2007, Rs.50 lakh to Thiruvallur, Rs.2.325 lakh to Maruthur in 2007 - 2008, Rs.50 lakh to Viralmalai have been disbursed.
- ★ Rs.134.44 lakh have been released to implement the Traffic Operational Management Plan in 21 cities. Rs.3.75 lakh as first instalment to Melur in 2007 - 2008, Rs.5 lakh to Thoothukudi, Rs.15 lakh to Thanjavur and Rs.8 lakh to Thirumangalam in 2007 - 2008 have been released.
- ★ Under the Infrastructure Development Project, Rs.10.46 lakh to Karaikudi in 2006 - 2007 Rs.16.38 lakh to Podinayakanur in 2007 - 08 were given as financial assistance.
- ★ Under the Park and Playfields Scheme, Rs.15 lakh was released to Perambalur for implementation of the project in the collectorate complex. Rs.38.82 lakh have been given to 32 local bodies to develop parks and playfields.
- ★ The Tiruchirapalli region of the Town and Country Planning department has been trifurcated into Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur and Perambalur regions and Vellore region has been bifurcated into Vellore and Dharmapuri regions.
- ★ To obtain required financial resources for the implementation of infrastructural facilities, the infrastructural amenities charges was put into force from July 2007. Rs.91,55,43,619 have been collected upto January 2009.

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FREE PONGAL INGREDIENTS FOR CELEBRATING THE FIRST OF 'THAI' AS TAMIL NEW

Hon'ble Minister for Food

Thiru. **E.V. VELU**

- ★ 1.86 crore Family Card holders are benefiting under the scheme of provision of quality rice at a price of Rs.1 per kg.
- ★ 11 lakh poor families have been provided free LPG connection and Gas stove at an expenditure of Rs.220 crore. Distribution of the free stove and connection to additional 6 lakh families is on.
- ★ Distribution of 10 provision items worth Rs.80 for Rs.60 to poor family card holders was introduced on 2.10.2009. 86 lakh families benefit by this.



In connection with the Birthday of Uthamar Gandhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar launched the distribution of provisions at subsidized rates through fair price Shops (2.10.2008).

Hon'ble Minister for Food Thiru. E.V. Velu and the Chief Secretary to Government Thiru. K.S. Sripathi, I.A.S., are seen.

- ★ Subsequent to the enactment of the Act for the celebration of the first day of the month 'Thai' as the Tamil New year Day, cooking ingredients for pongal were distributed through PDS free of cost to 184.30 lakh cardholders under a special PDS system, toor dhal, Urad Dhal, Palmolien, Rava, Maida and fortified atta are distributed through fair price shops from 14.4.2007.
- ★ Essential commodities are distributed to Police Family cards also from 1.10.2007.
- ★ 8,88,604 new family cards have been issued till 31.3.2008. 3,33,750 bogus cards have been cancelled. Names of 57,624 ineligible beneficiaries of Anthyodaya Annayojana scheme have been deleted.
- ★ Orders have been issued on 14.3.2007 to give reward of Rs.200 per family card to those who provide information about bogus cards and Rs.100 for information about smuggling of commodities meant for PDS.
- ★ 613 transgenders have been issued family cards.
- ★ In procurement of paddy, apart from the incentive of Rs.100 given by Government of India during Karif 2006, an additional incentive of Rs.50 per quintal was given to farmers during karif 2007 - 2008. The paddy price was announced as Rs.795 per quintal for normal variety and as Rs.825 per quintal for fine variety.
- ★ During 2008 - 2009, Government of India fixed the paddy price at Rs.850 for normal variety and Rs.880 for fine variety along with an incentive of Rs.50 per quintal. The Government of Tamil Nadu increased it to Rs.1000 for normal variety and Rs.1050 for fine variety. 11.58 lakh tonnes of paddy have been procured.
- ★ Special Patrol Force to keep vigil in the border districts of Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Vellore, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari has been established.
- ★ From May 2008 till February 2009, 4,40,803 quintal of rice, 16,09,817 litres of kerosene 59,758 litres of petrol, 2,22,374 litres of diesel and 47,053 LPG cylinders have been seized and action against the offenders have been taken under Goondas Act.
- ★ The 53 Kerosene depots functioning, under the control of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation have been computerised and electronic billing machines are used.

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BASIC FACILITIES IN URBAN SLUM AREAS

Hon'ble Minister for Slum Clearance and
Accomodation Control

Thiru. **SUBA THANGAVELAN**

- * The Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board has got the approval for its plan to construct 90,000 tenements at an estimate of Rs.3,000 crore in the period from 2006 to 2011. 10,823 tenements have been constructed; Construction of 13,377 tenements are in progress; works have commenced for 7,404 tenements.

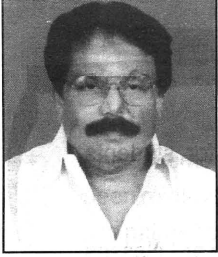


Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar scrutinised the model for construction of 6500 tenements in place of tsunami affected units in Nochikuppam - Srinivasapuram, Chennai at an estimate of Rs.293 crore with World Bank Aid (10.7.2008).

- * At Thiruvottiyur 1,824 tenements have been constructed at a cost of Rs.35.03 crore and allotted to families affected by Tsunami and families affected by the Ennore Elevated Express Highway project.
- * Under the Scheme of constructing 13,000 tenements at a cost of Rs.570.72 crore construction of 5,664 tenements is in progress at an estimate of Rs.236.032 crore.
- * 4,020 tenements constructed at a cost of Rs.53.71 crore in Chennai have been allotted.
- * Orders have been issued for the construction of 7,572 houses for the families living in place vulnerable to Tsunami in urban areas in 8 coastal districts in Tamil Nadu at an estimate of Rs.246.19 crore; 1,204 houses have been completed at a cost of Rs.58.03 crore; construction of 3,190 houses at Rs.103.68 crore in progress.
- * With the assistance of Asian Development Bank Rs.5.43 crore have been spent for imparting training on skills of self employment to 400 Self Help Groups for improving the livelihood of Tsunami affected families.
- * Under the 12th Finance Commission Special Grant Scheme, 6,847 multistoreyed tenements have been constructed in Chennai and other towns.
- * Under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), construction of 5,040 tenements in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore in phase I is in progress.
- * The provision of basic facilities such as roads, concrete pavements, streetlights, drinking water supply and toilets at an estimate of Rs.30 crore in slums in urban areas is completed.
- * Sale deeds have been handed over to 10,248 families in Slum Development Project areas in Chennai and other districts.

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NEW LOAN SCHEME WITH SUBSIDY

Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes &
Handlooms and Textiles
Thiru. **K.K.S.S.R. RAMACHANDRAN**

- ★ In 2006 - 2007, bedsheets were supplied to 32,663 students staying in Backward Classes School and College Hostels and to 27,656 students in Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities hostels at an expenditure of Rs.60.31 lakh.
- ★ In 2006 - 2007, reference books to 71 Backward Classes, 25 Most Backward Classes and 13 denotified communities college libraries for Rs.14.70 lakh and in 2007 - 2008, 118 hostels of such colleges for Rs.11.80 lakh were supplied.
- ★ 502 Backward Classes, 287 Most Backward Classes, 120 Denotified Communities hostels have been provided with 909 wet grinders at an expenditure of Rs.6.62 lakh.
- ★ 409 Backward Classes, 307 Most Backward Classes and 102 Denotified Communities hostels have been provided with 818 water purifiers at an expenditure of Rs.79.11 lakh.
- ★ In 2006 - 2007 compound walls for hostels in Gopalapuram in Virudhunagar district, Avalpoonthurai in Erode district, Arani in Thiruvannamalai and Peravurani in Thanjavur district were constructed at an expenditure of Rs.12.48 lakh.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Thiru. M.K. Stalin distributed
Backward Classes Welfare
department scholarships to students
(23.2.2009).

Hon'ble Minister for
Backward Classes
Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran
is seen in
the picture.

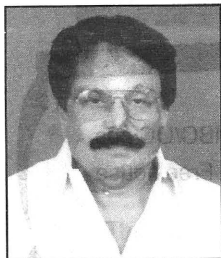


- ★ 18 new colleges and 107 new school hostels have been established for students belonging to backward, most backward classes and denotified communities.
- ★ The rate of food charges sanctioned for students in backward / most backward classes and denotified communities hostels were increased. From 1.6.2007, school students are given Rs.450 per month instead of Rs.300 and College students are given Rs.550 instead of Rs.400.
- ★ New buildings for 75 boys hostels were constructed at an expenditure of Rs.45.85 crore.
- ★ Maintenance and repair works in hostels were done at an expenditure of Rs.2.6 crore.
- ★ First Aid Kits have been distributed to 1,121 School and College Hostels at a cost of Rs.7.28 lakh; inverters have been supplied to 125 hostels at a cost of Rs.17.42 crore.
- ★ In 2008 - 2009, an additional number of 2000 students have been accommodated in hostels.
- ★ The parental income limit for availing the stipend for hostel admission has been increased to 1 lakh from Rs.50,000.
- ★ In 2006 - 2007, 3,47,016 bicycles at a cost of Rs.74.41 crore, in 2007 - 2008, 3,78,582 bicycles at a cost of Rs.82.95 crore and in 2008 - 2009, 4,01,162 bicycles at a cost of Rs.98.01 crore have been given free to school students belonging to Backward, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and studying in 11th and 12th Standards.
- ★ Financial Assistance given to students of Government and Government aided colleges have been extended from 2007 - 2008 to students studying in evening classes in these colleges.
- ★ Employment training was provided to 40,340 unemployed youth at an expenditure of Rs.18.72 lakh.
- ★ A new scheme to provide irrigation facilities to small and tiny farmers belonging to BC/MBC and OC is implemented by Tamil Nadu Backward Economic Development Corporation. Rs.25 crore each in 2007 - 2008 and 2008 - 2009 have been allocated to benefit 10,000 farmers.

BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

- ★ The scheme for distribution of free house site pattas to poor people from BC/MBC/OC has been reintroduced from 2006 - 2007. Rs.5 crore was spent for establishment. Free house site pattas have been distributed to 11,321 beneficiaries.
- ★ Denotified Communities Welfare Board was set up on 20.4.2007 with a fund allocation of Rs.2 crore. Various assistances are being given to members.
- ★ Narikuravar Welfare Board was set up with Rs.1 crore fund on 27.5.2008. Various assistance are given.
- ★ From September 2007, the muslims are given an exclusive reservation of 3.5% from the 30% reservation of BCs.
- ★ To look after the people from the minority communities, Directorate of Minorities was established in 2007. 3 posts have been created in each district.
- ★ Under the Education Scholarship Scheme implemented from 2007 - 2008, Rs.3.35 crore to 1,311 students in 2007 - 2008, Rs.4.34 crore to 1,659 students in 2008 - 2009 have been disbursed.
- ★ Under the School Higher Education Scholarship Scheme, Rs.94.24 lakh have been given to 2,846 students. In 2008 - 2009, Rs.24.41 lakh have been given to 8,004 new students. Proposal for grant of Rs.6.43 lakh for 162 students in 2008 - 2009 has been sent to Union Minorities Commission.
- ★ Under the School Education Scheme, Rs.2.91crore have been given as scholarship to 22,950 students in 2008 - 2009. Proposal for grant of Rs.15.92 lakh for 1,185 students have been sent to Government of India.
- ★ Rs.1.58 crore have been given in three years to the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board for purchase of furniture and other office expenditures. Rs.1.35 crore have been given to the Wakf Board as subsidy.
- ★ In three years, Rs.28.43 lakh have been given to Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee to meet the expenditure incurred for Haj pilgrimages.

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WELFARE BOARD FOR POWERLOOM WEAVERS

Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes
and Handlooms and Textiles
Thiru. **K.K.S.S.R. RAMACHANDRAN**

Free Dhoti and Saree Distribution Scheme

- ★ The Government have implemented the free distribution of Dhoti and Saree Scheme continuously every year at a cost of Rs.250 crore every year.



Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran inaugurated the district-level handlooms exhibition and sale at Chennai (5.2.2009).

- ★ The Government have extended the Health Insurance Scheme to all handloom weavers. 3 lakh weaver families benefit by this. 4 members of each family will receive medical assistance upto Rs.15,000 annually.
- ★ The old age pension given to 14,644 handloom weavers above 60 years has been enhanced from Rs.200 to Rs.400. The family pension of Rs.350 has also been enhanced to Rs.550.
- ★ Free Power Supply of 100 units bi-monthly to 1,42,369 handloom weavers and 500 units bimonthly to 1,05,182 powerloom weavers has been provided from 1.8.2006. In three years, Government have allocated Rs.192.95 crore for this scheme.
- ★ Design Intervention Project implemented at a cost of Rs.65 lakh in coordination with the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad has introduced 1,602 new designs for various products of silk and cotton fabrics in 2007 - 2008. 15,000 weavers are engaged in this project, the income has increased from Rs.75 to Rs.120 per day.
- ★ Under Integrated Textiles Ranks Scheme, the Hi-tech Textile Park was inaugurated on 19.4.2008 as the first textile park in the country. Under Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS), the Cauvery Hi-tech Textile Park has commenced production.
- ★ The 2% Sales Tax hitherto levied on hank yarn was fully abolished, benefiting 6.05 lakh weavers incurring a revenue loss of Rs.56 crore for the Government.
- ★ In 2006 - 2007 Rebate Subsidy of Rs.208 crore, which includes the subsidy of Rs.106 crore meant for the years 2004 - 2005 and 2005 - 2006 during the previous rule, has been disbursed to Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and Co-optex and Rs.118 crore each in 2007 - 2008.
- ★ The new "Mayil Thogai" silk saree woven with 1,64,492 colours and depicting the Seven Wonders of the world and the Thirukural Silk Saree with the figure of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar and the text of 1,330 kurals were released through Co-optex on 22.11.2008 and 22.4.2008 respectively.

Powerloom Weavers' Welfare Board

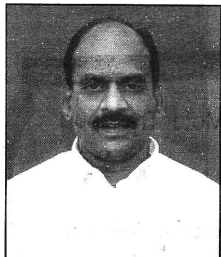
- ★ Powerloom Weavers' Welfare Board has been set up with a fund allocation of Rs.1 crore by the Government.

- ★ 724 primary weavers co-operative societies and 1,324 individuals have been registered under Handloom Mark Scheme.
- ★ Rs.25.71 lakh has been sanctioned to set up a training centre for handloom weavers in Erode district.
- ★ 4,000 employees of handloom weavers co-operative societies received an increment of 27% of their basic pay on 31.12.2007.
- ★ Plantation has been done in 30,831 acres in three years under mulberry expansion. This is 25,279 acres more than earlier three years. By 2009, 33,361 acres of land is under mulberry cultivation.
- ★ In three years, additional employment was provided to 1,54,155 weavers.
- ★ The business done in three years at the Government silk shops has increased as 9,336.80 MT.
- ★ Welfare assistance to the tune of Rs.3,860.06 lakh has been given to 29,013 beneficiaries in three years.

TAMILNADU HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

- ★ As a record sale since the inception of the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation, Rs.24.93 crore sale has been achieved in 2008 - 2009. In 2006 - 2007, the sale was done for Rs.18.58 crore.
- ★ The multipurpose building constructed at Swamimalai at cost of Rs.50 lakh for Sale and Training projects was opened on 13.9.2006. A raw material bank at a cost of Rs.2 crore is set up at Swamimalai in 2009 - 2010.
- ★ The Government established a commissionerate for Handicrafts in 2006 - 2007.
- ★ Permanent exhibition grounds at a cost of Rs.2 crore each is being created in Mamallapuram and Kanniyakumari.
- ★ A museum of handicrafts is being set up in Chennai at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.

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1,13,154 LABOURERS MADE PERMANENT

Hon'ble Minister for Labour Welfare and Employment
Thiru. **T.M. ANBARASAN**

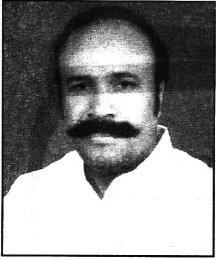
- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu amended the Labour Disputes Act 1947. Providing additional powers to labour courts to act in the same manner as that of civil courts in dealing with failures in executing their orders.
- ★ The Government have issued orders fixing the minimum wages for women labourers who were appointed as apprentices.
- ★ Orders were issued fixing the minimum wages for estate labourers as Rs.142.20 (including dearness allowance) per day.



The Review Meeting on activities of 'Unorganized Labourers' Welfare Boards was held on 28.10.2008 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar. Hon'ble Ministers, chairman of Boards and officials attended the meeting.

- ★ A bill has been passed in the Legislative Assembly making the Tamil Nadu Motor Transport Act applicable even if only one labourer is engaged in work.
- ★ 5,57,109 inspections were carried out under the Child Labour Act 1986 and other relevant Acts and 1,533 cases were filed. Punishment accorded in 794 crores and Rs.54,28,950 were imposed as fine. 1,658 children were rescued from labour.
- ★ To eliminate child labour, special preventive forces established with the district collectors as heads have conducted 1,28,713 inspections; 638 discrepancies were found out; 679 children were rescued and action was taken on their employees.
- ★ Under the scheme of providing financial assistance to educated unemployed youth. Rs.156,15,30,604 have been disbursed so far to 3,59,488 youth. Their income ceiling has been enhanced to Rs. 50,000 instead of Rs.24,000.
- ★ The new post of Joint Labour Commissioner at Tiruchirapalli was created with Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Thiruvavur, Nagapattinam, Pudukottai; Perambalur, Dindigul, Karur and Theni districts as area of jurisdiction.
- ★ 75,705 labourers have benefited by the welfare measures of the Board to the tune of Rs.1,83,35,579.
- ★ The National Insurance Scheme is first implemented in Kanchipuram and Thirunelveli districts to benefit organized labourers below poverty line.
- ★ So far, 29 new private Industrial Training Institutes have been started.
- ★ Payment of the special fees of Rs.1,200 paid by the student in Government Industrial Training Institutes has been cancelled.
- ★ The Government have issued orders for opening a new Industrial Training Institute at Nagalapuram in Thoothukudi district in the name of Umarapulavar.
- ★ During 2006 - 2008, 1,13,554 labourers in 14,935 industries have been made permanent.

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RENOVATION OF 3,206 TEMPLES

Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious &
Charitable Endowments
Thiru. **KR. PERIYAKARUPPAN**

- ★ Kumbhabhishekams after renovation have been performed in 3,206 temples in Tamil Nadu .
- ★ From 2007 - 08, the annual grant given for renovation and other maintenance works in temples has been enhanced from Rs.75 lakh to Rs.3 crore.
- ★ Permission has been granted for various civil works in temples at an estimate of Rs.320.39 crore.

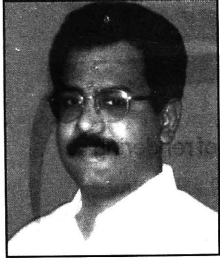


Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Thiru. KR. Periyakaruppan distributed Identity cards and Beneficiary cards to Village Poosaris who are members of the 'Village Temple Poosaris' Welfare Board (25.2.2009).

- ★ Under the scheme of renovating and protecting the temples with historical and heritage value, Rs.9.87 crore were disbursed from 12th finance commission fund and works are on.
- ★ Rs.957 lakh were allocated for the renovation of 3,828 temples located in Adidravidar habitations.
- ★ Permission has been granted for renovation of 30 temples of heritage value, which were dedicated with verses in Devaram and Divyaprabhantham, at an estimate of Rs.3.29 crore; so far Rs.260.23 lakh have been given to 24 temples.
- ★ Golden chariots have been newly made and dedicated for use in 9 temples. Car festivals have been conducted.
- ★ 8 new temple cars have been made at an estimate of Rs.118.90 lakh.
- ★ New temple car to replace the 100 years old car at Thiruvarur Thiyagaraja Swami temple at an estimate of Rs.30 lakh.
- ★ A modern marriage hall has been constructed at an estimate of Rs.1.30 crore in Arulmigu Devi Karumari Amman Temple, Thiruverkadu.
- ★ The Moolavar Vimanam of Samayapuram Arulmigu Mariamman Temple was changed into Golden Vimanam.
- ★ Orders were issued on 2.1.07 enabling aspiring candidates from all communities, to receive training as Archakas. Training Centres have been opened in Palani, Tiruchendur, Madurai and Tiruvannamalai for Saiva Archakars and in Chennai, Thiruvarangam for Vaishnava Archakars. In these centres, 207 persons including 55 belonging to Adi dravidar community have completed their free training. Since the case is pending in Supreme Court, action will be taken after the judgement to appoint them as per court directions.
- ★ The Village Temple Poosaris' Welfare Board has been constituted on 23.1.2007. 35,790 poosaris have been enrolled as members.
- ★ Reciting Tamil Archanai at temples was being promoted by withdrawing the boards displaying "Tamil Archanai is also performed" and replacing them with "Tamil Archanais are performed". The Tamil Archanai Book has been published.
- ★ Recital of Tamil Devara Thirumarai has been revived at the Thiruchitrambala Medai at Thillai Natarajar temple at Chidambaram after a long time, by passing necessary orders.

- ★ To ensure the egalitarian principle that “all are equal before God”, the practice of rendering respect to V.I.P.s by tying parivattams at temples has been abolished.
- ★ Appointing women as a member of Temple Trust Boards has been made as law.
- ★ The offering of cows and cattle by devotees to temples has been stopped. New integrated Goshalas are being set up to protect the same. 176 cattle in Kambarasampettai, Tiruchirapalli district and 463 cattle in Subramaniapuram, Tiruchendur are being taken care of in the first phase.
- ★ The rent for the residential sites and buildings of temples has been reduced by 50%.
- ★ The periodical rental hike proposed for every 3 years for temple properties has been reduced to 15% instead of 33%.
- ★ It was decided to recognize encroachers residing on temple lands for a long time as tenants; the tenant are now eligible for basic amenities such as electricity, drinking water etc.
- ★ 967 temples have been included in the One Pooja a day scheme.
- ★ Orders were issued to establish libraries in 114 popular temples to benefit the devotees and to maintain the existing libraries properly.
- ★ Yoga and Meditation are taught to devotees as well as temple staff in 52 popular temples.
- ★ A Central Fund of Rs.5 crore has been created the interest of which will be spent to provide basic infrastructure in colleges under Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments department.
- ★ Similarly, a Rs.5 crore Central Fund has been created so that the interest amount will be spent for infrastructure in schools.
- ★ Annadhanam is implemented in 360 temples under this department.
- ★ Classes on morality and spirituality are conducted by experts in 485 temples on sundays for children. Orders have been issued to conduct these classes on Saturdays too.

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ACTIVITY - BASED LEARNING INTRODUCED IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Thiru. **THANGAM THENARASU**

- ★ The Government had announced the birthday of Kamarajar on July 15 as "Education Development Day". A law has been enacted on 2.9.2006 in this regard.
- ★ Orders were issued on 13.5.2006 to provide two eggs per week to children under Nutritious Noon Meal Scheme from July 15. It was increased to three eggs per week from 15.7.2007. 72 lakh children in the age group of 2-15 are benefited by this.
- ★ A law was enacted on 31.5.2006 making studying of Tamil from 1st std to 8th std compulsory.
- ★ Students studying in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra with Tamil as one of the languages of studies and have secured ranks in 10th and 12th standards are given



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar laid the foundation stone for the State Library to be constructed at an estimate of Rs.166 crore on Kotturpuram - Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai. Hon'ble Ministers attended the function (16.8.2008).

Rs.10,000 as first prize, Rs.5,000 as second prize and Rs.3000 as third prize by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

- ★ 11 lakh students who are studying in 10th and 12th standard through Tamil Medium are benefited by the exemption of public examination fees.
- ★ Special coaching after school hours have been provided to students of 10th and 12th standards studying in the districts where the pass percentage in public examinations is low and women's literacy rate is low.
- ★ Corporal punishment in schools has been prohibited and new guidelines for self discipline have been issued.
- ★ Rs.2.972 crore were allocated by the Government to meet the expenditure on electricity charges for the panchayat union schools.
- ★ The 2008 - 2009 distribution of community certificates, nativity certificate and income certificate will be done at the school itself, the distribution of free text books and the free bus pass scheme are being continued.
- ★ Text books are distributed free of cost to all students of the selffinancing, unaided schools which teach lessons from the syllabus prescribed by Government in Tamil medium.
- ★ The additional number of 3.34 lakh text books were distributed to 83,682 students affected by the incessant rains in 2008.
- ★ In order to examine and submit report on Uniform Education in all schools in Tamil Nadu a committee under the chairmanship of the former Vice-Chancellor Dr. Muthukumaran was constituted on 8.9.2006. The committee submitted its report on 4.7.2007. A committee to implement the system has been formed with Thiru. M.P. Vijayakumar as its chairman.
- ★ 336 high schools upgraded as higher secondary schools and 1,577 middle school upgraded as high schools.
- ★ Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme, 24,873 class rooms and 1,075 school buildings have been constructed at an expenditure of Rs.813.17 crore.

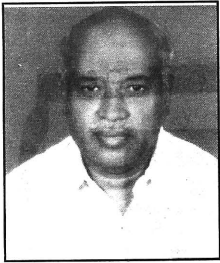
- ★ 'Activity - based Learning' in 37,486 primary schools and 'Active Learning Method' in 6th, 7th and 8th Std's of all schools have been introduced.
- ★ A modern state library of international standard is being established at an estimate of Rs.166 crore in Kotturpuram, Chennai.
- ★ 76 new libraries have been opened in 2007 - 2008.
- ★ For construction of school buildings, water supply, laboratories, toilets, compound walls in 443 Government high / higher secondary schools, financial assistance was sought from NABARD Bank. Rs.50 crore has been received as first instalment.
- ★ Transfer of teachers is done through transparent counselling.
- ★ Under NABARD assistance scheme, 1,91,040 benches and 15,845 tables have been supplied at an expenditure of Rs.69.08 crore.
- ★ In 2008 - 2009, school buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs.481.61 crore under NABARD scheme.
- ★ Computers, laptops and LCD projectors have been set up in all higher secondary schools.
- ★ In 2008 - 2009, 1,686 computer tutors have been appointed through the Teachers' Recruitment Board.
- ★ 178 agri tutors have been appointed in Government Higher Secondary Schools.
- ★ Government orders were issued to name all school buildings constructed during 2008 - 2009 as "Perarignar Anna Centenary Memorial Building".
- ★ In 2008 - 2009, 1,577 graduate teachers and 2,444 secondary grade teachers have been appointed.
- ★ 1,000 laptops at a cost of Rs.47.36 crore have been distributed to 2,200 middle schools.
- ★ The rate of school drop - outs have decreased to 1.90% in 2008 - 2009.
- ★ 24,873 class rooms have been constructed in three years.



Hon'ble Minister for School Education Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu inspected the construction works going on at the proposed digital State Library building at Kotturpuram, Chennai (11.2.2009).

- ★ In 2007 - 2008, free Tamil text books for students studying for 1st to 12th standard in matric / matric higher secondary schools were distributed at a cost of Rs.2.03 crore. During 2008 - 2009, the Tamil text books have been given free of cost to 21,01,909 students at a cost of Rs.2.25 crore.
- ★ Permission to start L.K.G. and U.K.G. classes in Matric schools have been granted.
- ★ The time limit fixed for the matric / matric higher secondary schools to provide enough space to accommodate students has been extended by 3 years.
- ★ 10 minutes in additions to the time limit allowed to write public examinations have been allotted as coordination time.

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OUTSTANDING DUES WAIVED

Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes
Thiru. **S.N.M. UBAYADULLAH**

- ★ The Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax 2006 was introduced on 1.1.2007. Various other taxes such as Surcharge, Additional Sales Tax and Resale Tax were abolished.
- ★ A new trader - friendly Samadhan Scheme was introduced on 1.10.2006 and Rs.6.98 crore have been collected as tax from 1,036 persons.
- ★ Tax arrears of Rs.144.31 lakh have been waived till 31.3.2009.
- ★ Since the establishment of the Tax Waiver Committee, three meetings have been held and Rs.129.31 crore have been waived in 50 categories.



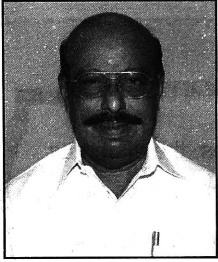
Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes Thiru. S.N.M. Ubayadullah inspected the modernised auditing office at Puzhal and switched on the monitoring camera installed there (24.9.2008)

- ★ This Government presented tax free budgets for two years. In the 2006 - 2007 budget, exemption, was granted for various commodities including pulses, grams, flour of pulses and grams, vegetable, oils, Tamil software, sambirani, fly - ash, hank yarn, jaggery, coconut, peas, oil cake. In 2007 - 2008 budget, exemption was extended to 25 more commodities including fertilizer mixture, seeds, sealed cans and bottles of drinking water, 38 varieties of Siddha medicine, Thanjavur Plate, pencil, pens, ink etc.
- ★ Concessions given under VAT to cooking oils have also been extended to all refined oils. The sales ceiling to avail exemptions for cooking oil, oil cakes, pulses and grams have been increased from Rs.300 crore to Rs.500 crore.
- ★ The 4% tax levied on wheat was reduced to 2%.
- ★ The tax levied on food products and other such commodities used by common people was reduced from 12.5% to 4%. Materials used in factories such as superior kerosene oil have been exempted.
- ★ VAT Exemption has been granted on 23.5.2007 for Clay, Handmade confectioneries, Agarbathis etc.
- ★ In 2008 - 2009, tax reduction has been granted for betelnut seeval, mosaic chips, file pads, generators etc.
- ★ The tax reduction has also been given for the hire charges of construction materials.
- ★ Similarly the tax was reduced to 4% for beverages and icecreams.
- ★ The entertainment tax to be paid by the Cable TV operators was cancelled on 1.4.2008. The outstanding tax amount of Rs.20.14 crore was also cancelled.
- ★ Ghee with trademark will be levied only 4% tax, reduced from 12.5%
- ★ In order to develop the film industry and the language of Tamil, exemption of tax was granted for new films from 22.7.2006. As requested by the representatives of film industry, exemption of entertainment tax was also granted to old films named in Tamil

which were released after 22.7.2006. A committee has been formed to monitor the titles of films in Tamil whether it reflects the Tamil Culture and its dignity.

- ★ The total collection of taxes under all categories in 2007 - 2008 was Rs.19.953 crore; in 2008 - 2009, it was Rs.22.570 crore. The growth ratio has increased to 13.12%. VAT has been introduced from 1.1.2007; various tax concessions have been given; the revenue earned through taxes till March 2009 was Rs.2,617.53 crore more than that earned till March 2008.
- ★ The family welfare assistance was increased from Rs.20,000 to Rs.50,000.36 members were given Rs. 7.80 lakh under this scheme.
- ★ The medical assistance for heart surgery and cancer treatment of members of Traders' Welfare Board have been increased from Rs.25,000 to Rs.50,000 for surgery, the female members of Traders Welfare Board are given Rs.20,000 as assistance. So far, Rs.1.15 lakh have been given to 5 members.

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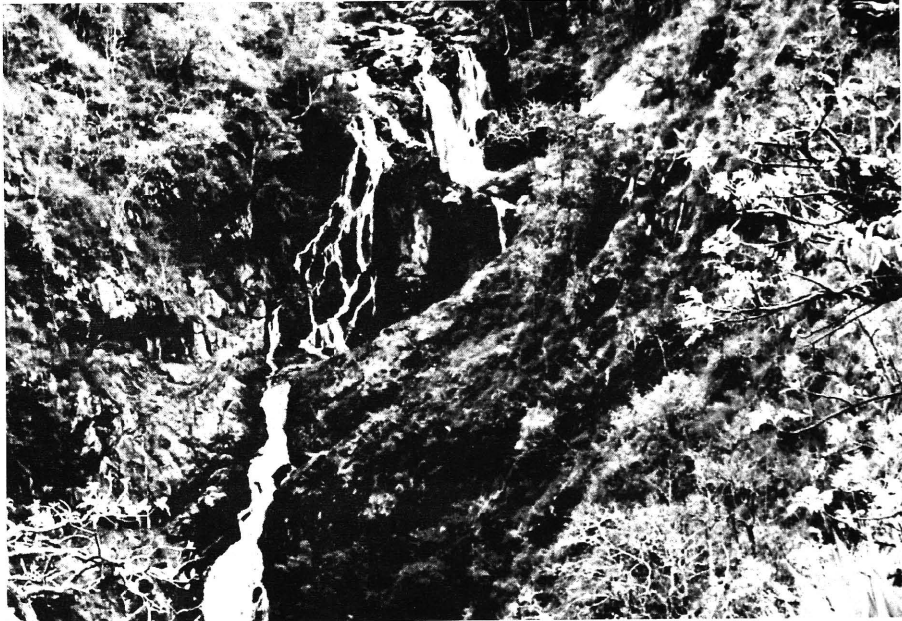


SPEEDY ACTIONS FOR MONITORING

Hon'ble Minister for Environment
Thiru. **T.P.M. MOHIDEEN KHAN**

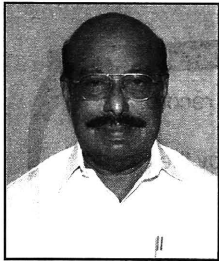
Industrial areas monitored

- ★ In view of accident and pollution related problems, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has identified hotspots of industrial activities. The 10 hotspots viz, Manali, Cuddalore, Thoothukudi, Mettur, Ranipet, Sriperumbudur, IT corridor at Perungudi, Perundurai, Gummidipoondi and Tiruppur will each have an Assistant Environmental Engineer as in charge of monitoring and interaction with the public.
- ★ In order to closely monitor the districts of Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur and Erode which have industries in large number, these three districts have been trifurcated. Now three new offices are functioning at Sriperumbudur, Thiruvalluvar and Perungudi.



- ★ To avoid delay in issuing approval for large and medium scale industries, the state has been divided into 6 regions and Approval Committees have been formed for each region.
- ★ The 8 municipalities of Kanchipuram, Hosur, Nagapattinam, Thenkasi and Kadaiyanallur have been selected for scientific management of social waste and Rs.1 Crore have been disbursed by the Board.
- ★ To facilitate public awareness of environment, an electronic display board showing the pollution level of air has been installed at the Board Headquarters.
- ★ 19 four wheel light vehicles, one heavy vehicle and 5 two wheelers have been purchased at a cost of Rs.104.43 lakh to help reach industries for inspections.

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CASH INCENTIVES TO SPORTS PERSONS

Hon'ble Minister for Environment
Thiru. **T.P.M. MOHIDEEN KHAN**

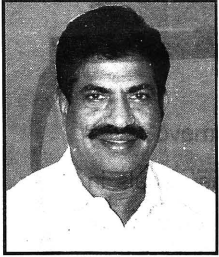
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed on 18.12.2006 cash awards to the tune of Rs.60 lakh to winners of gold, silver and bronze medals in the 15th Asian Games held in Qatar.
- ★ Rs. 1 lakh was given to Selvi. Bhavani Devi for participation in International Fencing Competition held in Turkey.



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin opened the gymnasium constructed at an expenditure of Rs.10 lakh at a function held at V.O.C playground, palayamkottai in Tirunelveli district. Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. T.P.M. Mohideen Khan is seen (10.9.2008)

- ★ Rs.1 lakh was given to Selvi. L.S. Sivasree who desired to create a Guinness record.
- ★ During the first national level school competitions in 2006 - 2007 conducted by the Sports Authority of India, 99 athletes won medals.
- ★ 675 women athletes participated in the National Women's games conducted by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Basketball team won the first place; Tamil Nadu athletes from other categories also won medals.
- ★ Land worth Rs.2,13,730 given to Kabaddi player Rajarathinam.
- ★ Synthetic athletics track was laid in Nehru Stadium at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore.
- ★ District Sports Stadium at an estimate of Rs.28 lakh each was approved for Namakkal and Krishnagiri districts.
- ★ Permission was granted to organise state level sports and games at Panchayat Union and district level at a cost of Rs.80 lakh.
- ★ Orders were issued to upgrade the sports hostels in Madurai and Tiruchirapalli.
- ★ Rs.23.26 lakh sanctioned for conducting monthly sports competitions.
- ★ Rs.1 crore was given as State Government's share for the conduct of the Chennai Open Tennis tournament.
- ★ Rs.2.50 lakh sanctioned for the Sprint and Jump Academy, Madurai.
- ★ Rs.15 lakh sanctioned to TNHB for allotment of HIG flat to volleyball player S.E. Sreedharan; Government grant of Rs.67.66 lakh and the State Government's share of Rs.30 lakh for Indoor Stadium in Tiruchirapalli were sanctioned.
- ★ Under National Service Scheme, 3,05,800 student volunteers in 2006- 2007, 3,36,380 student volunteers in 2007 - 08 and 3,70,018 student volunteers in 2008-09 were in service.

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WILDLIFE SCHEMES FOR FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Hon'ble Minister for Forests
Thiru. **N. SELVARAJ**

- ★ 2 crore quality seedlings of teak, casuarina, pungan, melia dubia trees were raised and planted on 54,560 acres of land at an estimate of Rs.19.42 crore. 41,280 farmers benefited by this. For maintenance of the plants, the farmers were given an incentive of Rs.5.58 crore.
- ★ Under Urban Forestry Scheme, species like azadiracta indica, dernies indica, pungan, mimusops elingi were planted along roads. During 2007 - 08 and 2008 - 09, 1,33,446 saplings have been planted at a cost of Rs.316.65 lakh.



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated the battery-operated vehicles at Arignar Anna Zoological Park Vandalur, Chennai Hon'ble Minister for Forests Thiru. N. Selvaraj is seen (31.8.2008).

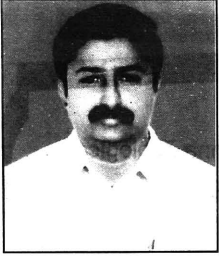
- ★ Saplings of teak have been planted on 6,440 hectare of land along the canals in Thanjavur, Tiruchirapalli, Madurai, Erode, Salem and Villupuram districts at a cost of Rs.1,016.88 lakh.
- ★ Orders were issued to raise teak on 20,700 acres of land in Cauvery delta area. In 2008 - 09, 12.37 lakh saplings of teak were planted on 6,186 hectare of delta land at a cost of Rs.482.82 lakh.
- ★ Under Hill Area Development Scheme, various developmental projects have been implemented at an estimate of Rs.789.79 lakh.
- ★ Under the Western Ghat Development scheme, Rs.815.74 lakh have been spent for developmental works in the water resource areas.
- ★ In 2006 - 07, 'shelterbeds of an extent of 2,778 hectares and mangroves of an extent of 1,462 hectares were restored along the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.1,355 lakh. The maintenance of these mangroves was carried out at a cost of Rs.214.16 lakh in 2007 - 08 and at a cost of Rs.141.96 lakh in 2008 - 09.
- ★ In order to prevent loss of lives and properties in the coastal areas due to natural disasters, plantation of shelterbeds has been done in 13 coastal districts on 900 hectares of private land at a cost of Rs.252 lakh.

Wild Life

- ★ Government announced Mudumalai as Tiger Sanctuary as there was only the Kalakkadu - Mundanthurai Sanctuary in the state. Rs.575.13 lakh have been spent with share from the Central Government for three Tiger Habitats in 2008 - 09.
- ★ Solar powered fence has been erected at a cost of Rs.14.58 crore for 909.50 km to prevent damage of crops by wild animals.

- ★ Government decided to establish a night safari in the Vandalur Arignar Anna Zoological Park works were taken up at an estimate of Rs.611.98 lakh during 2007 - 09.
- ★ In order to create awareness of preservation of wildlife among children they have been exempted the entry charges at Children's Park, Guindy.
- ★ In three years, 3,75,330 saplings have been given free of cost to schools, colleges and hospitals at an expenditure of Rs.112.50 lakh.
- ★ The second phase of the Forestry Development Scheme implemented with aid from Japan International Co-operative Bank to develop the forest areas, that are with poor quality, is on at an estimate of Rs.567.42 crore. Development works are carried out on 1,77,500 hectares of land in 800 villages including 150 tribal villages.
- ★ 665 Village Forestry Committees have been formed to monitor forestry on 1,48,250 hectares of land. 2,446 Women Self Help Groups were formed benefiting 33,659 women.
- ★ 943 waterholes and 2,971 check dams have been constructed with 643 million cubic feet capacity at a cost of Rs.66.57 crore.
- ★ Under Forestry Project, 127.11 lakh mandays created.
- ★ In 2008 - 09, water supply was given to 8 tribal villages in forest area at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.
- ★ The State Biodiversity Board has been formed.
- ★ In three years, 1388.438 hectares of forest land were cleared of encroachments. To prevent encroachments, 31,998 cairns were constructed along forest boundaries in two years.
- ★ In three years, 322.51 km of forest roads were renovated at a cost of Rs.2159.64 lakh.

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NEW ROADS LAID; NEW BRIDGES BUILT

Hon'ble Minister for Highways and Minor Ports
Thiru. **VELLAKOIL M.P. SAMINATHAN**

- ★ A total length of 45,651 km of road improvement and maintenance works have been completed at an expenditure of Rs.7,673 crore in three years.
- ★ State highways to a length of 8,800 km have been made two lane and by pass roads.
- ★ Under the scheme of improving the roads connecting Adi-dravidar habitations, 2,028 km length of roads have been improved at an expenditure of Rs.257 crore with financial assistance from NABARD bank, 256 km length of black topping road works have been completed at an estimate of Rs.54.17 crore. 311 Adi-dravidar habitations benefited by this. 8,800 km length of State Highways have been widened.
- ★ Maintenance works for 17,749 km length of Government roads and 4,046 km length of non - maintained Panchayat and Panchayat Union roads have been completed at a total expenditure of Rs.2,480.02 crore.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar opened the Kathivakkam Road over - bridge constructed at an estimate of Rs.23 crore in Thiruvallur district by the Tamil Nadu Government Highways schemes and the Construction Wing of Southern Railway (30.7.2008)



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar opened the Rajiv Gandhi Salai at a function held on Chennai - Shozhinganallur and set the Oragadam Industrial Park Road development works in progress (29.10.2008). Hon'ble Union and Tamil Nadu Ministers attended the function.

- ★ Works are in progress for bypass roads at Ettukudi, Thiruthuraipoondi, Thuraiyur, Kanchipuram, Perambalur, Pattukottai, Thanjavur, Dharmapuri to a total length of 50 km taken up at an estimate of Rs.23.39 crore.
- ★ With assistance from Asian Development Bank, roads to a length of 21 km have been upgraded in the Tsunami affected Nagapattinam district at an expenditure of Rs.9.38 crore.
- ★ The first phase of the 6 Lane IT Expressway from Madhyakailash to Siruseri on the Rajiv Gandhi Road, Chennai has been completed.
- ★ Development works on 793 km long National Highways at an estimate of Rs.299.30 crore and maintenance works on 212 km long National Highways at an estimate of Rs.68.18 crore have been completed.
- ★ Road development works on State Highways at 624 road junctions have been completed at an expenditure of Rs.4.85 crore.
- ★ Under the Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project works taken up with an assistance of Rs.2442 crore from the World Bank have been expected and roads to the length of 603 km have been completed.

- ★ On the occasion of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's birthday in 2007, planting of 3 lakh saplings was taken up along the State Highways, district roads and other rural roads. The proper growth of 393 lakh saplings planted in 2007-08 has been ensured. In 2008-09, 2.80 lakh saplings have been planted and are being taken care of.

Bridges

- ★ 495 bridge works at an expenditure of Rs.504 crore have been completed and put to use by public at Peranai river in Dindigul, Thirumukudal bridge in Kanchipuram, Manimutharu River bridge in Virudhachalam, Royandapuram Bridge in Tiruvannamalai, Kongudi Bridge in Pudukottai, Melmangalam Bridge, Theni, Mangadu Bridge in Kanyakumari and several other bridges.
- ★ 18 bridge works at an estimate of Rs.26.11 crore have been taken such as Manickapangu Bridge in Nagapattinam, Komeswaram Bridge in Vellore, Ittammozhi bridge in Tirunelveli, Saliamangalam bridge in Thanjavur and other such bridges across the state.
- ★ Construction of linking bridge between Moganur - Vangal is in progress with funds from NABARD Bank.
- ★ Construction of overbridges at an estimate of Rs.16.40 crore near Sellapandian Statue on Tirunelveli Bypass road is in progress.

Ports

- ★ To facilitate tourists, two new boats which can carry 150 passengers have been put into service by Poompuhar Shipping Corporation at Kanyakumari Boat House at an expenditure of Rs.2.10 crore.

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NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY OF TAMIL NADU

Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology
Dr (Tmt) **POONGOTHAI**

- ★ The software export from the state which was Rs.20,701.12 crore in 2006 - 2007 and Rs.28,200 crore in 2007 - 2008 has increased to Rs.28,490 crore in 2008 - 2009.
- ★ Out of the 38 Information Technology SEZs in 1,249.61 hectare of land in Tamil Nadu for which permission was given by the Government of India, 26 SEZs have commenced operation.
- ★ One multi - service SEZ covering an extent of 121.41 hectare and three multi - product SEZs covering an extent of 3,246.29 hectare have been given formal approval. In addition, 8 Electronic, Hardware,



The opening of global tender for the procurement of 40 lakh free Colour T.V. sets in the 4th phase of the scheme for the Distribution of Colour T.V. was held in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar and the committee of M.L.As, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Officials were present on the occasion (15.10.2008).

Software and Related services SEZs covering an extent of 486.96 hectare have also got formal approval.

- ★ The New Information Technology Policy was released on 29.7.2008.
- ★ TIDCO, an undertaking of the Government of Tamil Nadu, has formed a joint venture with M/s. DLF Ltd., for putting up an IT-ITES SEZ with 4.5 million square feet built up space on 26.64 acres of land at Taramani in Chennai. The Phase I in 2.5 million square feet will be ready in 2009.
- ★ Another project to develop an IT - ITES park with an Integrated International Convention Centre on 25.27 acres of land at Taramani - Chennai is being executed by TIDCO together with Tata Reality and Infrastructure Ltd. The Phase I of this 4 million sq.ft project will be ready to commence operation in 2009.
- ★ The SIPCOT - IT Park at Siruseri is also developing fast. M/s. TCS, CTS and Hexaware are putting up IT - ITES SEZs here. 58 other IT, ITES companies are about to commence their operation at this park.
- ★ An IT Park has been planned on 377.08 acres of land in Perumbakkam Village near Sholinganallur.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation for Coimbatore Tidel Park on 24.2.2007. The Tidel Park jointly put up by ELCOT, TIDCO, TIDEL PARK Ltd and STPI on 61.59 acre at Vilankurichi in Coimbatore district will be opened soon.
- ★ ELCOT has put up an IT- TIES SEZ in an extent of 147.61 acre in Tiruchirapalli.
- ★ ELCOT has established IT - TIES Parks with capacity of SEZ at Ilanthaikulam near Madurai on 28.91 acres in Vadapazhanji Kinnimangalam Village abutting, Madurai Kamaraj University. Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation on 26.4.2008 and works are in progress.
- ★ Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stone on 14.9.2007 for the IT Park being established in ZahirAmmalayam Village at Salem on 164.26 acres of land. In addition to the park buildings built on 100 acres, ELCOT has been given administrative sanction to establish residential quarters and other community facilities.

- ★ An IT Park is being established on 500 acres of land in the Tirunelveli - Gangaigondan SIPCOT Campus.
- ★ Another IT Park is being established on 174.47 acres of land in Viswanathapuram Village near Hosur.
- ★ ELCOT is putting up an IT Park under joint venture at Vellore.
- ★ The ICT Academy has been inaugurated on 8.4.2008 in Chennai to improve the human resources of the state.
- ★ The National Centre of Excellence - Indian Institute of Information Technology, under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has been opened in Kanchipuram district.
- ★ For the construction of the administrative building for the Tamil Virtual University at an estimate of Rs.1 crore, Government have allotted 2 acres of land in Kottur Village, Chennai and has sanctioned the amount.
- ★ Tamil Nadu's TNSWAN is the first Wide Area Network in India. It was launched on 8.4.2008. 708 points of presence were established connecting the capital city of Chennai with 31 district headquarters and 395 taluk headquarters and 282 regional headquarters.
- ★ 'Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency', an autonomous society has been formed to specifically focus on e-Governance activities.
- ★ To enable the public to receive the various assistance's provided by the Government, the State Data Centre has been established. Tamil Nadu is the first state to have such an advance facility.
- ★ The districts of Tiruvarur, Kirshnagiri, Perambalur, Ariyalur and Coimbatore have been selected by the Government of India for implementation of e-district project.
- ★ Common Service Centres are being put up in every three villages in Tamil Nadu in order to strengthen the capacity of the rural people and to narrow the electronic gap between people living in urban and rural areas. 5,440 CSCs are put up all over the state. M/s 3i infotech and SRE are given letters of consent to set-up these centres. Hon'ble Chief Minister launched 3 such CSCs on 8.4.2008. 748 centres are about to be certified for commencing service.

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FREE BUS PASSES TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare
Tmt. **P. GEETHA JEEVAN**

- ★ Under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyaar Marriage Assistance Scheme, the assistance amount was increased from Rs.10,000 to Rs.20,000. 2,29,435 persons have benefited at the expenditure of Rs.374 crore. The assistance for other marriage schemes have also been increased to Rs.20,000.
- ★ Under Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyaar Memorial Widow Re-marriage Scheme, Rs.65.70 lakh have been disbursed to 568 poor women.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigarnar launched the provision of plantain fruits for the children who do not eat egg, on the birthday of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar being celebrated as Education Development Day. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin participated (15.7.2008).

- ★ Under Anjugam Ammaiya Memorial Inter Caste Marriage Assistance Scheme, the amount given has been increased to Rs.20,000 if one of the married couple belongs to SC/ST and the spouse is from any other Community and Rs.15,000 if one of the married couple belongs to BC/MBC and the spouse belongs to other communities. Rs.1,322.95 lakh have been given to 6,582 couples.
- ★ Old Age Pension amount has been enhanced to Rs.400 from 1.8.2006. Rs.44.32 lakh persons benefited in three years.
- ★ Rs.30 lakh have been allocated at Rs.2 lakh as annual subsidy to each of the 16 Old Age Homes run by NGOs.
- ★ Women remaining unmarried even after the age of 50 are given a monthly assistance of Rs.400. 8,967 women benefit by this.
- ★ Provision of two eggs per week under Noon meals scheme from 15.7.2006, it was increased to three eggs per week benefiting 74.71 lakh children. Plain fruits are given to those who do not eat egg.
- ★ Provision of one egg per week to children in age group of 1 - 2 was implemented under ICDS benefiting 2.40 lakh children.
- ★ The day of assumption of office as Prime Minister of India by Tmt. Indira Gandhi, the 24th of January will be celebrated as 'National Girl Children Day'.
- ★ To eliminate infanticide of girl children and to encourage family planning, Rs.225 crore have been allocated for the Sivagami Ammaiya Memorial Girl Children Protection Scheme so as to benefit 1,47,800 poor girls.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Aravanigal Welfare Board was established on 10.4.2008 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare.
- ★ The assistance of Rs.200 given to severely handicapped persons has been enhanced to Rs.500. 30,000 persons have benefited by this at the expenditure of Rs.19.96 crore.
- ★ The marriage assistance given to those who marry physically handicapped person has been enhanced to Rs.20,000. Rs.2.34 crore have been disbursed to 1,170 couples in three years.
- ★ The Physically Handicapped Welfare Board was established on 24.4.2007.



Hon'ble Deputy
Chief Minister
Thiru. M.K. Stalin
distributed free bus
passes for the first time
to physically
handicapped students
Chennai Corporation of
schools and their
parents (21.11.2008)

- ★ Tricycles have been distributed to 9,299 physically handicapped persons at a cost of Rs.304.11 lakh. 60 physically handicapped students have been given mechanised tricycle.
- ★ As given for train journey of physically handicapped persons of all categories, orders were issued giving concessions in the State - run transport also; the physically handicapped can travel in Government buses paying only 25% of the bus fare.
- ★ The Pay Scale of all Noon Meal organisers and Anganwadi staff was revised from 1.9.2006.

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STATE SPECIAL FINANCIAL SCHEME

Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare
Tmt. A. TAMILARASI

- ★ Under the Adi Dravidar and Tribal People (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989, a State level Vigilance Committee under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been formed.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board was established in 20.4.2007 ; Rs.1 Crore fund was allocated.



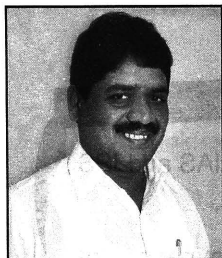
Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar distributed prizes given by departments of Adidraavidar Welfare, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare to students of 10th and 12th Std (25.7.2008). Hon'ble Minister for BC, MBC and MW Thiru. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran and Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt. A. TAMILARASI, are seen in the picture.

- ★ In three years free bicycles to 4,06,052 Adidraavidar / Tribal / converted Christian Adidraavidar students at a cost of Rs. 90,56,18,000 were given.
- ★ Rs. 11.52 crore was given as State Special scholarship to 1,23,489 students.
- ★ Children of scavengers are given pre-matric scholarship.
- ★ Free Uniforms are distributed to students studying in Adidraavidar / Tribal schools and Adidraavidar residential schools.
- ★ Adidraavidar and Tribal Students' hostels have been repaired at an expenditure of Rs.10 crore.
- ★ Wet grinders, fans and other appliances were bought for Rs.1.94 Crore for the schools and College hostels.
- ★ Compound wall constructions for 14 Govt. Adidraavidar Welfare hostels for girls were done.
- ★ Number of students accommodated in Adidraavidar and Tribal welfare hostels has been increased by 2000 in three years.
- ★ New hostels have been constructed at Thiruvannamipur, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil University, Thanjavur.
- ★ 16 Govt Adidraavidar welfare middle schools, 5 high schools have been upgraded.
- ★ Special central assistance of Rs. 3749.07 Crore to TAHDCO and Rs. 407.14 Crore to Directorate of Adidraavidar welfare have been sanctioned in three years.
- ★ State special Financial Assistance Scheme to create income generating scheme for the economic development of Adidraavidar and Tribal people has been implemented as done by the Central Govt. Rs. 75 Crore has been given in three years.
- ★ Various training schemes such as airhostess training, Cabin Crew training, Construction related training, Fashion designing, BPO job training are given.
- ★ 30 community centres at Rs. 2.54 Crore in three years have been constructed.
- ★ Pattas for free house sites were distributed to 1,06,230 Adidraavidar people.

- ★ 100 Adidraavidar candidates appearing for the main examination for IAS and IPS have been given Rs. 25 lakh at Rs.25000 each.
- ★ Mass awareness programmes to create awareness of elimination of untouchability and to impliment the Act 1989 more effectively have been held on a 50-50 basis by the Central and State Govts.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board was formed on 20.4.2007. Rs.1 crore was sanctioned for initial expenditure.
- ★ Tamil Nadu Tribal Manram was modified on 25.10.2007.
- ★ The Govt. of Tamil Nadu is sanctioning Rs. 25 Crore every year from 2006-2007 as State Special Assistance to Tribal people for providing training to them in various professional skills.

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- ★ Rs. 15.20 Crore have been given as subsidy for Land Purchase scheme benefitting 4575 persons.
- ★ Rs. 29,69,50,000 given as subsidy for the scheme of giving loans to individuals.
- ★ Rs. 5,41,13,000 given as subsidy for providing initial assistance to 82,472 members of SHGs.
- ★ Rs. 7,99,39,000 have been given as revolving fund assistance to SHGs.
- ★ Under the Youth Self Employment scheme (SEP) Rs.7,72,56,000 given as subsidy to 3465 beneficiaries.
- ★ Rs.72,50,000 given as subsidy to 290 youngsters who got through main examination for the civil services.
- ★ Under national schemes, Rs.220.47 crore have been disbursed through TAHDCO as subsidy to 3,99,776 beneficiaries in three years.
- ★ Tamil Nadu "Scavengers' Welfare Board" was established on 11.6.2007. The board has 28632 members.



DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING PORTS

Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries
Thiru. **K.P.P. SAMY**

- ★ Under the National Fishermen Savings cum Relief Scheme, 5,08,150 fishermen have been given Rs.6,015.76 lakh in three years.
- ★ Under Fisherwomen Savings Cum Relief Scheme, 3,12,420 fisherwomen have been given Rs.3,741.65 lakh in three years.
- ★ Under Insurance Scheme, Government of Tamil Nadu have paid in three years Rs.117.43 lakh as its share of premium for 16,77,605 fishermen to the National Fishermen Co-operative Federation. So far, 81 members have been given Rs.40 lakh as relief.
- ★ In 2008 - 2009, Rs.1.71 lakh daily relief amount at Rs.50 per day for families of missing fishermen have been disbursed through district collectors.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalam handed over a cheque for Rs.1 crore to the Secretary, Fisheries Department to meet the initial expenditure in setting up the Technical Training Centre of the department at Muttukkadu Village in Kancheepuram district. Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Thiru. K.P.P. Samy and Kavignar Kanimozhi M.P. are seen in the picture (2.9.2008).

- ★ The Ex - gratia amount of Rs.1 lakh given from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the families of fishermen shot dead by Srilankan Navy has been enhanced to Rs.3 lakh. This assistance is hiked to Rs.5 lakh for families without any kind of financial support. Rs.25,000 to fishermen injured in gunfire and Rs.50,000 to those seriously injured are also given.
- ★ A disaster management section has been set up at the headquarters of Fisheries department at a cost of Rs.6 lakh.
- ★ The families of fishermen who were shot dead by unidentified persons while fishing in Kanniyakumari district were given Rs.5 lakh each and their legal heirs have been given Government Jobs.
- ★ The Government sanctioned 100% exemption from payment of sales tax for purchase of diesel; every year 20, 200 fisherman are benefiting by this.
- ★ The Government have enhanced the quantity of sales tax exempted diesel from 1000 litres to 1500 litres for mechanised country boats, 3,000 litres per year is given with a discount of Rs. 8 per litre. The Government of India provides the subsidy amount.
- ★ In three years, Rs.8.59 crore have been given to 8,298 fishermen as financial assistance.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned installation of artificial reefs in Thanjavur and Kanniyakumari districts in 2007 - 2008 and in Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts in 2008 - 2009 at an estimate of Rs.10 lakh each.
- ★ Under marine fish culture scheme, Rs.88.07 lakh have been given as subsidy to 236 prawn hatcheries. Registration Certificates have been issued to 1,069 marine prawn hatcheries.
- ★ The first and second phase of desilting and construction works have been completed in Thoothukudi fishing port.
- ★ Skill development training has been given at an expenditure of Rs.141.35 lakh to 13,274 fishermen affected by Tsunami.
- ★ In 2007 - 2008, Rs.66.25 lakh have been given as subsidy to fish hatcheries.
- ★ In 2007 - 2008, the Government sanctioned Rs.22.50 lakh for Gadana Fish Farm in Thirunelveli district at an estimate of Rs.20 lakh.

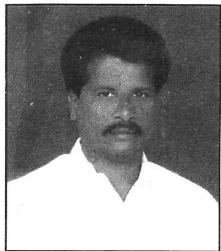
- ★ 1,66,834 fishermen have been enrolled in Tamil Nadu Fishermen Welfare Board as members. So far 700 families have been given Rs.21,44,250 as relief.
- ★ Scholarships are given to students of marine studies. 8 students are now receiving the scholarship.
- ★ Under National Agriculture Development Programme, various projects have been implemented at an expenditure of Rs.7.64 lakh in 2007 - 2008.
- ★ Under Tsunami Rehabilitation Scheme, fish dockyards are being set up with a fund allocation of Rs.5 crore each to 10 fishing places in Tamil Nadu by the Central Planning Commission.
- ★ The loan amount and the interest for the loan totalling Rs.19.56 crore given to 5,635 fishermen through 147 primary fishermen co-operative societies have been waived.
- ★ Portable engines at subsidised rates have been distributed to 1,050 fishermen in 2006 - 2007 and 500 fishermen in 2008 - 2009 at an expenditure of Rs.3.10 crore.



Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Thiru. K.P.P. Samy disbursed educational scholarship amounts to young fishermen students are studying in Marine Education and Training Institutes (19.8.2008).

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned Rs.1 crore and established the Fisheries Institute of Technology and Training with technological assistance from the Tata Group of Industries at Muttukkadu near Chennai. 1,400 fishermen have been trained here so far.

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RECORD MILK PRODUCTION IN THE STATE

Hon'ble Minister for Dairy Development
Thiru. **U. MATHIVANAN**

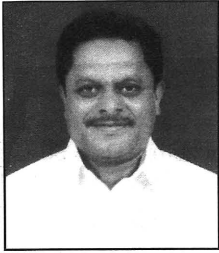
- ★ In 2006 - 2007, 7,662 Milk Producers' Cooperatives procured 25.10 lakh litres of milk per day; In 2007 - 2008, the number of MPCs increased to 7,833 and milk procurement was 26.27 lakh liters per day.
- ★ During 2008 - 2009, the number of milk producers' cooperative societies has increased to 8,012 and the milk production in the state has increased to 26.50 lakh litres per day.
- ★ From 10.3.2008, the cow milk price in Tamil Nadu has been increased by Rs.2 per litre, the buffalo milk price has been increased by Rs.4 per litre. 4.11 lakh milk producers from 8,012 societies are benefiting by this.



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin launched the new product of Aavin, the 'Probiotic' curd. Hon'ble Minister for Dairy Development Thiru. U. Mathivanan and Chief Secretary Thiru. L.K. Tripathy, I.A.S, are also seen (24.7.2008).

- ★ Under Part II scheme, Rs.418 lakh in 2007 - 2008, Rs.132.85 lakh in 2008 - 2009 were sanctioned to improve the infrastructure in Milk Societies. Out of this, Rs.218 lakh and Rs.110.85 lakh were subsidies respectively.
- ★ The Government allocated Rs.703.52 lakh in 2007 - 2008 and Rs.1,800 lakh in 2008 - 2009 to establish 2 lakh handling capacity Dairy and a 20 MT capacity power plant at an estimate of Rs.29.31 crore.
- ★ Under National Agricultural Development Programme, the Government has allocated Rs.797 lakh in 2007 - 2008 and Rs.903.25 lakh in 2008 - 2009.
- ★ Computers have been distributed as prizes to 17 children of milk society members and 5 boy and 5 girl children of employees of Milk Union and Federation for getting high marks in +2 examinations held in 2008.
- ★ As announced by the Government, a laptop and an annual stipend of Rs.12,000 have been given to Selvan. M. Rajeshkumar, son of Milk Union employee Thiru. Mani, for getting a place at state level in the examinations.
- ★ The Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 crore as ways and means advance. This advance together with interest, penal interest amounting to Rs.30.20 crore has been converted as share capital.
- ★ Employment on compassionate grounds has been provided to 11 persons in Dairy Development department and 86 persons in Milk Producers Cooperative's Federation.
- ★ From 2006 - 2009, during the festivals of Pongal and Deepavali, milk products at a cost of Rs.138.11 lakh were given to 7,580 employees of milk co-operatives.
- ★ From 2006 - 2009, 8.33% bonus and 11.67% exgratia amount totalling Rs.1,588.23 lakh have been disbursed to employees of Milk Union and Federation.
- ★ During Pongal festival, the product linked incentive of Rs.209.32 lakh was given to employees of Milk Union and Federation.
- ★ As medical reimbursement, Rs.72.45 lakh have been disbursed to Milk Co-operative Union and Federation employees.

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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF SILK

Hon'ble Minister for Khadi
Thiru. **K. RAMACHANDRAN**

- ★ 97 employees of the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board who were retrenched by the previous Government have been reinstated in service.
- ★ The Government have sanctioned Rs.35 lakh in 2006 - 2007 for the implementation of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission's SFUIRTI by the Tamil Nadu Khadi Board by establishing a Khadi Cluster around Sular in Tiruppur district which will benefit 510 families at a total project cost of Rs. 1.06 crore.
- ★ Various indents received from Government departments were fulfilled. In three years, products worth Rs.23.44 crore have been supplied.



Hon'ble Minister for Khadi Thiru. K. Ramachandran inaugurated the Khadi Exhibition and Sale at Kuralagam, Chennai (30.8.2008).

- ★ Under Part II scheme - 2007 - 08, 100 looms were modernised at an expenditure of Rs.4.50 lakh benefiting 400 weaver families.
- ★ During 2007 - 2008, under Western Ghat Development scheme 45 looms were purchased for Rs.13.03 lakh benefiting 180 weaver families.
- ★ Taking into consideration the financial position of the Board, the Government have permitted the Board to avail bank loan of Rs.8 crore.

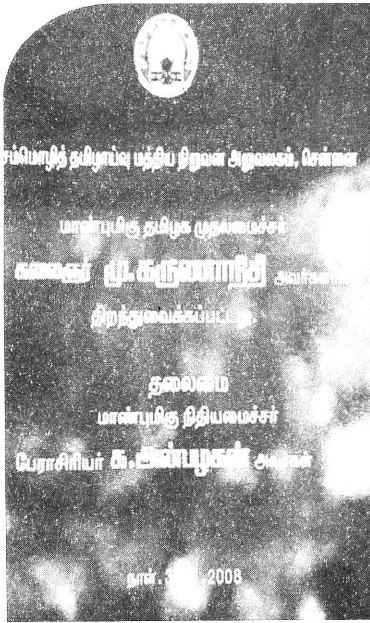
Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board

- ★ Under Part II Scheme in 2006 - 2008, Rs.28 lakh have been given as subsidy to Palmgur artisans for machineries, equipments etc.
- ★ Rs.42.335 lakh have been given as relief for the withered palm trees under drought relief scheme.
- ★ Government have extended the licenses to the tappers for three years from 2007 to 2009 for tapping "Pathaneer" and for transport and sale of "Pathaneer".
- ★ Rs.1.50 crore sanctioned to 3,747 tappers of Pathaneer for purchase of equipments for making jaggery from palm trees.

Department of Sericulture

- ★ The egg production of silk worms has been 184.525 lakh three years. This is 122% of the egg production during the previous three years.
- ★ In sericulture the achievement of 432.041 eggs in three years is 141% of that of the previous three years.
- ★ In three years additional employment has been provided to 1,54,155 persons.
- ★ In three years, various assistances have been distributed to 29,013 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.3860.06 lakh.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar opened the new office of the Central Research Institute of Classical Tamil housed in the 'Palar House' on Kamarajar Salai, Chennai.
Hon'ble Ministers Prof. K. Anbazhagan and Thiru. Duraimurugan, Dr. Avvai Natarajan, Dr. Silamboli Chellappan attended (30.6.2008).



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin called on His Excellency the Governor Thiru. Surjit Singh Barnala and the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar on 30.5.2009 and received their blessings.

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