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## PREGNANT WOMEN TO RECEIVE NUTRITIOUS MEAL



### Nutritious meal scheme employees must work with a sense of social responsibility.

**Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi  
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State Conference of Nutritious Meal  
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6.12.1995**

them the benefits of regular time scale from the new year", announced the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha addressing the first State Conference of Nutritious Meal Scheme employees at Vellore on 6.12.1995.

"The Tamil Nadu Government will regularise the services of the workers of the nutritious noon meal scheme and child welfare scheme and will provide

By this decision, the Chief Minister explained, the Government would incur an additional expenditure of Rs.8 to 9 crores. The new pay scale would give an immediate hike ranging from Rs.40 to Rs. 110 per month, she added.

The Chief Minister also announced that the Government would soon implement a special scheme to provide pucca sanitary facilities and protected drinking water facility to all the nutritious meal centres in a phased manner, during the next

four years. Rs.5 crores would be allotted for construction of new building to these centres, she announced.

In commemoration of the memory of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Chief Minister said that all pregnant women who were below the poverty line and who were receiving Government's cash doles would be provided nutritious meal. The nutritious meals to pregnant women would cost the Government Rs.4.12 crores, she said.

The Chief Minister also announced relaxation in the maximum height prescribed for recruitment for candidates from Adi-draavidar



community and scheduled tribes, for entry into the police force. A minimum height of 165 cm instead of 168 cm would be prescribed for them, she said.

Going down memory lane, the Chief Minister recalled with pride her appointment by Dr.M.G.R. as a member of the high level consultative committee on the nutritious meal scheme. She said that this appoint-

ment paved the way for her to fully involve herself in people's welfare programmes. She appealed to the nutritious meal scheme employees to work with a sense of social responsibility.

The Chief Minister said since its inception in 1982, the annual expenditure on the nutritious meal scheme is on the increase. The annual expenditure which was

Rs.100 crores increased to Rs.200 crores in 1992, and now has touched Rs.400 crores.

The Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah presided over the function. Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, Nutritious Meal Scheme and Handloom and Textiles, Tmt. R. Indirakumari earlier welcomed the gathering.

## CHIEF MINISTER ANNOUNCES INCENTIVES TO INDIAN MEDALLISTS AT SAF GAMES

**Welcome Speech by Hon'ble Chief Minister PuratchiThalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the inauguration of VII SAF games at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on 18.12.1995**

On the memorable occasion of the inaugural function of the VII SAF Games, I have the greatest pleasure in extending a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao. On behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I wish to convey our sincere thanks to him for so readily consenting to inaugurate the Games. I also warmly welcome all our distinguished guests from India and various other countries who have

accepted our invitation to participate in this inaugural function.

On this happy occasion, I wish to announce that the Government of Tamil Nadu has decided that every Indian sportsman or sportswoman who wins a gold medal at these Games will be given a cash award of 15,000 rupees; every silver medallist an award of 10,000 rupees; and every bronze medallist an award of 5,000 rupees. I also wish to announce that every Indian team winning a Gold Medal will be given a cash award of 60,000 rupees; every team winning a silver medal will be given an award of 40,000 rupees; and every Indian team winning a bronze medal will be given an award of 20,000 rupees.

I understand that the Indian Olympic Association is constructing an Olympic Bhavan at New Delhi at a cost of 2 crore rupees. I wish to announce the decision of the Government of Tamil Nadu to grant a sum of 50 lakh rupees to the Indian Olympic Association for this purpose.

I now request the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to inaugurate the VII SAF Games.





## SAF GAMES OPENS AMIDST BREATHTAKING PAGEANTRY

### HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA DECLARES OPEN THE SAF GAMES

The VII SAF games has now become a reality, indeed. Everything went on as planned and with precision, going on to prove that this games was to become the best ever games organised in the sub-continent. And in the process it was about to become historic. The inaugural function was held at

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at Madras on 18th December this year.

When the Hon'ble Chief Minister arrived, the whole pageantry began. On reaching the dais, the Chief Minister symbolically touched the torch that travelled across the country from, ex Hockey Olympian, Thiru

Bhaskaran. Then she handed it over to tennis ace, Ramesh Krishnan.

The SAF games torch that travelled the length and breadth of the Country finally passed from Gnanasekharan and Anusuya Bai to Charles Borromeo, V.J. Peter, K. Natarajan,



Senthureshwaran, K. Sumathi and P. Krishnamurthy, all time sporting greats. Finally the sacred flame was lit by the Dronacharya Award winner and former volleyball ace, Ramana Rao.

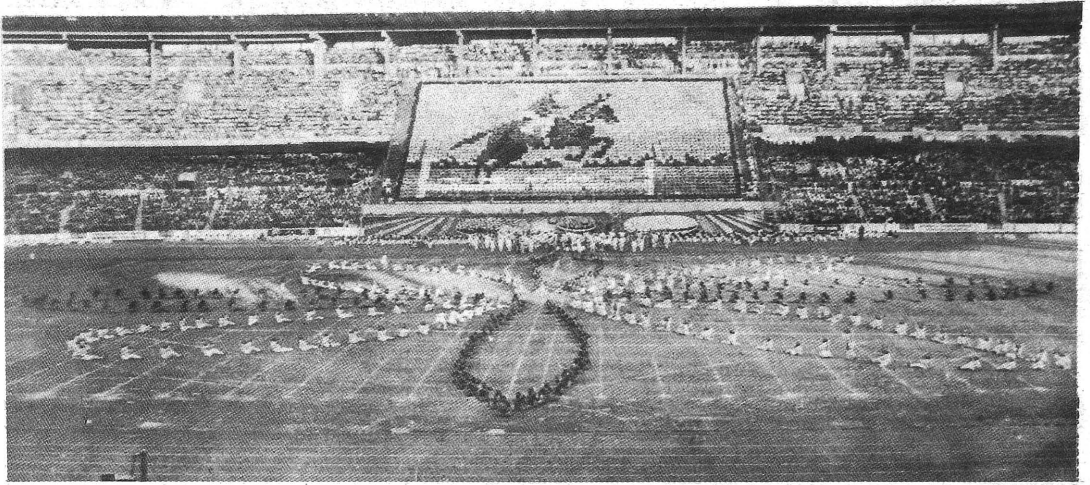
Welcoming the gathering, Thiru B. Sivanthi Adityan, President of Indian Olympic Association described the day as historic. He said that the SAF Games motto of

peace, perseverance and progress will be the unshakeable faith of sports men in the region. He thanked the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr.J.Jayalalitha for her vision and dynamism that made possible the mega event to be held at Madras. He said that the presence of the Prime Minister of India demonstrated India's commitment to the promotion of sports. Thiru

Adityan also extended a welcome to His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu Dr.M. Channa Reddy.

In her brief presidential speech, the Chief Minister Dr.J. Jayalalitha thanked the Prime Minister for his presence and requested him to declare the games, open. The Chief Minister earned the affection and appreciation of the Indian sport fra-





ternity when she announced her Governments' resolve to award Rs.15,000 each to gold medal winners, and Rs.10,000 and Rs.5,000 each to the silver and bronze medal winners. She also announced that for team events, the winner would get Rs.60,000, the runnerup Rs.40,000 and Rs.20,000 for the bronze winner. The Chief Minister also an-

nounced a grant of Rs.50 lakh for the construction of Olympic Bhavan in New Delhi, 1/4 of the total cost.

The Prime Minister in his short one-line inauguration said, "I declare the VII South Asian Federation Games Open". On his arrival, the Chief Minister presented a memento to the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Immediately, on inauguration, the stadium teeming with thousands of spectators, burst uproariously. The canons boomed, the pigeons began to fly criss crossly and the multi coloured balloons presented a once in a lifetime spectacle. One helicopter carried the SASF flag and another one showered petals inside the





stadium. The flags of the participating nations were hosted.

The teams led by the games mascot 'Leo' began trooping in. The host, India, as per tradition walked in last. Indian Athlete Shiny Wilson led the Indian Contingent.

Among the highlights, was the rendering of the Games hymn by popular cine singers, Mano, Anuradha Poduwal, Chitra and Swarnalatha and a recorded version of it in English by Usha Uthup.

India's golden girl on track, P.T. Usha took the oath on behalf of all the participants to play the games in its true spirit.

The cultural programme

that followed was spell binding. The Singhi Yaks locked horns, rolled and ran around to the whipping of the master. The karagam, kavadi and poikkal kudirai (Dummy Horse) of Tamil Nadu were done in neat circles. Lezium artistes from Maharashtra formed themselves in patterns of flowers, flames, etc. to the beating of heavy drums. Chari, the dance of flower gathers of Rajasthan was done in style.

The Cheraw dance of the North East and the Bamboo dance of Mizoram were breath taking and captivating.

Bihu, the spring festival dance of Assam, the Gaud marias and the Lambadi dance were simple and aesthetic. The Lambadis colourful costume are a vivid re-

flection of the diversified richness that make up India.

The famous fast moving pace of Gujarat's Dandhiya Ras was eye catching. Pouchalan dances and their flying turbans were psychedelic. Dholu Kunita of Karnataka made one tap one's feet.

Finally, the floodlights went off and the stadium turned to dark. The Charkula dancers walked in with lamps on their heads. The dancers were joined by torch carrying men, who walked to the tune of the famous song from the legend MGR's film Ayirathil Oruvan "Adho Andha Paravai Pola Vazha Vendum". A bright display of fireworks brought the curtain down for the evening.



## COMMITMENT TO UPLIFT THE DOWNTRODDEN AND OPPRESSED STRESSED

**H**on'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha on 1.12.95 asserted that her Government is firmly committed to the upliftment of the downtrodden and the oppressed.

Delivering her inaugural address at the first meeting of the State-level high committee for Adi Dravidar Welfare held in the Secretariat, the Chief Minister listed the various measures undertaken and schemes implemented by her Government

during the last 4-1/2 years to safeguard the interests of poor and downtrodden, proletariat, working people and weaker sections, with immense involvement. She claimed that her Government was implementing various developmental works, with a new impetus, for the overall social and economic development and progress of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes.

She said the amount of allocation of Rs.204 crores

in 1995-96 by her Government for the progress of Adi Dravidars and tribals was twice the amount of Rs.103 crores allotted in the year 1991 for the same purpose. This was because of the continuous welfare schemes undertaken by her Government for safeguarding the interests of Adi Dravidars, she said.

Her Government was not just satisfied with recording certain schemes in books but took many constructive

steps to speedily implement them and make the people avail of their benefits.

After her Government came to power, a ten-point programme for providing all basic amenities to Adi Dravidars and for their economic independence and social rights were formulated and successfully implemented, she said. They included, economic development schemes, irrigation wells for farmers' families, financial aid for starting enterprises, employment for those who had completed vocational education, free house-site pattas, free concrete roof houses, drinking water, roads to residential areas, street lights, electric lights under one lamp, a house scheme etc.

Another three important economic schemes are setting up of two hosiery industrial estates exclusively for Adi Dravidars, aid for setting up shrimp farms and silk worm culture. Two hosiery industrial estates with 200 sheds are being constructed at Mudalaiyarpalayam near Tirupur in Coimbatore District and Nallakavundan Palayam in Periyar District. These two represent the Government's eagerness to see that those who had all along been labourers should become industrial entrepreneurs and industrialists, she said.

She said a bronze statue of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar was unveiled by her at Koyambedu in the city to honour the sentiments of Adi Dravi-

dars. The State Government was also constructing a Manimandapam for Ambedkar at a cost of Rs.5 crores in the heart of Maras city, she said.

The Chief Minister said she also unveiled a statue of legal luminary Shivaraj, who followed the footsteps of Ambedkar. Moreover her Government also created a trust on his name with a corpus fund of Rs.10 lakhs to give financial assistance of Adi Dravidar students of law. She also announced many other revolutionary schemes for the socio-economic development of Adi Dravidars, on the occasion.

She said as the implementation and achievements of the schemes had been given



in detail in the note given to the members of the committee, she would like to underline only a few important ones, in view of the paucity of time.

Realising the fact that the Adi Dravidar people should also get an uplift in social status apart from economic development for the progress of community, her Government reserved seats for them in Veda Agama College and paved way for the members of the community to become Archakars in temples, she said.

The Chief Minister recalled her letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, in which she had demanded a Constitutional amendment to treat Christian Dalits as SCs and STs and give them the benefits of reservation in education and employment. She assured that her Government would strive hard to get all benefits to Dalit Christians.

As the Government concentrated in implementing social welfare measures during the past 4-1/2 years, Tamil Nadu today stood first in the Indian sub continent in respect of the same. This high level committee has been formed to oversee Whether benefit of the schemes reach the people and to give suggestions on

the required new schemes in view of the changing situations and needs of the people.

Hence, she requested the members of the committee to underline the welfare schemes to be undertaken by the Government for creating an awareness among the people of the community and for their overall development besides the progress of the people living in their respective areas.

She said as for her Government was concerned, it was prepared to undertake any scheme, whatever might be the cost, for the progress of Adi Dravidar community.

After her Government assumed office, the number of special schools for Adi Dravidars had increased, so also number of hostels and the quality of education imparted there. Particularly in certain districts, girl students studying classes 3-5 were given an annual incentive of Rs.500 and a monthly incentive of Rs.100 was given to students. She was confident that this scheme benefitting 60,000 girl students in the State would write a new chapter in their lives.

She regretted that at times unnecessary feelings of communal differences and hatred were instigated in the State, renowned for its

communal harmony and fraternity among people.

She added that a nine-member Adi Dravidar Welfare Commission has also been constituted to submit a detailed report to the Government on the socio economic conditions of Adi Dravidar people. She asked the commission to submit its report at the earliest.

22 members of the committee including Hon'ble Ministers Thiru M. Anandan and Thiru P. Easwaramurthy, Chairman of the Committee, Justice K. Samidurai, 8 special invitees which included Chief Secretary Thiru N. Haribhaskar and Secretaries of some departments, DGP Thiru W.I. Dawaram also participated in the meeting.

Earlier Chief Secretary Thiru N. Haribhaskar welcomed the gathering. The meeting lasted for 3-1/2 hours.

The members expressed their views and suggestions individually at the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Most of them conveyed their appreciation and thankfulness for the measures taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the welfare of Adi Dravidars and tribals.

Thiru P. Natesan, Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribals Welfare Department proposed a vote of thanks.

# INAUGURATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASES



## CHIEF MINISTER CALLS FOR JUDICIOUS BLEND OF COMMERCIALISM AND SERVICE MINDEDNESS IN CORPORATE MEDICAL WORLD

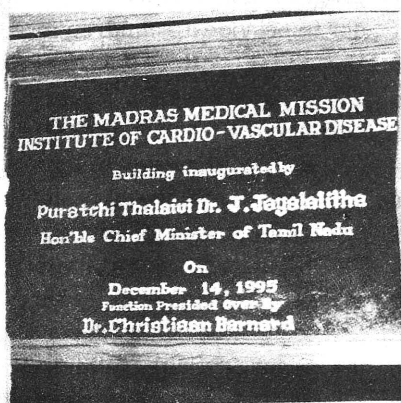
### Tamil Nadu has always been a trendsetter in providing excellent health packages for the people

I have great pleasure in inaugurating the new hospital complex of the institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases, promoted by the Madras Medical Mission, and also in associating myself with the prestigious 'Global Congress on Cardiac Sciences', being held in this great city of Ma-

**Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the inauguration of the New Hospital Complex of the Indian Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases and Global Congress on Cardiac Sciences organised by the Madras Medical Mission on 14.12.95.**

dras. Indeed, it is a privilege to have assembled here, to address this galaxy of medical luminaries who gage themselves in the common pursuit of arriving at





better solutions to many complex and confounding issues in cardiac care.

I am delighted to see that a massive campus has emerged here, under the watchful eyes of Dr.K.M. Cherian, because it was here, in this very place, that I had laid the foundation stone for this building, three years ago, in 1992. Therefore, I am very happy to see that this 'Dream Project' the 'Magnum Opus' of Dr.K.M. Cherian, has come to fruition in such a memorable manner; and I am particularly glad to have been associated with a great humanitarian venture of this magnitude, both at the stage of laying of the foundation stone and the inauguration. I wish to convey my sincere congratulations to Dr.K.M. Cherian and his

versatile team for having exhibited an exemplary sense of dedication, perseverance and professionalism during the last three years, due to which the creation of a medical institution of the highest calibre could be accomplished in the most spectacular way.

I am happy to extend a very warm welcome to all the delegates of the Global Congress who have come to this renowned city, which is internationally acclaimed for its cultural and artistic splendour. I hope that, during your brief stay here, you will have an opportunity to see some of the various artistic and cultural landmarks of Madras, which I am sure, you will cherish in your memory for a very long time.

Our country itself can

boast of a very rich medical tradition, existing in the form of ancient medical treatises and scriptures, fully founded on the basis of our native sciences. Ayurveda, Siddha and Nature-cure are some of the Indian traditional schools of thought in medicine, which not only offered cures for scores and scores of diseases, in the traditional way, based on herbal treatment and indigenous chemical applications, but also enriched the alternative medical systems. Our country also has the distinction of possessing many ancient scriptures like the Atharva Veda, the treatises of Sushruta and Dhanvantri, enunciating the postulates of Indian medical systems in an elaborate manner.

I would like to take this



opportunity to congratulate all those medical legends who have used their skills to scale greater heights in the medical profession by alleviating human miseries, through miraculous feats like heart transplantation, kidney transplantation and so on. I wish to convey my heartiest congratulations, especially to Dr.K.M. Cherian, who has brought great fame to our nation by conducting successfully the first heart transplantation surgery in South India and later following it up with one more such successful surgery recently.

I am equally elated to find that this distinguished forum presents a unique spectacle. I am referring to the august presence of Dr.Christian Barnard who performed the World's first heart transplantation surgery, and also our region's first successful recipient of a transplanted heart, Mrs.Mimun Beevi, on the same dais together.

This brings me to the subject of what Society owes to the medical world and what is expected of this noble community. There can be no greater joy than saving a life. In this sense, the doctors who toil day and night to save suffering fellow human beings from a number

of afflictions and maladies, enabling every one of us to lead a healthy life, deserve our highest accolades. But for the caring hands of dedicated doctors, millions of lives would have been lost to the onslaught of various diseases and epidemics. Therefore, they deserve our highest consideration. Similarly, Society expects that doctors, whose profession is a noble one should endeavour to serve humanity in a manner which will enable them to translate into reality the lofty ideals the Hippocratic Oath enjoins them to uphold.

I am proud to mention that Tamil Nadu has always been a trendsetter in providing excellent health packages for the people, by according the highest priority to the development of adequate infrastructure in the health sector. Our State Government is spending about 666 crore rupees during this year alone, accounting for 7% of the State budget, on the health sector. This reflects the deep concern and the commitment of this Government towards prevention and cure of diseases.

Realising the need for making our children grow up hale and healthy, free from all diseases, after assuming

office as the Chief Minister of this State, I devised a massive health coverage programme in 1992, in order to provide all children in the State with periodical health check-ups, medicine and corrective measures. I am happy to mention that the main objective of treating minor ailments, and referring them to big hospitals in cases of major illnesses has been achieved, by covering about 75 lakh children under this important programme so far. In addition to this, my Government also launched a 15-Point Programme for Child Welfare in which the entire gamut of the growth of the child, from the pre-natal stage to the onset of adolescence is carefully observed, and remedial measures are provided at every stage, including corrective surgeries for maladies like congenital heart disorders. I am proud to mention that this important programme is provided to the children of our State entirely free of cost. In the Government Institute of Child Health at Madras, under this programme, 500 children have been benefited, with free heart surgeries and replacement of valves, since the inception of this programme in 1993.

Our Government is also paying equal attention to



providing a well organised public health system for our people. Measures like polio prevention, cataract prevention, AIDS prevention, infant mortality prevention and birth control methods etc., are popularised among the people and I am happy to mention that Tamil Nadu has already achieved all the National goals set under the 'Health for all by 2000 AD' programme. The birth rate in Tamil Nadu is 19 per 1000, the second lowest in the country, as against a national average of 28.6 per 1000. I hope that the reduction in the birth rate to 15 per 1000 by the year 2000 AD will be achieved with ease, given our commitment to this important health programme.

I am also happy to mention that Tamil Nadu has achieved 100 percent coverage under all the immunisation programmes meant for children. UNICEF has placed on record its appreciation of this excellent feat in the implementation of immunisation programmes in Tamil Nadu. The Infant Mortality Rate in Tamil Nadu is as low as 59 per 1000, whereas the national average is 73 per 1000 children. I am proud to mention that Tamil Nadu is the only State in the entire country to have formulated specific demo-

graphic goals, as far as population control is concerned, with Zero Population Growth expected to be achieved by 2010 AD.

It is my firm opinion that providing health care to the people need not be restricted to the agencies of the Government alone. Ours being a welfare State, it is true that the major burden must be borne by the Government in this regard. But, it is essential that private enterprise also involves itself in promoting health care among the people, much more vigorously than ever. No doubt, commercial considerations play an important and vital role in the maintenance of medical and public health systems. I would like to make an appeal to private enterprise in the medical world, to arrive at a judicious blend of commercialism and service-mindedness in such a way, that it will promote the wholesome health status of a larger chunk of the teeming millions of our people, and create a new environment of equitable distribution of health benefits to all.

In fact, I would even go to the extent of suggesting that the hospitals in the private sector in India, may come forward to accept a minimum of 10 or 15 percent of patients periodically from

the Government hospitals, for treating them with state-of-the-art facilities, as a measure of goodwill. I feel that this magnanimous gesture will go a long way in instilling a sense of well being and hope among the poor and the weaker sections of our Society, who are afflicted with dreaded diseases. I hope that the private sector hospitals in India would give a serious thought to this well meaning suggestion and come forward to discuss with the Government how best this programme of exchanging patients could be put into practice.

The relevance and importance of cardiac care in the present era cannot be over emphasised. Heart diseases and cardiac complications are alarmingly on the increase. With the amount of stress and tension prevalent in the modern way of life, cardiac problems have to be tackled on a war footing. I hope that this 'Global Congress on Cardiac Sciences' will address itself to the growing phenomenon of wider prevalence of heart diseases, and devise such measures which will demystify the process of treatment for various heart ailments. Now that cadaver transplantation of vital organs has almost become common-



place, one can foresee in the future, the availability of less cumbersome and far easier curative practices for many heart ailments. I hope that the continuous research taking place in cardiac sciences will pave the way for the emergence of newer treatment systems, bringing a ray of hope to the numerous terminally ill cardiac patients, who look forward to nothing less than miracles to save their lives.

I wish to convey my

warm greetings to all the distinguished delegates who have assembled here, especially Professor Christian Barnard, the President of the Congress; Professor Richard M. Engelman and Professor Donald Ross who are in our midst, and may I wish you all greater success and glory in all your endeavors?

I also wish to assure Dr. Barnard that my Government will do everything in its power to help the Madras Medical Mission to achieve

its goal.

I wish the Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases of the Madras Medical Mission a glorious future and hope that it will soon emerge as one of the premier medical institutions in the world, rendering cardiac care of the highest order to people, coming from all over the world, and attain the pinnacle of glory in the medical profession.

I wish every one of you assembled here, continued success, peace and prosperity.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha inaugurated the Pistol and Rifle events of the VII SAF Games at Alamadi-Veerapuram Shooting Ranges on 21.12.95.





## TENNIS STADIUM INAUGURATED

**H**on'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaiivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha declared open the Tennis Stadium, at Nungambakkam on 14.12.95. Hon'ble Minister for Education, Chief Secretary, Secretary General of SAFG and Secretary Education, President, Indian Olympic Association and various senior officers of Government of Tamil Nadu were present on the occasion. This Stadium is constructed on an area of 9.89 acres to host the Tennis Event for the VII South Asian Federation Games of 1995. This has a seating capacity of 5000 in Main Stadium and 2000 in Practice Gallery. The Stadium has been designed by M/s.C.R. Narayana Rao, Architects and has been constructed by M/s.Tarapore & Co., The total construction cost of the Stadium is approximately Rs.8.5 crores.

The construction is reinforced cement concrete (R.C.C) frame work on pile foundation with space frame roof (V.V.I.P. sector) and colour coated metal sheating. The playfield consists of one central court in main stadium and 6 practice courts. All courts are Synthetic Surfaces (DecoTurf)

conforming to International Standards. The Stadium is provided with modern electronic score board. Octogonal spectator Gallery has been planned for this Stadium to provide best viewing angle. VIP Gallery is protected with a cantilever space frame roof. Four circular space-cape ramps lead the spectators directly to the ground level. The Stadium has been provided with nicely designed landscape and car parks. The following facilities are provided in the Stadium for sports person such as:

Players Lobby, Players Rooms, Delegate's Room, Referee Room, Dormitory, Locker Room, First aid room, Tournament Director's Room, furnished VVIP Lobby, Media facilities like Meeting Room, Media Room, Scorer Room, Telecom Room, Computer Room, Conference Room, Commentator Room, P.A. Booth, and D.D. Dubbing & Post production Room have been provided.

To ensure fool proof security system, police control room and PA system have been provided.



## CHIEF MINISTER MAKES ON THE SPOT ASSESSMENT AT TIRUNELVELI

### Chief Minister makes personal appeal for peace and amity in the area

**H**on'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha made an on the spot assessment of the situation at Tirunelveli on 27.12.95. The Chief Minister's visit followed the gruesome attack on bus passengers near Maniyachi in Chidambaranar District on 25.12.95, in which six persons were hacked to death.

On arrival at Tirunelveli, the Chief Minister visited the Government Hospital at Palayamkottai and placed wreaths on the bodies of the six killed in the bus tragedy.

She also expressed her condolences to the bereaved. The Chief Minister directed that all assistance be extended to bereaved families. The Chief Minister also met those injured in the bus attack who were being treated in the hospital. She offered them fruits.

Later at the Tirunelveli Circuit House, the Chief Minister met the local leaders of all political parties, leaders of various communities and Government officials, for over three and half hours.

The local leaders wanted stern action against anti social elements and the Chief Minister assured prompt and impartial action against those inciting and indulging in violence. The Chief Minister agreed with the local leaders that the people of Tirunelveli - Kattabomman and Chidambaranar Districts desired to live in peace and harmony, and it is only a handful of self - seekers who incited violence. She said, the Government would contain the anti-social elements with an iron hand and

sought the co-operation of all political parties.

After the interaction, the Chief Minister ordered a series of measures that would ensure peace in the area. They are :-

- ★ Intensification of high-way patrolling.
- ★ All State transport buses plying on rural routes in the Districts of Tirunelveli Kattabomman and Chidambaranar would have armed guards to provide protection to the passengers. This scheme, may be extended to other Districts, later.
- ★ Those indulging in violence must be apprehended and proceeded against, without fear or favour. Cases against innocent people may be dropped.
- ★ Peace committees at the District, Taluk and village levels (already ordered) ought to be brought into existence immediately, with adequate representation of women.
- ★ When situations demand, the District Collector should convene all party meetings and seek views for solving problems.
- ★ The Revenue and Police



Officials to strictly implement the legislations on protection of Civil Rights and against untouchability.

- ★ Action against those propagating caste hatred and violence through posters and wall writings.
- ★ Action against those who incite violence through their speeches at public meetings and those who possess and distribute weapons with the intention of provoking violence.
- ★ The Chief Minister directed that top officials including the District Collectors, to act tactfully while handling conflicts and ensure that all groups of people receive

protection from the Government.

Earlier, during the day, before she left for Tirunelveli, the Chief Minister expressed her shock and distress over the Maniyachi incident and announced a solatium of Rs. 1 lakh each to the bereaved families of the six victims. She also announced a grant of Rs.25,000 to each of the seriously injured and Rs 10,000 each to those superficially injured.

It must be mentioned here that the Chief Minister chose to skip the valedictory of the ten day VII SAF Games, which she had personally masterminded as a historic success to visit Tirunelveli, in order to contain the violence in the area at the earliest.



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## SAF GAMES VILLAGE INAUGURATED

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**“It is my wish to make Madras  
the best destination for  
Sports in India”**

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**Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi  
Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the inauguration of the SAF Games  
Village at Madras on 13.12.95**

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**T**he ultramodern facilities that had come up in Madras city for SAF Games should dispel doubts whether Madras is capable of organising the event, said the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha inaugurating the Rs.101 crore SAF Games Village at Koyambedu, Madras on 13.12.95.

Our sole aim now is to make Tamil Nadu the best destination for sports in India and we have achieved our goal to a great extent, the Chief Minister observed. She said her Government has given new thrust to sports in general and the

field has experienced a renaissance. Visitors from abroad can now cherish the facilities made available here and take back fond memories of the State now, she added.

"Today sports persons do not come after us seeking help. Rather we go searching for them to give them all



encouragement in various forms" said the Chief Minister amidst cheers.

'Whatever we do we try to do it the best possible way', she said. The new facilities such as the swimming complex, the tennis stadium and the hockey stadium are all testimony to the high priority that the Government had given to sports and the Government's deep involvement in giving sportspersons new vistas for progress in their respective fields, the Chief Minister said.

Earlier, the Chief Minister lighted a "Kuthuvilaku" to mark the inauguration of the village and pressed a button to unveil a plaque detailing Rs. 300 crores

worth of schemes by Tamil Nadu Housing Board.

In his address, Thiru Sivvanthi Adityan, President of Indian Olympic Association hailed the enthusiasm for sports generated in Tamil Nadu by the inspiration of the Chief Minister. "Today the SAF Games form a golden chapter in the sports history of Tamil Nadu", he said. Madras city might well be called the sports city of India, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Thiru K.K. Bhatnagar, Chairman and Managing Director of HUDCO, described the transformation of marshy land into a well laid out housing complex, 'a miracle'. He said though Tamil Nadu had just 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent

of nation's population, it stood on top in receiving HUDCO loans and effective implementation.

Thiru N. Balaganga, Chairman of Tamil Nadu Housing Board welcomed the gathering. Hon'ble Minister for Education, Thiru K. Ponnuswamy and Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Thiru S. Reghupathy spoke on the occasion. Hon'ble speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah presided over the function. Thiru L. Vijayaraghavan, Secretary General of SAF Games also spoke.

Thiru Debendranath Sarangi, Secretary, Housing Development Department proposed a vote of thanks.



## AQUATIC COMPLEX INAUGURATED

**H**on'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha declared open Aquatic Complex\*at Velachery, Madras on 14.12.95 constructed to FINA standards in view of ensuing SAF games at Madras.

The Stadium is constructed on an area of 5.00 acres to host the Swimming event for the VII South Asian Federation Games of 1995. This has a seating capacity of 4500. The Stadium has been designed by M/s.C.R. Narayana Rao, Architects and has been constructed by M/s.Tarapore & Co. The total construction cost of the stadium is approximately Rs.12.00 crores.

The construction is by Re-

inforced Cement Concrete (R.C.C.) frame work on open concrete pedestal fittings with the space frame proof (V.V.I.P. sector) and colour coated metal sheeting. The Stadium is provided with modern electronic score board. The Aquatic Complex has three pools: namely Racing pool-50m x 25m x 2m, Diving pool 18m x 25m x 5.5m, warm up pool 20m x 25m x 2m. All these pools have been designed to International FINA Standards. The provision have been made for under water lights, under water cameras, lane markers, starting blocks, touch pads and the required amenities. Diving structure with both platforms and spring boards are provided. All the three pools are ca-

tered to by state of the art water filtration system.

The salient features of the complex are partially covered warmup pool to offer practice irrespective of sun or rain. Viewing gallery designed for the best viewing angles and unobstructed viewing of the events and VIP gallery protected with a cantiliver space frame roof. There are fully equipped VVIP and VIP lounges.

The following facilities are available in this complex for sports persons such as separate swimmer's lobby for men and women, waiting hall and dining facilities, physiotherapy room, first aid room, separate rooms for coaches, delegates, judges and referees, separ-

ate lockers and 10 changing rooms and 10 shower cubicles.

The Stadium has modern and upto date facilities for media, under water CCTV system and camera control room touchpad system with computer control to provide accurate and immediate results, sound reinforcement system with control room, sound proof commentator box for AIR and DD and Me-

dia viewing gallery with reporters room.

The complex has very good landscaping and adequate car parking facilities.

The aquatic complex is unique in this part of the country in that competition and practice can be held throughout the year, without heating or cooling the

water.

Hon'ble Minister for Education Thiru K. Ponnusamy, Chief Secretary Thiru N. Haribhaskar, Secretary General of SAF games, Thiru L.N. Vijayaraghavan, President, Indian Olympic Association Thiru B. Sivanthi Adityan, Sports Authority of Tamil Nadu - Member Secretary Thiru Mohan Pyarrr were present at this inaugural function.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha inaugurated the Rs. 25 crore airconditioned Indoor Stadium at Madras on 22.12.95. The Chief Minister also enjoyed witnessing the volleyball match between India and Nepal at the Indoor Stadium.





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## An Exclusive Industrial Estate for Women Entrepreneurs near Madras

# Historic Efforts taken to locate industrial estates on an area of 2,655 acres in Tamil Nadu

**—Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha on 4.12.95 at the inauguration of the expansion programmes for nine industrial estates of SIDCO.**

The Chief Minister announced the revival of capital subsidy suspended in 1988 to those entrepreneurs in SIDCO estates who received sheds and equipment under the hire purchase system. The scheme is being revived to help women entrepreneurs involved in small industries, said the Hon'ble Chief Minister

Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J. Jayalalitha after lighting the traditional lamp to mark the expansion Programmes for nine industrial estates of the SIDCO at a cost of Rs.15 crores and laid the foundation stone for nine new industrial estates to come up on 2,655 acres in the State.

No Government of the

past has ever attempted to locate industrial estates on an area of 2,655 acres, the Chief Minister added. She termed the efforts on this direction as historic. When these industrial estates become functional, they would provide direct employment to two lakh persons and indirect employment to six lakh additional persons.

The State Government would locate an exclusive industrial estate for women at Velachery near Madras, the Chief Minister said. The 134



acre site would be the third in the State, as two such industrial estates are already coming up at Thanjavur and Bargur.

292 industrial sheds had been made over to women entrepreneurs in the last four and a half years against mere 26 sheds sanctioned previously, she said. The revolutionary order reserving 30 percent of the sheds to women entrepreneurs, the scheme of distributing equipments on instalment basis introduced in 1994 and targets reached in ex-

tending assistance in procurement of raw materials and in promotion of sales, are some of the achievements of her Government, the Chief Minister noted. The new industrial policy framed by her Government has expedited industrial development in the State, the Chief Minister added.

The Chief Minister distributed prizes to 21 outstanding women entrepreneurs in the State, allotment orders to 29 entrepreneurs, house site pattas to 14 last grade servants of SIDCO and house site pattas

and clothes to 11 persons who were allotted lands in Thiru Vi.Ka.Industrial estate.

The Chairperson and Managing Director of SIDCO said that SIDCO has received 884 applications from entrepreneurs for locating their units at the Dr.J.Jayalalitha Industrial Estate at Avadi. She presented a cheque of Rs.10 lakhs to the Chief Minister, towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Hon'ble Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah, presided over the function.

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries, Thiru Durai Ramasamy spoke on the occasion. Thiru N. Athimoolam, Secretary, Small Industries Dept., also addressed the gathering.

The new industrial estates to which foundation was laid are: at Avadi on 1000 acres, at Thirumudivakkam (230 acres), at Vichoor (in Manali on 50 acres), at Pochampalli (near Bargur), at Uthangarai (Dharmapuri District), at Perunthurai (Periyar District, on 350 acres), at Asanur - Venmani Athur (Villupuram - (Natrampalli on 200 acres), at Sivaganga - Thirupathur (Pasumpon Muthuramalingam District on 105 acres) and at Malumichampatti in Coimbatore (on 60 acres)






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## First interim report of the State Women's Commission presented

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# WOMEN POLICE STATIONS HAVE GIVEN MORAL SUPPORT AND SENSE OF BOLDNESS TO WOMEN

—Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalavi Dr.J.Jayalalitha at the review meeting of All Women Police Stations on 12.12.95.

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**A** legal literacy programme for women would be launched on January 15, announced the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalavi Dr.J.Jayalalitha on 12.12.95 while addressing the review-meeting of All Women Police Stations and to consider measures to curb the abuse and crime against women in society. The Chief Minister asked the Chief Secretary and officials of the

Social Welfare Department to effectively implement the four month programme that would impart knowledge on the rights of women and the provisions in the law for their protections.

The Chief Minister also announced that an award to the best feature film in Tamil portraying women in a most gracious and dignified manner would

be presented by the State Government.

Earlier, in her inaugural address, the Chief Minister appreciated the good work done by the women's police stations. A total of 47,158 complaints from women were received by the 57 women's police stations. Cases were registered on 1,268 complaints, while by persuasion an amicable set-

tlement was arrived on 14,883 representations.

It is because of these women's police stations, many women had the courage to share their problems with the police. The exclusive police stations provided moral support and a sense of boldness to women, the Chief Minister said. These police stations have created a fear in society that those who indulge in crime against women could not get away without punishment, she added. The

Chief Minister hailed this as the first victory in the ultimate goal of achieving complete freedom and equality for women. The Chief Minister expressed her desire that women police should take the role of "counsellors" to bring relief to affected women and that necessary training be given in this regard towards this end.

The Chief Minister said it is during the last four and half years of her Government, that efforts were taken up to resolve the prob-

lems of women. It was her firm belief that a progressive society could emerge only when the crimes against women are curbed, the Chief Minister noted.

Thiru Sengottuvelan, former Judge of Madras High Court and Chairman of State Women's Commission presented the first interim report of the women's commission. Tmt. Indira Kumari, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare, also spoke on the occasion.



# HIGH VOLTAGE ACTION MARKS THE CONCLUSION OF VII SAF GAMES

## CHIEF MINISTER'S SINGLE MINDED DEVOTION AND EFFORTS MADE THE MEMORABLE SHOW POSSIBLE

The 10 day VII South Asian Federation Games passed into history on December, 28, 1995 as the Games flag was brought down and the Games flame extinguished amidst exuberant cultural extravaganza.

The 150 minute long valedictory ceremony began with a colourful and brilliant flag display by a 3,200

strong contingent of school children. On the arrival of the Chief Guest of the evening, Union Minister for Human Resources Development, Thiru Madhavrao Scindia and the other dignitaries, Union Minister of State for Sports and Youth affairs, Thiru Mukul Wasnik and Union Minister of State for Railways, Thiru Suresh

Kalmadi, bugles were sounded. What followed was a breathtaking flag march by 1,500 children, divided into five groups.

The athletes, who had revelled for ten days flowed in on a farewell march past: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the host, India.





Thiru Sivanthi Adityan, President of Indian Olympic Association welcomed the gathering. He described the VII SAF games as a major contribution in promoting international sports movement. He expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha for her guidance and co-operation in making the games a success. The Union Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Thiru Mukul Wasnik gave away the prizes. Special awards were given away to athletes Bahadur Prasad, Susanthika Jayasinghe, Shiny Wilson, Sebastian Xavier and Jaspal Rana.

The Games Souvenir was released by Union Minister of State for Railways, Thiru

Suresh Kalmadi. A formal announcement was made on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who conveyed her greetings and greetings of the people of Tamil Nadu to all the participants. Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Dr. V.R. Nedunchezhiyan represented the Chief Minister who was away at Tirunelveli. Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru Seda-patti R. Muthiah presented mementoes to the dignitaries of the day.

Delivering the Chief Guest's address, the Union Minister for Human Resources Development, Thiru Madhavrao Scindia paid encomiums to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the people of Tamil Nadu for their successful effort to or-

ganise the get together of the youth of South Asia. He also congratulated the medal winners.

The President of Indian Olympic Association, Thiru Sivanthi Adityan declared the VII SAF games closed and called upon the youth of the region to assemble at Kathmandu in Nepal, two years from hence in accordance with ideals of the South Asian Sports Federation.

The formal declaration of the closing of the games was also simultaneously marked by the lowering of the flags of the SASF, Olympic Council of Asia, Indian Olympic Association and the Games flame being extinguished. The games flame was taken in part, before being extinguished, by hockey ace Par-



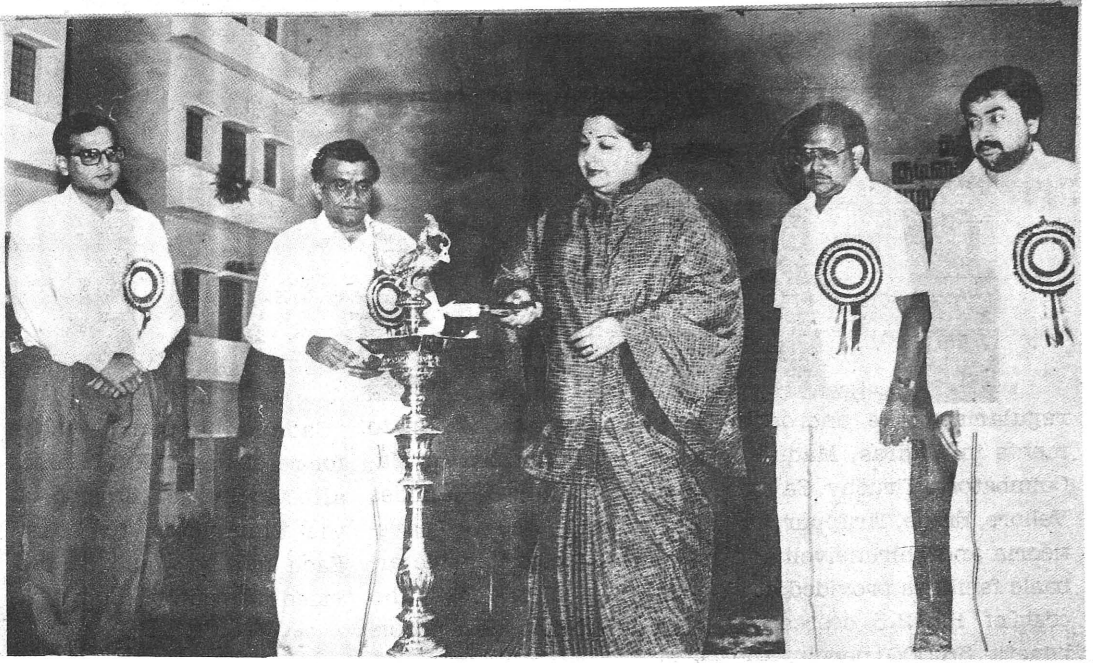
gat Singh and former Tamil Nadu athlete S. Pitchaiah and handed over to IOA President, Thiru Sivanthi Adityan. They also handed over the SASF flag to Thiru Sivanthi Adityan. The IOA President, in turn handed over the torch and the flag to the President of the Nepal Olympic Association, Thiru P. Gurung. Finally the games hymn was sung, the athletes trooped out for the last time in the games and a fascinating cultural pageantry followed.

Hundreds of girls presented rhythmic gymnastics to the tune of soft, tilting music. This was followed by Kakhsar, a folk dance from the Bastar District of Madhya Pradesh. Step acrobatics by 800 children, a fantastic acrobatic display by Jaya's flaming arrows and Tippani, a step dance from Gujarat were splendid. Policemen dressed in "Arab headgear" formed human camels and horses and created pyramids and walls. The torch light tattoo in the darkened splendour of the Stadium

made people spell bound. And finally came the pyrotechnics, which lit up the entire sky.

All the athletes, sports officials, spectators and the organisers clapped continuously to the cultural performances. They were also clapping, indeed, to the vision and perseverance of one person who almost single handedly made the VII SAF games not just possible, but ensured that it was the best games ever hosted in this subcontinent - Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalai Dr. J. Jayalalitha. Her absence was the only dampener and even when she was away, she had ensured that the evening of December, 27, 1995 would be a memorable evening to those at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.





Pavement Dwellers to be resettled

## TAMIL NADU - THE FIRST STATE TO INTRODUCE HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR PAVEMENT DWELLERS

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board by lighting the traditional Kuthuvilakku and laid the foundation stone for 12 newschemes costing Rs.20 crores and distributed house site pattas to the beneficiaries at a grand function at Madras on 2nd December, 1995.

**—Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board at Madras on 2.12.95**

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister said that during the last four years alone, 15,445 tenements in

multi-storeyed buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs.40 crores and had been handed over to hutment dwellers. Besides, common tap facility, street lights and public conveniences had been provided at a cost of Rs.8.5 crores. About 54,000 families had benefited by this, she said.

The Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project had



regularised the encroachments in Madras, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchy, Salem, Vellore, Erode, Tiruppur, Tuticorin and Thirunelveli and basic facilities provided at a cost of Rs.12.5 crores, to benefit 36,000 people, the Chief Minister added.

The Chief Minister said that Tamil Nadu was the first State to introduce a housing programme for the pavement dwellers and so far 45,000 families had benefited by this programme.

In the current year, schemes are being implemented at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs to benefit 1000 more families, she added.

The Government would provide a grant of Rs.5 crores to the Slum Clearance Board towards repair and maintenance expenditure of the Board's multi storeyed tenements at Madras, the Chief Minister said.

She said that according to a survey conducted in Madras, about 24,000 families were living on the pavements and objectionable areas at 131 places. She announced that these people would be resettled in a 100 acre site near Madras belonging to the Government which would be given to the Slum Clearance Board and the Board would develop the plots and ensure that all basic facilities are provided for a secure future of the dwellers, she added.

The Chief Minister promised a good decision on the representation that stamp duty and registration fees for lands assigned in hutment areas after developing them under MUDP be collected on a value fixed by Slum Clearance Board and not on their market value.

The Chief Minister announced that the Government had allotted 30 acres of land worth Rs.50 lakhs at

“Sadayankuppam” village for resettling 1,400 families affected by sea erosion on the Thiruvottriyur coast. Each family would be provided two cents of land.

The Chief Minister distributed pattas to 27 families who were to be resettled at Sadayankuppam village. Facilities such as link roads, sewerage disposal, protected drinking water and power connections are to be provided at this site, apart from a special loan scheme that would enable the allottees to construct their own houses.

Hon'ble Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Thiru Sedapatti R. Muthiah presided over the function. Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development Thiru S. Reghupathy welcomed the gathering. Thiru Debendranath Sarangi, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed a vote of thanks.



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