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He is the light of kings who has these four things:
beneficence, benevolence, rectitude, and care for his
people.

- Thirukkural 390

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First Wrapper : *Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi hoisted the national flag at the fort Ramparts, Chennai on the Independence Day (15.8.2009)*

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER'S PLEA FOR A BENCH OF SUPREME COURT IN CHENNAI



Chief Justice of India on 14th January, 2007, when I was again the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Retired Supreme Court Judge, Thiru. V.R. Krishna Iyer called Thiru. Balakrishnan, as the "Pride of Kerala". As he was the Chief Justice of Madras High Court, before his elevation to the Supreme Court, I would like to call him as the "Pride of Tamil Nadu".

Similarly, Hon'ble Supreme Court Judges present on this dais, have all served the Madras High Court with distinction and have maintained cordial relationship with the Government.

I have always been maintaining smooth working relationship with the Judiciary, as it is one of the important pillars of democracy. I am happy to welcome all the Judges of the Supreme Court including the Chief Justice on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu.

On 23-7-2007, Rupees one crore was sanctioned for the construction of this Guest House of the Madras High Court.

On 16-7-2009. Rs.41.34 lakh was sanctioned for creating additional facilities in the Guest House. Thus, totally, a sum of Rs. 1.41 crore and 34 thousands has been sanctioned for this Guest House by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi made a request to the Chief Justice to support the State's request for making Tamil the official language of the Madras High Court and to set up a Bench of the Supreme Court in Chennai.

Addressing the function for the opening of a guest house for judges the Hon'ble Chief Minister said:

"I am happy to recall that Chief Justice of India, Thiru. Balakrishnan, was the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court during 1999, when I was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. I am also happy to mention that he was sworn in as the

I hope this Guest House will be very much useful for the visiting Hon'ble Justices to Chennai. My Government have assigned top most priority to providing necessary infrastructure to Judiciary.

In 2007-2008 in our Budget, we have announced that in the next four years, new Court Buildings, Residential Complexes will be built at a cost of Rs. 300 crore. During the last three years, on the recommendation of the Madras High Court, orders have been issued to build 101 new Court Buildings.

In 2008-2009 we have announced that Court Buildings will be constructed in 22 Places.

In the High Court Branch at Madurai, Residential Buildings for the benefit of the Judicial Officers are proposed to be built at a cost of Rs.25 crore.

For the benefit of the lawyers in the Madras High Court, a sum of Rs. 5.70 crore have been allocated for construction of Office Buildings.

The Tamil Nadu State Assembly has already passed a resolution with a request to implement Tamil as the Official Language of the High Court and the Government has sent the Resolution to the Government of India for its recommendation.

I take this opportunity to request the Chief Justice of India and the other Hon'ble Judges present here, to lend their support for making our request, a reality.

To enable the common people to approach the Supreme Court without any difficulty, we have been requesting for a long time to establish a Bench of the Supreme Court in Chennai. I would like to renew our request once again.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also mentioned that the boycott of courts by advocates led to delayed justice. For example, in 2008 advocates boycotted the sub court at Periyakulam for 94 days. Everyone concerned with the justice department should ensure that the situation did not continue.

The volume of pendency of cases was a cause for concern, he said. By the end of 2007, there were over 9 lakh cases pending; in 2008, this had gone up to over 10 lakh. At the same time, the State Government had generously allotted funds for the development of Courts.

He said Rs.300 crore was allocated in 2008-2009 to build new Court Buildings and Residential Complexes for Judges over the next four years. In 2007, a sum of over Rs.1.41 crore was sanctioned to build the Guest House.

Claiming that he had been maintaining smooth working relationship with the judiciary, as it was one of the important pillars of democracy, the Chief Minister said that his government was assigning top most priority to providing necessary infrastructure to the judiciary. He utilised the occasion to urge the Chief Justice of India and other Supreme Court Judges to lend their support for making

Tamil as the official language of the Madras High Court and for establishment of a Bench of the Apex Court in Chennai.

"The situation does not even seem to have been brought under control as even now the number of cases filed every year is still more than the number of cases disposed of," the Chief Minister said.

He pointed out that while the number of pendency of cases in the State was 9,28,046 as on December 31, 2007, the number had increased to 10,16,598 cases a year later.

Citing the trend as worrisome, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said justice delayed was justice denied.

Commenting on the advocates' frequent boycott of Courts for trivial reasons, he said advocates from across the state resorted to strike frequently and such a trend would only delay the public getting justice from the Courts. "Such boycotting of courts should be totally avoided," he said.

Quoting Tamil savant Thiruvalluvar from the chapter 'Sengoanmai' (good governance) on justice which means, 'To examine into the crimes which may be committed, to show no favour to anyone, to desire to act with impartiality towards all, and to inflict such punishment as may be wisely resolved on, this is justice', Hon'ble Chief Minister said that his government was protecting and preserving judiciary with this spirit of establishing justice. He wished that the assembled Lawyers and Judges to take a pledge on the occasion to uphold this moral of justice

enunciated by Valluvar not only in Tamil Nadu but over the whole world.

The issue of pendency was brought up by Hon'ble Law Minister Thiru.Durai Murugan.

Hon'ble Supreme Court Judge Justice Markandey Katju said that a long felt need for a guest house for judges was now fulfilled.

Hon'ble Justice V.S. Sirpurkar, who spoke in Tamil, said that the dream had now become a reality. Hon'ble Judge of Supreme Court, Justice P. Sathisivam said that alternative remedies must be exhausted before approaching the regular courts to lessen the burden of the judiciary.

Hon'ble Justice A.K. Ganguly said that the Guest House was a boon to the judiciary. The Law Minister said that the Guest House was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.41 crore.

Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Madras High Court Justice H.L. Gokhale said earnest efforts were being made to match disposal of cases with the increased instances of filing. Lok Adalats and mediation sessions were being held to resolve more cases speedily. Judges of the Supreme Court who had once served as Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, including Justices Markandeya Katju, V.S. Sirpurkar, P. Sathasivam and A.K. Ganguly, offered their felicitations on the occasion. Hon'ble Judges of the Madras High Court, Justice S.J.Mukhopadhyaya and R. Sudhakar thanked the government for completing the Guest House in record time.

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**ACCEPTING HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER
KALAINAR'S REQUEST,
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS
Rs.500 CRORE FOR
SRILANKAN REFUGEES**



Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi**
with the Hon'ble Prime Minister **Dr. Manmohan Singh**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi made a request to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and the UPA Chairperson Tmt. Sonia Gandhi, when he had been to New Delhi after the victory in the general elections to the Parilament, to allocate a minimum sum of Rs.1,000 crore to meet out the basic necessities and rehabilitation of

the Sri Lankan Tamil People who are left homeless by military attacks in Sri Lanka. The Government of India sanctioned Rs.100 crore immediately.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had made persistent requests through the Members of Parliament from Tamil Nadu for allocation of more fund. The Hon'ble Prime Minister announced in the Parliament on 9.6.2009 the further allocation of Rs.500 crore for the rehabilitation of the Sri Lankan Tamils.

A delegate of Union Ministers, Members of Parliament led by Thiru. T.R. Balu, representing the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar, called on the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Tmt. Sonia Gandhi and thanked them. The delegation, while thanking for the sanction of Rs.500 crore, requested for the sanction of Rs.1,000 crore as earlier requested by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister promised them assistance whenever required while remarking that he always cared for Tamil Nadu and the Sri Lankan Tamils. The Hon'ble Prime Minister enquired about the Hon'ble Chief Minister's health. The delegate met Tmt. Sonia Gandhi too and thanked her on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar. Tmt. Sonia Gandhi assured all assistance in the matter of the Sri Lankan Tamils.

The delegation comprised of Thiru. T.R. Balu, Member of Parliament, the Hon'ble Union Ministers Thiru. A. Raja, Thiru. S. S. Palani manickam, Thiru. D. Nepolean, Thiru. Gandhiselvan and Members of Parliament Thiru. T. K. S. Elangovan, Thiru. E. G. Sugavanam, Thiru. Venu gopal, Thiru. Adhishankar, Thiru. R. Thamaraiselvan, Thiru. S. R. Jayadurai and Tmt. J. Helen Davidson.

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METRO RAIL PROJECT WORKS AT Rs.14,600 CRORE IN CHENNAI



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated

The Government of Tamil Nadu had decided to implement the Metro Rail Project in Chennai so as to run train service underground to avoid the congested traffic in the city. The Project estimate is Rs.14,600 crore. Tracks are to be laid for a distance of 45 km both ways. It will be subways for a total distance of 24 km and the rest will be as railway over bridges.

The first Metrorail route will begin at Vannarapettai and go via Broadway, Central Railway Station, Rippon Building, Tarapore Towers on Anna Salai, Spencer's, Anna Flyover, Saidapet, Guindy and end at the Airport. The route will be subway from Vannarapettai upto Saidapet, for a distance of 23.1 km and by railway overbridge for the rest of the route.

The second Metrorail route will begin at Central Railway Station and go via Anna Nagar, Koyambedu and terminate St. Thomas Mount for a distance of 22 km. The subway will be upto Anna Nagar and the rest of the route will be on railway overbridges.

As the first phase of the Metrorail Project, works have been started on 10.6.2009 to construct railway bridges for a distance of 4.5 km from Koyambedu upto Ashok Nagar. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin flagged off the first phase of Metro Rail works at a function held opposite to the Koyambedu Bus stand.

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ASPECTS OF TAMIL HUMANISM

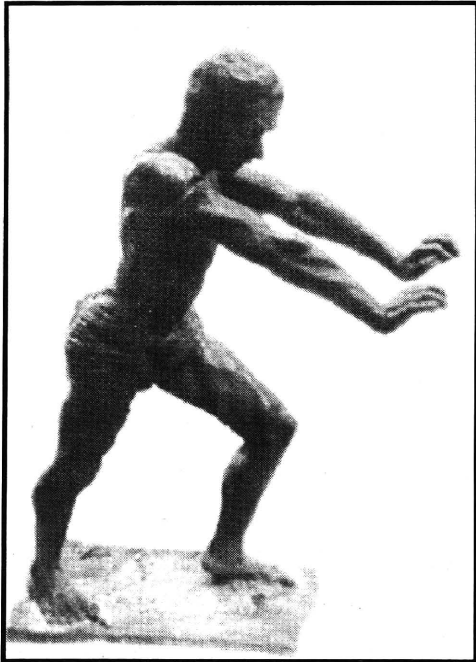
- XAVIER S. THANINAYAGAM

The ancient Tamil literature provides useful data for an enquiry into the origins and into the sociological development of education within a culture complex. It is a very valuable corpus for the study of Ancient India because unlike the ancient Sanskrit and Pali literatures, which are predominantly priestly and monastic literatures, the ancient Tamil literature is predominantly

secular. Its value to the understanding of the non-Aryan life of Ancient India is all the more enhanced since none of the other languages of Southern India and Ceylon have literatures extant which are so ancient or so independent of Aryan influences.

The themes and situations of this ancient literature were determined by a society which did not then accept any caste determinism and rigidity, and which opened learning and perfectibility to both men and women and to all occupational groups. There is, in this literature, a strong belief in human powers and an integration and affirmation of life in its humanistic and social aspects, without any desire as yet, in the earlier phases, to end birth, to renounce life, or to obtain birth through mental powers and through elaborate Vedic sacrifices.

A study of the development of the 'expanding self, within the ancient geographical area represented by Tamil culture should show us how communities two thousand years ago were prepared



to look upon their neighbours, their neighbouring villages, their neighbouring kingdoms and upon the world at large. Such an enquiry should also reveal to us that the need to open lines of communication and bridge distances is not a need which has suddenly grown out of the 'air age' or the 'jet age'. When communications were much slower and there were no international and inter-governmental organisations, man still felt the need to commune with his fellow-men. Philosophers, religious teachers, kings and conquerors, commercial itinerants and professional travellers, and adventurers have been engaged at all moments of human history in bringing men of different countries, races and languages together, and we remain amazed how much they, with their limited means of transport, were able to achieve.

Two oft-quoted verses of Tamil poetry induce one to examine the development of the expanding self within Tamil culture. One is a line from the Puram poem (192) which outlines a philosophy of individual dignity and personal responsibility and which says:

To us all countries are one
And all men are kin

And the other is an incomparable couplet from the Tirukkural (397):

Since all towns and countries are
one's own

How can one discontinue learning
until death?

The implication of this distich is that since there are so many different countries, each with its own language, philosophies, culture, religion and literature, and since these various fields of learning regarding each country are to be investigated, if each foreign country is to be understood as one understands one's own native country and its cultural heritage, the duration of life is so short that one has to continue learning so long as life lasts.



If a society is to function with energy and success and provide maximum happiness to its members, it has to be nourished on ideals. It was the fortune of early Tamil society to realise that a man or a society without ideals was an empty shell {Puram. 69,5}.

Altruism may be considered the quality which characterises the fullest development of the expanding self, and altruism takes time to appear in the history of a people. The solidarity of the primitive man is with his tribe and his clan; it is gradually that reflection brings on the conviction that all men are his brothers and neighbours and that love takes the primary place in the moral life.

The altruistic idea has been stated at various times in various cultures. Among Chinese thinkers Lao-tse, born in 604 B.C., and Confucius, 551-479 B.C., propounded comparatively early the thesis of responsibility towards others. On the other hand, Plato and Aristotle and other thinkers of the classic period limited their consideration to the Greek freeman. The Dharmasastras in their heyday of formulation excluded those who were not Brahmins by birth and those who lived outside the region of spiritual eminence, Aryavarttha, the boundaries of which were the Himalayas and the Vindhya. But the altruistic idea

seems to have developed in the Tamil country unimpeded by caste or by religious exclusivism. Like Panaetius, the Stoic humanist, the Tamil poets and thinkers spoke of the equality of men and the sympathy due to all life as truths known by reason.

The volume of poetry which the bards and poets composed became common to the Tamil speaking kingdoms and through their poetry, the people came to know of the lives of the people of neighbouring districts and regions, of the material resources of the Tamil kingdoms and of the history of chiefs and kings not their own. In the Akam poems the description of nature in different physiogeographical regions is indispensable and hence a knowledge and love of the entire Tamil country was engendered by this poetry. Whatever history exists of the Sangam age is gathered by the incidental references to kings and chiefs, their cities and places, their war and treaties in the Akam and Puram poems. It is in such incidental fashion that the emblems of the Tamil kings, the names of the prominent chieftains and the location and brief descriptions of the Tamil cities, hills, and battlefields of that early age have reached us.

The Akam poetry developed these self-expanding sentiments in many ways.

It enjoined a study of the annual seasons and particulars regarding every geographical region and brought in all nature as a background for the most expansive of human emotions which is love. The regional division was a poetic division of the whole world:

patutirai vaiyam pattiya panpe
(Tolkappiyam 948)

The hills and tracts often forlorn, unpopulated and inhospitable which separate the home country from the rest and especially the deep resounding ocean are reminders that there are other peoples and other lands to which the lover undertakes journeys without his bride.

The organisation and the sense of the self undergo great extension in the period of falling in love. Some other person is involved and what is of interest to some other person becomes important to oneself. Hence in the extension of the self, the Sangam love poetry was greatly instrumental. It was equally instrumental in developing self-exteriorisation and self-objectification through the impersonating character of the poetry which demanded that the poet composes poems under different situations as a lover, as a nurse, as a parent, or as a companion. Such situational impersonation produced insight, sympathy and humour in the expansion

of the self.

Altruism and 'living not for self but for others' is recommended in ancient Tamil thought because of its own intrinsic worth and not for any future reward or for the benefit of a future birth.

The following poem tersely expresses certain dynamic and creative thoughts underlying this altruism:

Does this world really exist? If it does, it is because therein live persons who if they came by divine nectar would not consume it selfishly alone: they bear ill-will towards none; they fear not nor quail before what others fear: they waver not. With ideals of striving not for their own good but for the good of the rest of men they live- hence one may believe the world exists.

(Puram 182)

If there were no such altruistic persons, life would not be worth living nor would the earth be considered existent for human purposes. This altruistic purposiveness was considered the highest culture. It is because of the existence of persons of such altruistic culture that human life seems bearable; else one would have to bury oneself in despair.

Men possessed of the keenest intellectual acumen and the sharpest wit

are insensitive as logs of wood, did they not possess this altruistic culture. It is this expansiveness which makes friendship and laughter possible. To those who cannot laugh, the world must seem dark even amidst the blazing light of noon.

These poets have already discovered that without a minimum number of persons who release this altruistic energy, there would be far too much hatred for society to be stable or happy.

This expansiveness is part of the integral and total goodness of the heroes portrayed in Sangam poems. When the bards and the poets praise the kings and

the chieftains, they recount more their victories in peace and in war, and they are remembered for their unbounded and indiscriminating liberality like the cloud, their domestic felicity, their accessibility, gentleness and kindness, a gentleness and kindness comparable to the sense of refreshment bestowed by limpid streams and cool fragrant waters.

This altruism makes everything associated with altruistic persons sweet, picturesque and refreshing.

The ideal man of the Tirukkural is said to live for others (Tirukkural 72).

He gives himself to his wife, to his children, to his relatives, to his friends and to humanity at large. The very purpose of married life is to provide companionship and joint partnership which promotes altruistic love and entertainment (Tirukkural 87).

Even if the expectation of reward in another world were no motivating force, it would yet be the proper end of life to be altruistic (Tirukkural 222).

The courtesy of the ideal man extends to his enemies as well for enmity has its own code of honour {Tirukkural 995}.



The chapters on Love, Culture, Wisdom, Honour and Friendship in Tirukkural are impregnated with exhortations and reflections regarding a purposive altruism as the basis of the ideal personality. There are few ancient world classics in which the ethics of altruistic love are so elaborately outlined as in the Tirukkural and a person's entire life and personality are said to be perfect only when dedicated to a life of complete self-giving.

The twin epics confirm the social weltanschauung of the 'Tirukkural'. Kannagi, the heroine of the Cilappatikaram laments her years of separation from her husband, not because of the personal privations to which she has been subject but because his absence has deprived her of the opportunity to practise the domestic virtues of liberality and entertainment (Cilappatikaram XVI, 71-73).

Domestic life is portrayed in the same epic as having hospitality its primary aim and the possession of wealth is but a stewardship (Cilappatikaram II, 86).

In the Manimekalai, the ideal of the expanding self is even more of a dominant note since altruistic service is the underlying motif of a number of episodes which are woven into the epic.

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The antisocial effects of poverty are vividly portrayed and a miraculous bowl is introduced which is inexhaustive in supplying food to needy animals, birds and human beings. When Manimekalai goes to obtain her first alms, Atirai blesses her -May hunger cease to exist in all the world (Manimekalai XVI 134).

Pitrim A. Sorokin observes that altruistic persons enjoy remarkable vitality and a long duration of life. The same may be observed of societies. The longevity and vitality of Tamil culture was probably also due to the altruistic ideals which were so much a part of Tamil society in its more creative periods.

Source : Chemmozhi
July - September 2007

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Mighty Minds of Old A TIME WILL COME

Though unity is the ideal behind the service of the U.N.O. and though all National Flags are flown there, the talk about the invasion of one country on another is also heard there.

But the true feeling of unity has been given to us by the Tamils even two thousand years ago in the Puram song :

“யாதும் ஊரே; யாவரும் கேளிர்”

– புறம் (192)

“Every country is my country
Every man is my kinsman”

- Puram (192)

We are indeed proud of such greatness and magnanimity of the Tamils.

The Poet who sang this poem reminds us in the next line.

“தீதும் நன்றும் பிறந்தர வாரா”

– புறம் (192)

“Good and evil come to us not through others but by our own acts”.

- Puram (192)

The greatness of Tamil is understood not only by us but also by others. A time will come when they can address the Tamils thus:

“Tamil belongs not only to you but also to us. It is the link language as well as the common language. It is also the Official language”.

- ANNA

(Presidential address delivered at the

Second World Tamil Conference held in Madras on 3rd January 1968)

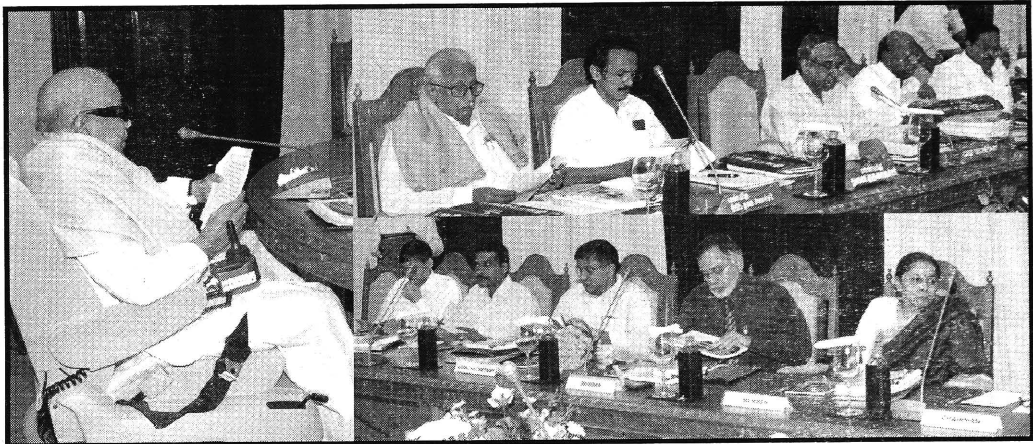
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TAMIL, TAMILS AND TAMIL NADU

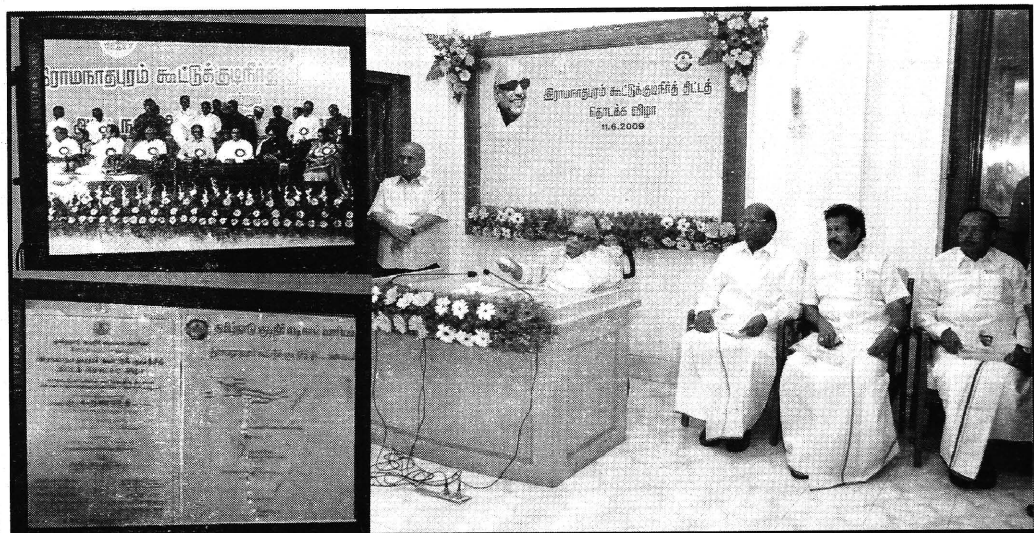
Tamils or Tamilar were the sons of Tamilaham itself. They were indigenous when one deluge after another overcome Tamilaham, when the Tamils dispersed in different directions to save their lives, and when the seas beyond the Vindyas became dry and there was land to traverse as far as the Himalayas which had recently emerged, the Tamil emigrants passed over the jungles and sandy deserts and found their abodes in North India. Afterwards, bands of them easily moved Westward and Eastward with no river or pass to cross as the

Indus, the Ganges and the Irawadi had then been in the womb of the Himalayas. The bands that marched west-ward found their homes in Mesopotamia, Palestine, Egypt and in European countries and went straight upto the Arctic regions and along the Arctic shores to Scandinavia through Russia.

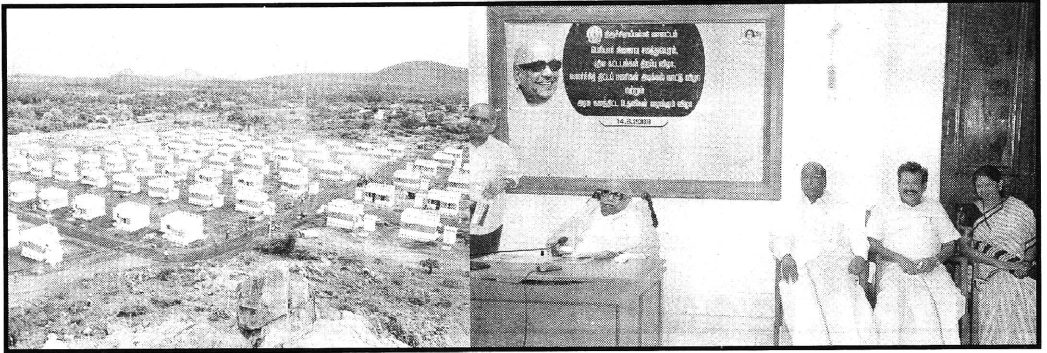
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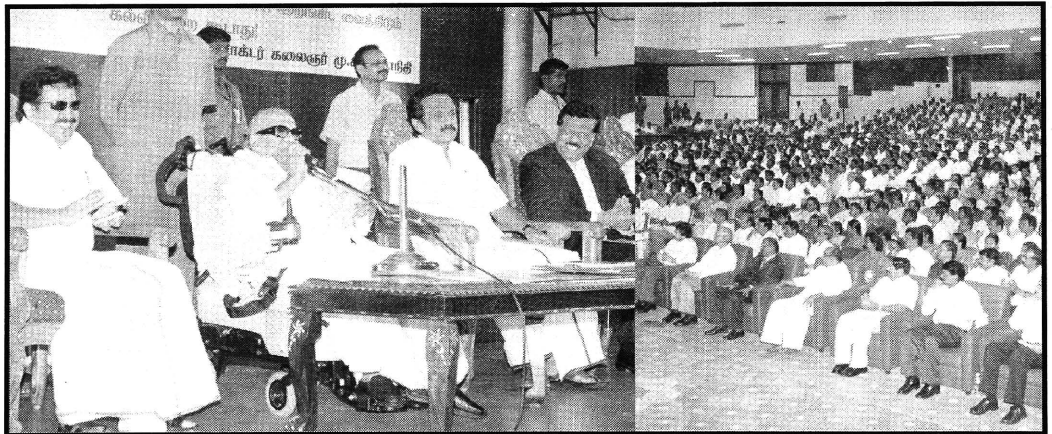
Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi** delivered his address at the meeting of the 13th Finance Commission, Government of India held at Secretariat, Chennai on 4.6.2009, in which the Chairman and Members of the Finance Commission participated.



Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi** inaugurated the Ramanathapuram Combined Water Supply Scheme through Video Conferencing from the State Government's Secretariat, Chennai on 11.6.2009.



Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi** inaugurated the Periyar Memorial Samathuvapuram constructed at Maligaipatti, Tiruchirapalli district through Video Conferencing from Secretariat, Chennai on 14.6.2009.



Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi** addressed the gathering at a function held in Chennai on 8.7.2009 in which he distributed appointment orders to 1,000 candidates newly recruited as College lecturers.



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin participated in the Conference of Federations of Industries on 13.6.2009 and addressed the delegates.



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin distributed free colour television sets to beneficiaries at a function held on 8.7.2009 in Chennai and informed the gathering that 25 lakh colour television sets are to be distributed in Phase - V at an estimate of Rs.500 crore.

PLEA TO SPEED UP GAS PIPELINE NETWORK

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru M.K. Stalin on 4th July, 2009 appealed to the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to take steps to speed up the implementation of a natural gas pipeline network in the State.

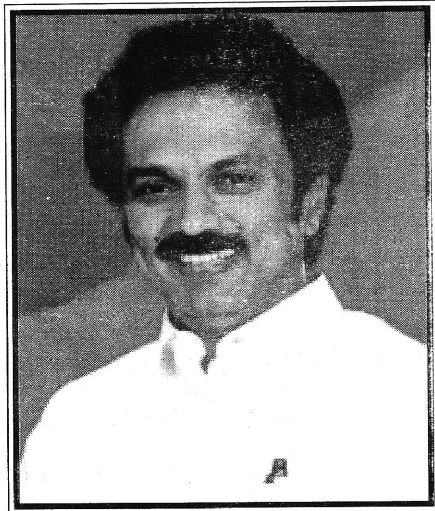
Speaking after commissioning the sea water desalination plant of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL) in suburban Manali, he said Tamil Nadu had been demanding the project for several decades now.

He also wanted the Union Ministry to implement the Southern Gas Grid. Recalling that there was a proposal for a natural gas pipeline between Chennai and Tuticorin, pending with Gas Authority of India (GAIL), he urged the Ministry to expedite the project and to set up a research and development centre on gas hydrates in the State.

He said that in view of the rapid industrial development of the State there was greater need for natural gas. The Centre should accord priority for laying a pipeline to move natural gas from the Krishna Godavari Basin to the State.

He said, "For the last 45 years, we have been emphasising on the establishment of Southern Gas Grid for liquid gas transportation and distribution throughout the State.

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister appealed to the Hon'ble Union Petroleum Minister Thiru Murali Deora, who was present at the function, to take steps to set up a full-fledged R&D wing of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to develop the enormous reserves of natural gas and oil found in the Cauvery basin and in the coastal areas of the State.



He also urged the Union Minister to speed up the work for laying 840km long pipeline between Kochi and Bangalore, out of which, more than 400 km pipeline would pass through Tamil Nadu.

"If the pipeline was laid, industries located at Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Namakkal and Dharmapuri would be largely benefited by it," he said.

In his welcome address, Indian Oil Corporation Chairman Thiru. Sarthak Behuria said that the three MGD water supplied by Chennai Metrowater to CPCL, an IOC group company, could be diverted for city needs with the commissioning of the desalination plant.

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CASH AWARDS TO SCHOOL TOPPERS DISTRIBUTED



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin on July 4 distributed cash awards to 25 students of Corporation schools who scored high marks in the SSLC and Plus Two examinations.

Each student was given Rs.10,000 cash and a certificate.

Rs.4.53 crore has been deposited in the TUFIDCO and the interest was being used to give cash awards to students.

The students were selected from the merit list obtained from the Education Department.

Chennai Mayor Thiru M.Subramanian, Coimbatore Mayor Thiru.R.Venkata chalam, Madurai Mayor Tmt.Thenmozhi Gopinathan, Tirupur Mayor Thiru.Selvaraj, Municipal Administration and Water Supplies Department Secretary Thiru.Niranjan Mardi,I.A.S., and Municipal Administration Director Thiru. P.Senthilkumar ,I.A.S., were present.



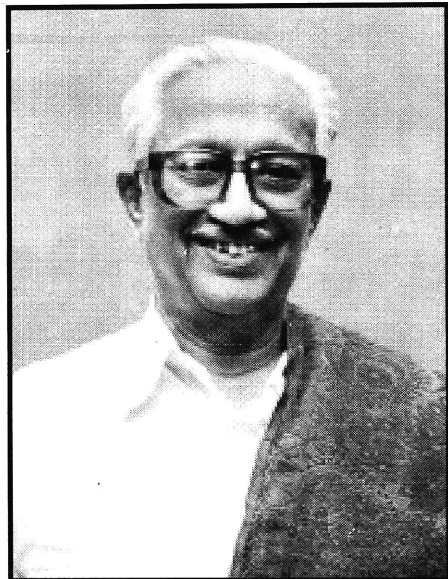
Rs.251 CRORE WAIVER OF INTEREST ON NON-FARM LOANS

Hon'ble Finance Minister Prof. K. Anbazhagan on July 7 announced that penal interest and other charges on the non-farm loans would be waived while the rate of simple interest on the loans would be reduced from 12 percent to six percent. The concessions would be around Rs.251.21 crore and would benefit 1.32 lakh persons.

The special loan settlement scheme evolved by the government would be applicable to those non-farm loans for which the last instalment was not paid by March 31, 2007. Those who availed the loans should sign an agreement with their concerned banks on or before October 31, 2009 and they would be allowed to repay their loans within three months. On signing the agreement, 25 percent of the due should be paid and the rest of the amount should be paid in not more than three instalments.

For those who come forward to repay the loans, the interest rate would be reduced from 12 percent to six percent from the date of availing the loan. Besides, penal interest and other charges would be completely waived.

The State Government would compensate four percent of the loss of interest to the bank while the banks would bear the rest, the Hon'ble Minister said making a suo motu statement in the State Assembly. This government on assuming



the office, waived cooperative loans of farmers to the tune of Rs.7,000 crore while the non-farm loans were not waived. As the non-farm loans were availed on the basis of collateral security, the entire loan could not be waived. To help those who had availed these loans to continue their business, a new scheme was announced on December 27, 2006. As per this scheme, those who repaid the loans, the interest rate would be reduced from 18 percent to 12 percent and this scheme was in force till June 30, 2009. Till March 31, 2009, loans to the tune of Rs.509.99 crore was collected and concession on interest was given to the tune of Rs.127.93 and still, Rs.709.51 crore is yet to the repaid.

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HON'BLE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER OPENS RETTAMALAI SRINIVASAN MEMORIAL



The present government took pride in honouring freedom fighters, Tamil scholars and those who fought for the rights of Tamils irrespective of their party affiliation and community, said Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin on July 7.

Declaring open the renovated park at Gandhi Mandapam and the Rettamalai Srinivasan Memorial and his statue at the Mandapam, he said "Rettamalai Srinivasan, popularly known as the grandfather of Dalits, worked for the uplift of his community throughout his life.

He considered the liberation of his community more important than the freedom of the country and worked for the rights of his community members along with Dr. Ambedkar".

Hon'ble Information Minister Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi, who presided, said

that "the Government, during its previous regime had released a commemorative stamp a honour of the Dalit leader, who created awareness among the community about their rights."

Chennai Corporation Mayor Thiru. M. Subramanian said that Rettamalai Srinivasan was instrumental in establishing municipal schools in the then Chennai Municipality for enrolment of Dalit children.

Thiru.G.Muthusami, I.A.S., Secretary, Information Department; Thiru.C.Kamaraj, I.A.S., Director Information and Public Relations and Thiru. Ravikumar, M.L.A., were among those who addressed the gathering.

Nirmala Arulprakash, granddaughter of Rettamalai Srinivasan, thanked the State Government on behalf of her family. ★

TOSHIBA JSW TO SET UP TURBINE UNIT IN CHENNAI

Toshiba JSW Turbine and Generator Pvt. Ltd. (Toshiba JSW), a joint venture between JSW Group and Japan-based electronic goods major Toshiba Corporation, is setting up a facility in Chennai to manufacture steam turbines and generators for thermal power plants.



Toshiba JSW has just inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu Government to facilitate the process of setting up a production unit. The MoU was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar on July 7, 2009. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin, Chief Secretary Thiru. K.S. Sripathi, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Industries Department Thiru. M.F. Farooqui, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Finance Department Thiru. K. Gnanadesikan I.A.S., and others were present.

The MoU allows Toshiba JSW to lease land for the construction of manufacturing facilities on a site in Chennai. Toshiba JSW was established in September last. Toshiba holds 75 percent ownership rights in the company. The balance 25 percent is held by JSW Group (JSW Steel five percent and JSW Energy 20 percent).

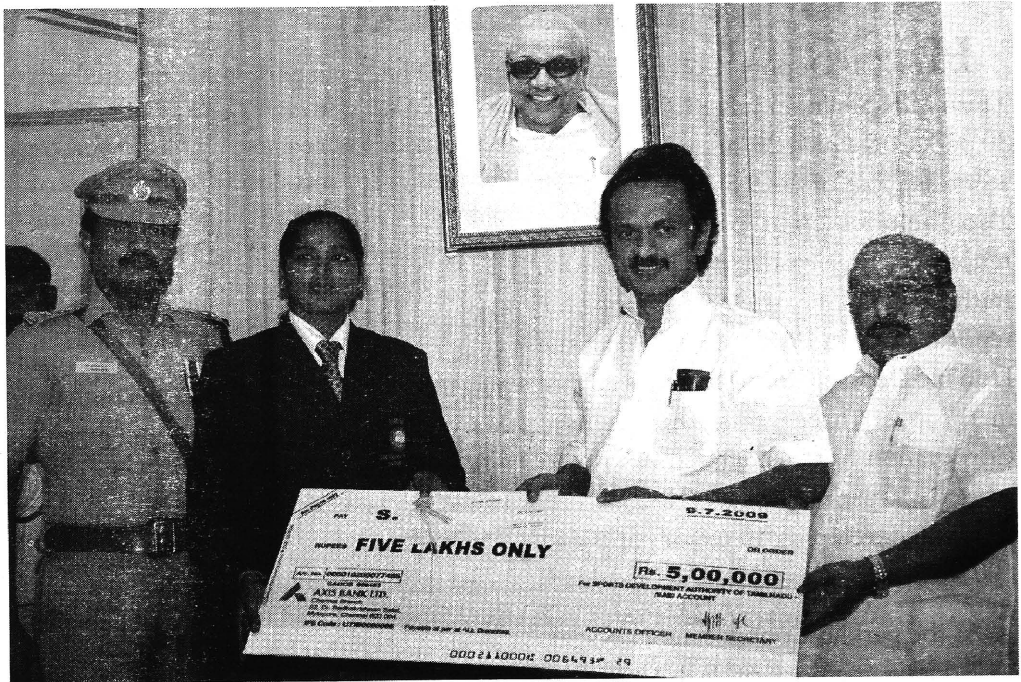
Toshiba JSW will use the proposed facility to manufacture mid- to large-sized

steam turbines and generators, ranging from 500 MW to 1,000 MW, for supercritical thermal power plants in India.

The plant will come up about 18 km north of downtown Chennai. The site has a ground area of around 400,000 sq. m. Toshiba JSW is hoping to invest about \$160 million in plant and manufacturing equipment over five years from fiscal year 2009.

Construction is scheduled to start this month and the manufacturing is expected to start in January 2011," "Keihin Operations, Toshiba's power equipment production facility in Yokohama, will support Toshiba JSW in ramping up manufacturing, and in working towards establishing an independent production scale of 3,000 MW a year. Toshiba JSW anticipates sales of \$400 million by the end of fiscal 2015, Toshiba JSW would start recruiting people soon. ★

HON'BLE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTS MEDALS, CASH TO WINNING SPORTSPERSONS



The State Government on July 9th 2009 honoured sportspersons, who came out in flying colours in various international sports competitions.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin presented Chief Minister's medal and cash reward of Rs.5 lakh to S. Kavitha, captain of gold medal winning Indian team at the third Asian women kabbadi meet, J. Agnishwar, a gold medal winner at the Asian Championships and Karate medal winner Banumathi were awarded Rs.1 lakh each.

Coaches and physical directors, were also honoured with cash awards. The Hon'ble

Deputy Chief Minister presented a trophy to Volleyball coach G. E. Sreedharan, the recipient of Dhronocharya award for 2008. Volleyball coach P.C. Pandian (Chief Minister's award for best coach), G. Murugesan (Chief Minister's award for Best Physical Director) and R. Indrani (Chief Minister's award for Best Physical Training Teacher) were also honoured for their contributions during 2006-07. Athletic coach Frank Paul (Chief Minister's award for Best Coach), V. Pichaiammal (Chief Minister's award for Best Physical Training Teacher) received the honours for the year 2007-2008. A cash award of Rs.1 lakh each was also presented to them.

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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister INAUGURATES 30 PARKS IN CHENNAI

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru M.K.Stalin on July 24 inaugurated 30 parks, of which 25 are new facilities, at a total cost of Rs.9.5 crore. The list also includes eight parks that were renovated, four roadside parks and one traffic island park. After inaugurating the renovated Sivan Park at K.K.Nagar, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister said that in the past three years, the Chennai Corporation has created and renovated around 250 parks at a cost of Rs.72 crore. Work on developing 15 major parks and 100 small parks was under way, he added.

At the park in Conran Smitan Nagar, a plaque in memory of B.R.Ambedkar would be installed as he had visited the

area. The Sivan park was renovated at a cost of Rs.96.38 lakh. The height of the park was increased by 4.5 feet by dumping around 1,000 lorry loads of debris. It has facilities including a skating rink, fountain, yoga hall and nursery. The parks included those opposite Raj Bhavan, Parthasarathy Thottam, M.R.C.Nagar, R.A.Puram and Thiruvalluvar Nagar in Thiruvanmiyur. Mayor. Thiru.M.Subramanian and Corporation Commissioner Rajesh Lakhoni I.A.S., participated in the functions.

In the newly developed parks, flowering trees and trees offering shade are planted so that birds can nest in them. The maintenance of parks in the city has been outsourced.

CHEMMOZHI

Tamil - A Phoenix Among Classical Languages

Though the appeal for the recognition of Tamil as a classical language first came from Parithimarkalaignar more than a hundred years ago, it materialised largely defining a classical languages as one that possesses the potential to function without the help of other languages that are found in the nation where it is spoken, can be understood by the listener without being hindered by any verbal or semantic obscurities, has the capacity to shed what is antiquated and to absorb what is new and an ever - growing vocabulary, its own words far outnumbering

the words borrowed from other languages, Parithimar Kalaignar contended as early as in 1887 that Tamil fulfills these requirements.

Another native scholar, Devaneyapavanar, could adduce some convincing evidences of the primary classicality of Tamil such as its primitiveness, originality and natural development and extraordinary copiousness. Tamil - A Phoenix Among Classical Languages

Prof. P. Marudhanayagam



HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER URGES CENTRE TO WAIVE SERVICE TAX ON KALAIGNAR HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

*Speech of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi
at the inauguration of the Kalaaignar's Insurance Scheme for
Life Saving Treatment on 23.7.2009 in Chennai*

At the inauguration of the Kalaaignar's Insurance scheme for Life Saving Treatment on 25.7.2009. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi has urged Union Minister of Health Thiru. Ghulam Nabi Azad to waive the service tax to be charged on the Rs.517crore investment in the State government health insurance scheme.

The State government has committed itself to pay the premiums on behalf of the poor to enable them to access private health institutions for life-saving treatments, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

The service tax component for this amounted to Rs.48 crore, he said, urging the Union Minister to waive this amount. While he did not expect an immediate commitment, he promised to write to the Minister hoping that he would be able to convince the Finance Ministry to waive the tax.

He made the request at the inauguration of the scheme to render the assistance to people who are in dire need of the services. In fact, the scheme was only the next step to the free heart surgery schemes for young children and students, he added.

He hoped that the scheme would be replicated all over the country so that poor people in the rest of the States would benefit without paying the premium.

Stating that the State government had been implementing such schemes only to 'see the god in the smile of the poor' as imbibed in their hearts by his mentor Arignar Anna. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that in his student days he had seen an advertisement inscribed on the tall and broad temple walls of Tiruvarur reading on 'நடமாடும் கோயில் திருப்பணி' (Holy service for mobile temples). Some explained it as 'mobile hospitals'. But his Tamil teacher explained him that human body itself was a temple and according to Saivite philosophy they call the repairing service carried out to set right damages to the human body as 'holy service'. Hence it meant healthy services, which the successive Government had been carrying out.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister listed some schemes implemented by him such as Beggars Rehabilitation Scheme in 1971, Free Eye care scheme in 1972, describing Tamil Nadu as forerunner in healthcare services. Hon'ble Union Health Minister Thiru. Gulam Nabi Azad said the Kalaigiar Health Insurance scheme is one more feather in the cap of Tamil Nadu government led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigiar.

In his inaugural address the Union Minister said: "Tamil Nadu has been a leading State in provision of health care services to its citizens and this is one more feather in its cap. I congratulate the Chief Minister under whose leadership the State made significant gains on account of its consistently inclusive human development policies and programmes.



Many decades ago, the great Congress leader Kamarajar had shown the way by initiating the Noon Meal Scheme in some parts of Tamil Nadu. It later got universalized not only in Tamil Nadu but the entire country. I am sure the good practices of Tamil Nadu will one day become the best practices of each State of this country.

Health is a very basic need and our government at the centre is committed to a more inclusive growth. Human development is at the heart of this strategy of well being for all. Even though health is a State subject, the UPA government at the centre launched the ambitious National Rural Health Mission in April 2005 to supplement the efforts of States and to allow large scale reform and innovations in the health sector. It laid great emphasis on crafting a credible public system of health care by providing for adequate and well skilled human resources in health.

I am happy to note that Tamil Nadu has implemented the National Rural Health Mission in letter and spirit. All the Primary Health Centres of Tamil Nadu have been provided with three Staff Nurses under the NRHM and the efficient and “imaginative use of the large untied funds under the Mission have transformed the quality of services in Tamil Nadu’s PHCs. The efforts have been so outstanding that women in this State have started coming to PHCs in large numbers for their institutional deliveries.

Not only this, the private sector deliveries have come down by nearly 5 percentage points. The deliveries in PHCs in Tamil Nadu

have gone up by over 12 percentage points. This confirms our commitment towards crafting credible public system for health care. The National Rural Health Mission is committed to such efforts for ensuring accessible, affordable and accountable health services to the people in the remotest corners of India.

Hospitalized care is expensive and besides government hospitals, a large number of private hospitals and nursing homes have also been set up in many parts of our country. Our medical, paramedical and nursing professionals have demonstrated their ability to provide quality care leading to a growing medical tourism industry. India, with its large young population, is going to be a care giver to the world and Tamil Nadu’s efforts over the last few decades to expand medical, paramedical, and nursing education is paying rich dividends. The improvement in health indicators has been as a result of overall thrust to the health sector. It is for this reason that a RCH Centre for Excellence has been approved for Tamil Nadu to be a training centre for doctors and nurses from all over the country on good practices in reproductive and child health.

The human resource of Tamil Nadu can enable partnerships in other States as well. Similarly, Tamil Nadu’s Medical Services Corporation has been a role model for procurement and logistics and we are making efforts to encourage other States to also set up bodies like the TNMSC. Given the high cost of hospitalized care, cashless health insurance for the below poverty line

population becomes an imperative. The NRHM had developed Five different models of health insurance to provide cashless hospitalized services to the poor.

The Central Government has already initiated the Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojana (RSBY) through the Ministry of Labour to provide cashless hospitalized treatment upto Rs. 30,000 for BPL families. Government and private hospitals have been accredited to provide hospitalized care through insurance. I am sure even in Tamil Nadu, a large number of government and private hospitals will come forward to participate in the programme.

It is important that government hospitals also participate in insurance as that helps to keep the rates modest. It also helps a government hospital to up-grade its services. The money earned through insurance could be used for upgrading government hospitals and also for incentivizing the medical and para-medical staff in such government institutions. I am sure the Government of Tamil Nadu would have looked at all the aspects of health insurance to ensure that patient rights are well protected.

Ultimately, the success of any intervention has to be seen by the Gandhian talisman of the last man in the line. If the Kalaingar Insurance Scheme for Life Saving Treatment reduces the out of pocket expenditure of our poor households and ensures quality health services for them, it would have alleviated the pauperization of poor households as health expenses are one of the leading cause for families remaining poor.

I am sure the State Government has thought through the implications of the insurance very carefully. It is gratifying that many States are exerting their utmost to improve health care services for their population. However all these efforts could be reduced to naught if we do not take effective measures to control our growing population. It is heartening that in this area also.

Nowadays, nobody talks about “Family Planning and birth control.” India has a population of 17 percent of the world with only two percent of land on the earth. 30 percent of land is bearing the weight of 17 percent of population. While population keeps increasing geometrically every year the land area is shrinking everyday. We are building millions of houses, schools, hospitals, bridges and lay railway lines reducing land for agriculture. How long can we afford to tolerate this mismatch? It is heartening that in southern states, particularly in Tamil Nadu, population had been stabilized. But it is not enough. Northern, Western, Eastern and Central States should also follow suit.

Tamil Nadu has become a beacon of light to other States. With over 99 percent institutional delivery, the lowest TFR in the country at 1.6, an MMR of 111 and an IMR of 35. Tamil Nadu is an example for other States to follow. I once again congratulate Shri Karunanidhi Ji, Government of Tamil Nadu and the people of Tamil Nadu for their proactive promotion of Health & Family Welfare Services in the State. I wish the Kalaingar Insurance Scheme all the very best. I am sure the quality of health care will improve with the launch of this scheme.” ★

TAMIL NADU NOT HIT BY GLOBAL MELTDOWN

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin on July 26 inaugurated a 9-km long road at the IT Park in Siruseri. The four-lane road was laid at a cost of Rs.25 crore.

He said the government had allotted Rs.56 crore for developing infrastructure in the IT park being developed by the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) since 1998 in the 782 acre land along Rajiv Gandhi Salai in Siruseri. SIPCOT will now develop another 3.5 km stretch on the park.

Twenty out of 70 industrial units that were allotted lands in the park had started production with a total investment of Rs.10,000 crore. About 30,000 persons got direct employment in these units while 70,000 got indirect employment. Presently, 34 units are in the process of constructing their buildings in the IT Park. Five corporates, including Tata Consultancy Services and, Cognizant Technology Solutions have set up Special Economic Zones in the Park. Tata

Consultancy Services has developed an IT Park on the premises at a cost of Rs.2,000 crore - the biggest in Asia -employing more than 10,000 people.

Asked whether the global meltdown had affected the number of corporates setting up industries in the Siruseri IT Park, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister said the impact of the economic crisis on Tamil Nadu was very less and that's why more industries were setting up their units in the state, including the IT Park.

The new road has made the software professionals who are working there happy. "Siruseri IT Park is witnessing rapid development with more and more industries setting up their industries and several thousands of people getting employment. We are extremely happy over the high-quality road and the work getting over even before the commencement of monsoon season,"said R. Ramkumar, vice-president, Cognizant Technology Solutions.

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HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER DISTRIBUTES GRANTS FOR NATIONALIZATION OF LITERARY WORKS



Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi on July 10, 2009 distributed cheques for Rs.70 lakh to 128 legal heirs of 18 Tamil literary figures towards the nationalization of their works.

The works of Azha Valliappa, Pandithamani M. Kadiresan Chettiar, Dr. S. Agathialingam, Pavalar Nara Nachiappan, Puliyur Kesigan, Chinna Annamalai, Vaduvur Duraisamy Iyengar, Prof. V. Raghava Iyengar, Pammal Sambandanar, Dr. A. Chidambaranathan Chettiar, M. S. Pooranalingam Pillai, T. M. Bhaskara Thondaiman, Palur Kannappa Mudaliar, V. M. Kodhainayaki, N. V. Kalaimani, Kavignar Murugu

Sundaram, Pulavar T. Kovendan and A. X. Navaneetha Krishnan were nationalized.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister on July 11, 2009 handed over Rs. 3 lakh to writer Tmt. Rajam Krishnan towards grant for nationalization of her works. He met the ailing writer at Sri Ramachandra Medical College hospital and handed over the cheque. Hon'ble Union Ministers Thiru. A. Raja and Thiru. Dayanidhi Maran, and Poet Kanimozhi, M.P., were present.

Later when the Chief Minister went to the hospital for routine check-up, Tmt. Rajam Krishnan thanked him for the gesture.

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KALAINGAR KAAPPEETTU THITTAM BENEFICIARIES IN THE DISTRICTS



Selvi. Sahaya Lourdu Pappu (17) from Aralvaymozhi who has undergone plastic surgery in M.L. Hospital says, "my neck and hand were severely affected due to fire accident. My father is also sick. My mother is a labourer and we are very poor. Now I have undergone the plastic surgery through Kalaingar Kaappeettu Thittam. This scheme is a great help to poor people like us who can not afford medical treatment.

Thiru. Abraham (36) from Idindhakarai who has undergone surgery in Vasantham Hospital, Nagercoil says, "I have been unable to do any work for the last two years; I couldn't get it cured anywhere. After getting surgery done on my spinal cord through Kalaingar Kaappeettu Thittam, I feel alright. This scheme is useful to

people like us who earn their livelihood through physical work. I cannot find words to express my gratitude to our Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar who has given us this scheme enabling the poor people to receive free of cost such expensive treatment."

Tmt. Shanthi (42) from Periyathazhai says, "I belong to Thoothukudi district. I was suffering from thyroid problem for 8 years. I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar Ayya who is the lifeline of Tamil Nadu for introducing this scheme. I thank once again for the provision in the scheme that allows treatment under this scheme any where in the state, not only the native district.

- P. Thamizh Iniyam,
Information and Public Relations Officer,
Kanniyakumari District.

MADURAI



Tmt. Pandi, mother of Selvan. Hariharan from Thirumangalam says, "My son had the heart problem by birth. My husband Thiru.Palpandi is a loadman. Though we are living in difficult condition, we had to take care of our son. We were getting him treated at Matha Amirthanandha Mayi Hospital, Kochi, Sathya Saibaba Hospital,

Bangalore, Madurai Meenakshi Mission Hospital and Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai. But treatments could not be received in time in those hospitals and we could not afford expensive hospitals too. My five year old son was not even able to walk though he wanted to play like others. Hon'ble Chief Minister's "Kalaigunar Kaapeettu Thittam" has paved the way for my son's good

health. On recommendations from the district collector, he underwent heart surgery at Vadamalaiyan Hospital and has recovered fully. We are happy now".

- Siva.Su. Saravanan,
Information and Public Relations
Officer, Madurai District.



DHARMAPURI



Thiru. Vellaiyan who has undergone surgery under Kalaigunar Kaapeettu Thittam says, 'my family is very poor. We have to work daily to earn our living. I became suddenly ill. Medical check-up revealed that I had the problem of stone in my kidney; surgery for this required lot of money. We had

no money; no one to help. I even thought it would be better if I die. I came to know that our Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced the "Kalaiginar Kaappeettu Thittam" to provide such surgical treatments free of cost. We approached Thangam Hospital. After Verifying my Welfare Board Card they performed surgery. Government has paid the amount to the hospital. Now I am all right. I convey my gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister who has saved my life.

- **K. Kannadasan,**

Information and Public Relations Officer,
Dharmapuri District.

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VILLUPURAM

Selvi. Ramya from V. Sathanur village near Vikkriavandi in Villupuram district



says, "My father is a labourer. I am studying in 9th std. Doctors who were doing the medical check-up in the 'Varumun Kaapom' medical camp held in my village told us that I had heart problem which needed immediate surgery. We came to learn about this scheme announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and met the Deputy Director (Health). On seeing my medical reports, he immediately arranged over phone with the Pondicherry FMS Hospital to get me admitted. 13 days after surgery, I was sent home. Rs.1 lakh was spent for my surgery and the amount was paid through this scheme."

- **M. Palanichami,**

Information and Public Relations Officer,
Villupuram District.

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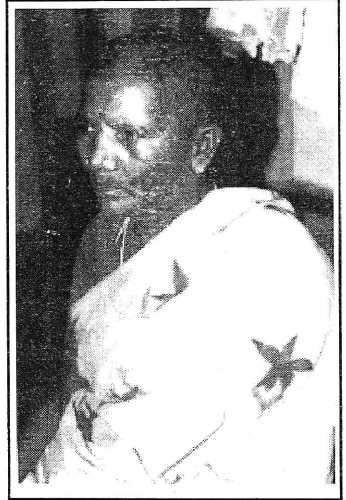
Tmt. S. Revathy, W/o.Thiru.Sakthivel, from Kovilpathu village in Vedaranyam taluk, Nagapattinam district says, "I married my husband who is working as a labourer in salt quarters on 6.6.2008. Our girl Child was born on 27.5.2009. Our happiness did not last long. She was affected by jaundice which damaged her liver. Various treatments failed to cure her condition. We were told that Rs.1 lakh would be needed for treatment in private hospitals. We were afraid we would lose our child.

PUDUKKOTTAI



Tmt. Kaveri (50), W/o Thiru. Rama Konar, Vettanviduthi - Nainankollai Village in Karambakudi taluk, Pudukkottai district has undergone a major surgery on the head to remove a tumor at Kaveri Medical centre, Tiruchirapalli. She says, "I had a growth in my nose. After surgery my limbs become inactive. I couldn't eat or speak properly. It was diagnosed as tumor in the head at the K.M.C, Tiruchirapalli. Rs.1 lakh was needed

for the surgery. We had no money; we came to learn about the Kalaaignar Kaappeettu Thittam through newspapers. Doctors



On learning about the Hon'ble Chief Minister's 'Kalaaignar Kaappeettu Thittam' through newspapers I took my child to the Government General Hospital. The Medical Officers, Revenue Officials took immediate action guided by the district Collector and my daughter was operated on; My Child has fully recovered now. Our joy knew no bounds. We convey on gratitude to our Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar Ayya for rending happiness to our Life."

- P. Muthaiah,
Information and Public Relations Officer,
Nagapattinam District.

recommended my case to K.M.C. hospital. After surgery under Kalaaignar Kaappeettu Thittam, my limbs are functioning well. Our gratitude to Kalaaignar Ayya.

- R. Malieeswara Rao,
Information and Public Relations Officer,
Pudukkottai District.

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TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED THE DYNAMICS OF TEACHING

- HON'BLE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER Thiru.M.K.Stalin



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin on August 1 promised that the honorary doctorate degree conferred on him by the Anna University-Chennai would enhance his humility.

“Continuing the rich tradition of Thanthai Periyar, Arignar Anna and Kalaignar, I dedicate this honorary degree to my beloved parents and youth, who are with me all the way,” he said after receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa) from Governor and Chancellor of Anna University, Thiru. Surjit Singh Barnala.

Taking note of the changing scenario in teaching methods, he said, “The advent of

technology has drastically changed the dynamics of teaching from the teacher-oriented to student-oriented methods.”

Based on the changing scenario, teaching techniques had to be modified and the adaptation would only evolve sustained quality and standard of education in technology-enhancing universities.

The objective of higher education had changed from just acquiring knowledge and getting jobs to making students find solutions to unresolved issues, he said stressing the need for a sea change in teaching methodology in higher education especially



in technical education and wanted universities to concentrate on research.

Quoting extensively from Tamil literary works like Tholkappiyam, Purananuru and Thirukkural on the importance, necessity and greatness of education. The Deputy Chief Minister referred to the famous saying of Greek philosopher Heraclitus in 475 BC that 'Nothing is constant in the world' which almost tallied with grammar set by 'Nannool' on the "removal of the old and entry of the new' and said it also applied to the method of teaching.

The historical truth was that higher education played a very important role in the economic development and progress of a country and fact that all the developed countries now had attained greatest strides

in higher education was undeniable. The developed countries taught us the useful lesson that social changes based on poverty eradication and huge employment opportunities was possible only through higher education.

Indian universities must usher in change and bring in more student-centric teaching methodologies and innovative research to solve the problems of the future. "Nations that have not moved with the times have become stagnant, while those who have implemented change have developed and moved ahead," he added.

Stating that the field of higher education had undergone colossal development after Independence in 1947, the Deputy Chief Minister pointed out that there were over 456

universities now compared to less than 20 in 1947 and over 24,000 colleges compared to 500 then. Internationally comparable educational institutions like IITs and IIMs were found only after 1947. Higher education had played a great role in green and white revolutions, primacy in space research, and in our achievements in atomic science and information technology. The totally domestically made nuclear submarine recently dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh stood as a proof for the contribution of higher education.

“Universities played an important part in making changes in the education system giving scope for research, making new efforts and bringing in technological advancements. He referred to the concern expressed by one of the greatest scientists of India, Dr. C.R.N.Rao, who pointed out that till 12 years back, the contribution of India in world scientific research and articles published in research journals was to the tune of 10 percent whereas now it had fell down to just 2.5 percent. At the same time the contribution of China during the same period rose from 5 percent to 15 percent.

He heartily congratulated the Anna University for designing the ‘Anusat’ satellite and wished that it achieved more. Underlining Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru’s speech that ‘University stands for humanism, for

tolerance, for reaction, for adventure of ideas and for search of truth, it stands for the onward march of the human race towards even higher objective’ and that of Anna’s rousing accepting speech at the convocation of Madurai University in 1967 calling upon the young graduates to march ahead with determination, with courage and win over victories, he thanked the university for the honour bestowed on him and for the opportunity to share his ideas with them.

Besides the Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister, music maestro and Oscar Award winner Thiru. A. R. Rahman and eminent scientist and Chandrayaan-1 Project Director Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai received honorary doctorates degrees.

Earlier, delivering the convocation address, Thiru. M. Anandakrishnan, former Vice Chancellor of Anna University, said. “The university system is not only an economic instrument but also a social asset and hence its performance should not be vitiated by unhealthy practices.”

Dr. Anandakrishnan hoped that the new alumni of Anna University, Thiru. M. K. Stalin, Thiru. A.R. Rahman and Dr. Mayilswamy Annadurai would exercise their eminence and stature in the society to enhance the hopes of the university by incorporating new dimensions in technical education associated with their respective domains of knowledge.



AYYAN THIRUVALLUVAR - SARVAJNA STATUES - SYMBOLS OF BONDING OF HEARTS



**Speech by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Thiru.B.S.Yeddyurappa
 during the unveiling of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue in
 Bengaluru on 9.8.2009**

Hon'ble Karnataka Chief Minister Thiru.B.S. Yeddyurappa on August 9 appealed to the Kannada organisations, which are protesting against the unveiling of Thiruvalluvar statue here, to join the mainstream and share the sweet experience of brotherhood and friendship, befitting the true nature and character of Kannadigas.

He was speaking here during the unveiling ceremony of the poet-saint Thiruvalluvar. "I feel it is not appropriate to oppose the statue in the name of

Kannada language. We should treat all the visionaries bom in any State in the country as assets of our nation. Limiting such great personalities to one State or region and campaigning against such achievers is unbecoming of any citizen of this country," he added.

"All the visionaries of our society have advocated that we should not have ill-will amongst ourselves and all Indians must live together." By unveiling the statues of Sarvajnar and Thiruvalluvar, we are not going to enhance their fame



or anything. Even if we do not do this, they will remain great. Still, we are unveiling the statues just to make our people realise the importance of their preaching and try to follow them” he said.

The Karnataka Chief Minister said Thiruvalluvar had warned of the adverse consequences on the whole society of ill-feeling between neighbours. “The same sentiment is expressed in the writings of Sarvajnar also.” And he also made a pointed reference to opposition to the installation of the Tamil Savant’s statue in Bangaluru.

He said, “In the days to come, solutions to all disputes and problems

will be found only through dialogue.” There had been a “sea of goodwill” between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the past several centuries. It is my dream that the people of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka share a peaceful relationship. These (Thiruvalluvar and Sarvajnar statues) are not just two bronze statues, but are symbols of the bonding of hearts.”

Referring to the respect that the two scholars had for farmers, he said: “All farmers, irrespective of their language, should get water for their crop. Both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Governments should make sure that crops do not perish for want of water. The words of Thiruvalluvar and Sarvajnar should guide us in every walk of life.”

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TAMILS HAVE THE HABIT OF EMBRACING AFFECTIONATE NEIGHBOURS AND DISPLAYING A SENSE OF UNITY

*Speech by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kalaigiar M.Karunanidhi
during the unveiling of the Statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar
in Bengaluru on 9.8.2009*



Eighteen years after the installation of a statue of saint-poet Thiruvalluvar in Bengaluru, Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigiar unveiled it on 9th August 2009.

Both the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka felt history had chosen them for the task of heralding a new chapter in the neighbourly relations between the two States.

Making it clear that he saw much significance for inter-state ties in the unveiling of the statue of ancient Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar in the Karnataka capital, Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigiar said that he and his younger brother Thiru.B.S. Yeddyurappa, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka had shown the way for others in resolving inter-state disputes. Between them they have set "an example for

inter-state relations" in the country; there is "no politics" here; it is a meeting of the "hearts and minds" of the people of the two States, he said.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister invited his 'thambi' (younger brother) to unveil the statue of Kannada poet Sarvajinar in Chennai on August 13. "The elder and younger brothers have set a precedent for other slates. There is no politics, but only an example of doing what is right," he stressed. He thanked the Chief Minister of Karnataka for fulfilling his vow that he would not participate in any public function in Bengaluru until Thiruvalluvar's statue was unveiled. When the Chief Minister of Karnataka came to Chennai for a medical check up, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had expressed his wish to meet him in hospital. "But he came to my house to meet me as I was elder to him. We discussed many

things but the most important topic was the opening of the Thiruvalluvar statue,” the Chief Minister said. When the Karnataka Chief Minister asked for a reciprocal gesture, he readily agreed as Tamils had the habit of embracing affectionate neighbours and displaying a sense of unity.

The unveiling of Thiruvalluvar’s statue in Bengaluru and that of Sarvajnar in Chennai “is a fine example of cooperation between States in India. We have created avenues for cooperation between the two States. This is more than mere unveiling of statues. Sarvajnar belonged to an oppressed community and his work reflected his progressive ideals. That is why he finds a place in the hearts of the people of both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It is as though the people of the two states elected the two of them as Chief Ministers so that the statues of the two poets will be installed in Bengaluru and Chennai he added.

The Chief Minister cited lines from Sarvajnar’s works, emphasising the universality of the poet’s works saw a kindred spirit in Sarvajnar, saying the poet hailed from a most backward community and his poems showed he had a progressive and revolutionary bend of mind that questioned orthodoxy. Quoting from the verses from Sarvajnar to illustrate his reaction of the saint’s works, he said that there is a saying in Kannada which means ‘there is no leaf which a sheep hasn’t come across and there is no issue on which Sarvajnar has not spoken. In a verse Sarvajnar asks ‘what is the necessity to go to Banaras seeking divinity when it is imbibed in the minds of the unblemished.’ In another verse he says “Don’t think that one who is from an upper caste is a good person; Those who say all in

the world are equal are good people. Sarvajnar asks those who say that a dip in ‘holy’ Ganges river ensures a place in heaven as to why fishes and frogs that always remain in the waters of the river do not go to heaven?”

Hailing the progressive nature of Sarvajnar’s writings, The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister said his works were full of revolutionary views and ideas and spoke of a society beyond religious and caste divides.

“The Bangalore Tamil Sangam had tried to install the Thiruvalluvar statue 18 years ago. Their efforts did not succeed even after they met the Chief minister and Governor of Karnataka. Their struggle did not end even after meetings with the Prime Minister and the President of India, “It is as though they were waiting for the two of us to come together,” he said.

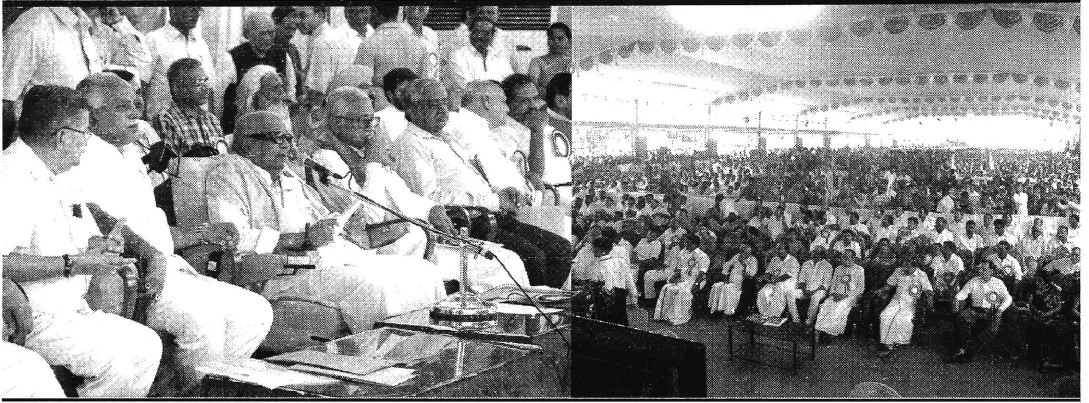
“No one in Tamil Nadu opposed the release of the translated works of Sarvajnar. nor did anybody oppose the installation of his statue,” he said.

Amid cheering of the gathering in Ulsoor, the Karnataka Chief Minister termed it as one of “the most fulfilling’ moments of his life.

Hon’ble Union Ministers Thiru A. Raja, Thiru. Jagatrakshagan, Speaker Thiru. Avudayappan, Karnataka Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah, Hon’ble Ministers Thiruvalluvar Arcot N.Veeraswami, Duraimurugan, Veerapandi S.Arumugam. K.Ponmudy, V.Velu and Hon’ble Ministers of Karnataka, Poet Vairamuthu, historian Chidanandamurthy, writers G.S. Shivarudrappa, Siddalingaiah, and Mathur Krishnamurthy were present. ★

STATUES OF AYYAN THIRUVALLUVAR AND SARVAJNA - STATUES OF UNITY

*Speech by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi
during the unveiling of the Statue of Kannada poet
Sarvajna in Chennai on 13.8.2009*



Presiding over the function to unveil the statue of the Kannada poet Sarvajnar on in Chennai, Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar said, "Let us build bridges through cordiality. We shall guide the people of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in a spirit of brotherhood.

He highlighted the welfare measures for the Kannada speaking, Telugu and Malayalam speaking people in Tamil Nadu. He described the statue of Sarvajnar a statue of unity.

He said there would be detractors playing divisive politics to scuttle the goodwill plans of the two chief ministers. We should strive together to fulfill the vow

taken towards preserving the unity and rights of the people, he said.

Recalling Hon'ble Karnataka Chief Minister Yeddyurappa's remarks to reporters earlier that the two states would resolve all issues amicably, he said: I am sure there are many who dislike the idea of peaceful resolution, as it will render them jobless. Even on Sri Lanka, he could identify persons who were praying that the Tamil ethnic issue should not be resolved peacefully. The opening of the statues of ancient Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar in Bangaluru and Sarvajnar in Chennai was certainly no barter between the two states. It is out of friendship, love and mutual



trust, he said. The statues were symbols of unity.

The fostering of such friendly ties between two states is a model for the entire country, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Thiru.Yeddyurappa said in his Kannada speech, while noting that there was no opposition in Tamil Nadu to the installation of a Kannada poet's statue here.

It signified that the Kannadigas and Tamils were keen to live like brothers and sisters and people also appreciated the fact that the two Chief Ministers had gone beyond politics in resolving issues through dialogue, he said.

"Today is Krishna Jayanthi and six crore Kannadigas take this opportunity to wish the people of Tamil Nadu. A new chapter has begun in the relationship between two states."

Unveiling the statue of Kannada saint-poet Sarvajnar. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka said it was natural for states to have differences, but the leaders should be sagacious to devise means to resolve them. The unveiling of the statue of Sarvajna heralded a new era in the brotherly and cordial ties between the two neighbouring states, he said. This is just a beginning of along journey which began with the opening of saint-poet Thiruvalluvars statue in Bangaluru on August 9. It is our proud privilege to be the harbingers of a historic beginning.

Later, the two Chief Ministers visited the statue of Sarvajna at Jeeva Park in Ayanavaram. Finance Minister Prof.K.Anbazhagan, Karnataka Home Minister Thiru.V.S.Acharya, Union and State Ministers were present.



WE WILL CONTINUE TO TOIL FOR THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE POOR



INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH BY HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU (15.08.2009)

I greet all of you from my heart on this occasion of our Independence Day and I pay my kind respect to all of you.

This August 15th is the day on which the British who enslaved and ruled us nearly for 200 years, had left our country.

It is a great day on which we attained freedom and right to govern our country by ourselves.

“Behold the Flag of our Mother Land! Let us all congregate to pay our obeisance and eulogize!”

These are famous lines written by our National Poet Mahakavi Bharathiyar. Today is a sacred day when we resonate these lines in our hearts and salute our National Flag.

On this auspicious Day, I have the contentment and satisfaction that the Statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar which was kept covered was unveiled and declared open by me in a grand function held on 9.8.2009 in Bengaluru City, the capital of Karnataka with the help of the laudable co-operation of my dear brother and counterpart in Karnataka, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.B.S.Yediyurappa, an everlasting remedy for the anguish which persisted in my heart for 18 long years.

I also have my contentment and satisfaction, having carried out a sacred duty on 13.8.2009 when the Statue of Sarvagnar a celebrated poet of Kannada, one of the important members in Dravidian language, has been declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka State Thiru.B.S.Yediyurappa, which act will pave way for prospering good relationship between the people of both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

"I am happy to announce that this Government have decided to enhance the freedom fighter pension from the existing level of Rs.4,000 per month to Rs.5,000 and family pension from Rs.2,000 to Rs.2,500 per month from 1.9.2009 onwards"

I also feel elated to hoist the National Flag for the thirteenth time on this Fort Ramparts and to deliver the Independence Day speech as a person who insisted and secured the right to hoist the National Flag to the Chief Ministers of all the States in 1974 from the then Prime Minister Tmt.Indira Gandhi.

I pay my homage on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu to the heroic martyrs, who made the ultimate sacrifice and glitter in the history of our long freedom struggle to attain Independence for our country.

Mahatma Gandhi who waged a non-violent struggle against the British

imperialism without arms and bloodshed and drove them away, nurtured profound love for the people of Tamil Nadu and said,

“Whenever I happened to meet any of the Tamils I at once recall and remember those Tamils who stood with me dedicatedly, sacrificing themselves without any self interest Indeed I am very much interested to mingle with Tamils in order to show my gratitude to them”.

History reveals that Mahatma Gandhi visited Tamil Nadu 14 times, which also served as a spring board to formulate battle strategies for the freedom movement.

Tamil Nadu which has to its credit several indelible imprints in the arena of freedom struggle, after attaining Independence, has raised several memorials like statues, commemoration halls to honour the freedom fighters. The freedom fighter pension at Rs.3,000 per month and family pension at Rs.1,500 per month as prevailing from 15.8.1997 were enhanced to Rs.4,000 and Rs.2,000 per month respectively from 1.5.2007, by this Government.

In view of the fact that this year marks the centenary festivities of Perarignar Anna and Freedom Fighter Kakkan, I am happy to announce that this Government have decided to enhance the freedom fighter pension from the existing level of Rs.4,000 per month to Rs.5,000 and family pension from Rs.2,000 to Rs.2,500 per month from 1.9.2009 onwards.

The DMK Government has been continuously implementing a multitude of schemes to improve the living standards of the people of Tamil Nadu in consonance with the sense of responsibility, persistently emphasized by Perarignar Anna, the central figure of the centenary celebrations going on this year and the sagacious mentor who cast a tremor in the polity of Tamil Nadu by arousing the sense of self respect.

After 2006, without resorting to new taxes but extending several tax concessions, we have implemented several novel schemes, which no other state in India has attempted so far. With such new schemes this Government is striving for the inclusive development of

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the people of Tamil Nadu in political, social and economic spheres.

One Rupee per Kilo Rice Distribution Scheme;

Marriage Assistance Scheme for providing Rs.20,000 to girls belonging to poor families;

Scheme for providing assistance of Rs.6,000 to poor pregnant women to have nutritious food;

Scheme for providing assistance of Rs.400 per month to the women who remain unmarried past 50 years of age;

Pension Scheme to aged persons, destitute widows and handicapped persons, which were at the rate of

Rs.200 per month enhanced to Rs.400 per month;

Scheme for providing assistance to severely handicapped which was at the rate of Rs.200 per month enhanced to Rs.500 per month;

Scheme for providing Free Colour Television to all families who do not own a colour television;

Scheme for providing Free Gas Stove with free cooking gas connection to all poor women;

Scheme for distributing free land has benefitted 1,75,798 landless poor agricultural labourers and farmers, who have been assigned 2,10,747 acres;

Scheme for distribution of free house site pattas under which 6,73,486 poor families have so far benefited;

Scheme for formation of Welfare Boards for workers under unorganized sector:- this Government have formed 27 welfare boards for the workers in Unorganised Sectors, including Farm Workers Welfare Board, Transgenders Welfare Board and Sanitary Workers Welfare Board: Through these welfare boards, Rs.439 crore and 43 lakh



assistance has been distributed to 10,10,959 workers' families in unorganized sectors and the implementation of the scheme will continue. With a view to benefit the farmers several schemes are being implemented;

A scheme under which Co-operative loans to the tune of Rs.7,000 crore have been waived;

A scheme to totally write off the interest borne on crop loans sanctioned to all those who come forward to pay back agricultural loans;

A scheme under which 50% of the premium amount under Crop Insurance Scheme will be borne by the Government as grant;

A scheme for the waiver of the interest and penal interest on the loans extended for Non-Agricultural purposes;

A scheme for cancellation of local cess, local cess surcharge and water cess and to levy land assessment at a reduced rate of Rs.2 instead of Rs.15 per acre of dry land; and Rs.5 instead of Rs.50 per acre of wet land.

For the first time in India, under the scheme of linking of Intra-State rivers, Cauvery-Gundar linking project at an estimated cost of Rs.165 crores and Tamiraparani - Karumeniyaru - Nambiar project at Rs.369 crores.

For school children weekly 3 eggs; plantains being given under the nutritious meal scheme;

An act has been enacted under which the Birthday of Kamarajar has been declared as 'Kalvi Valarchi Nall' (Education Development Day);

Tamil has been declared as a classical language; a Classical Tamil Research Centre has been set up at Chennai; and an act to proclaim the first day of Thai

"Tamil Nadu will ensure to occupy the topmost position among all other states in all respects by registering a sustained growth in social, scientific and economic fronts"

month (in Tamil) as the first day of Tamil new year;

Following schemes are implemented to make available quality medical facilities to one and all.

A new Medical Insurance Scheme which will provide medical assistance upto the extent of Rs.2 lakh in every 4 years for Government Servants;

'Kalaiggar Insurance Scheme for Life Saving Treatments benefiting 1 crore families;

Appointment to about 3,44,000 youths in various Government Departments; Further, a scheme to set up 32 new industrial units with an estimated capital of Rs.38,941 crore to provide employment opportunities for 2,13,692 persons.

Reservation of 3.5 percent for Muslims and 3 percent for Arunthathiyars within the reserved category to strengthen the cause of social justice.

In order to promote egalitarian views, construction of 95 additional Samathuvapuram over and above the already existing 145 Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram.

The following schemes are implemented with a view to benefit the people early.

Anna Centenary State Library in Kotturpuram in Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.166 crores with international standards.

A new Legislative Assembly and Secretariat Complex in Government Estate, named after “Omandoorar” by this Government, at an estimated cost of Rs.450 crores.

A park in Adyar at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crores.

Desalination plants at Minjur in North Chennai and Nemmeli in South with Central Assistance of Rs.908 crores as a comprehensive solution to the drinking water problem of Chennai City.

The Metro Rail Project in Chennai City at an estimated cost of Rs.14,600 crores with the financial support from “Overseas Development Assistance”, Japan.

An Elevated Express way at an estimated cost of Rs.1,655 crores for a distance of 19 kilometers from Chennai Port to Maduravayal;

Combined Water Supply Scheme at Hogenakal at an estimated cost of Rs.1,334 crore in order to address the drinking water problem prevailing in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts.

Relief materials including rice, dhal, sugar, tea, clothing, cooking vessels were sent by Government of Tamil Nadu in four instalments involving an expenditure of Rs.38.83 crores out of Rs.52 crores contributed by the people of Tamil Nadu, in response to the appeal made by the Government of Tamil Nadu to extend humanitarian assistance to the Tamil people affected by the war in Sri Lanka.

In addition to the relief materials, Government of Tamil Nadu announced a cash assistance of Rs.25 crores over and above the relief assistance of Rs.500 crores announced by Dr.Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India for the affected Tamil people in Sri Lanka.

“The Kalaigiar Insurance scheme for Life Saving Treatments” which is going to benefit one crore families was inaugurated on 23.07.2009 by Hon’ble Central Minister for Public Health, Thiru. Gulam Nabi Azad who has appreciated the scheme as follows:

“This scheme has been devised so as to reach the doorsteps of every common man” and “Tamil Nadu is setting an example for all other states in the field of health care delivery system.”

Hon’ble Chief Justice of India Thiru.K.G. Balakrishnan has appreciated in a Government function held on 25.07.2009 while declaring open Madras High Court Guest House:

“It is very much appreciable that the Tamil Nadu Government has set apart larger allocations for the Department of Justice when compared to other States. I express my thanks for this to the Government of Tamil Nadu”

Dr.Vijay Kelkar, Chairman, 13th Finance Commission has commended this Government’s performance in the following words:

“Tamil Nadu Government implemented National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme appreciably and won national award for 3 districts namely Dindigul, Sivagangai and Cuddalore and stands testimony to the strength and efficacy of the Panchayat System” and “Tamil Nadu

Government is setting an exemple to be a model State and a forerunner in this regard for all other States to emulate.”

Thus, the Government of Tamil Nadu continues to enjoy appreciations and praises from various quarters;

I desire that the fruits of freedom attained by our country, shall reach the people of Tamil Nadu particularly the poor and downtrodden without any impediment. Their lives shall prosper more and more; with an avowed desire that Tamil Nadu will ensure to occupy the topmost position among all other states in all respects by registering a sustained growth in social, scientific and economic fronts; with the fond hope that you are aware of this Government’s functioning without wasting a second towards this end; let us undertake a solemn oath on this momentous day to strive harder and continue to work assiduously to carry on this noble task ahead.

I once again convey my Independence Day wishes to my dear Tamil People.

Long live our Motherland!

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Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaigñar** paid floral tribute to Thanthai Periyar on his 131st birthday on 17.9.2009. Hon'ble Minister for Finance Prof. K. Anbazhagan and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin were present.



Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaigñar** paid floral tribute to Perarignar Anna on his 100th birthday on 15.9.2009.



Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaighnar** inspected the construction works for the New Legislative Assembly - Secretariat at Chennai - Omanthurar Government Estate on 10.9.2009.



Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi paid homage to Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar by garlanding his statue in connection with his 138th birthday on 5.9.2009.

TAMIL NADU SEEKS INCREASED PRESENCE OF COAST GUARD, NAVY

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin participated on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar, in the Chief Ministers Conference On Internal Security held at New Delhi (17.8.2009)



Speaking on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi, on his participation in the Chief Ministers conference on Internal Security in New Delhi on August 17, 2009, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin urged the Centre to increase the presence of Coast Guard and Navy along the Tamil Nadu coast to safeguard the eastern coastal sector.

He said, "the challenges facing us on the Internal Security front remain unabated and therefore prompt us to be on guard. The Government of India under the guidance

of UPA Chairperson Tmt. Sonia Gandhi and the Prime Minister and Home Minister have been taking every possible step to strengthen the internal security mechanism and to provide credible security to the nation. I am happy to state that Tamilnadu continues to maintain vigil and has taken strides in Internal Security management with progress of time. The state remains free from any major crisis largely due to the hard work of State Police and Intelligence Wing. For the benefit of all, I would like to go by the issues raised in the agenda.

Following the last meeting on 06.01.2009, our Government has come up with a detailed Crisis Management Plan and Standard Operating Procedure in response to extremists' attacks. The SOP provides for a quick and effective response mechanism at all levels. Quick Reaction Teams, Quick Response Units, BDDS Teams, etc. are in position and being well trained.' These units are located in each district and city. Such units at station level is not undertaken for reasons of manpower management, training and operational difficulties.

Strengthening of State Special Branch is underway with proposed addition of men and officers. It is also proposed to motivate them further by a special allowance. District and City level Special Branches are already providing for one man per station.

At this stage, I would like to draw attention to the one time assistance sought

from the Centre. Proposals to the tune of Rs.51 crore have been submitted for the purchase of equipments for State Intelligence. Tamilnadu Commando Force. Special Task Force and Coastal Security Group. For the same, I would suggest a one-to-one meeting of MHA and State officials as soon as possible for early sanction.

In addition, the Centre may meet the cost fully towards manpower for Internal Security Management. Non-availability of such assistance to states managing their situations well, amounts to penalising them for good work. It is requested that manpower cost towards maintaining Quick Reaction Teams in Districts and Cities for Internal Security Management may be borne by the Centre. Funding for training, manpower in Internal Security may also be provided for.

Tamil Nadu is not in favour of creating a separate intelligence cadre due to





problems of career mobility, sectional recruitment and cadre management. The issue of attrition rate vis-a-vis gaining specialisation is being dealt with in the proposal for restructuring of State Intelligence by modifying selection process and providing incentives to stay on.

With respect to Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) in Tamilnadu. CB CID is the Nodal Agency which has a cell to deal with the same. It takes up analysis, investigation and prosecution related to FICN. CB C1D has also been co-ordinating with RBI, ED, DR1 and Customs for better results. I would like to stress once again my request for more actionable information from DRI and ED in this regard.

Tamil Nadu Uniformed Service Recruitment Board is regularly recruiting police personnel to fill up the existing and projected vacancies. In the last three years,

over 12,000 police personnel have been inducted into police force. Another 13,000 vacancies will be filled up shortly. Regarding establishing new police stations, in the last three years 13 law and order police stations. 30 traffic police stations have been sanctioned and 47 outposts upgraded to full-fledged police stations.

As already stated, the Standard Operating Procedure focuses on High Value Targets in detail by regularly updating 'threat perception'. Tamilnadu Government is also considering involving local bodies in access control and surveillance by enacting suitable rules and regulations.

Tamilnadu has been a pioneer in community policing and continues to reap benefits of the same. The Police Standing Orders provides for Village Vigilance Committees. Coastal Village Vigilance Committees and Border Village Vigilance

Committees are also functioning to meet specific needs. Collectors and SPs have been directed to allocate more resources and time to keep these Vigilance Committees pro-active. The new Standard Operating Procedure lays importance on pro-actively educating and involving Community in Internal Security Management.

The Home Minister had written to us regarding creation of State Industrial Security Force. We are examining the cost benefit aspect of this suggestion.

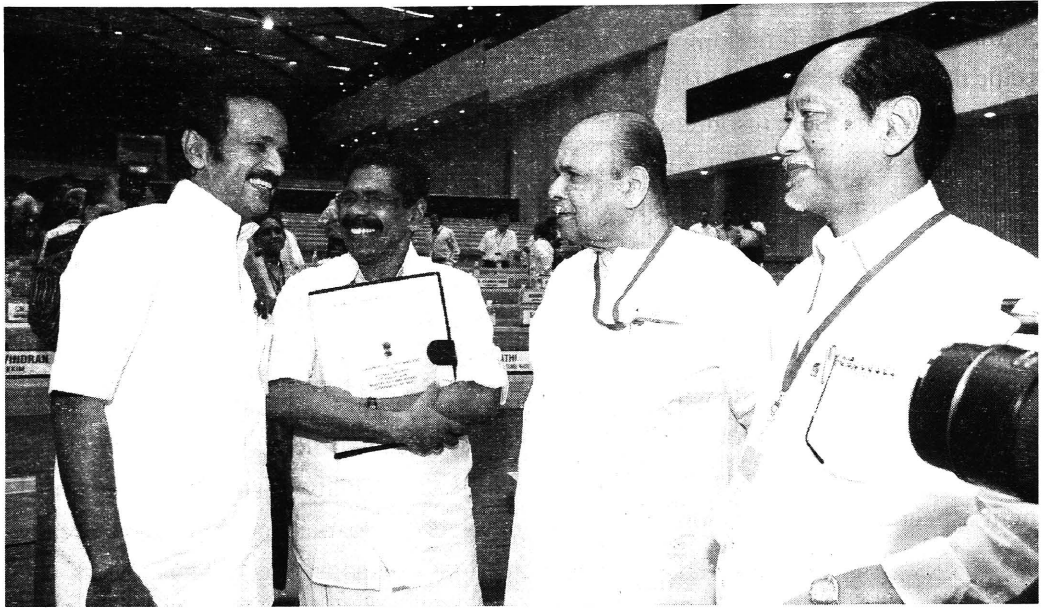
Tamil Nadu, with coastal length of more than 1,000 kms, was pioneer in the formation of Coastal Security Group. This 232 strong force mans 12 Marine Police Stations and 2 Outposts. 78 Checkposts are manned by Tamilnadu Special Police. Two boats received from the Government of India have been made operational. Creation of Coastal Security Group with state police is just an extension of the basic role of

central agencies. Hence, a commonly agreed scale of manpower for manning boats and coastal police stations may be worked out by respective states and centre. This manpower should be funded by centre. Further, it is suggested that, budgetary provision may be made in advance to meet the cost of fuel and hiring of boats instead of reimbursement.

Another problem, which most states face, is availability of technical personnel to run these boats. Though, we have already recruited personnel to run two boats, the training and repairs aspects may need deeper deliberations. It is also suggested that Centre may think of making the repairing facilities of Coast Guard and Indian Navy available to Coastal Security Group as well.

Tamil Nadu, has recently conducted a penetration test in collaboration with Coast Guard and Indian Navy. 'Operation Barricade' was a huge success in bringing





Central and State agencies together in working out the various aspects of fighting a sea-borne attack. The exercise has also proven that a section of fishermen have been trained to act as 'eyes and ears' of state administration against such attacks. Regular land border meetings are being conducted between police and forest officers of neighbouring states. These have been found highly useful in curbing Left Wing Extremism and forest-related offences.

The pace of expenditure under Modernisation of Police Force in Tamilnadu has been good. We have been effectively utilising the MPF funds. Action taken report on concurrent audit of MPF scheme has been furnished.

The physical impact of MPF scheme on Tamilnadu Police, particularly from the year 2000-01 upto the year 2007-08, has been

good. MPF scheme has brought about great impact on Tamilnadu Police and has helped in capacity building, training, visibility and housing. However, the allocation for MPF over the years has not been keeping pace with the need. In fact, in real terms the central share and allocation has gone down over the years. Further, from 2009-2010 the allocations may be increased so as to make a greater impact.

Tamil Nadu Police is still in need of funds under MPF scheme under various heads. It is felt that MPF scheme should continue for another ten years beyond the year 2009-2010.

I take considerable pride in stating that Tamilnadu Police is effectively countering the problem of Left Wing Extremism in the state. The operations conducted in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008 led to crippling

of CPI (Maoist) presence in Tamilnadu. This year, five Naxals absconding for decades have been arrested.

Counter-Maoist action has included implementation of socio-economic development plans in affected districts. The counter-Maoist propaganda in the State is subtle. This is basically undertaken in sensitive areas by involving the local population and identifying the issues of development and addressing them. The front organisations are identified and local police sensitized.

Tamil Nadu police is competent enough to operate using its own resources for facing internal security challenges. However, SOPs provide for utilising Central Para Military Forces.

Regular combing operations has kept the media alive to police action against CPI (Maoist). Recent arrests of long-absconding accused has also led considerable credence to the ability police forces. Media is, by and large, positively portraying the issues of Left Wing Extremists in favour of administration. Also issue of media management has been extensively dealt in CMP / SOP.

Before concluding, I would like to draw your attention once again to my requests made on 06.01.2009:-

- a) Increasing the presence of Coast Guard and Navy to safeguard eastern coastal sector.

- b) Creating common database on terrorism and other matters related to Internal Security at the centre with facility of access by the states. Deputation of police personnel to get training in institutions abroad to fill the voids in Intelligence collection and sharing by exposing them to best practices.
- c) Strict immigration control measures such as photographing and finger printing all foreigners on arrival and web-based Passport Information System to be made accessible to the State Intelligence Wings.
- d) The entire cost with respect to weaponry and equipments required for anti-terrorism and anti-sabotage operation may be met by the Centre.
- e) To expedite the process of funding mega city modernisation.

I would also like to thank the Prime Minister and Home Minister for establishing a regional NSG hub in Chennai. A Nodal Officer from State police is helping them to familiarise with local situation and High Value Targets.

Our Government and the people of Tamilnadu are indeed aware of the great need for all of us to come together to overcome narrow and divisive policies and ideologies. While thanking again the Prime Minister, we want to assure our continued support in the efforts to strengthen the diverse and secular foundations of our country and to stand shoulder to shoulder in the challenging task of nation building.”

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TICEL TO ESTABLISH THIRD BIOTECHNOLOGY PARK



TICEL (TIDCO Centre for Life Sciences) Biotechnology Park III will be established after the completion of TICEL Biotechnology Park II, said Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin in Chennai on August 26.

"TICEL is a unit of the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), a State government undertaking.

Speaking at the foundation stone-laying function of TICEL Biotechnology Park II, which will be completed in 2011, he said TICEL Biotechnology Park II will be built with an investment of Rs.120 crore and will have built-up area of 6,00,000 sq.ft. Biotechnology, pharmaceutical, bio-IT and nanotechnology research and development units could be established, providing opportunities for around 1,500 scientists.

As there was a lot of demand after TICEL Biotechnology Park I was constructed, the second one was planned. Establishments in TICEL Biotechnology Park I had been provided various amenities, including electricity at subsidised rate.

The rent earned was Rs.65 lakh a month" he said.

TICEL Biotechnology Park II will be constructed adhering to Bio Safety Level-3. Bio Safety Level was a standard to measure various parameters, including air quality, safety provisions and exhaust facilities. In developed countries Bio Safety Level-3 and Bio Safety Level-4 were followed. As the investment for constructing a park adhering to a higher standard was higher, the rent would also be higher, TICEL Biotechnology Park I follows Bio Safety Level-2.

"As there was ample trained manpower in the field of biotechnology, the infrastructure to provide employment was required; The market for clinical trials and drug development was huge, and such infrastructure would attract investments in these fields.

A Bio IT park would also be established in the TICEL Biotechnology Park II," the Industries Secretary Thiru.M.F.Farooqui I.A.S., said.

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'GOVERNMENT TO MAKE TAMIL NADU AN INDUSTRIAL HUB'

- Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin



The state government is aiming to make Tamil Nadu a hub for industrial manufacturing of products for the world, said the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin.

Inaugurating the Cheyyar Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Developers Private Ltd, established in 275 acres of land, at Mangal village near Cheyyar on August 30, he said, "The state government has been taking initiatives to promote industries to make the state a hub for industrial manufacturing. Now, the state has been placed in third position in terms of the developments of SEZs in the country. The previous government had spent around Rs.4,250 crore for industrial sector in 10 years (during the period of 1991 to 1996 and 2001 to 2006)

and signed only seven memorandums of understanding (MoU) with companies.

But the present government has invested more than Rs.35,795 for the sector since 2006. It has created 2.14 lakh employment opportunities by entering into MoUs with 29 companies.

As many as 3,000 rural youth have been employed in a private shoe manufacturing company that has been established on the premises of Cheyyar Special Economic Zone Developers (PVT) Ltd. Of them 50 percent are women, he said, adding, "This shows how much this government is interested in creating employment opportunities for youth."

Addressing a function on the Lotus Footwear Enterprises Limited Company premises in the Special Economic Zone





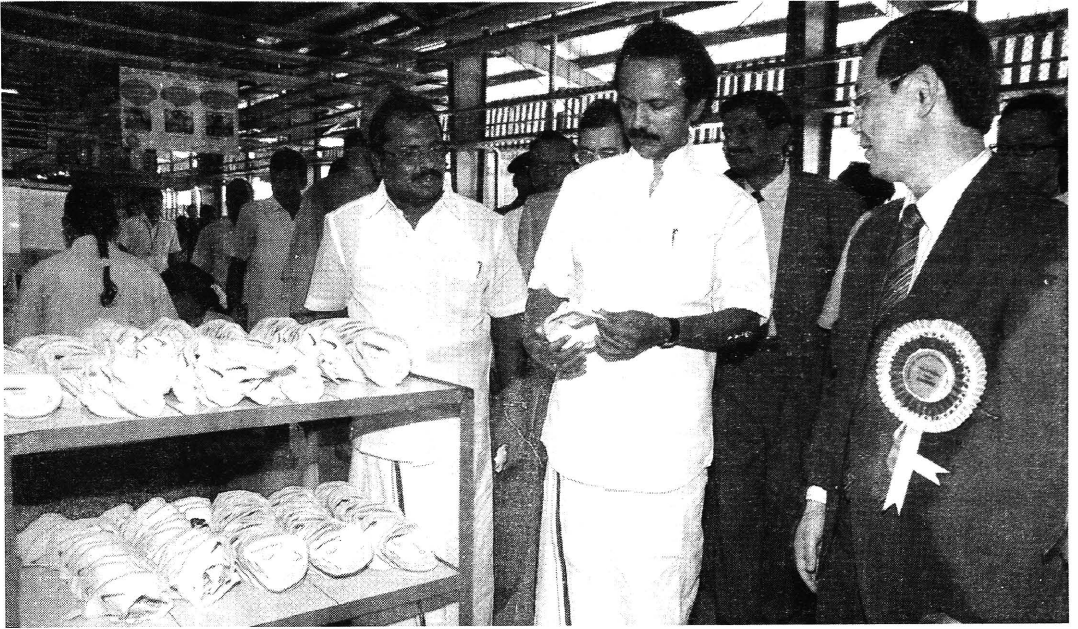
promoted by Feng Tay, he said the State had the third highest number of SEZs.

“It is an open secret that Tamil Nadu is one of the States, which have recorded highest industrial growth rate. In the last three years, Tamil Nadu attracted Rs.39,741 crore in industrial investment through 32 projects, providing jobs to nearly 2.14 lakh persons.” The government accorded top priority for creation of basic infrastructure for industries, apart from ensuring an industrial-friendly atmosphere. Setting up of SEZs in rural areas would provide job opportunities to rural masses. This unit stands as a perfect example. A total of 2,770 employees, out of around 3,500 persons hired by the company so far, hail from villages located around this unit.

He said the state had leased 275 acres of land for 99 years at a price of Rs.90,000 per acre for Growth-Link Company as per an agreement of 2006. Changing the name as Cheyyar SEZ Developers Private Limited, the company has invested Rs.164 crore in the project, which is expected to be over by 2012-13, providing employment to 18,000 people. Already, there were 3,000 employees, 2,550 of them locals, with 50% women from the nearby villages. The workforce would grow by 5,000 more in the second phase. Nearly 750 people from the families that parted with land for the industrial complex had been employed in the facilities.

Admitting that the government was not going to gain by way of tax revenue from industries at present, the Deputy Chief





Minister said the state was keen on industrialisation due to the cascading effect on the economy through setting up of ancillary units around an industry. This would result in employment generation for educated youth. For the much-needed infrastructure in the complex, the government has completed work on overhead tanks at a cost of Rs.7.80 crore to store water from Cheyyar river and has commissioned a 52MVA substation in the premises.

Rs.300 crore footwear SEZ would cater to production and export of brands like Nike shoes from the factory near Cheyyar town located about 100 km from Chennai.

Government has sanctioned 90 acres for eight companies investing Rs.355 crore in SIPCOT's Cheyyar industrial complex, a sign

of industrialisation spreading over a wider arc around city."

Hon'ble Food Minister Thiru.E.V.Velu thanked the State government for ensuring that an industry was set up in Tiruvannamalai to help arrest migration of workers to nearby districts. "More number of industrial houses have now evinced keen interest in setting up their units in the SIPCOT industrial area near Cheyyar, where lands were acquired by SIPCOT a decade ago". Hon'ble Higher Education Minister Dr.K.Ponmudy, Industries Secretary Thiru.M.F. Farooqui, I.A.S., Chairman and Managing Director, SIPCOT, Thiru.N.Govindan, I.A.S., Collector Thiru.M. Rajendran, I.A.S., General Manager, Cheyyar SEZ Developers Limited, Thiru.Tapes Singha participated in the function.

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PERARIGNAR ANNA'S POLITICAL HONESTY

Speech by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi during the Perarignar Anna Centenary Valedictory Function on 15.09.2009



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaaignar M.Karunanidhi, who earlier released a five-rupee coin issued in commemoration of Anna, reiterated the relevance of State autonomy his good offices in making State autonomy during the centenary celebration of former a reality.
Chief Minister Perarignar Anna.

Presiding over the valedictory of 'naanayam', which means both 'coin' and Perarignar Anna Birth Centenary 'honesty', Kalaaignar said the celebrations on 15th September 2009, at commemorative coin had been released University Centenary Celebration Hall in perhaps to recall Anna's political honesty. Chennai, he appealed to Hon'ble Union There were several instances in Anna's life Finance Minister Thiru.Pranab Mukherjee, to show his political and personal honesty.



For instance, when Anna had to part ways with his leader Periyar following some difference of opinion, some people suggested to him to capture Periyar's Dravidar Kazhagam itself. The benevolence shown by Anna then was political honesty uncomparable. He told them that if he heeded to their suggestion the newly formed DMK had to be always at loggerheads with the DK. The DK and DMK would function as double barrel gun, Anna declared. Anna was prophetic and today both these parties function as Anna envisaged.

"If not immediately, he [Thiru. Mukherjee] should [at least in near future] clear all the obstacles to strengthening the powers of States and raising the status of

regional languages and providing equal status to them at the Centre," the Chief Minister said, receiving the coin from the Union Minister.

He recalled how the Union Minister, who was then in Bangla Congress, strongly argued for giving greater powers to States at a conference on State autonomy organised by the DMK in Anna Nagar here in 1970.

The conference was attended by Thanthai Periyar, the then Chief Minister of West Bengal Ajoy Mukherjee, Pranab Mukherjee of Bangla Congress, Quaid-e-Milleth Mohammed Ismail of IUML, Silambu Chelvar Ma.Po.Sivagnanam, Telengana Party leader V.P.Raju,

Tmt.Neeruleb Gowri, Punjabi Akali Dal Secretary Sardar Prem Singh Lal Pura, Bihar's Kameswara Singh and the then Pondicherry Chief Minister Farook Maricar.

“Thiru.Pranab was with the Bangla Congress of Ajoy Mukherjee then. He spoke up for state autonomy. He insisted that state autonomy was crucial for national integration. He had some problems with the Congress later as well.

As a representative of Bangla Congress, Thiru.Mukherjee had pointed out that while the Centre was given key powers, the States were given only unimportant powers and the Central government was monitoring them too. Besides, the Constitution had given powers to the Centre to take away any of the power given to the states.

Thiru.Mukherjee had said that national integration could be nurtured only when the states were given equal rights and respect and when people speaking different languages were given opportunities. Thiru.Mukherjee's views on these issues holds good even now.

He also made it clear that his party was never against any language. “We are friends of all languages. We like all

languages. At the same time, we emphasise that our language should be given its due place at the Centre.”

Hon'ble Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to make available more financial resources to states as part of increased autonomy and initiate the process of making 13 regional languages the official languages of the country. “Tamil language should get its due place in the Central government. We are not against any language in the country.” We want Bengali, Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil and other regional languages get their due place as official languages of the country. The participants in the anti-Hindi agitation in 1937-38 [organised by the Justice Party] had only expressed their stand against the imposition of Hindi but not against the language per se”.

Hon'ble Chief Minister who released the centenary souvenir, handed over a cheque for Rs.50 lakh to Chief Secretary Thiru.K.S.Sripathi,I.A.S., for helping students of Arundathiyar community in pursuing engineering and medical courses. The amount, earned by the Chief Minister by writing screenplay and dialogues for the Tamil feature film “Pen Singam,” would be used through the Arundathiyar Welfare Board.

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‘ANNA CONTINUES TO BE ROLE MODEL FOR INDIAN POLITICIANS’

Speech by Hon’ble Union Minister for Finance
Thiru.Pranab Mukerjee during the
Perarignar Anna Centenary Valedictory Function on 15.09.2009



Paying tributes to the former Chief Minister Anna, Hon’ble Union Finance Minister Thiru.Pranab Mukherjee said on the occasion of the Valedictory of the Perarignar Anna Centenary Celebrations. Anna continued to be the role model for Indian politicians. He was an excellent orator and a very distinguished Parliamentarian. The leader based his political philosophy on the needs and aspirations of the downtrodden. He praised Anna as a true democrat and a tall leader in post-Independent India.

He recognised that “unless people are inspired by the fundamental principles of

social transformation, electoral victory cannot be a stabilising factor.” The Hon’ble Union Minister said giving an account of the various measures taken by the DMK rule under the leadership of Anna.

Referring to the 1967 elections to various State Assemblies, the Union Minister said the success of the DMK under the leadership of Anna was that it not only secured a clear, decisive majority but created history. Since then, only the Dravidian parties were getting the mandate from the people of the State, “of course, occasionally

through the form of coalition where my party, Congress is also a partner.”

The Hon’ble Union Minister lauded the Tamil Nadu Government for industrial peace in the state.

“Tamil Nadu is a very important state for any finance minister. Though it accounts for only 6% of India’s population, it is one of the highest contributors of the GDP. One of the foremost states with a high rate of urbanisation and industrialization. At the same time, industrial peace is dominant here.”

Speaking at the valedictory of the year-long Anna Centenary Celebrations after releasing the Rs.5 commemorative coin, Anna, “one of the noblest personality and tall leaders of India,” continued to be the role model in Indian politics even today.

“Anna is not only the founder of powerful political party but also devout disciple of social reformer Periyar, whose movement changed the landscape of Tamil Nadu,” he said.

Rather than emotion, Anna operated on the basis of logic and reason. He was a true democrat and deeming it a privilege to be a member of the House, where he belongs too. He was a harbinger of social reforms. He was a great democrat, an excellent orator, a distinguished parliamentarian and a great literary figure.

The Centre released a postal stamp with Anna’s portrait on February 3, 1970 on the first death anniversary of the great leader. He recalled how Anna championed the cause of the downtrodden in the state and legalized self-respect marriages.

On the occasion, the Hon’ble Union Minister released a five rupees coin to commemorate the birth centenary of Anna and the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu received the first coin.

Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin launched a website dedicated to Anna, “<http://anna100.tn.gov.in>” and released a book containing the golden sayings of the late leader. He also released two volumes of Tamil etymological dictionary.

Hon’ble Finance Minister Prof.K.Anbazzhagan, Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin, Hon’ble Union Ministers Thiru.Dayanidhi Maran and Thiru.S.S.Palanimanickam, Poet Kanimozhi, Member of the Souvenir Committee and Thiru.Parithi Ellamvazhuthi, Information Minister, were among those who addressed the function.

Hon’ble Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Thiru.M.K.Alagiri took part in the celebrations. State Information Minister Thiru.Parithi Ellamvazhuthi welcomed the gathering.

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MARCH ONWARDS

The role of the University today is not cloistered and confined as in the past. Its function has been enlarged not in its fundamentals but in its domain. It has to take into account the common man not to perpetuate his commonness, but to train, guide and lead him, for he is called upon to-day to perform uncommon tasks. He is asked to do his duty as the citizen of a democracy a task which kindles sweet hopes but which demands patience and perseverance, faith and confidence, faith in himself and in others and confidence in his inherent ability to shoulder the responsibilities. The common man has become the Ruler of the land - he holds his destiny in his own hand. Unlike in a bygone age, when rulers were born either in palaces or in mansions, to-day, every hamlet and every hut has become the birth place of a potential ruler and the duty to-day the responsibility to-day of the Universities is to fashion out of him an individual fitted and equipped for the task of making democracy fruitful and effective.

Ours is not a case of starting from scratch. Had that been the case the only thing needed would have been the intensity of effort to be put forth. Ours is a case of erosion of the mind-we are



not in search of fields, but have to engage in the task of fertilising it, irrigating it. We are not in search of ideals, but are engaged in the more intricate task of classifying codifying and verifying layers of ideals. We are not wanting in culture but have to cleanse it from the cob-web of time and deadulterate it. In short, we have to re-discover ourselves, and re-construct our entire thought. Once we were the custodians of every thing noble but we have allowed the germs of decay to multiply and thrive. Our task to-day is to allow fresh air and sunshine and regain the original shape and stature-that which made us well-known in distant lands and climes.

Democracy is not form of a Government alone-it is an invitation to a new life-an experiment in the art of sharing responsibilities and benefits-an attempt to generate and co-ordinate the inherent energy in each individual for the common task. Hence we cannot afford to waste a single talent impoverish a single man or woman or allow a single individual to be stunted in growth or held under tyranny and the Universities should, through the graduates it sends forth year after year annihilate the forces that attempt at aggran-disement and tyranny, fight against cant and hypocrisy and enthrone human dignity.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has stated in unmistakable terms that Tamil and English can serve all our purposes, the former as the Official Language of this State and the latter as the link language. If it is accepted and the most emphatic of Hindi protoganists-do accept that-if it is accepted that English can serve admirably as a link between our State and the outside world, why plead for Hindi to be the link language here? What serves to link us with the outside world is certainly capable of rendering the same services inside India as well.

I believe only in the purity of my heart in order to make others accept my views. I shall not rely on my strength to fulfil it.

- Anna

"May your life be a bright one, and may its lustre brighten the entire land. Accept my congratulations, and march onwards, towards the land of smiles"

- Anna

University education is an epitome of all that is best in thought cultivated in various countries, and from you should radiate universal thought and cosmopolitan ideas.

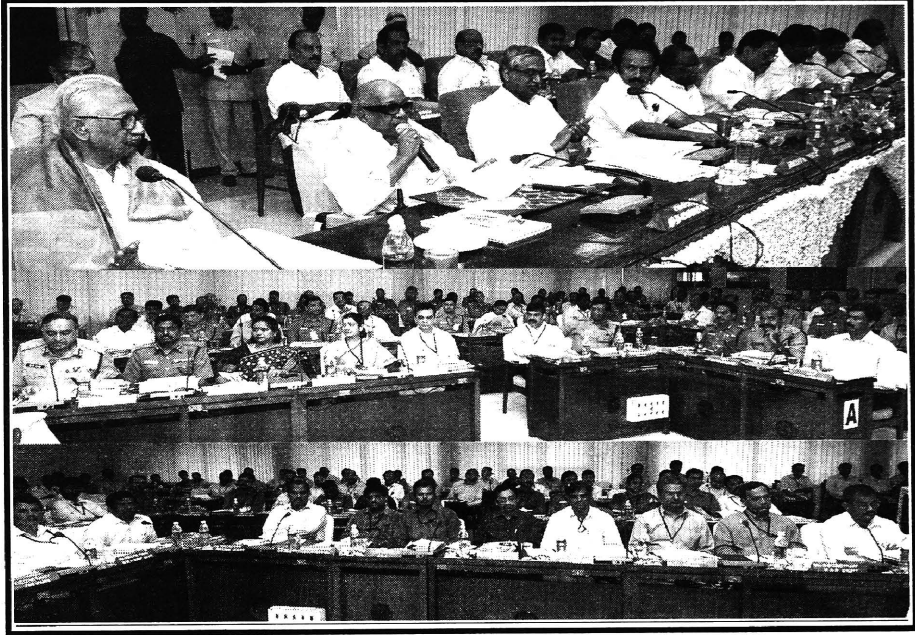
South India is the home of the most ancient culture. Though for a fairly long period there was the mist of ignorance, thick and widespread, it has now been acknowledged by all that Dravidian Civilisation of highly developed character can be traced back to the second and third millenia before Christ. Many a foreign scholar has borne testimony to the perfection with which Tamil language has been developed into an instrument of precise and subtle thought and to the beauty and richness of the literature which is contained in it. Dravidian literature, philosophy, art and architecture offer therefore a rich and fruitful field for exploration and critical investigation.

Excerpts from Anna's Annamalai University Convocation Address delivered on 18.11.1967

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NINTH WORLD CLASSICAL TAMIL CONFERENCE IN COIMBATORE



The next (Ninth) World Classical Tamil Conference will be held in Coimbatore in January-February 2010. A decision to this effect was taken on September 17 by the State government at the Conference of District Collectors and Police Officers at the Secretariat in Chennai.

Inaugurating the Conference of the Collectors and Police Officers, Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi indicated the government's plans of hosting the next World Tamil Conference.

[Tamil Nadu, till now, has hosted three editions of the Tamil Conference. The Second World Tamil Conference took place in Chennai in January 1968; the Fifth Conference in Madurai in January 1981 and the Eighth Conference in Thanjavur in January 1995.]

In his speech, the Chief Minister urged the police to monitor the coastal areas of the State. It was the duty of the police personnel to ensure that undesirable elements, in guise of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees, did not enter the State.





Expressing satisfaction over law and order, he directed the police to prevent entry of sleeping cells of terrorist organisations and hawala transactions. He reminded the police that it was one of their foremost duties to see to it that no custodial death and illegal detention took place. Expressing concern over the increasing rate of road accidents, he wanted the police personnel to analyse the causes of the accidents and work for road safety.

In view of the delay in giving compensation to victims of road accidents that involved buses of the State-run Transport Corporations and high cost, the government decided to insure all buses belonging to the Corporations. This would enable quicker disbursal of compensation.

Noting the increase in the number of farmers covered under an insurance scheme in the last three years, the Chief Minister asked the Collectors to take steps for bringing more farmers under the scheme. The number of farmers insured went up from one lakh in 2006-2007 to 9.88 lakh in 2008-2009.

Referring to the Universalisation of Secondary Education, he said the vision of the programme was to provide high quality secondary education to children up to the age of 16 by 2015 and extend higher secondary education to them up to the age of 18 years

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by 2020. This year 20 model schools would be opened.

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THE SPRING THAT IT WAS!

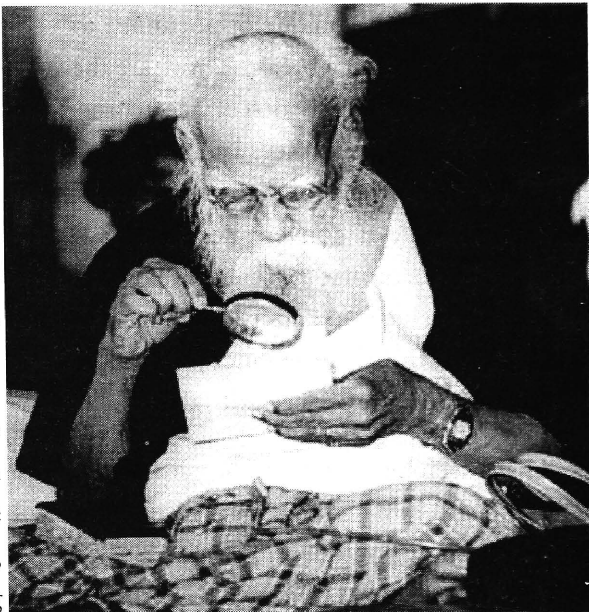
- By Perarignar Anna

There was once a spring that was mine. After a long time, indeed, after very many years, when I bring it back to memory, I get the smile which otherwise cannot show up in these days of anxiety. Periyar knows the spring I speak of and the anxiety, too, that has come my way, because of the responsibility I have taken on.

I said spring; you know, it is the period after my college days, when I was going about with him in the wilderness. When I was so engaged, I used to look on with joy the todding gay flowers in multi-colour splendour and sense the fragrance all over.

Those days, if only we could address a public meeting with no ruffle or scuffle, we could be proud of a great success. Before we started we would read the letters of threats and caution : Beware of your head! Beware of your beard! Beware of your stick! Beware of your life!

“Annadurai, have you seen this”, so saying he would throw me a letter. Yes, Ayyah - I would reply with no implication whatever. He wouldn't ask me to accompany him, for he knew I would. We would go and Periyar would deliver an impressive speech. If the one who wrote



the threatening letters had been among the audience, he would certainly come to the next with a garland to Periyar. The speech would be so sharply defined and logical.

Having heard such clarion speeches, many of the Tamilians, a great many, indeed, had become free from their follies and the whole of Tamil Nadu had taken a new turn. It is only this soil that has made history of the one who came out to work relentlessly and with no fear whatever, and spoke with an open - heart in a bid to arouse the society from slumber and revive it. I was just a boy when that history was made. When the glorious pages of that history were adding a new, in one part of it I did

my job along with him. It is those days that I have pointed out as *the spring that was mine*.

Many served jointly with Periyar. More than any, I had the unique opportunity, to be with him without a break. Those are the days which are still so delectable to me. I recollect and sense the sweetness even today. He has given a lot many elements of thoughts by way of conversation. He gave me the opportunity to realise that one should have a heart to endure anything. He made me get the zeal, the inner joy and the contentment in the service upto the public.

I have seen him talk to many with anger; I have heard him scold; I have heard him shout, "I know you fellow, get away!" But not a single day did he behave so with me. He was always a little soft with me and with me alone. He looked upon me as one of the members of his own family. He is the only leader whom I have met and accepted. He was then of my age now, when I joined him, three decades ago. Prior to that, he was serving the public for thirty long years. Those are the most important years in the history of Tamils.

"He stuns us! baffles! irritates! talks all sorts!" - so were the attacks. "We shouldn't leave him so! He must be done away with! I myself shall see to his end!" - so were the threats. Many in Tamil Nadu spoke derogatorily attacking, opposing, antagonising, mocking and rebutting but they all were, indeed, lending their ears to

his speeches, standing at a corner or hiding behind! The speech went on for more than half a century. Those who opposed, those who mocked at, those who showed no concern saw themselves changing without their being conscious of it. Those who were hot, became subsided; those who threatened, became submissive; those who did not care, became interested in him. His speech! That, indeed, was flowing free and forceful, drilling the mountains, rolling the stones, turning the jungles into farm-lands, with the nuance of the sound and the elegance of the step! "He speaks there; he speaks here". "He speaks on that; he speaks on this"-so, for these fifty years Tamil Nadu has been loudly proclaiming. "What I have in my mind, I speak out come what may" - that was his war of liberty throughout his life. The success he met with was great. The outcome of his success was none the more his alone. All of us enjoy the result of it. It has been well established that in this land of the Tamils what is felt to be correct may be given expression to in a clean manner. This is the first phase of the revolution of thought! Periyar is wholly responsible for it! To achieve this success Periyar's service has been immeasurably high. The level to which he has raised Tamil Nadu cannot be seen elsewhere in India. When people of the other states hear it, they sweat. "Is that so! Is that possible! Does it happen! Do they leave you!" so they ask, however, looking around!

When I toured along with Periyar the cities of Haridwar, Calcutta, Patna, Kanpur, Banares, Lahore, Allahabad, Amristar, etc., everywhere they put only such questions. Who put such questions? the rationalists! The rationalists of those places read volumes! Wrote beautiful essays! met at small halls and spoke, - with police on guard! But here? Here! Is there a day when Periyar has not addressed the people? Is these a place where his voice is not heard? Is there an antique that breathed free? What is it to which he submitted himself? Which Purana escaped his attack? Oh, a single man, all alone, how badly he tears us to pieces. The old order that was holding fast this country yelled in horror! With a new interpretation and polish a portion of the relics has been guarded, but the basement has become shattered under his hammerblow. There is none who has not observed it.

It is for that reason I do not call Periyar's great service a matter of an individual's account, but I usually call it an era, a phase, a turn. When atrocities show up, people would only keep themselves off and guard themselves against their influence, but would not like to face them, however. Periyar never hesitated to wage a war against atrocities wherever he might find them, whatever might be their form, and however strong they might look.

The battle fields he saw are many; the victories be won are many. The war he

Every problem has several aspects. Opinions may differ that is but natural in democracy. We should critically examine and analyse the different opinions and choose the best one for efficient implementation. This is the best way of solving problems.

- Anna

waged is still going on. He is 89! But he is still in the field. The opportunity that I had to be with him in the battle, in one part of it, it is that which I mark as the spring.

He should live with us and for us for a number of years more. His continued services shall no doubt be available to make the life of the Tamils healthy and, at the same time, rid them of the chronic sufferings, too.

Long live Periyar !

By courtesy of "Viduthalai"

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THE HURRICANE THAT UPROOTED GROWTHS POISONOUS TO SOCIETY

- Perarignar Anna



An uneducated old man. An obstinate person from his youth. An agitator who was not aware that a party set-up should follow the nature of political objective. He never bothered about the feeling of the people he hurt and that those hurt will hurl abuses. He refused to be tactful. He was attacked by the very same persons whom he brought into the limelight. To this old man, the very idea of agitation tastes

sweet. He has a long public service to his credit. But what has he gained? Has he obtained a knighthood? Had he any opportunity to go to Geneva at Government cost. Did he go to the States at the expense of the Government? What are his achievements? He was put in prison not less than eight times. This is Ramasami Naicker.

We are aware of the appearances of a good many extremists in the world. We are aware of speakers with gifted tongues, who have talked of atheism. We have seen heroes braving rivers of fire. We should understand the great difference between these persons and Periyar.

They talked and wrote among educated persons of mature understanding. Whereas Periyar's work was among the most illiterate of Tamil Nadu amongst opposition including stone throwing and mud slinging. While the all knowing men of letters of all fields, felt helpless even to check impostors. Periyar, slashed through like a hurricane, uprooting various growths poisonous to society in Tamil Nadu.

Periyar has great experience in having led a number of agitations. His relationship and understanding with the general public was so certain that the wrath of the rich could not harm him.

He sowed the seed of self respect in Tamil Nadu. He has seen many a battlefield and participated in many a battle. Discarding luxurious living, he lived a simple life.

Come forward to work. Don't ask me the means of livelihood. Come to rescue your community. Don't ask me whether you have the energy for it. Come, join the battle. Don't ask me when it will end. This was his war cry.

The qualities of intellectuals and revolutionaries like Socrates, Lenin, Bernard Shaw and Rousseau, for which they are held in great esteem are all seen together in the form of Periyar.

A good number of persons have worked along with Periyar. Throughout I had the opportunity to be with him, more than the others. They have been very sweet days for me. Even as I recall them today, I derive great pleasure.

During his conversations he has come out with a number of thought provoking ideas. He taught me the art

of fortifying my heart against hardships. He induced in me a great interest, pleasure and satisfaction in public service.

I found and accepted the leadership of this sole leader. His life was a continuous struggle to uphold the right to speak what he felt at any cost. His success in this struggle was tremendous. He was not the sole person to enjoy the fruits of his success. Today, one and all enjoy the fruits of his labour. In Tamil Nadu, a state prevails, when one can express his views freely. This is the first phase of the success of an intellectual revolution. Periyar and Periyar alone is responsible for this. The service rendered by him to achieve this success is very appreciable.

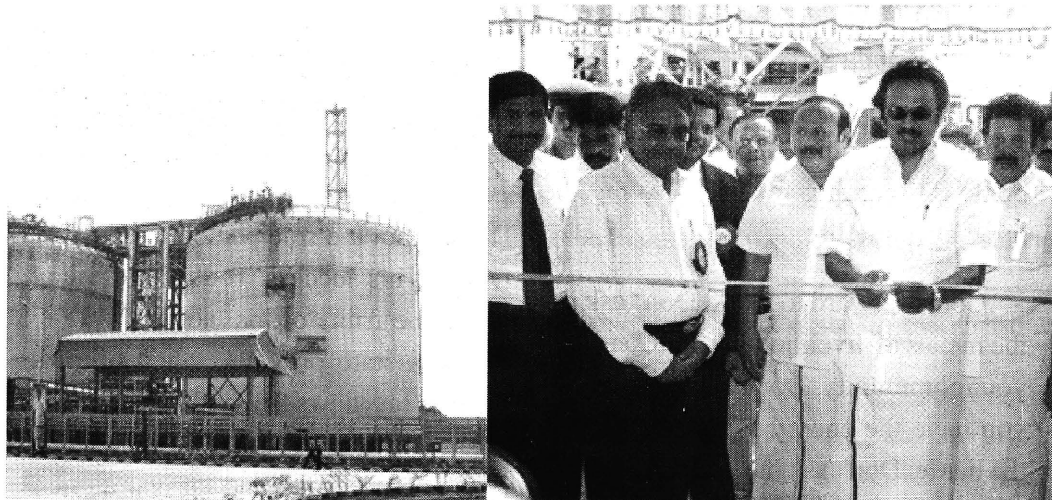
And therefore, I generally refer to it. The great service rendered by Periyar is not the work of an individual, but it is an era, an important period of time, a turning point.

He has seen many battlefields. The successes achieved were very many. The battle he started is still going on.

I call those days the spring in my life, the days when I had the opportunity to join him in that battle.

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Rs.600 CRORE PVC PLANT OPENED AT CUDDALORE



Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Rs.600 crore 1.70 lakh tonne capacity polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plant set up by Chemplast Sanmar Ltd at the SIPCOT Industrial Estate in Cuddalore on September 21.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the State had attracted investments to the tune of Rs.39,741 crore into industries. This had created 2.16 lakh jobs in the past three years. Some of the Fortune 500 companies had shown interest in Tamil Nadu.

Beating the economic slowdown Tamil Nadu succeeded in attracting more foreign direct investment and witnessed industrial growth. The state Government, in the last three years, forged memorandum of understanding with 23 companies, including for nine industrial projects, for which a package of incentives was offered. Over 500 industries in the world have invested in Tamil Nadu.

The state Government would implement the new industrial policy

shortly. It had enacted a bill in the Assembly for having a single window clearance system for investment and to hasten approval for projects.

After obtaining the President's assent for the bill, the state would attract more industries and speed up clearance for industrial projects.

Software exports in Tamil Nadu had touched Rs.36,680 crore in 2008-09, against Rs.16,400 crore during the previous regime, he said.

The Oxford Analytica India State Index, compiled by an international network of senior faculty members of Oxford and other major universities, had rated Tamil Nadu as the most attractive investment destination among the 28 States and two Union Territories. This was because of its better quality infrastructure and governance.

The Cuddalore SIPCOT Industrial Estate was growing from strength to strength since its inception. In Phase I, 36 of the 59 approved industries were

on stream. In Phase II, two of the seven approved industries had started production.

The Rs.5,000-crore oil refinery to be set up by Nagarjuna Oil Company in Cuddalore would bring in substantial foreign exchange. In Phase III the Southern India Mills Association would facilitate setting up of textile units and all these would create thousands of jobs. The PVC plant would encourage many downstream industries to come up. Through its 24 production facilities across the State, the Sanmar group had created 10,000 direct and indirect jobs”.

“Thanks to the unstinting support extended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Kalaigarnar M. Karunanidhi and the Deputy Chief Minister, the company could overcome the hurdles in setting up the PVC plant”, said the Chairman of the Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. The first unit of the company was inaugurated 42 years ago by the former Chief Minister. C.N. Annadurai, at Mettur.

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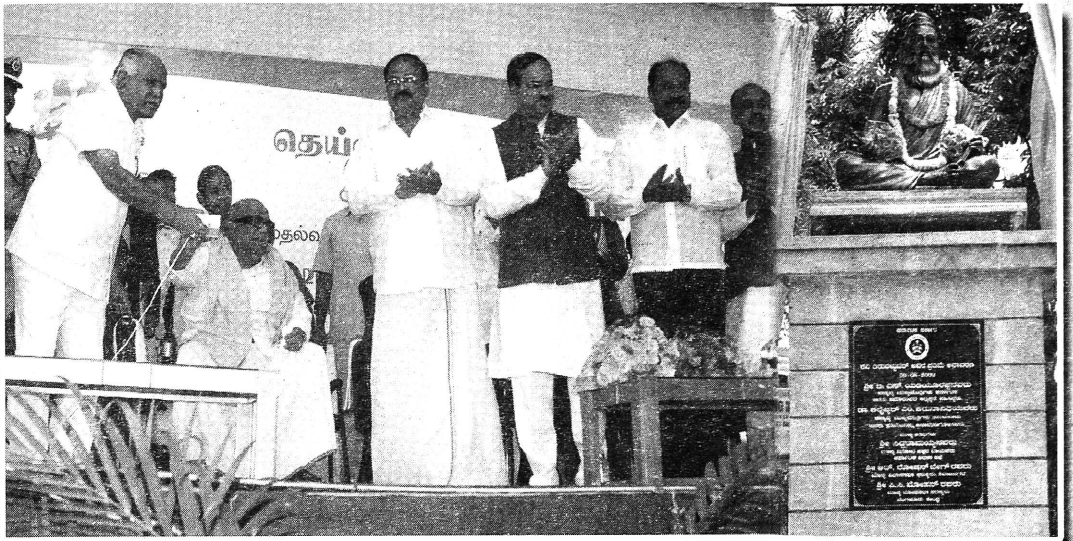
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Hon'ble Chief Minister **Kalaignar** presided over the function held at the Chennai - Ayanavaram Railway Protection Force parade ground in which the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Thiru. **B.S.Yeddyurappa** unveiled the statue of Kannada Poet Sarvajna through video conferencing facility. Hon'ble Minister for Finance Prof. K. Anbazhagan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. Parithi Ellamvazhuthi, Hon'ble Ministers of Karnataka and higher officials from both state Governments participated. (13.08.2009)



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaigamar M. Karunanidhi released the Perarignar Anna Centenary Celebrations Souvenir on 15.9.2009.