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CAUVERY DIARY

CHIEF MINISTER'S CRUSADE FOR CAUVERY WATER BEARS FRUIT

- 7.12.95 Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha writes to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka on the situation in the Cauvery Delta and requests him to release Cauvery Water to save the withering crops.
- 9.12.95 Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu writes again to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, on the issue.
- 11.12.95 Tamil Nadu files an application before the Supreme Court praying for direction to Karnataka to release 30 tmc ft. of water in the Cauvery.

Hon'ble Chief Minister writes to the Hon'ble Prime Minister seeking his intervention for the immediate release of 30 tmc. ft of water in Cauvery by Karnataka Government to save standing crops.

- 14.12.95 **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu meets Hon'ble Prime Minister and apprises him of the plight of farmers in the Cauvery belt and requests him to take up the issue of release of additional quantity of water. The Prime Minister assures that he would have the matter immediately examined by the Union Minister for Water Resources, Thiru V.C. Shukla.**

The Supreme Court Bench consisting of the Chief Justice Thiru A.M. Ahmadi, Thiru Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy and Thiru Justice S.C. Sen gives liberty to Tamil Nadu to move an application "forthwith" before the Cauvery Waters Tribunal on its plea for the immediate release of atleast 30 tmc ft of Cauvery water by Karnataka Government to it "in order to save the standing crops in the Cauvery delta".

The Bench considers it appropriate that the Tamil Nadu Government might move the Tribunal itself for urgent interim orders since the plea rose from the Tribunal's interim Order (dated June 25, 1991) and the Tribunal had the advantage of the assistance of assessors who are experts in this field. (Chief Minister of Karnataka, Thiru Deve Gowda welcomes the Supreme Court's orders on the same day)

- 15.12.95 Hon'ble Union Minister for Water Resources Thiru. V.C. Shukla speaks over the phone to the Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka on the Cauvery water issue.
- Members of Parliament of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka Government meet in the Chamber of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Thiru Shivraj V. Patil to discuss the Cauvery waters issue. Union Water Resources Minister, Thiru V.C. Shukla is present.
- 16.12.95 Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Thiru Deva Gowda says he will welcome any initiative by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to find a solution to the Cauvery Water Dispute.
- 18.12.95 Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu orally requests the Hon'ble Prime Minister to intervene in the Cauvery water issue. The Prime Minister assures to do the needful.
- 19.12.95 **The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal orders Karnataka Government to release 11 tmc ft of Cauvery Water to the Mettur reservoir in Tamil Nadu.**
- 20.12.95 Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu writes again to the Chief Minister of Karnataka on the matter.
- 22.12.95 Union Water Resources Minister Thiru V.C. Shukla tells reporters in Delhi that the Centre has a role to ensure that the Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal is implemented, as it would result in constitutional breakdown if any State refuses to do so.
- 22.12.95 The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal flays Karnataka Government for unilaterally "deciding to invoke the distress clause in justifying reduced releases in Cauvery to Tamil Nadu during June, July and August 1995".
- 26.12.95 7,750 cusecs of water released from Bhavani Sagar in Periyar District, as an emergency measure to save the crops in Cauvery delta.
- 28.12.95 **Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly passes a resolution seeking the intervention of the Centre to make Karnataka Government release 11 tmc. ft of water forthwith to save the standing crops in the delta Districts of Tamil Nadu.**
- 29.12.95 All party meeting held at Madras. The meeting passes an unanimous legislation urging the Hon'ble Prime Minister to pressure Karnataka Government for the immediate release of 20 tmc. ft of water in the Cauvery and also to get Karnataka's undertaking that

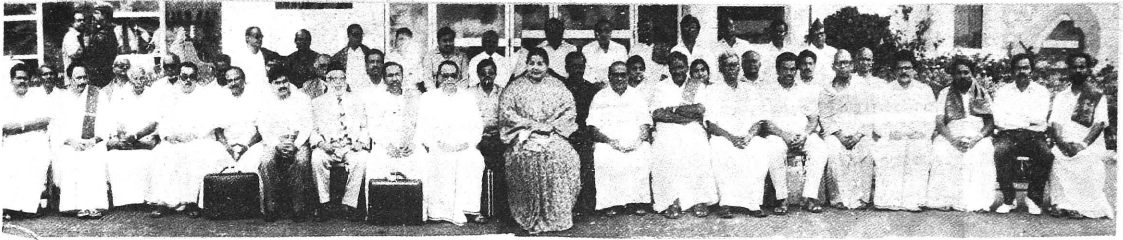
it would respect the 1991 interim order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and release in full and in time Tamil Nadu's share of water as specified in the order in future also. The meet also empowered the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to get the Tribunal's Order of December 19, implemented.

30.12.95

Hon'ble Chief Minister visits Thanjavur District for a first hand feel of the distress situation in the area.



Hon'ble Chief Minister leads an all party delegation to the meeting convened by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.



31.12.95 Hon'ble Prime Minister meets the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

1.1.96 **Hon'ble Prime Minister directs Karnataka Government to release 6 tmc. ft of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu , as an immediate provisional measure to save the standing crops.**

2.1.96 An All Party meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister. The meeting resolves to accept "Under Protest" the decision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to release just 6 tmc. ft of Cauvery water and sought the balance 5 tmc ft. of water.

3.1.96 Hon'ble Chief Minister writes to Hon'ble Prime Minister to intervene and ensure release of two tmc.ft of water immediately and the balance at the rate of one tmc. ft per day.

Karnataka Government decides to release 6 tmc.ft of water to Tamil Nadu.

(tmc. ft means thousand million cubic feet)





4.1.96

Karnataka Government begins releasing 6 tmc feet of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu from the Kabini reservoir.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu describes as "unfortunate" the Karnataka All-Party resolution not to participate in the proceedings of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal until the National water policy guidelines are evolved.

The three member expert committee comprising of Thiru Y.K. Alagh, Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Thiru Bharat Singh, former Vice Chancellor of Rourkee University and Thiru S.P. Caprihan, retired Chief Engineer of Madhya Pradesh hold talks with the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu. Later, the team aerially surveyed the Mettur Dam, Bhavani Sagar reservoir and the Amaravathi river system. They also made on the spot study at Mettur. Later in the evening, the team assessed the crop conditions around Pattukottai in Thanjavur district.

5.1.96

The three member expert committee team completes survey of Tamil Nadu.

6.1.96

The three member expert team calls on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and holds discussions with her.



13.1.96

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu writes to Hon'ble Prime Minister requesting him for immediate orders for the release of the balance 5 tmc feet of water in the Cauvery for maintaining the

continuity in the supply to the standing crop in the delta.

Top officials of the Central Water Commission office at Coimbatore collect data at Mettur Dam.

16.1.96

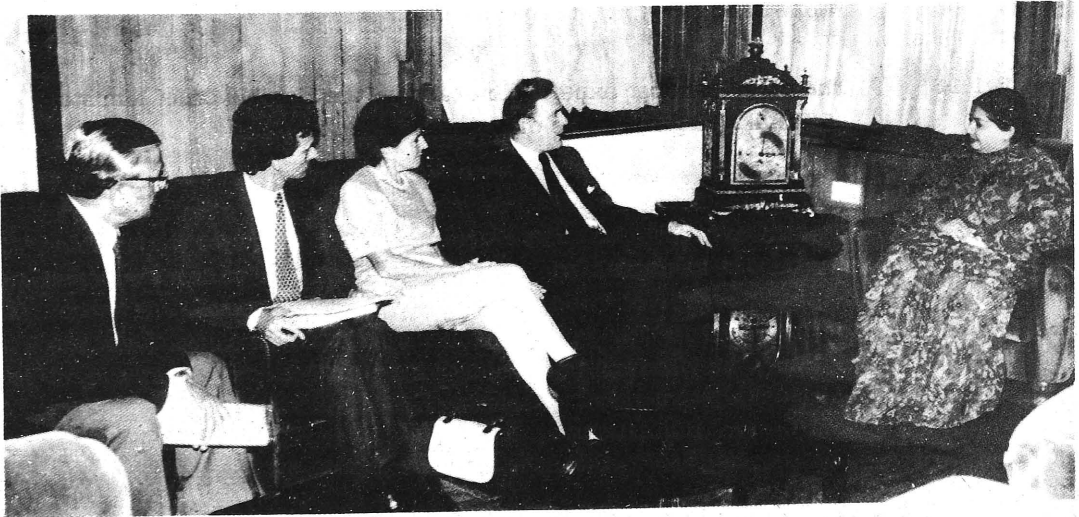
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in a statement says that the approach of Karnataka Government to corner all Cauvery water exploiting its location went against all the principles of natural justice. The Chief Minister also makes a fresh appeal to the Prime Minister to ensure the immediate release of the remaining quantum of Cauvery water under the formula worked out as per the Supreme Court's direction on 28.12.95 and the Tribunal's order on 19.12.95.

18.1.96

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha writes another demi-official letter to Hon'ble Prime Minister urging him to issue immediate orders for the release of 5 tmc feet of water from Karnataka and save the standing crops in the delta region of Tamil Nadu.

23.1.96

Tamil Nadu Government files an emergency petition in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to Karnataka to release forthwith in Cauvery 5 tmc feet of water, the remaining portion of the quantum of 11 tmc feet specified in the award by the tribunal.



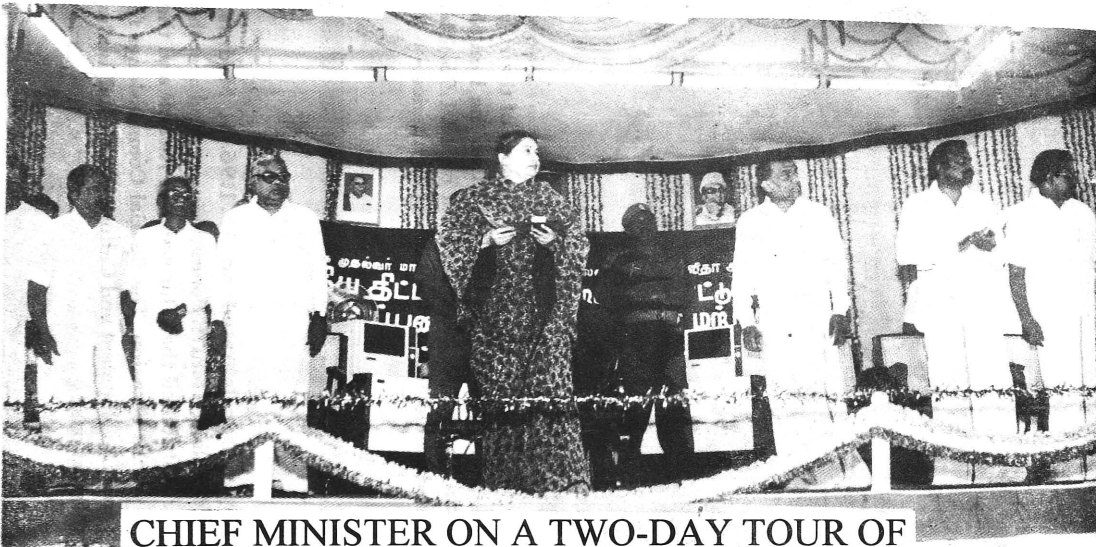
Thiru Gaetano Zucconi, Ambassador of Italy to India at New Delhi called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the Secretariat, Madras on 29.1.96. He was accompanied by his wife Tmt. Margherita Zucconi, Thiru Raimondo De Cardona, the Consul-General of Italy at Bombay and Thiru R.J. Shahaney, Honorary Consul of Italy at Madras.



Professor Dr. David B. Madeira and other Professors of the High Level Committee of Illinois University in USA called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha on 18.1.96. The Chief Minister presented mementoes to the visiting dignitaries.



Thiruvalluvar Day was celebrated on 19.1.96 at Madras. Hon'ble Minister for Education, Thiru K. Ponnusamy presided over the function. The Minister distributed the 'Thiruvalluvar Award' and the 'Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award', on the occasion. The Special Commissioner to the Department of Tamil Development and Culture, Dr. K. Kalimuthu participated in the celebrations.



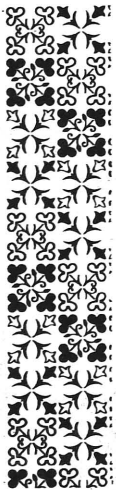
CHIEF MINISTER ON A TWO-DAY TOUR OF
BURGUR CONSTITUENCY

**'IT IS MY DREAM TO PROVIDE
PROTECTED WATER SUPPLY TO EVERY
HAMLET IN TAMIL NADU'**

**- Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at
Pochampalli of Burgur Constituency in Dharmapuri District on 12.1.96.**

**As many as 7,235 industrial units
have come up in Dharmapuri District on**

**a total investment of Rs.1,659 crores,
said the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi**





Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha while addressing a large gathering at Pochampalli of Burgur Constituency on 12.1.96. This was a great achievement by the Government, she added.

The mega Rs.41 crore industrial estate at Pochampalli on an area of 1,400 acres being put up by State Industrial Investment Infrastructural Development Corporation and another Rs.1.41 crore Industrial Estate by Small Industries Development Corporation on 150 acres are



all events of historical significance, said the Chief Minister. The two drinking water schemes for Pochampalli and its





surroundings at a cost of Rs.8 crore is all of significance, she said. Besides one more industrial estate is coming up at Oothangarai at a cost of Rs.76 lakhs, she added.

The Chief Minister said jobs would be generated for thousands of people when the molybdenum oxide plant that she has proposed is commissioned. The Rs.100 crore plant which would be established in Dharmapuri District would also encour-

age the setting up of many ancillary and downstream units.

"It is my dream to provide protected water supply to every hamlet in the State and I have been treating this as a holy mission," declared the Chief Minister.

In Burgur Constituency almost all areas have been extended protected water supply and works are in full swing to reduce flouride content in some areas, she added.

"I am also keen on industrialisation and generating employment opportunities especially for women so that they can become self-reliant and attain equal status with men," she said.

The Chief Minister spoke on the various steps taken by the Government in an effort to provide a new dimension to development of education in this backward region. An engineering college, an arts college for women and a polytechnic, 111 new educational institutions and 12 hostels for students have so far come up in the area. A school of excellence near Mathur on an investment of Rs.45 lakhs



is also coming up, the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister, at this function inaugurated schemes costing Rs.3 crores and laid foundation for projects estimated at Rs.152 crores. This included the Rs.100 crore Molybdenum Oxide Plant in Mathur by State Minerals Corporation (TAMIN). The Chief Minister also handed over assistance worth Rs.23 lakhs to 349 persons, at this function.

Earlier during the day, on the second

day of her tour of Burgur Constituency, large crowds received the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Chief Minister covered 100 kms and attended 15 functions on the way.

The Chief Minister reiterated her Government's commitment in poverty alleviation in the State and in individual upliftment. She handed over sarees and dhoties to the poor at many places enroute.



Dharmapuri District's Backwardness would soon become a thing of the Past

Dharmapuri District's backwardness would soon become a thing of the past following the several measures and pro-

jects launched by her Government, declared the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at Burgur on





11.1.96. The Chief Minister laid stones for projects and inaugurated schemes worth Rs.124 crores at this function.

Dharmapuri had the twin advantages of gaining by projects implemented all over the State as well as those special schemes being implemented to chosen Districts, the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister expressed her happiness on the putting up of Rs.6.2 crore granite processing plant near Burgur. She said all the promises of hers towards Burgur Constituency have been fulfilled. As a result, several infrastructural facilities such as power, road transport and

telecommunication have developed in the area.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, during the day covered 96 kms and 17 villages. Throughout the tour, she stopped at many places to address people and receive petitions and provide on the spot redressal of grievances. The Chief Minister also christened a few children. She also blessed a couple who got married in her presence.

The Chief Minister who was accompanied by almost all her cabinet colleagues, mingled freely with the masses, throughout the tour. The public response to her was indeed euphoric.



The arrival of Ford-Mahindra in Tamil Nadu will give an international presence in the automobile sector

**Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi
Dr. J. Jayalalitha on 3.1.96**

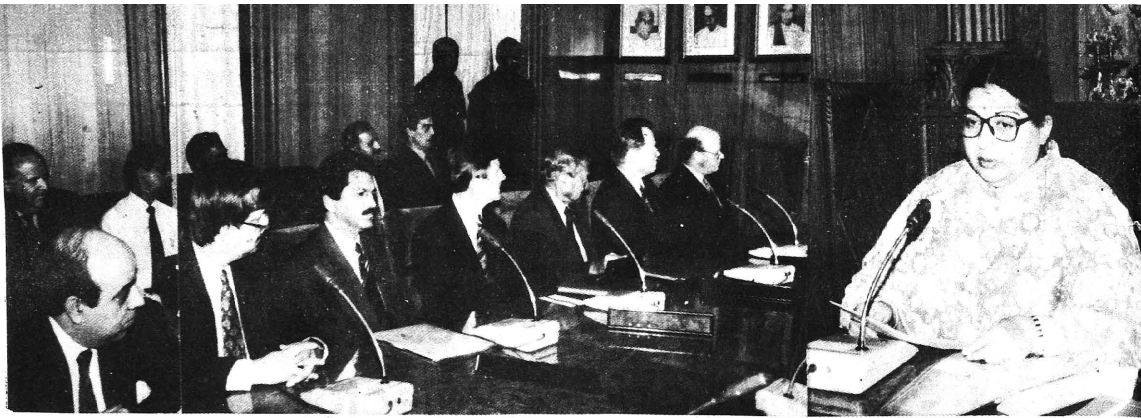


A memorandum of understanding for the establishment of a mega automobile (car) project near Madras in collaboration with the American car manufacturer - Ford Motors, was signed on 3.1.96 at Madras in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha. The MoU was signed between Messrs Mahindra - Ford and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The project to come up at Kilkarana

Village near Maraimalainagar proposes to manufacture one lakh vehicles per year. With an investment of around Rs.1,500 - Rs.2,000 crores, the project is expected to generate direct employment for 2000 persons and indirect employment to 20,000 persons. The commercial production is expected to commence by the last quarter of 1998.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said Madras is already well



known as an important centre in the automobile sector and a number of auto ancillary units existed in and around the

city. Tamil Nadu had a disciplined labour force and a stable industrial climate. She hoped that the Ford-Mahindra group will establish themselves quickly in Tamil Nadu and also expand in such a manner as to provide a boost to ancillary industrial development by suitable forward and backward linkages. "We have agreed to offer the company prime industrially developed land as well as the necessary infrastructural support at Maraimalai Nagar and also a number of concessions relating to sales tax, etc. These are bound to be of great advantage to the company. I have no doubt that the arrival of the Ford - Mahindra Project will give Tamil Nadu an international presence in the automobile sector", the Chief Minister said.

Inaugural remarks of the Hon'ble Chief Minister

I am happy to welcome to Tamil Nadu the Ford-Mahindra Group who have come here today to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu for a Mega Automobile Project. Madras is already well known as an important centre in the automobile sector and number of auto ancillary units also exist in and around Madras. Tamil Nadu has a disciplined labour force and stable industrial climate. We have also agreed to offer the Company, prime industrially developed land, as well as the necessary infrastructural support at Maraimalainagar near Madras, including a number of concessions relating to sales tax, etc. These are bound to be of great advantage to the company. We hope that the Ford-Mahindra Group will establish themselves in Tamil Nadu quickly and also expand in such a manner as to provide a boost to ancillary industrial development by suitable forward and backward linkages. I have no doubt that the arrival of the Ford- Mahindra Project will give Tamil Nadu an international presence in the automobile sector.

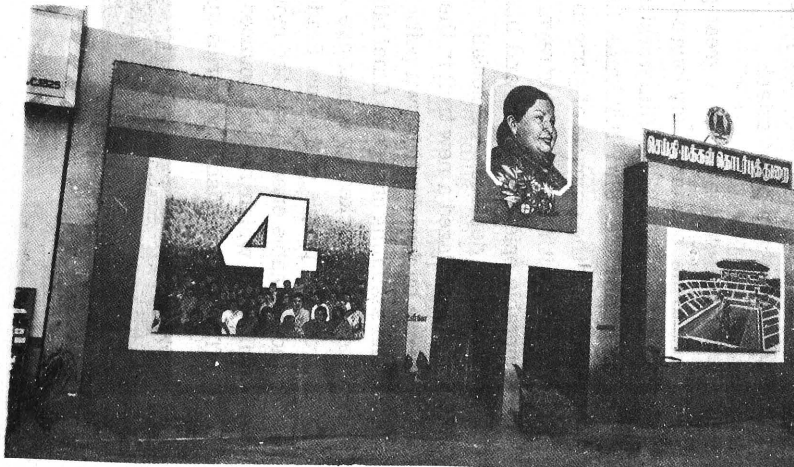
I can assure you that we will provide all the necessary assistance to you in this regard.

The MoU was signed by Thiru R.K. Pitamber, Managing Director, Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd and Thiru John G. Parker, President, Ford India Operations and Managing Director designate of Mahindra Ford India Ltd on behalf of the promoters. Thiru C. Ramachandran, Principal Secretary, Industries Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu signed on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government. Thiru Frank Wisner, US Ambassador to India and Thiru Timothy Hauser, US Consul General in Madras were present on the occasion.



The 22nd All India Tourist and Industrial Fair was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Health, Thiru S. Muthusamy on 7.1.96. The Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Forest, Thiru K.A. Sengottaiyan presided over the function. The Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Thiru S. Nagoor Meeran and Secretary, Information and Tourism, Thiru S. Ramakrishnan participated in the function held at Island Grounds, Madras.

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity, Thiru M. Thennavan, inaugurated the Government Exhibition at Vellore on 7.1.96. The Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiru T. Shanmuga Rajeswaran, I.A.S., participated in the function.



N.T. Rama Rao was one of the most courageous political leaders our country has ever known

**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE SENT BY
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF
TAMIL NADU
PURATCHI THALAIVI
Dr. J. JAYALALITHA,
TO Tmt. LAKSHMI PARVATHI,
WIFE OF
Thiru. N.T. RAMA RAO,
on 18.1.1996**



I was extremely shocked and grieved to learn the sad news that your beloved husband Shri N.T.Rama Rao passed away today due to a heart attack.

His passing away is a great personal loss to me, because of my long association with him; first, in the film world and later in public life. Shri N.T.Rama Rao after attaining the pinnacle of glory in his film career, with his grand portrayal of innumerable epic characters and his equally sensitive depiction of socially relevant themes, blazed a new trail in the political arena by founding his own political party and assuming charge as Chief Minister of his State, backed by a massive mandate from the people of Andhra Pradesh. The indefatigable energy and the indomitable will with which he had bounced back to office with landslide victories spoke vol-

umes for his political resilience and his unshakeable commitment to the welfare of the poor and the downtrodden. He was one of the most courageous political leaders our country has ever known; and his devotion and dedication to the egalitarian principles that he zealously sought to propagate through untiring efforts till he breathed his last will always be remembered, not only by the people of his state, but also by the entire country. Indeed, in his death our country has lost one of its greatest and bravest sons.

I convey my sincere condolences to you and to all the members of your family and I pray that the Almighty may bestow upon you the necessary strength and courage to withstand this tragic and great loss.

May his soul rest in peace.



ALL ADI DRAVIDAR COLONIES IN TAMIL NADU BEING PROVIDED ALL BASIC FACILITIES

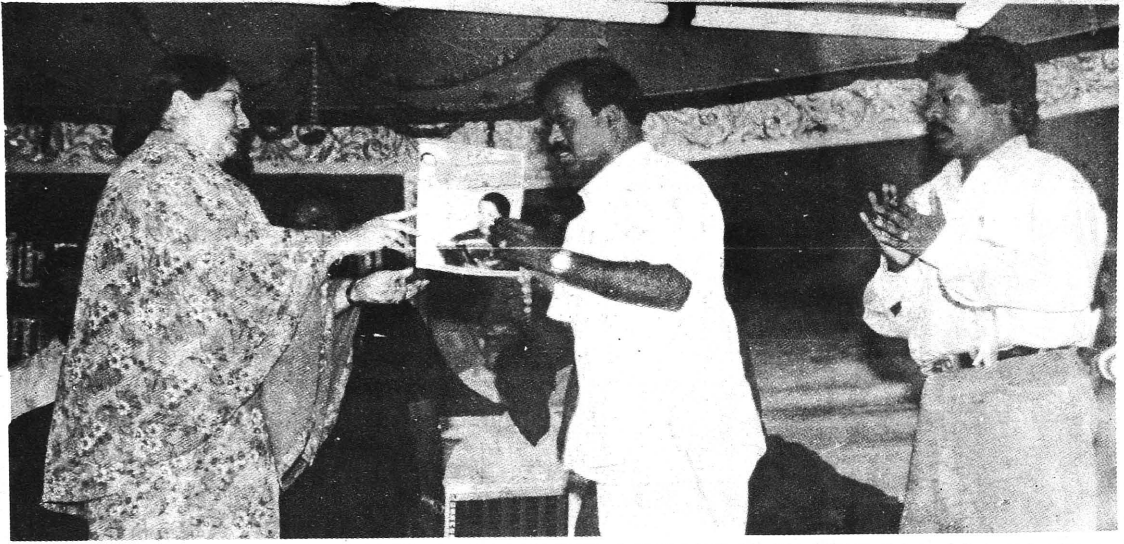
—Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi
Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the Second State Con-
ference of Ambedkar People's Liberation
Front at Arakkonam on 8.1.96

The Tamil Nadu Government had identified 2905 Adi Dravidar colonies as lacking basic amenities and so far 2000 colonies have been provided all the facilities and the remaining 905 colonies would get them before the end of March '96, said the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha inaugurating the second Tamil Nadu State Conference of the Ambedkar People's Liberation Front at Arakkonam on 8th January, 1996.

The Tamil Nadu Government has allotted Rs.125 crores for creating all basic facilities such as drinking water, link roads, electric lights and burial grounds to all the 31,000 Adi Dravidar colonies in the State, the Chief Minister said. She

declared that her Government is committed to create a situation wherein there was no Adi-Dravidar colony in the State that lacked basic facilities.

The Chief Minister said that as against the target of providing financial assistance to 3.5 lakh Adi Dravidar families, 3.9 lakh families have received assistance. Against the target of finance for 10,000 irrigation wells, assistance has been given to 12,000 wells. And, against the target of providing self employment loans to 5,000 persons, they had been given to 5,770 persons. The Government has also given away 7.75 lakh free house site pattas to Adi Dravidars, though the target was just four lakhs. The Govern-

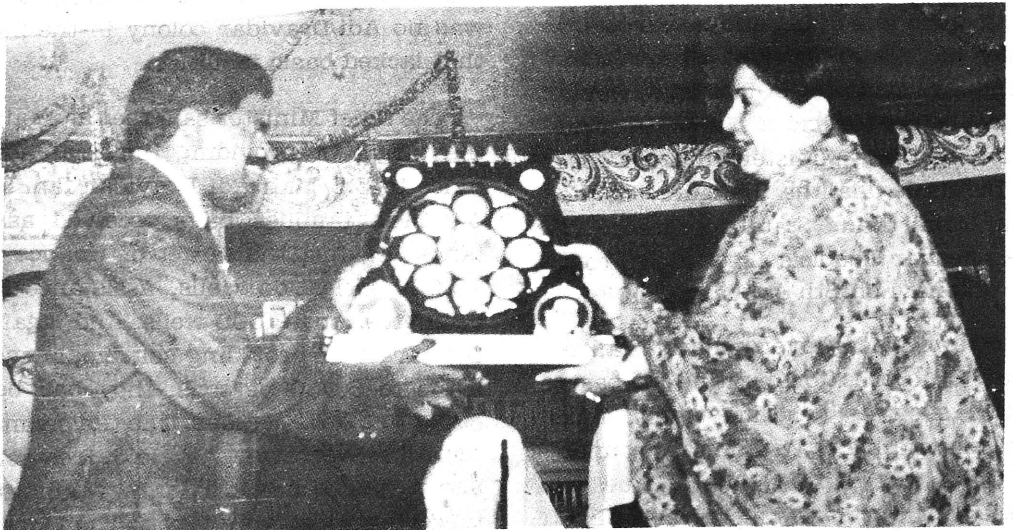


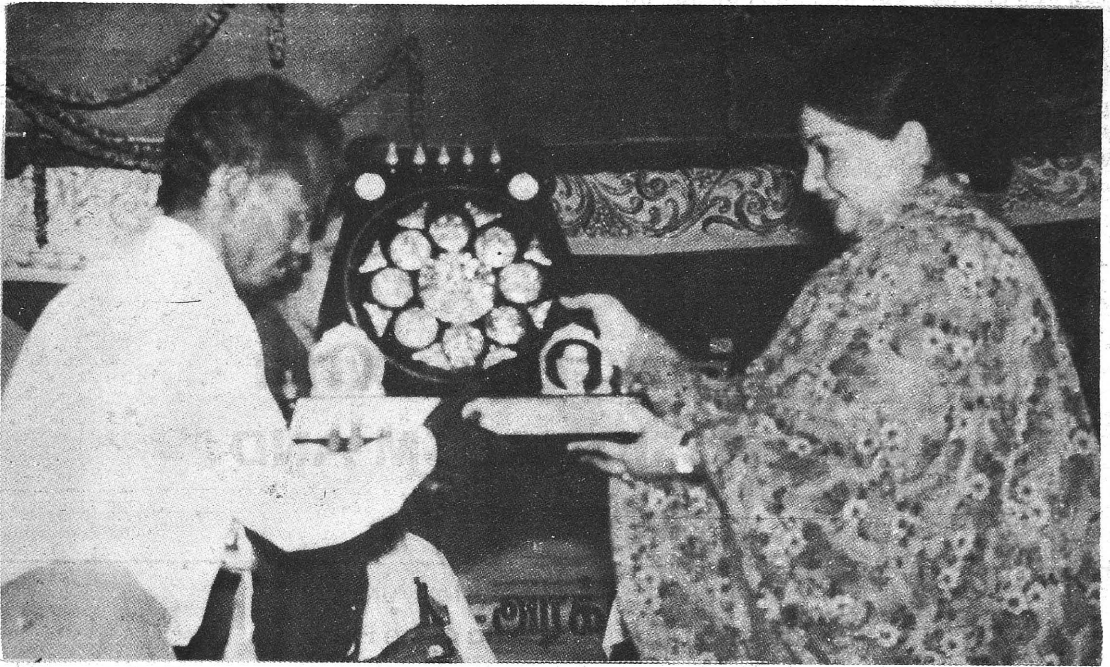
ment has removed all the rules that prevented the achievement of targets, the Chief Minister said.

She also said that while just 96,801 concrete houses were built for Adi Dravidars during the decade 1981-91, her Government has constructed 1,34,132 concrete houses during 1991-95. During 1996 alone, a total of 70,187 concrete houses at a cost of Rs.147 crores is being constructed. The Chief Minister also com-

pared the rise in allocation of funds to the Adi Dravidar Department which rose to Rs. 205 crores in 1995-96 from Rs.103 crores in 1991-92.

The Chief Minister reiterated her Government's resolve to implement the recommendations of the nine member Adi Dravidar Welfare Commission headed by Thiru Justice Swamidurai. She said the suggestions given by the 28 member Adi Dravidar High Level Committee consti-





tuted by the Government were being implemented.

The Chief Minister announced the extension of the financial assistance scheme for Adi Dravidar girl children studying in Standards III to VI to five more Districts. Under the scheme, Adi Dravidar girl students studying in standards III to V were given a financial assistance of Rs. 500 per year while those who are in VI standard are given Rs.100 per month. A total 60,000 students benefited by this scheme.

Paying glorious tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Chief Minister said that his thoughts and ideas were right weapons to strengthen and mould society. To further his principles, a statue has been installed at Madras, she said.

The Chief Minister, on the occasion, also announced a reward of Rs.25,000 each to four sportspersons belonging to

the Adi Dravidar Community for their achievements. They were: Commonwealth weightlifting Champion Thiru Karunakaran, World Carrom Champion Thiru Mariam Irudayaraj, famous mountaineer Thiru Deva and Karate Champion Thiru Nesan.

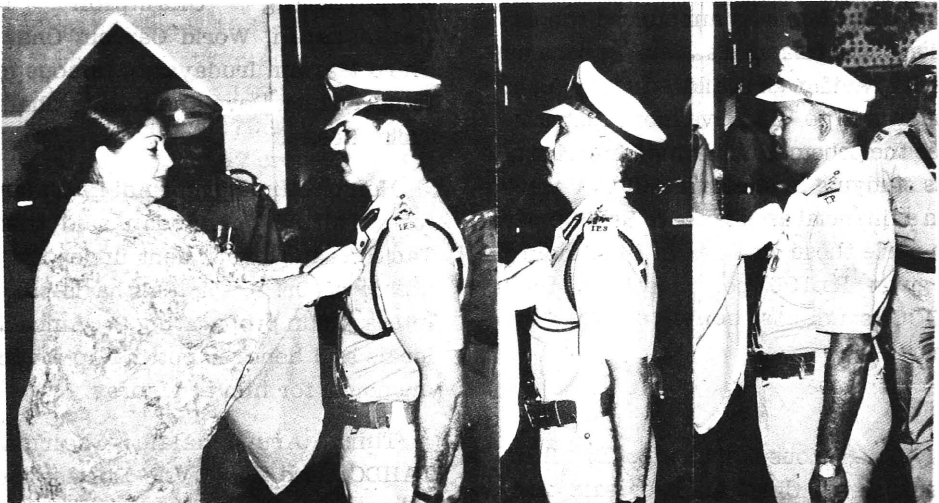
Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare, Thiru M. Anandan said that the Tamil Nadu Government under the leadership of Dr. J. Jayalalitha is sincerely interested in propagating Dr. Ambedkar's ideals and hence is putting up a massive memorial for him at Madras.

Thiru. Arunachalam, Chairman of TAHDCO and Thiru V.P. Duraisamy, MP also spoke on the occasion. Welcoming the gathering, Thiru M. Moorthy, State President of Ambedkar People's Liberation Front hailed Hon'ble Chief Minister P. V. Narayana Murthy as the only political leader who worked sincerely for the welfare of the downtrodden and suppressed.

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER DISTRIBUTES
PRESIDENT'S MEDALS

**TAMIL NADU POLICE HAS
EMERGED AS A
MODERN FORCE WITH
PROFESSIONALISM AND
INTEGRITY**

—Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi
Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha at the Presi-
dent's Medals distribution function at
Madras on 18.1.96.



Tamil Nadu Police had a reputation for professionalism and integrity throughout the Country and in recent years has emerged as a modern force that had made rapid strides in the use

of modern arms, the latest in communication and computers. The State Police also enjoyed a reputation for intrepidity, personal acts of bravery and heroism in the face of trying odds, dedica-

tion and devotion to duty and these have distinguished it as a sterling police force in the entire country, hailed the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha while speaking



after distributing President's Medals awarded to 64 Police personnel, 32 fire service personnel and 11 home guards personnel in recognition of their distinguished and meritorious services for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995. The function was held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Madras on 18th January 1996.

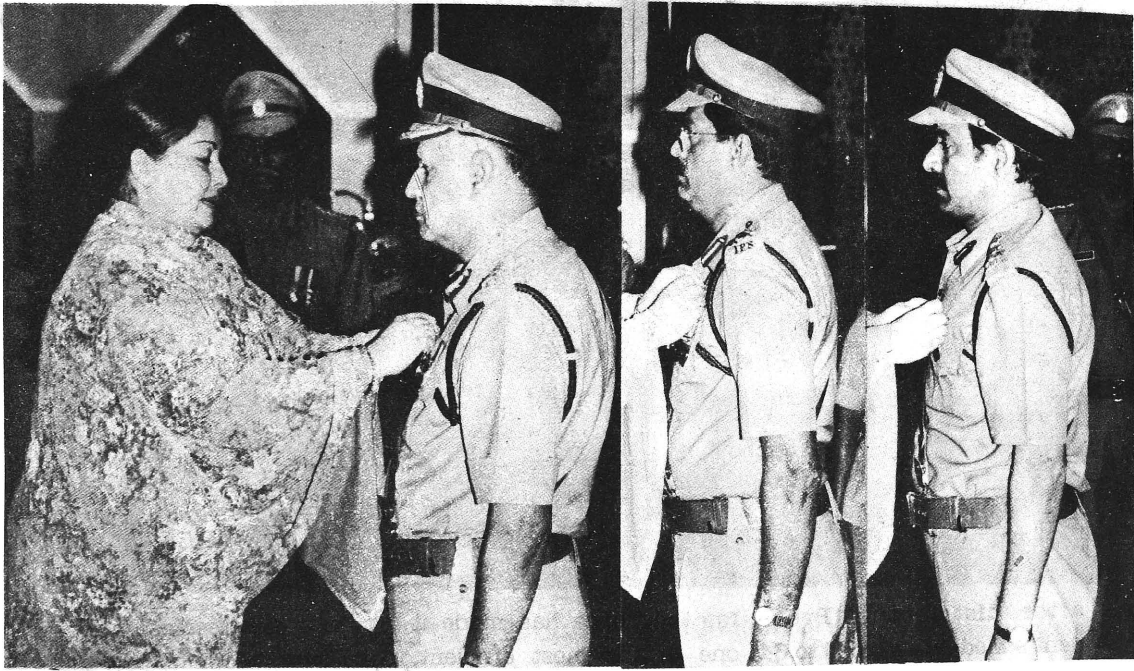
The introduction of schemes like the Friends of the Police movement and the establishment of 57 All Women Police Stations all over the State are shining examples of our staunch belief in and our strong commitment to the process of humanisation of the Police force, the Chief Minister said. In the last five years, huge outlays in every budget

for the Police has made it one of the most efficient, professional and disciplined force in the country, she added.

The Police Force must use the resources at its command to achieve the twin objectives of rooting out crime and easing social tensions. Since the objectives are positive, the methods must also be positive and attempts must be on to reduce negative means such as use of force and weapons, the Chief Minister said. The Police are now under severe pressure as the society is becoming increasingly violent and because of crime and criminality becoming more vicious with the advent of sophistication and technology, she observed.

In a progressive society like ours, people expect the Police not just to be custodians of law but also to act as the protectors of the poor and the downtrodden, the Chief Minister declared. The Police must act as the torch bearers of justice, she said.

The Chief Minister stressed the importance of humanisation of the Police Force so as to make it more responsive to the genuine needs and aspirations of the people. "I believe that the induction of more and more women into the Tamil Nadu Police would provide the necessary value base for a humane, people responsive Police Force that would not be looked upon as an instrument of repression but rather as a friend of the



people to root out the evils of organised crime in drugs, sexual deviancy in society, crimes based on gender inequality, etc.

The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that Tamil Nadu Police had successfully met challenges of all types, as well as provocative situations and emergencies by proving their mettle in containing the incidents of crime and explosive law and order situations in an able and responsive manner.

The Chief Minister congratulated the recipients of

medals and hoped that Thiru W.I. Dawaram, DGP, would provide the necessary leadership and dynamism that would help Tamil Nadu Police to scale greater heights and bring laurels to the Police Force and the State of Tamil Nadu.

In his special address, the Home Secretary, Thiru R. Varadarajulu said that Tamil Nadu Police has been completely revamped to meet the increasing challenges. He praised the Chief Minister as the sole force behind the modernisation of Tamil Nadu Police.

Welcoming the gathering, the Director General of Police, Thiru W.I. Dawaram, said Tamil Nadu Police has gained during the last four and a half years what it had not received during the last 100 years. He expressed his happiness that the President's Medals are being distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He also presented a memento to the Chief Minister.

Thiru G. Veeraraghavan, Commissioner of Police, Madras City proposed a vote of thanks.

CHIEF MINISTER SANCTIONS Rs.266 CRORES FOR DROUGHT RELIEF WORKS

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha has sanctioned Rs.266 crores to carryout drought relief works in Districts. The Chief Minister announced this after listening to representations by fifteen District Collectors at a review meeting called for by her at Ramanathapuram on 27.1.96. The amount includes Rs.70 crores initially allotted for drought relief works.

Funds will not be a constraint to drought relief work and what is important is the correct identification of really needy and backward areas, sanction of relief works and implementation of the works with the greatest possible speed. The quality of works and the employment of rural labourers who are affected by drought must receive prior-

ity, the Chief Minister stressed.

The Chief Minister recalled that it is in keeping with the prevailing situation she had directed the increase in the entitlement of rice under the Public Distribution System to 20 kgs per family. Collectors must personally ensure that essential commodities reach the PDS shops without delay or shortfall.

The Chief Minister directed the Commissioner of Revenue Administration and other Commissioners to tour the drought affected Districts and take up regular monitoring and review water supply schemes as well as labour oriented schemes in the Districts. The Collectors are personally accountable for ensuring the timely implementation of drought relief works, she

said. The Collectors will be given all support by the Government, she added. Whenever and whenever difficulties are faced in release of funds or in procuring necessary materials, they may be brought to the notice of Commissioner in charge of each District and the Secretaries of the concerned Departments, the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister, made various announcements on measures to improve drinking water supply, creation of labour oriented works, on weekly review of works, on the grouping of Districts, on conversion of term loans, etc.

Earlier the Hon'ble Chief Minister made an aerial survey of drought affected areas in Ramanathapuram District.

Funds For Drinking Water Supply and Employment Oriented Works Sanctioned

Drinking Water Supply

The Chief Minister made the following announcements for drinking water supply, at the conclusion of her review meet-

ing with District Collectors on 27.1.96 at Ramanathapuram:

An additional amount of Rs.72 crores will be sanctioned immediately for addi-

tional borewells, extension of pipelines, water supply through lorries, replacement of pumpsets, deepening of bores etc. The inter-sectoral allocation and district wise disaggregation will be made by the Principal Commissioner for Revenue Administration based on proposals sent by the Collectors. The Collectors will have flexibility in taking up relief measures in respect of drinking water supply relevant to local conditions, she said.

The Chief Minister said a sum of Rs.17.50 crores has already been released for employment oriented works in the 15 Districts in December last. These works must be completed very quickly, she directed.

Employment generation

For undertaking the much needed labour oriented works for agricultural labourers, an additional flow of Rs.84 crores under JVVT and Employment Assurance Scheme etc for these 15 drought affected Districts will be made available. Depending upon the progress made further allocations will be made in the month of March. Collectors should personally involve themselves in the selection of works in really needy areas so that relief reaches the worst affected, she stressed.

Weekly Reviews

Weekly reviews of drought works must be intensively done at the taluk level by the Collectors. For this purpose, Collectors may form Taluk level teams headed by officers of the rank of Revenue Divisional Officer/Divisional Development Officer with representatives drawn from Rural Department, Public Works Department, Agricultural Engineering and Highways Department and TWAD Board who

will regularly inspect and review all works and ensure that works are executed in time and in a proper manner. Weekly physical and financial reports must be sent to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration, she said.

Grouping of Districts

The 15 Districts will be grouped into 5 Zones and 3 Districts, each reviewed by a Commissioner. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration may group the Districts for intensive inspection and review by the Commissioners.

In the 15 drought affected Districts, Rs.185 crores of short term loans will be converted as medium term loans and collection of Rs.29 crores of long term loans will be postponed. All Collectors must immediately initiate issue of Annawari Certificates by the Revenue staff so that the District Co-operative Banks can take expeditious action to give effect to this order. Remission of land revenue under Revenue standing order 14 in the 15 Districts will also be ordered by Government based on issue of Annawari Certificates by the Collectors, she said.

Roads

In order to strengthen certain major roads in the districts, a total amount of Rs.35 crores will be allocated at the first instance. The District wise allocation will be: Thanjavur District - Rs.10 crores, Nagapattinam Quaid-e-Milleth District - Rs.12 crores, Perambalur Thiruvalluvar District - Rs.3 crores and Ramanathapuram District - Rs.10 crores.

Besides, Dheeran Chinnamalai Transport Corporation will open new bus routes in Perambalur Thiruvalluvar District in consultation with the District Collector.



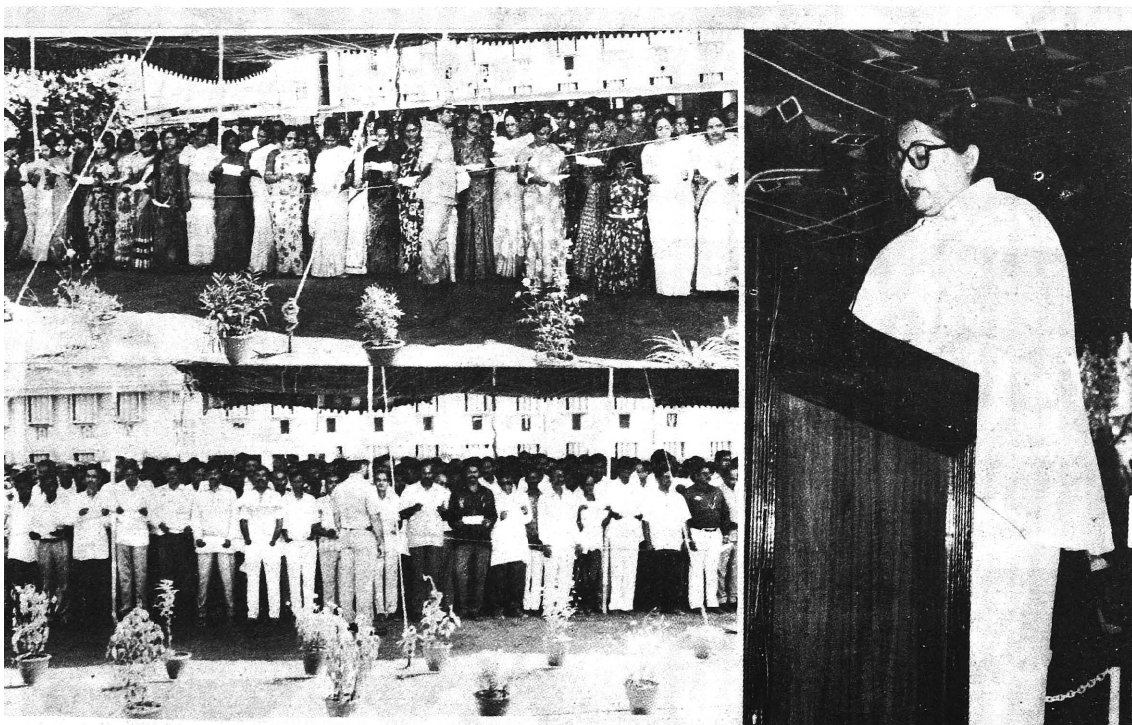
In addition to the amount indicated already for drinking water supply purpose, a sum of Rs.5 crores will be provided to Dindigul-Anna District for improving water supply in Dindigul, Palani, Chinnalampatti and Kodaikanal Municipal Towns.

Other Points

The other points raised by the Collectors, will be examined by the Government and orders issued expeditiously. This includes the request for desalination plants for Pudukkottai and Kanniyakumari districts. The Chief Minister called upon

them all, to work with renewed vigour to give the greatest and utmost relief to the drought affected.

Originally the Government had allocated Rs.70 crores for drought relief works. But now, after hearing the representations made by the District Collectors of the 15 drought affected Districts, the Chief Minister has decided to sanction Rs.266 crores in total to carry out drought relief works. Besides, the Government will send a proposal to the Government of India for a sizeable assistance under the Natural Calamity Relief Fund, she said.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha administered the pledge against untouchability to officers and employees of the Secretariat on the occasion of the 'Martyrs Day' at the Secretariat on 30.1.96. Earlier she paid floral tributes to the father of the Nation.

CHIEF MINISTER PRESENTS ANNA MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY



A SPECTACULAR PAGEANTRY AT MADRAS

Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha presented the Anna Medals for Gallantry to five persons at the Republic Day Parade held at Marina, Madras on 26th January 1996.

The Chief Minister arrived at the venue sharply at 7.50 AM. She was enthusiastically received by the people with loud cheers that had gathered on either side of the Kamarajar salai. His Excellency the Governor, Dr. M. Channa Reddy arrived at the saluting base and was received by the

Chief Minister. She introduced the three Chiefs of the Armed Services and top police officials to him.

The Governor unfurled the National Flag and took the salute at the ceremonial march past by Army, Navy, Air Force, Paramilitary and others.

The Chief Minister then distributed the Anna Medals for Gallantry to Thiru K. Raju (Salem District), Thiru P. Krishnamoorthy (Chidambaranar District), Selvi A. Anitha (Periyar District), Thiru V. Radhakrishnan

(Kamarajar District) and Thiru T. Mariappan (Kanniyakumari District).

Presentation of the Anna Medal was followed by Carnival by School children. They performed the Tamil Nadu Folk Dance, the Rajasthan Folk Dance, the Bangra Dance, the Gujarathi Dance, the Rajasthani Harvest Dance, Tribal Dance, Kerala Dance and Tamil Nadu Pongal Dance.

There were eight other cultural presentations also which included Ratwa Dance of Gujarat, Alagar Attam of



Tamil Nadu, Dhinsa of Andhra Pradesh, Kuravara Kunita of Karnataka, Kolattam of Tamil Nadu, Theyyam of Kerala, Saira of Uttar Pradesh and Puvilia Dance of Orissa.

A pageantry of twenty floats highlighting the achievements of the Government followed. This pageantry was led by a float carrying Vidwans piping out

nathaswaram music. The float by Information and Public Relations Department portrayed the singular achievements of the Tamil Nadu Government in varied spheres of activity. The Float of Police Department exhibited the excellent security arrangements made during the SAF Games, the All Women Police Stations, Dog Squad, Bomb detection



squad, commandoes in action, Jaya's Flaming Arrows team with women police on Motor cycle. The Float presented by the Collector of Madras displayed the model of the modern Tennis Complex with all facilities at Nungambakkam. It also displayed Hon'ble Chief Minister handing over the SAF Games Torch and Leo the Mascot of the SAF Games. The Float of the Horticulture Department depicted a cut-out model of Leo, the SAF Games Mascot made up of fresh vegetables and a model of a temple with Nandavanam and distribution of fruit plants by Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Float by Tamil Nadu Housing Board carried the model of the SAF Games village at Madras constructed on 35.53 acres of land at a cost of Rs.101 crores and number of other commercial complexes built under remunerative schemes. The Co-optex Float carried a weavers hut and a weaver weaving on a handloom. Young models sported traditional and modern dresses in silk and cotton. The Float of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department depicted various schemes taken up under the directive of the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the socio-economic and educational upliftment of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. It

also depicted some of the new schemes such as the formation of a state level Commission for Adi Dravidar Welfare and State Adi Dravidar Women Committee to advice Government for formulating new schemes for the welfare of the Adi Dravidars. The Industries and Commerce Department's Float stressed the strides taken by Tamil Nadu in Industrial Development. It depicted women entrepreneurship Development Programme to enthuse and motivate women entrepreneurs. It also depicted the Mega Automotive Unit to be set up by Ford Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra that would provide direct employment to 2000 persons and indirect job opportunities to 20,000 persons. The Float by Agriculture Department displayed training to

farm women to increase their status and the new Agricultural Policy which is being implemented in the State, to improve agriculture and increase farmers' income. The Float of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board depicted the achievements in generation, transmission and distribution sectors. The Float of the Co-operation Department depicted a banyan tree which helps mankind in many ways, like the Co-operative Movement that renders service to the people.

The Float of Tourism Department carried a model of Athiamaan Kottai and a replica of Hogenakkal Water Falls. The Float of Rural Development Department reflected Tamil Nadu's Committed involvement in Programmes like IRDP, TRYSEM, Jawahar Velai Vaippu Thittam, DWCR, So-





road to witness the celebrations.

Later in the evening at the customary Raj Bhavan reception hosted by his Excellency the Governor, the prizes were awarded to the best contingents in the parade held in the morning as also to outstanding cultural display, carnival performance by school children and to outstanding floats. The Contingents of the Army, Special Security Group and St. Johns Ambulance Brigade were adjudged the best in the carnival section, the Pongal Dance by students of Children's Garden Girls Higher Secondary School, Bangra Dance by Lady M.Ct.M. Girls Higher Secondary School and Tamil Nadu Folk Dance by Rani Meyyammai Girls Higher Secondary School were chosen to the top three places in that order. Among the cultural programme, Puvilia Dance of Orissa, Ratwa Dance of Gujarat, and Theyyam of Kerala were declared the best. The float by Horticulture Department bagged the first prize. The second prize went to the float of the Police Department and the float of the Agriculture Department bagged the third prize. The Prizes were distributed by His Excellency the Governor.

cial Forestry, Rural Water Supply, supply of smokeless Chulas, Installation of Bio-gas Plants, Low cost latrine Programme and the Distribution of Television sets. The Float of the Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department displayed the 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of the Children. The float of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board depicted various schemes to provide protected water to all the Adi Dravidar colonies, coastal fishermen colonies, rural habitations and installation of desalination Plants. The Environment and Forest Department depicted a lion safari at Arignar Anna Zoological Park at Vandalur, and various schemes to further forestry. The Float of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board depicted the various steps taken to create environmental awareness among the people. The Float of the Ex-servicemen's Wel-

fare Department highlighted some self-employment schemes implemented for the benefit of Ex-servicemen. This float also carried a model of the War memorial at Madras. The Float of the Fisheries Department displayed a traditional country craft 'Kattumaram'. Various schemes for the uplift of the economic condition of the fishermen and to increase the Marine food production in Tamil Nadu were also depicted in the float. A colourful display of balloons culminated the proceedings of the morning.

Later, His Excellency the Governor was seen off by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Hon'ble Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Chief Justice of the Madras High Court Thiru K.A. Swamy, diplomats and higher officials of the State Government attended the Republic Day Parade. A large number of public had lined up on either side of the



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