





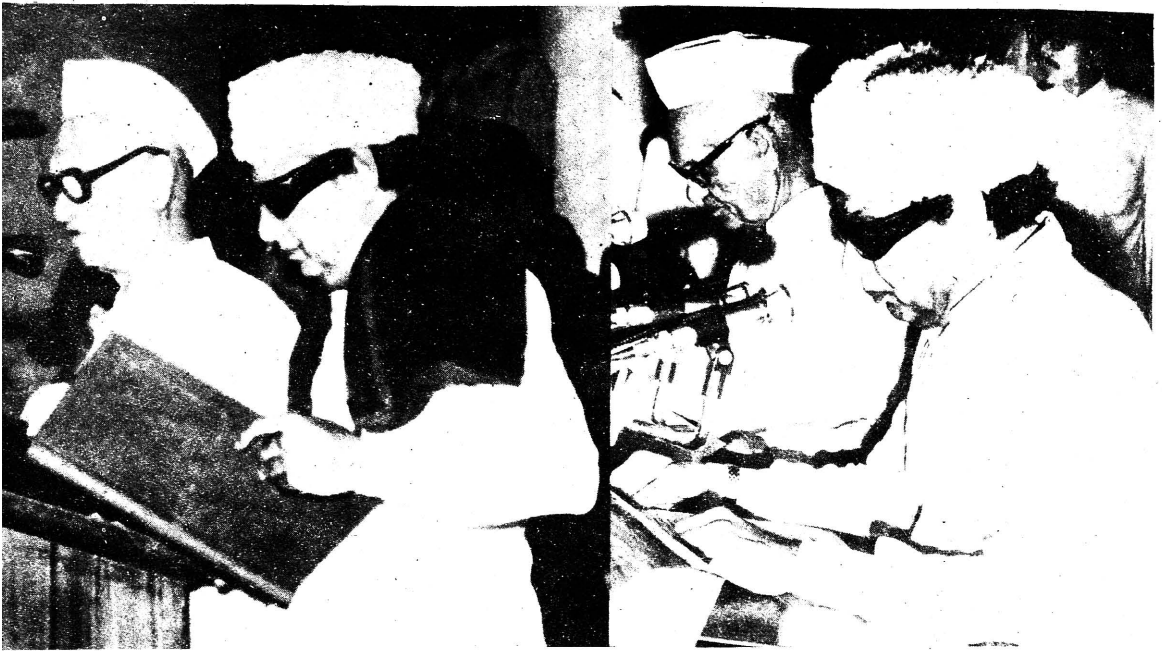
Dr.M.G.R. with Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna.



In
memory
of
the late
revered
Chief minister
Dr. M.G.R.



JANUARY, 1988



Assuming office as Chief Minister (30.6.1977)

Sworn in as Chief Minister for the Second time (9.6.1980)

Assuming office as Chief Minister for the third time -(10.2.1985)

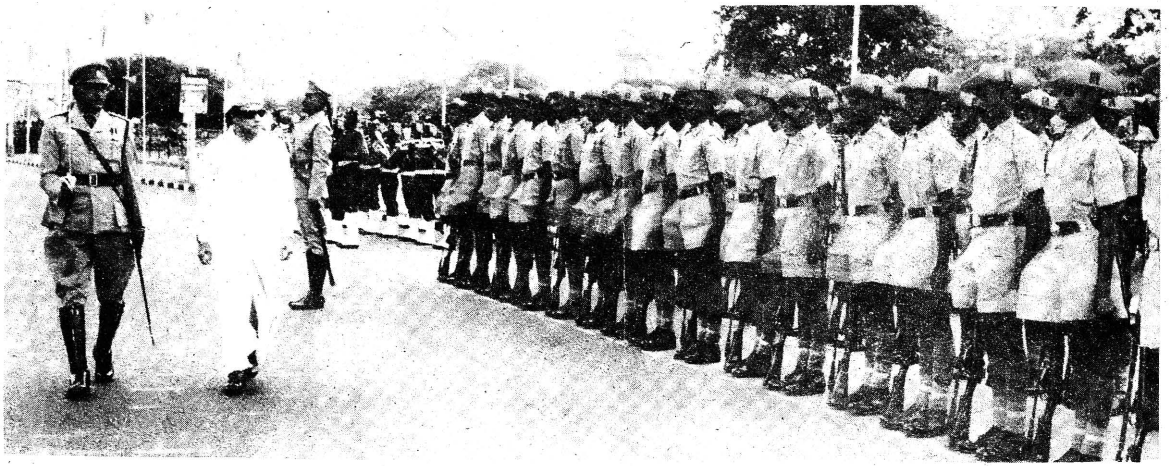




Placing a wreath at Anna Square.

Greeting the masses after assuming office as Chief Minister in 1977.





Inspecting a Police Guard of Honour.

With the Finance Minister Proceeding to present the Budget





With Thiru R.Venkataraman.

With Thiru. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy.



With Thiru Zail Singh.

WITH PRESIDENTS

With Thiru V.V.Giri





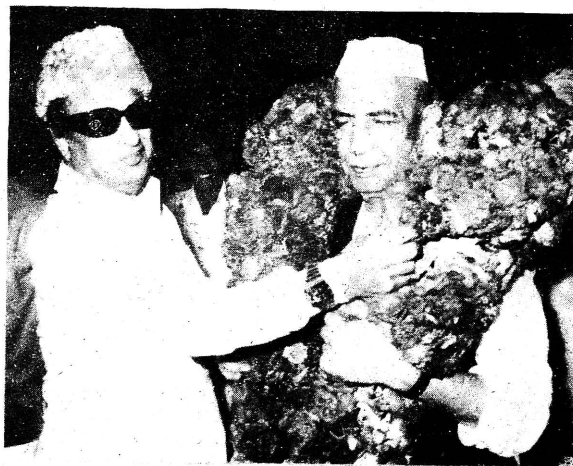
With Thiru Rajiv Gandhi.

With Tmt.Indira Gandhi.

WITH PRIME MINISTERS



With Thiru Morarji Desai.



With Thiru Charansingh



Dr. M. G. RAMACHANDRAN

CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DR. M. G. RAMACHANDRAN, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, India, is one of the most beloved humanists of the country. Dr. M.G. Ramachandran, endearingly known as M.G.R. was born on 17-1-1917 at Kandy in Sri Lanka where his father was a Magistrate. M.G.R.'s family came to Tamil Nadu and settled in Kumbakonam. After his father's death, M.G.R. could not pursue his education beyond the primary stage. He joined a drama troupe to support the family.

His mother wielded a great influence in shaping his character and, even while young, he began to foster the qualities of being humane and to resist tendencies that degraded human beings. He staunchly believed that sincere service to the poor is the gateway to the kingdom of God.

After gaining considerable experience on the stage, M.G.R. struggled hard to enter the cinema

world. That was not easy. By his persistent efforts and endurance he slowly rose to positions. From 1947 he began to play principal roles as hero. One by one his films became box office hits.

He was of the firm opinion that the film media should be utilised for propagating good ideals. His film 'Malaikallan' in 1954 won him national acclaim. He produced and directed his own film 'Nadodi Mannan' (1958) which was regarded as 'movie magnum' and broke all previous records. Till he became Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, he had acted in 132 films. He was an actor par excellence, a great director and producer. He knew each and every aspect of film making. Through the medium of cinema he preached virtues that make man a good human being. In the year 1972, he got the 'Bharat' award.

From his early years he had been a keen observer of public affairs. He was a staunch nationalist and a progressive thinker. He was a very good reader and conversationalist. He came into contact with the great leader Annadurai popularly called "Anna". He joined D.M.K. in 1953. M.G.R. proved to be a great crowd puller and vote catcher for D.M.K. Anna had a special place for M.G.R. in his heart. M.G.R.'s popularity was mainly instrumental for the D.M.K. taking hold of the Madras Municipal Corporation in the year 1959. From then on there was no looking back and M.G.R. led D.M.K. from victory to victory. He himself became a Legislator by entering the Madras Legislative Council in the year 1962.

In the year 1967, in the middle of election campaign, M.G.R. was shot at by rival actor M.R. Radha and M.G.R. was hospitalised. He contested the election lying in the hospital and he won by a huge margin. He needed no canvassing.

During the Chinese aggression in 1962, he as the first donor, donated Rs. 75,000 to war fund and at the time of Bangladesh war he actively campaigned for Defence efforts.

After the demise of Anna in 1969, M.G.R. backed M. Karunanidhi and Karunanidhi became the Chief Minister with the support provided by M.G.R. After the massive victory in 1971 elections, the ways of the party leadership began to be resented by the ranks as also by the public. Difference of opinion crept in between M. Karunanidhi and Dr. M.G.R. M.G.R.'s efforts to set things right in the D.M.K. party went futile. Instead of mending his ways, Thiru Karunanidhi expelled M.G.R. from D.M.K., then the treasurer of the party.

With enormous public support, M.G.R. founded the All India Anna D.M.K. on 17.10.1972. His party won all the bye-elections held between 1972-1976. The D.M.K. Ministry was dismissed in 1976.

The A.I.A.D.M.K. was voted to power in 1977 and again in 1980. M.G.R. as the Chief Minister started making plans to fulfil his promises which were mainly aimed at the uplift of the poor. He ordered reservation of 50% of seats in educational institutions and in Government employment for the backward communities. He launched many social welfare schemes for the hapless women, Child Welfare Schemes, Self-sufficiency scheme for the rural communities, the scheme of "One job per family" for the weaker sections and the schemes of paying "Unemployment allowance" for the educated unemployed youth.

The Chief Minister's Nutritious Noon Meal Programme has been acclaimed as a wise investment in human resources development. It is essential for national development. The programme has created

a very favourable climate for education, health, growth and overall well-being of the children who are the future citizens of the country. It is a tribute to the human values, the Chief Minister possessed and practised.

Recently he introduced a scheme for supplying Footwear to children and poor working mothers, distribution of uniforms and text books to school children free of cost. He also introduced "Life oriented education" in schools from 1984. A massive programme is being launched to provide 30 lakh houses to economically weaker sections.

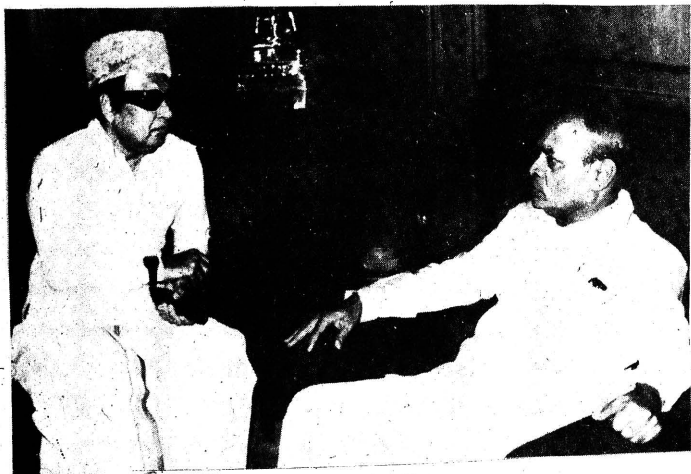
He has been instrumental for the rapid growth of higher education in Tamil Nadu by formation of new universities including one for women and another for Tamil language. The University for Tamil and the Women's University are the first of their kind in the whole of India. He has also been instrumental for opening of a number of polytechnics, medical colleges and engineering colleges.

He successfully conducted the Fifth World Tamil Conference at the ancient city of Madurai, which had been the seat of the Third Tamil Sangam. He had travelled extensively and had visited countries such as Sri Lanka, Burma, Singapore, Japan, Hongkong, France, Mexico and USA. He had a sharp and deep understanding of men and matters. Above all, he maintained a very cordial relation with Union Government. Being a leader committed to National Integration and Secularism, he led Tamil Nadu State as a model to others in maintaining communal harmony.

By reason of his eminent position and attainments, his incessant fight against evils in society, his abundant philanthropy, artistic intensity, creative energy, freshness of style, the lyrical force with which he communicated with the masses, and his inspiring devotion to an authentic moral humanism, he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris causa) by the University of Madras.

In the General Elections held during December 1984, A.I.A.D.M.K. secured massive victory for the third time. Dr. M.G.R. was elected as a Member of the Assembly even as he was taking treatment in Brooklyn Hospital, U.S.A. He assumed office as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the third time, on his return from U.S.A. on the 10th of February, 1985. The people of Tamil Nadu had unshakable faith in him as would be evident from the fact that he was elected and assumed office of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for three times successfully.

This great Charismatic leader and beloved Chief Minister Dr. M. G. R. passed away at 3 a.m. on 24th December 1987 at his residence at the M.G.R. Garden, Ramapuram, Madras.



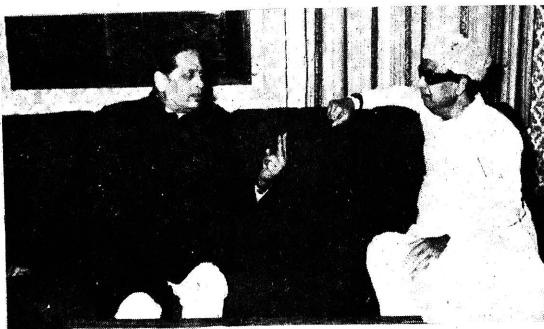
With Thiru Narasimha Rao.

WITH UNION MINISTERS

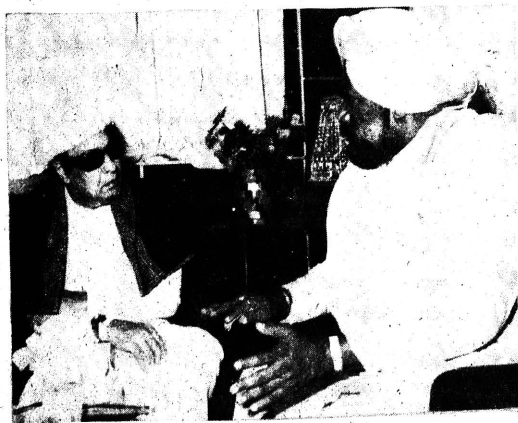
With Thiru N.D.Tiwari.



With
Thiru Vasant Sathe



With Thiru Buta Singh.



With Thiru Chavan





With Thiru Hegde,
Chief Minister of Karnataka.



With Thiru N.T.Rama Rao,
Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

WITH STATE CHIEF MINISTERS



With Thiru Farooq
Abdullah, Chief Minister
of Kashmir.

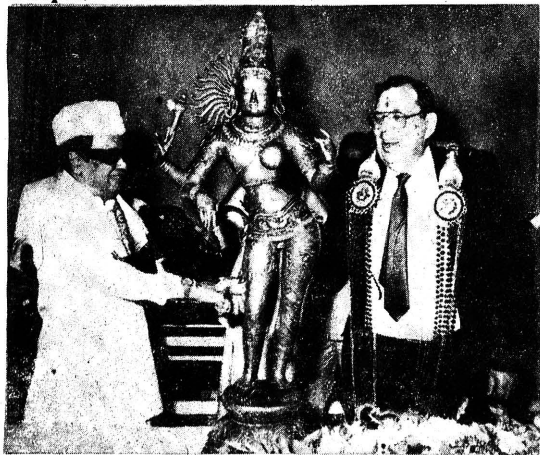


With Thiru Jyoti Basu,
Chief Minister
of West Bengal.



Dutch Ambassador, Mrs. E.M.Schoo called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr.M.G.R. (18.11.1987)

Presenting the statue of Artha Narceswarar to Dr.Friedman of Brooklyn Hospital, USA at a reception in Madras on 17.3.1985.



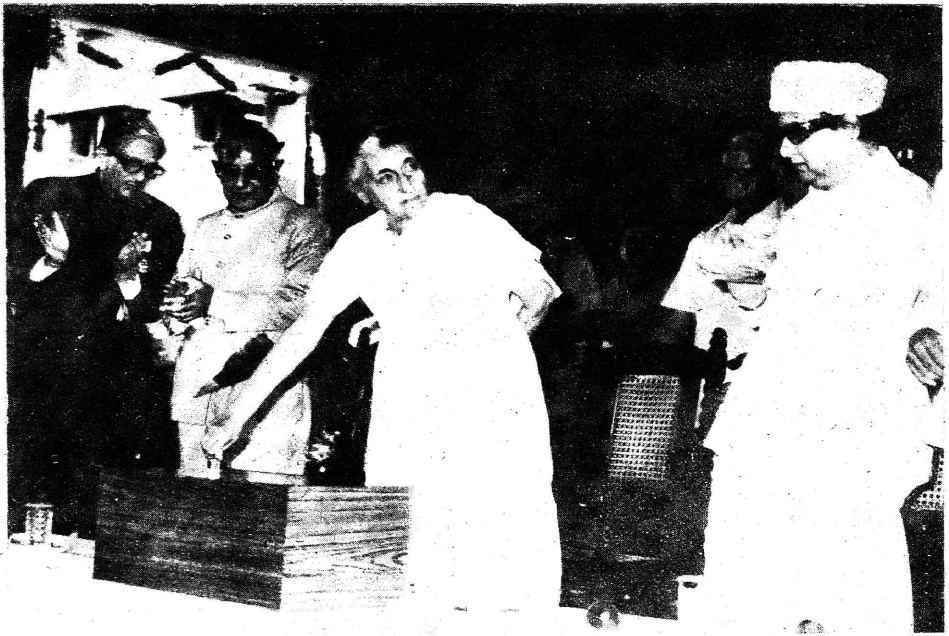
WITH SOME INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES



With Prince Charles of England (3.12.1980)

With Dr.Kannu on 12.12.1986.

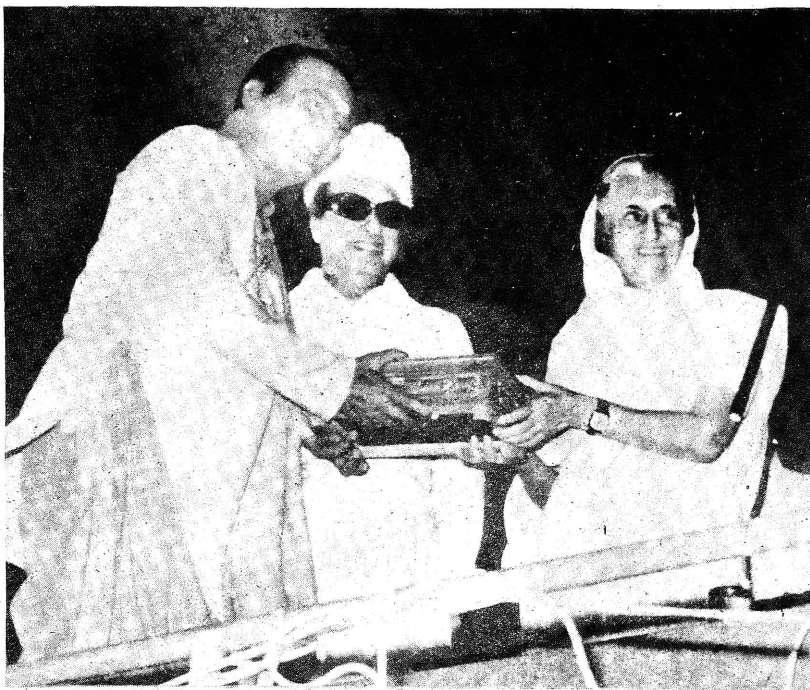




At the inauguration of Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant

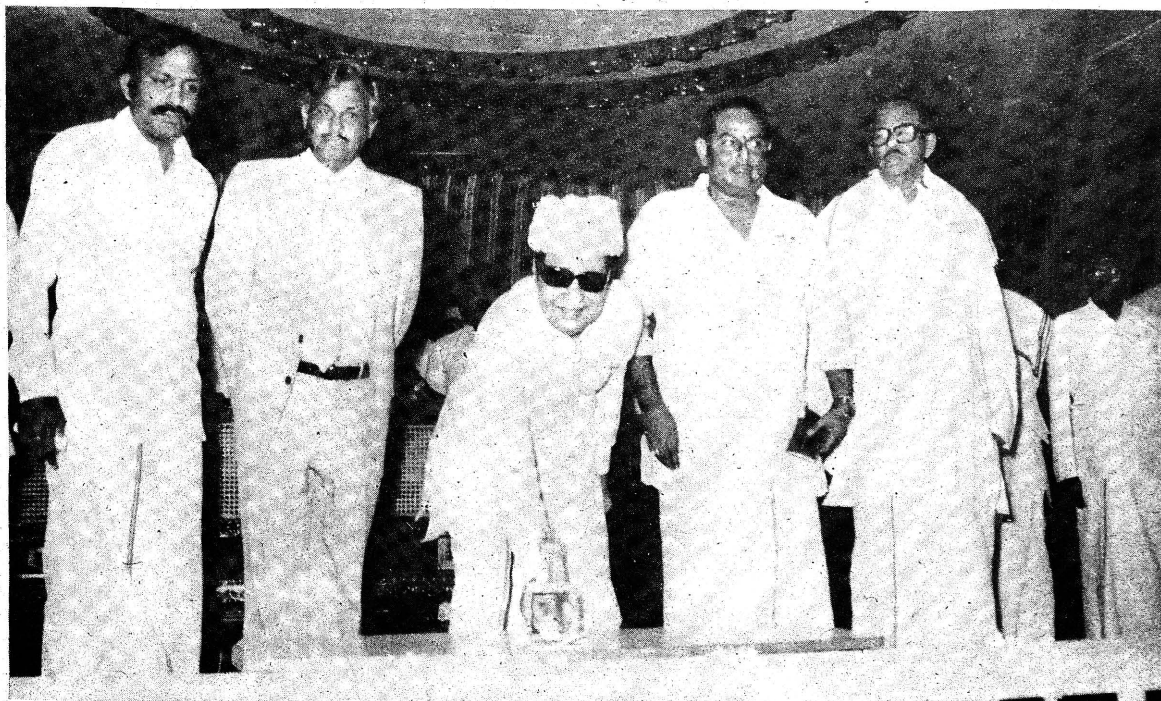
Inauguration of the Computer Centre at the Secretariat -(27.1.1987)

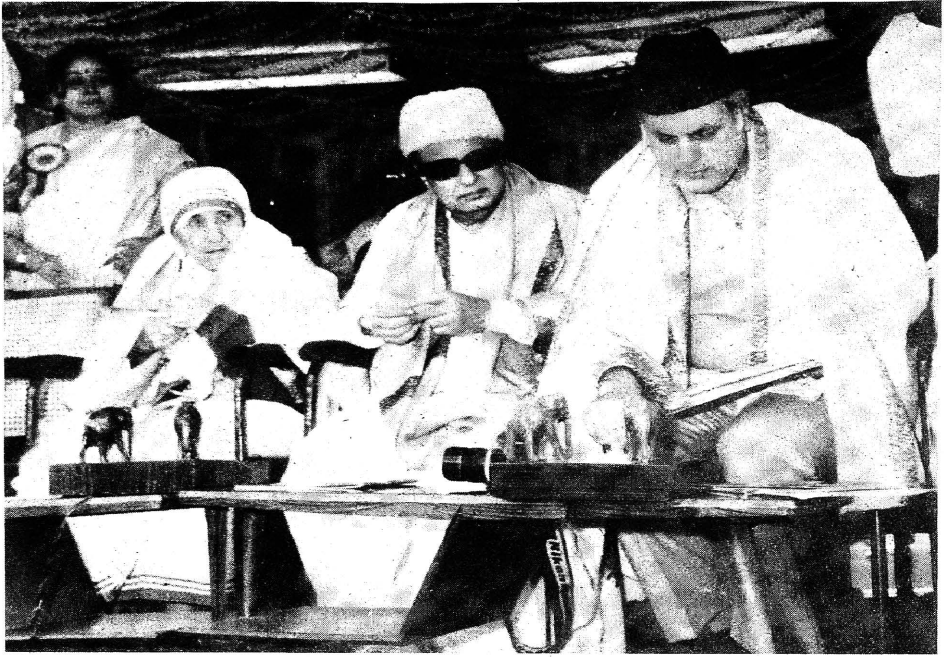




Inauguration of Krishna Water Scheme on 25.5.1983.

Laying the Foundation Stone for 'Madras Gardens', Tourist resort on 16.7.1987.





Inauguration of Mother Teresa University for women at Kodaikanal (2.3.1984)

Inauguration of Children's Film Festival (1979)



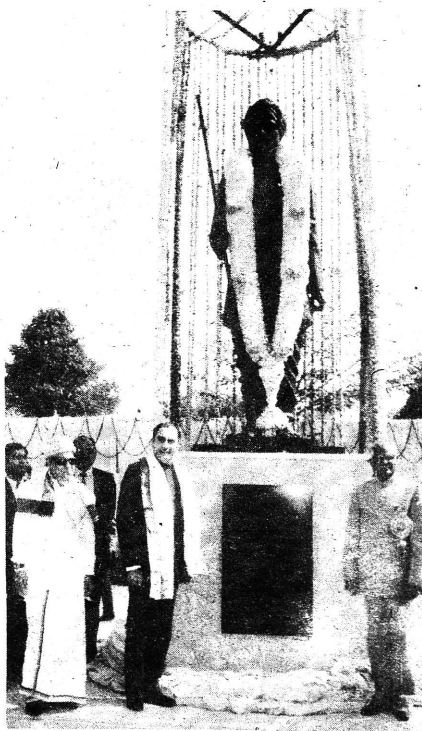


Unveiling the statue of Jawaharlal Nehru (21.12.1987)



At the function of unveiling the statue of Mahakavi Subramania Bharathiyar at New Delhi (4.2.1987)

At the function to celebrate Indo-Sri Lanka Treaty (2.8.1987)





Dr.M.G.R. handing over a cheque for Rs.96 lakhs, the amount incurred by the Tamil Nadu Government for his medical treatment, to the Finance Minister Dr.V.R.Nedunchezian on 30.6.85.

Inauguration of Tamil University at Thanjavur (15.9.1981)

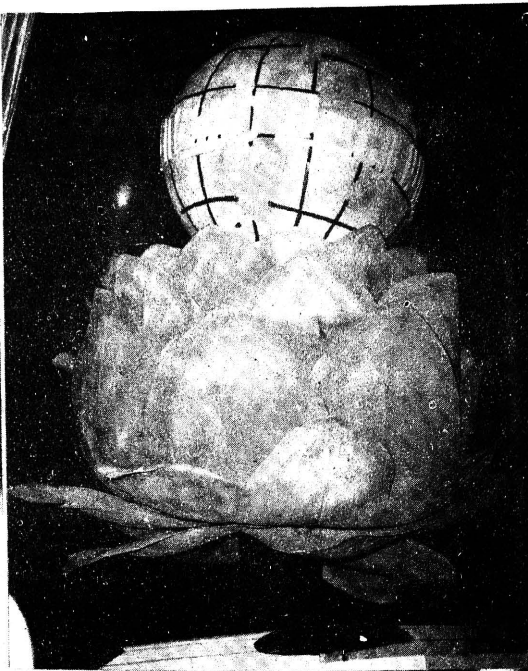
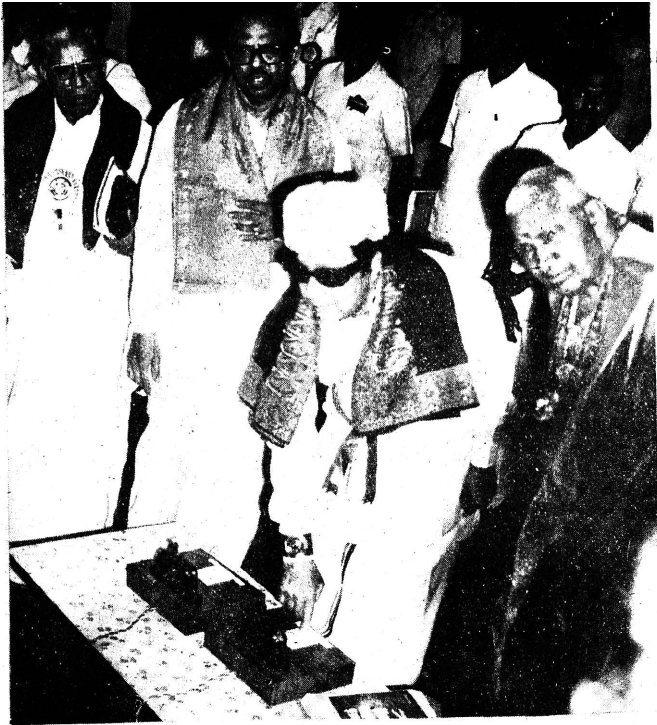




With Thiru P.H.Pandian, Speaker Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

Golden Jubilee celebrations of Co-optex (2.9.1985)





Inauguration
of World Tamil
Sangam at Madurai
(14.4.1986)



Inauguration of the Tamil University Library at Thanjavur (14.4.1987)





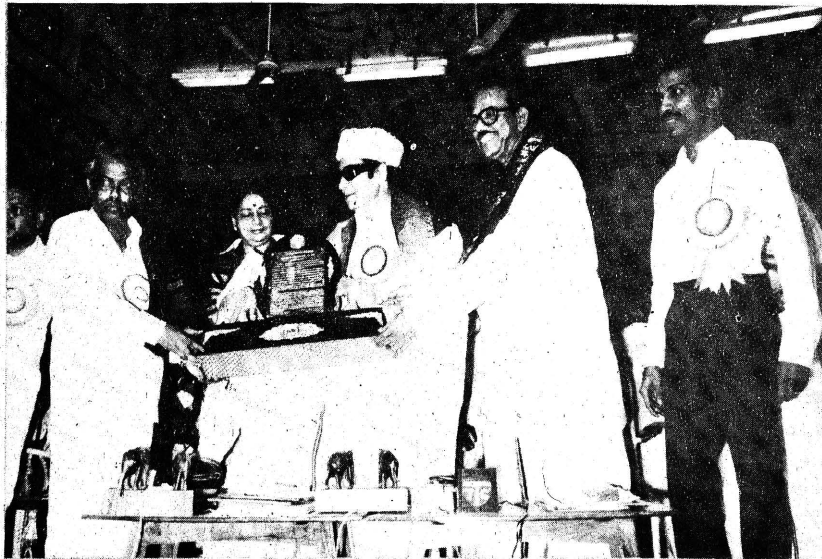
Tiruvalluvar Award to Kunrakkudi Adigal (15.1.1986)

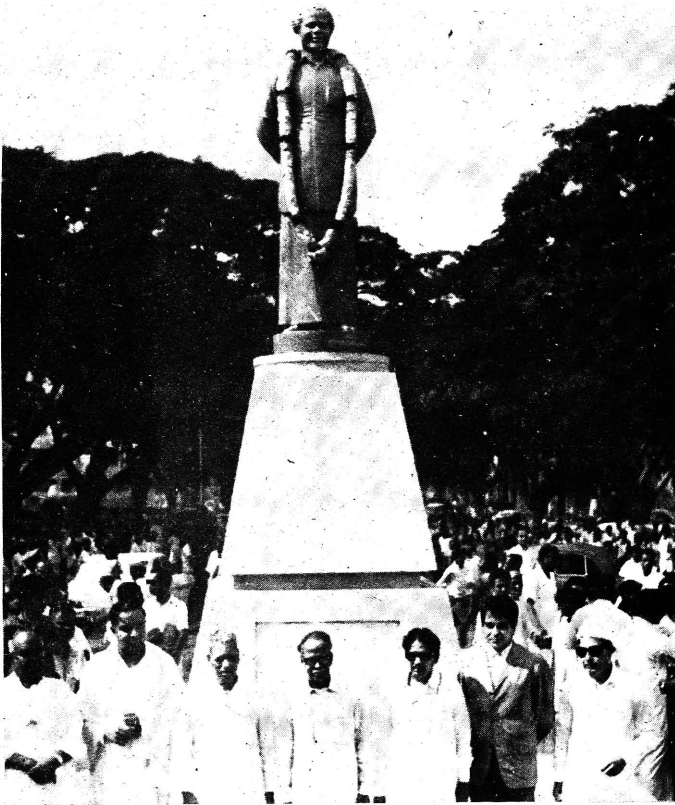
Receiving of Arignar Anna Award (15.9.1985)



Presenting Thiru Vi.ka. award to Thiru Ka.Appadurai. (16.1.1984)

Presenting Raja Rajan award to Kovi Manisegaran.





At a function in which Anna unveiled Kalaivanar N.S.Krishnan's statue at Theagaraya Nagar (14.1.1969)



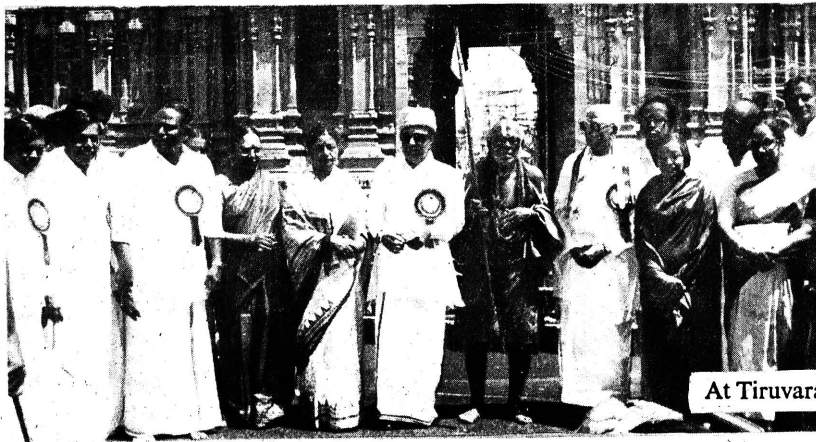
Felicitating Olympic Champion
Thiru Bhaskaran.

Felicitations to cosmonauts Rakesh Sharma and Malhotra (4.6.1984)





Presenting a memento to the Pope (5.2.1986)



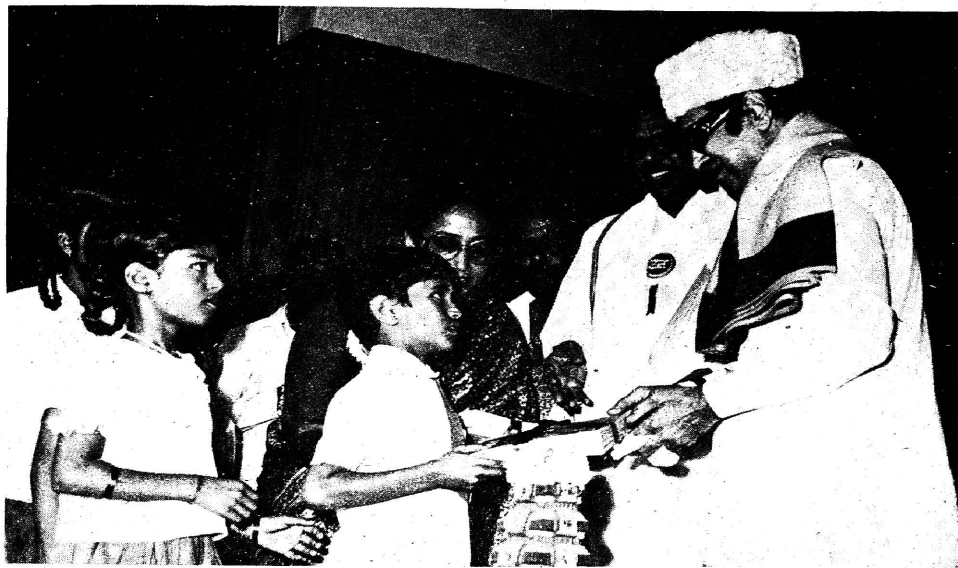
At Tiruvarangam Raja Gopuram Samprokshanam function-(25.3.87)





Implementation of the Chief Minister's Nutritious Meal Scheme.





Inauguration of free text books scheme (13.6.1985)

At Police Award function.





Inauguration of Periyar District (24.9.1979)



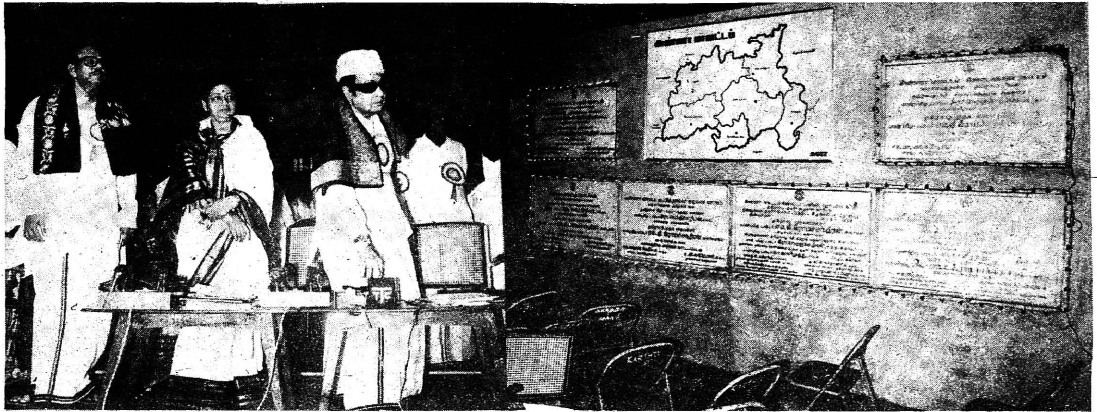
Inauguration of Kamarajar District (15.7.1984)

Inauguration of Ramanathapuram District (16.7.1984)



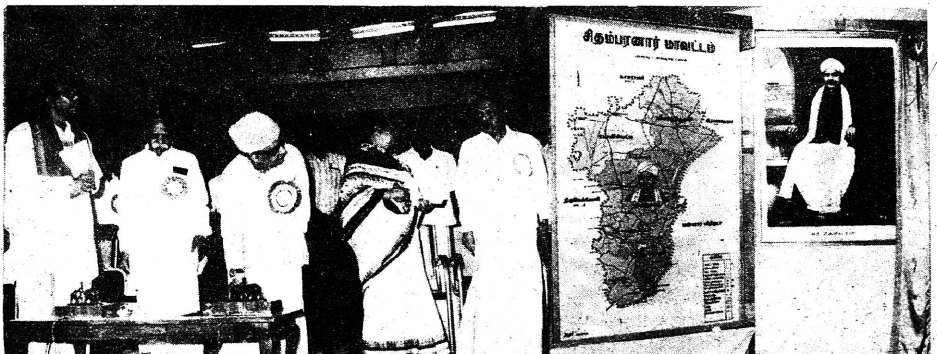


Inauguration of Pasumpon Muthuramalingam District (17.7.1984)



Inauguration of Anna District (15.9.1985)

Inauguration of Chidambaranar District (19.10.1986)





Madras University confers Doctorate for his service to Humanity
(20.9.1983)



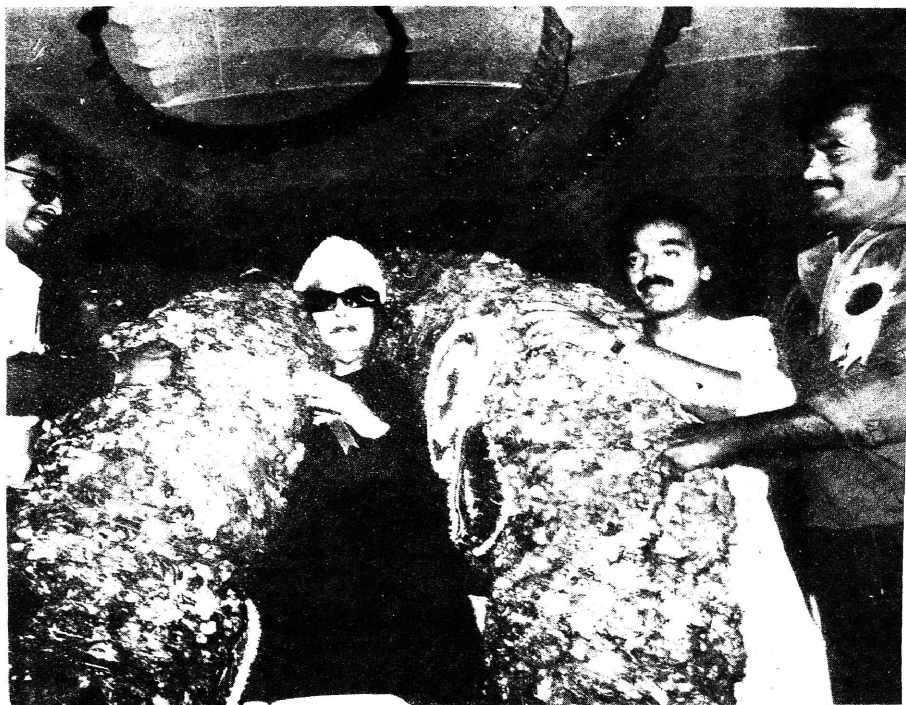
Garlanding Perarignar Anna's statue on return from his foreign to
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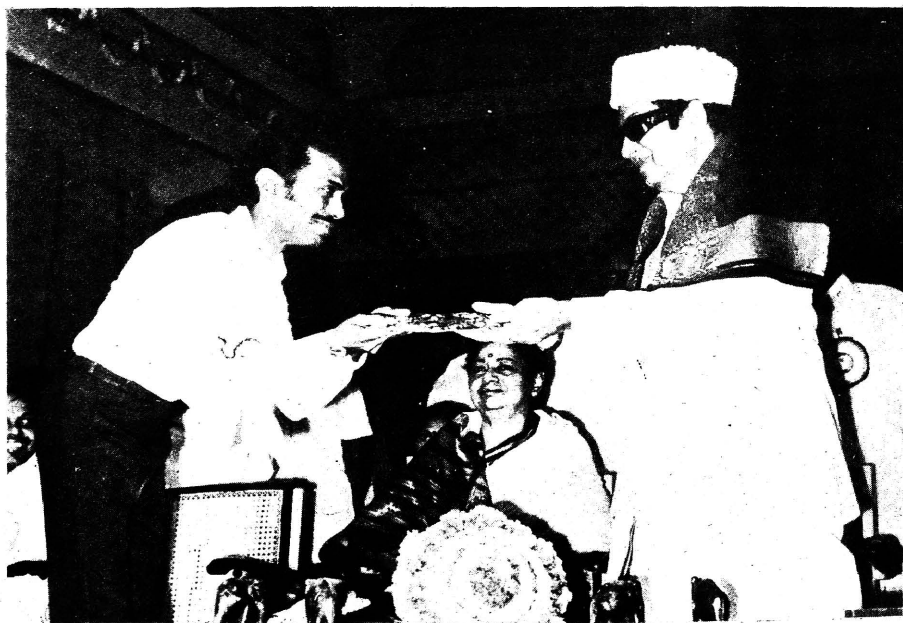
At a function to felicitate Thiru R M.Veerappan.

At the Mettur Thermal Plant Inaugural function.





Felicitation by Film Artistes.



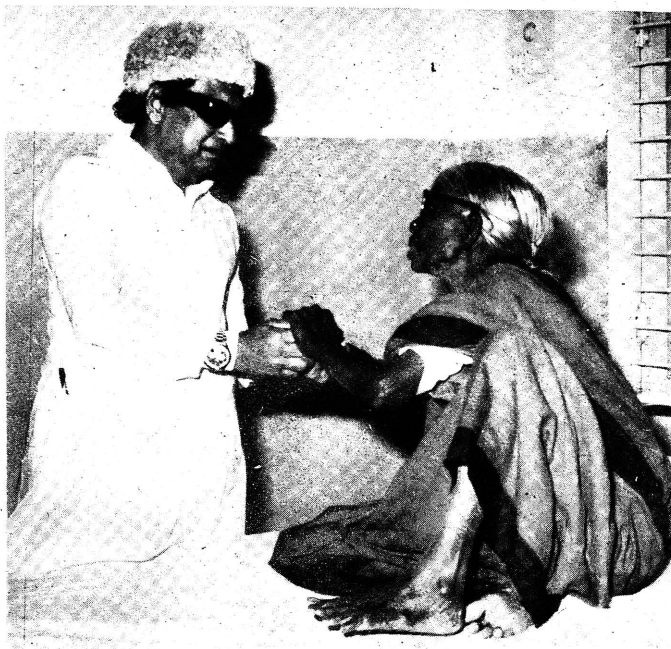
At the inaugural function of Anna District. Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiru R. Karpooarasundaram, I.A.S., receives memento.



WITH CHILDREN



Consoling an elderly woman
taking treatment in the Hospital.



At the Fraternal Feast.



Distributing Iron boxes
to the underprivileged.



At the celebration of the millennium of Coronation of Raja Raja chola at Thanjavur (16.9.1984)

Laying the foundation stone for Permanent Exhibition at Madras





Distribution of new clothes to poor Muslim women and widows.

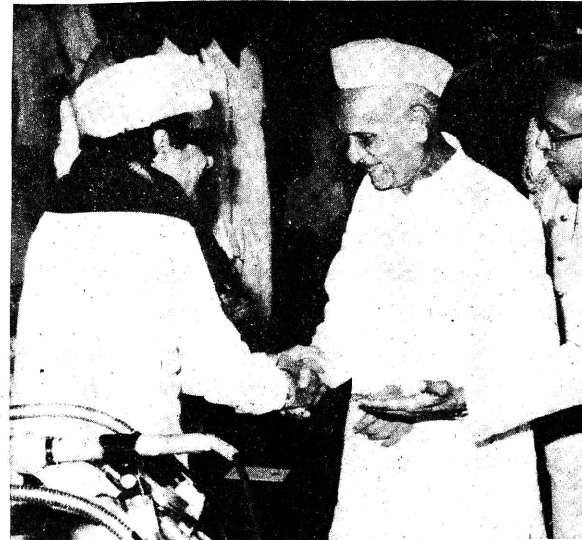
Inspecting relief measures in the flood-hit areas.





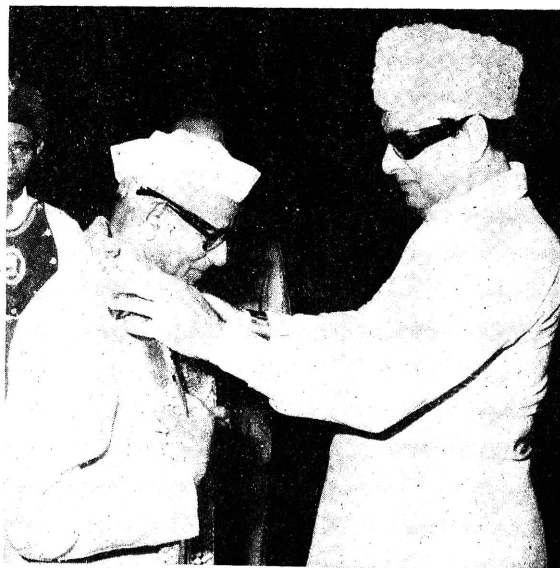
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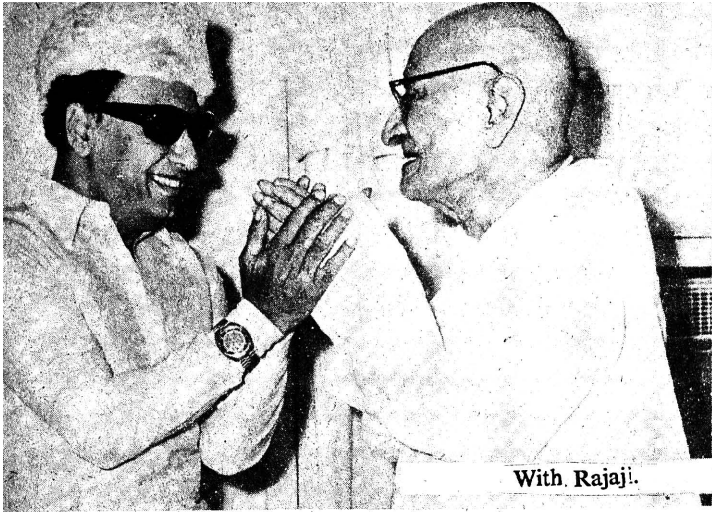
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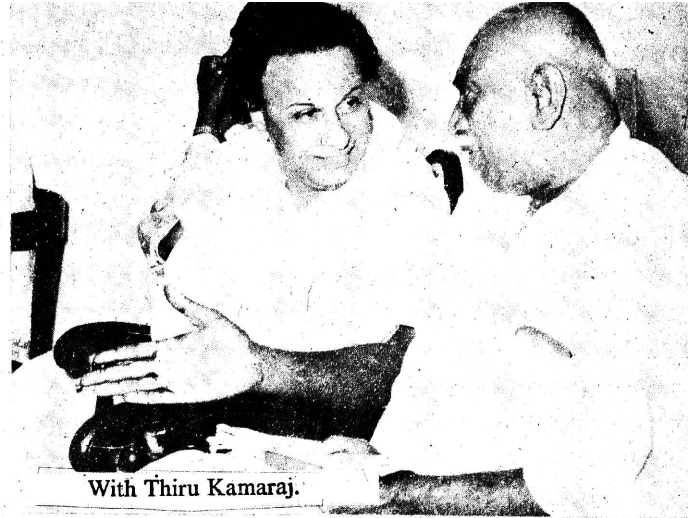
WITH GOVERNORS

With Thiru Sadiq Ali.





With Rajaji.



With Thiru Kamaraj.



With Thiru Bakthavatchalam..

With Thiru M.Karunanidhi.

***WITH FORMER
CHIEF MINISTERS***





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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

(Special)

DEMISE OF Dr. M. G. RAMACHANDRAN, CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU

[G.O. Ms. No. 2095, Public (Special-B), 24th December 1987.]

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The Government of Tamil Nadu announce with the most profound regret the death of Dr. M. G. RAMACHANDRAN, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at 03.00 hours on Thursday, the 24th December 1987. State mourning will be observed for seven days from 24th December 1987 during which period the flags on all Government Buildings will be flown at half-mast. No official entertainment will also be held during this period.

(By order of the Governor)

A. PADMANABAN,
Chief Secretary.



LEADERS CONDOLE

THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA CONDOLES THE DEATH OF DR. M.G.R.

His Excellency, the President Thiru R. Venkataraman described the passing away of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister as a national loss and said, "The curtain of time has fallen on one of the most remarkable personalities of modern India."

"Thiru Ramachandran was a charismatic leader whose life pulsed with the common people. MGR thought and felt with the masses and for the masses."

"MGR's passing away is a national loss and my sorrow at his demise merges with that of the people of Tamil Nadu," the President added.

Thiru SANKAR DAYAL SHARMA, VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA—"I was most touched by his thoughtfulness and regard. I have known Mr. Ramachandran for over 50 years. He was a great leader of the people with great sensitivity, compassion, strong adherence to principles of secularism, socialism, communalism, democracy and non-alignment. He was a great patriot who had also the quality of fathoming the true interests of the people even in a very complex situation. Mr. Ramachandran was deeply loved by all sections of the people irrespective of community, creed, religion or income levels all over the country. MGR was a nation builder who had the vision of one who is destined to make giants out of men. Mr. Ramachandran's passing away is an event of great magnitude in the history of our country."

MGR HAD INDIA'S UNITY AT HEART, SAYS PRIME MINISTER

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Thiru Rajiv Gandhi said, "MGR's life exemplified the ethical and moral values which had kept the country united through the centuries."

A patriot imbued with profound pride in the country's heritage, for whom the unity of the country was sacrosanct and preserving her integrity a sacred duty. M.G.R. soared above all narrow divisions and petty loyalties."

"His name was synonymous with the struggle for justice-justice for the poor, especially the women. When he became the Chief Minister he diverted the energies and resources of the State towards those who needed it most.

He was adored in life as well as on the screen as he

was dedicated to the cause of the downtrodden."

"MGR's death would be mourned by the people of Sri Lanka also, as he was unswerving in his struggle to ensure that the Tamil people in the Island lived with honour and respect."

"He was also constant in his insistence that the Lanka problem could be solved only by following the path of Mahatma Gandhi and not through violence."

"MGR made his last public appearance at the unveiling of the statue of my grandfather Nehru (at Kathipara junction) less than 36 hours before the end came so suddenly. He spoke movingly of his links with three generations of my family. We did not know then that it was his farewell to us"

HOME MINISTER'S MESSAGE.

Hon'ble Home Minister, Thiru Buta Singh conveyed his deep sense of shock and grief at the passing away of Dr. M.G.R.

"MGR was a great leader who touched the hearts of the masses. An able administrator and a nationalist, MGR always stood for unity and integrity of the nation. He was a champion of the downtrodden,"

GOVERNOR'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

His Excellency, the Tamil Nadu Governor Thiru S.L. Khurana condoled the sudden demise of Chief Minister Dr. M.G.R.

"I am deeply shocked at the sad and sudden demise of our beloved Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran. In his death, we have lost an outstanding leader and a man of the masses. He had many exemplary qualities which endeared him to one and all and won their admiration. The State's interests were always uppermost in his mind and he used his tremendous skills to get the maximum for the State. He was large hearted and a generous person with a friendly disposition and carved out a place for himself in the hearts of the people of the Tamil speaking community. Personally I have always received the utmost courtesy from him and we have had the best of relations. Under his leadership during the last decade, the State had witnessed social and economic development. He knew the pulse of the people at all times. His pass-

ionate concern for the under privileged and the downtrodden and his restless efforts to raise the standards of the people will ever be remembered. As an ardent supporter of India-Sri Lanka accord he held aloft the Indian flag till the end for a peaceful solution to the problem. In his sudden death, the nation has lost a great figure and Tamil Nadu the most beloved of its leaders. To me it is a personal loss. Let us pray for the soul of the departed and gather strength to continue the great task he has left behind. The best way of paying homage to his memory is to rededicate ourselves to the service of the State and people and to work hard for our nation's prosperity."

The Karnataka Governor Thiru A.N.Banerji.

"The nation in general and Tamil Nadu in particular had lost a great statesman and a seasoned administrator. With his death a void had been created which might be very difficult to fill.

The Chief Minister of Karnataka Thiru Ramakrishna Hegde 'I have lost a good Friend.

His rise from a stage artiste to Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is a struggle of the less privileged to attain the best. An actor par excellence, he dominated the film world for over two decades.

His wealth he shared with the poor and shared their suffering."

Thiru N.T.Rama Rao, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister:

"This is an extremely unfortunate day. It is with deep anguish that I express my condolences as a younger brother on the demise of the beloved elder brother, the late M.G.Ramachandran.

"In his death the people of TamilNadu, especially AIADMK followers had suffered an irreparable loss".

The Gujarat Chief Minister Thiru Amarchinh Chaudhry:

"Thiru Ramachandran's services would be long-remembered by the people of TamilNadu. His loss was irreparable not only to the AIADMK but also to the State as a whole"

The former Karnataka Chief Minister and Pradesh Rashtriya Samajwadi Congress Committee president, Thiru R. Gundu Rao: "The people would remember Mr. Ramachandran's selfless service for the cause of poor and down-trodden."

The DMK President, Thiru M. Karunanidhi.

"Our 40-Year-Old friendship did not wither away despite several strains. The entire country was plunged in sorrow by the loss of the Chief Minister who could form a party in a short time and make it the ruling party"

Thiru Jeyawardene, President of Sri Lanka: "His many years of service to the people of Tamil Nadu will always be remembered".

My Government joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to the Government of India, the Government of Tamil Nadu and other bereaved members of his family."

Thiru Premadasa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka: "Mr.Ramachandran's efforts in the field of poverty alleviation with particular emphasis on the elimination of disease and hunger, will be long remembered by the people of Tamil Nadu.

Dr.ELI FRIEDMAN, the head nephrologist at the University Hospital's health science center in Brooklyn:

"Mr.M.G.Ramachandran demonstrated extraordinary courage and was a model patient for any doctor.

"We learnt a lot from him. I am very proud to be called his doctor."

National Mourning for Makkal Thilagam M.G.R.

The Government of India declared a public holiday in honour of Dr.M.G.R., as a sign of state mourning by the nation.

In Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry, Andhra, Kashmir, Goa, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh a public holiday was declared in order to pay homage to the departed leader Dr.M.G.R.



Homage by the President and the Prime Minister





The Last

Journey

The mortal remains of Dr. M.G.R. were laid to rest with full military honours on 25-12-87 evening in the sands of the Marina adjacent to the samadhi of his political mentor Perarignar Anna. The sandalwood casket with his body was lowered into the grave at 4.30 P.M. to the accompaniment of a three-gun salute by armed forces personnel.

The funeral procession reached the burial site at 4 p.m. nearly two-and-a half hours after it left Rajaji Hall on its 10 Km journey. The body was carried by pall-bearers to the grave, the army band playing solemn music following it.

As the coffin was being lowered, Central and State Ministers, who had formed a circle around the grave, placed sandalwood sticks on it. Rice and salt were showered on the grave. Army buglers sounded the last post.

A glazed black marble stone was then placed over the samadhi of Dr. MGR and camphor was lit on it.

Earlier at the Rajaji Hall, where the body had been kept for public viewing since 24-12-87 morning, mourners continued to file past the steps of the hall managing to get a glimpse of Dr. MGR.





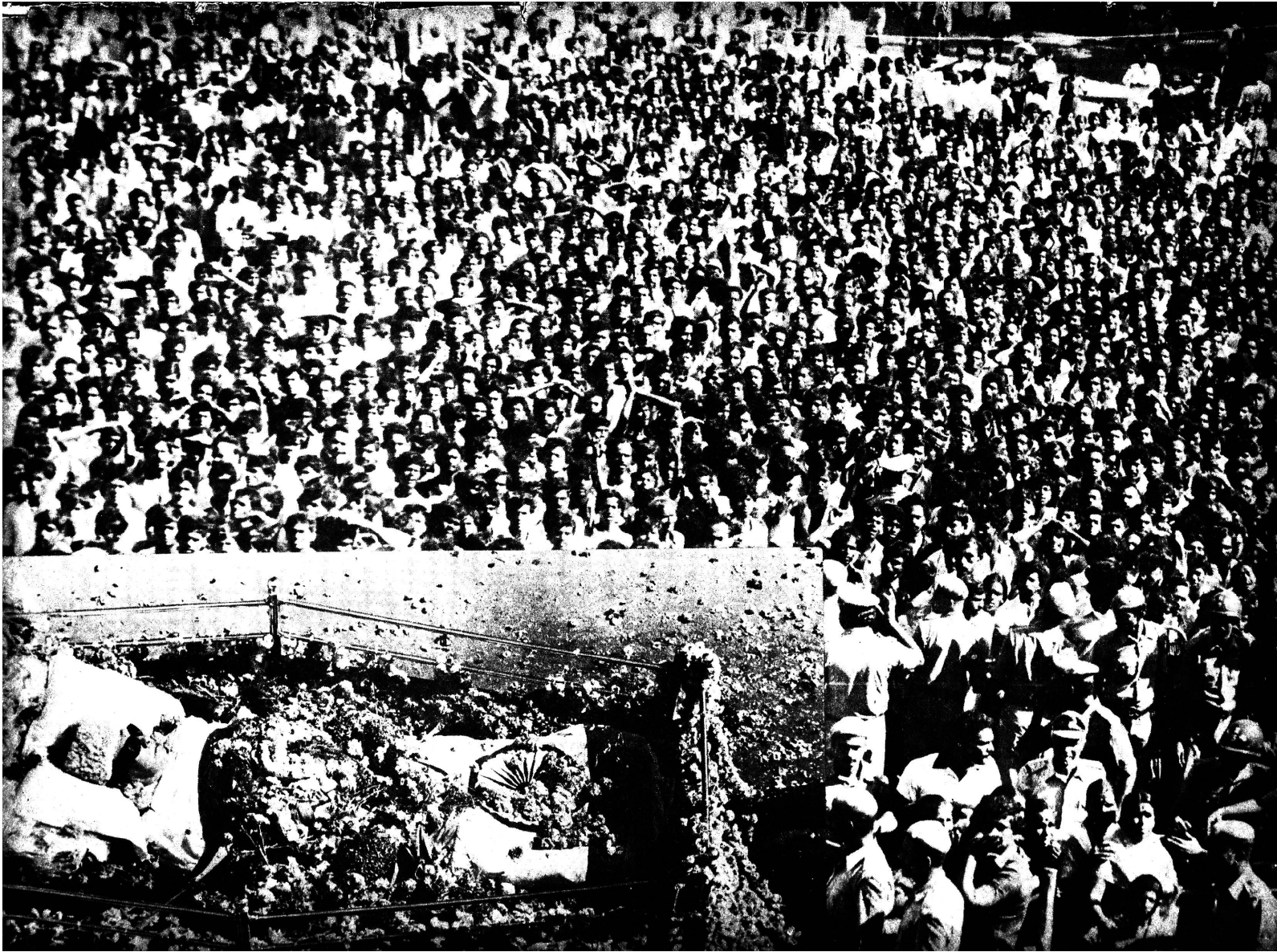
1-15 p.m. It was placed on the gun carriage decked with marigolds.

His Excellency the President of India Thiru R. Venkataraman, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Thiru Rajiv Gandhi, His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru S.L. Khurana, Thiru N.T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Thiru Ramakrishna Hegde, Chief Minister of Karnataka and other dignitaries paid their last respects to the departed leader.

The body was brought out for the last journey at

The procession moved out at a slow pace at 1.25 p.m. Immediately behind the cortege, were the Union Ministers and interim Chief Minister Dr. V.R. Nedunchezhiyan accompanied by Congress-I M.P. Thiru Tindivanam Ramamurthi in an open jeep. The State Ministers followed in the jeep and party M.L.A.s, M.P.s. and other leaders in an open truck behind them. Lakhs of people lined the 10 km route from Rajaji Hall to Anna Square.





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