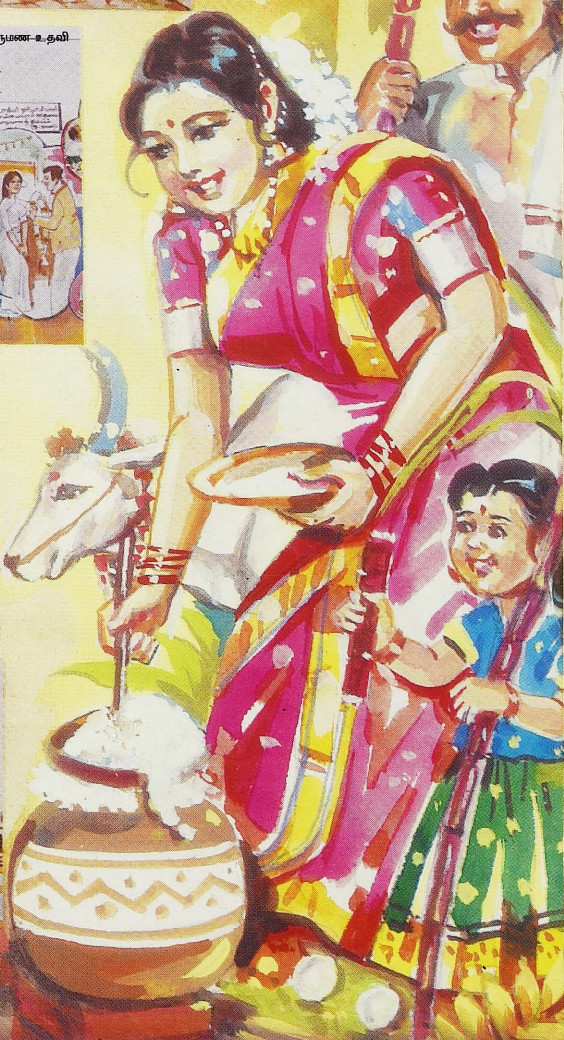
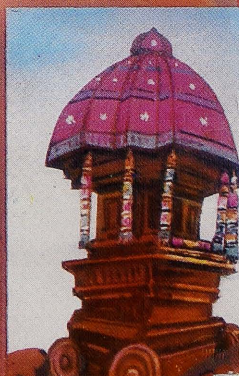
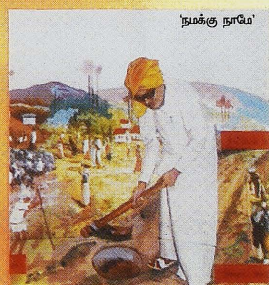


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# ARIGNAR ANNA

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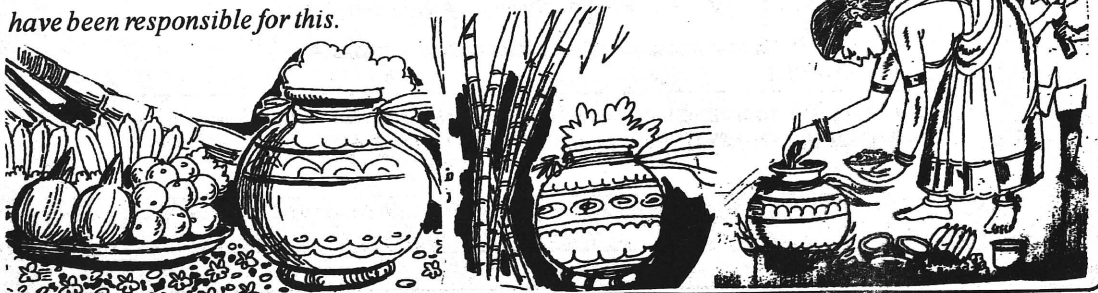
## Pongal Festival

*I have visited several metropolitan cities not once but thrice. Festivals are conducted there but never they can match our Pongal festival. Feasts, Festivities, Gaities, Orgies are there. But none of those can come anywhere near our 'Pongal'. Reveries in dance halls haste on the roads resulting in accidents, noisy scenes in shops are the part and parcel of their festivities. Here in our houses rise the sweet slogan of Pongal-O-Pongal chanted by the young and the old; by the boys and the girls.*

*It is festival for every member of the household. Other countries cannot have the pride of having such festival. First of all there is no such social structure in other countries.*

*Ages ago, before the boundaries of Nations were born, we had the treasure trove of thoughts, the pride of our race. Just to think of that heritage inspires us, thrills us and helps to keep our heads high.*

*On this pongal day, we can proclaim to the world that we have given our Mother land the sweet name Tamil Nadu. Our joy is redoubled at the thought that we have been responsible for this.*





# *There is a new thrust in Tamil Nadu on Industrial development*

**- Chief Minister KALAIgnar**  
at the inaugural session of  
the Partnership Summit  
held at Chennai on 8.1.98

*I am very happy to extend a hearty welcome to all of you.*

*The Confederation of Indian Industry has been organising this Partnership Summit since 1995. I am extremely happy that Chennai has been chosen as the Venue of this Summit this year, when the country celebrates the Golden Jubilee of Independence. Therefore, this Summit assumes special significance. We, in Chennai, feel privileged to play host. On behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I extend my warm greetings to Mr. I.K. Gujral, Prime Minister of India and other distinguished personalities from different parts of the world present here today. It is also a matter of great satisfaction to us that Chennai will be playing host to the Prime Minister of Italy, the President of Poland and several Ministers from around the world.*

*Chennai has been a major centre for trade and International co-operation. This city, and in fact the entire State, has a rich history of Global Trade. Strong links have existed with different parts of the World and this Partnership Summit once again emphasises the dynamic role of Chennai and Tamil Nadu in Globalisation.*

*Tamil Nadu is now in the forefront of Industrialisation. Some of the most prestigious Industrial Units are located in this State. Many have achieved World class excellence. These Industrial Houses have made a name in India and abroad with a wide range of products and services being exported. Industry in Tamil Nadu has also displayed some other important qualities*

*- good corporate culture, smooth Industrial relations, sharp focus on Human Resource Development and strong customer orientation.*

*Today, as the country is transforming itself, there is a new thrust in Tamil Nadu on Industrial development. The State Government with its investor-friendly Industrial Policy has been able to provide a healthy and productive environment for foreign Investment. It is not surprising that Global players such as Ford Motors of USA and Hyundai of Korea are among those who are setting up major plants in Tamil Nadu. In keeping with modern times, the State is also becoming a star attraction for Information Technology players.*

*From a Geographical point of view, Tamil Nadu enjoys an excellent location; It is served by excellent coast line which makes Global Trade much easier. The State is really*





*a Gateway for India's links with South East Asia and the Far East. Australia and New Zealand are also within striking distance of Chennai.*

*Infrastructure development has been on top of our agenda in Tamil Nadu. We also have placed considerable emphasis on developing a sound educational infrastructure with a good set of higher technical education colleges and training institutions. The engineering colleges, the polytechnics and the Industrial Training Institutes in the State produce excellently trained manpower every year.*

*Similarly, the primary education system in the State serves the population well. It gives the needed essential input to the growing child.*

*At another level, we have in this State some of the best health care institutions. We believe health-care is a basic need of the population.*

*As I mentioned earlier, Tamil Nadu has been no stranger to international trade. This is amply reflected in the large number of foreign collaborations existing in the industrial and infrastructure areas. The automotive industry, the chemicals and textile sectors, the electronics industry are just a few examples, where foreign collaborations have been welcomed and partnerships have been totally successful.*

*The products from these industries not only travel to every nook and corner in our country. They have also been widely accepted around the world.*

*Tamil Nadu looks to the future with great optimism. I am confident that our State will continue to witness the emergence of new global partnerships in many areas.*

*I am happy that Industrialists, Entrepreneurs and Business men from all parts of the country are here in Chennai to participate in the Partnership Summit. They will be networking with a strong group of Industrialists and Businessmen from many Countries. I am glad that the city of Chennai has this great opportunity to act as the host for the Summit.*

*Let me once again welcome all of you, to the ancient, yet, modern State of Tamil Nadu. I wish you all a very pleasant and useful stay in Chennai.*

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# **“Some of our strengths are our business - friendly policies supported by a responsive State administration”**

**Chief Minister Kalaingar at the Plenary Session - X  
“Focus on Tamil Nadu” at the Partnership Summit,  
held at Chennai on 10.1.98.**

I am extremely happy to be with you, once again, at the CII Partnership Summit.

There is one significant advantage that the host State derives from the Summit. It gets an opportunity to focus on its economic development and growth plans.

economic development. In fact, even the founding fathers of the Constitution had envisaged a prime role for the States in industrial development. It is another matter that the situation in the last five decades has turned out to be different. But I am confident



## **e Partnership Summit**



A lot has been said about the role of the States in the process of economic development of the country. I will only add here that India will witness a changing scene, where the States will have pride of place in

that in future the States will be leading the process of economic growth and development in the country.

Speaking about the Government of Tamil Nadu, I can say with confidence that

we are committed to playing a very active role in moving the State forward. We shall take initiatives to create an environment for larger investments, stronger growth and speedier benefits to the people of the State and the country as a whole.

Traditionally, Tamil Nadu has pursued a progressive policy of industrial development. This is reflected in the maturity and quality of the industrial base existing in the State. For example, we have been leaders in the automotive industry with vehicle manufacturers, tractor manufacturers and auto component manufacturers playing a significant role.

Similarly in the field of petrochemicals, we have much to talk about.

The textile machinery industry, the textile industry and the foundry and forging industry have also been important players. In recent times there has been an impressive growth and development of services industry, particularly Information Technology based industry.

Attracting investments has become a very competitive business today amongst the States. Each State is competing with the other to attract foreign capital, technology and know-how. Competition is not a bad thing. I am happy with the successes of other Chief Ministers and wish them well. Of course, I do believe that Tamil Nadu has many advantages. An Investor can make use of these advantages.

Some of our strengths are our business-friendly policies supported by a responsive

State administration; an excellent network of railways, ports, roads, and tele communications; availability of labour and peaceful industrial relations. We will ensure that investments in our State are made productive quickly and profitably.

Highway is an important infrastructure for Industrial development. Therefore we have already taken useful steps to widen the two National Highways, namely, Chennai to Bangalore and Chennai to Kannyakumari. We have also planned to convert them to Industrial corridors of the State.

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The physical infrastructure is always a prime concern of any investor. We fully understand and appreciate this. We are devoting considerable time and energy to ensuring a high

quality of adequate infrastructure. The indicators are encouraging. For example, in the field of power, installed capacity has been growing at 8.35%; Transmission and distribution losses are very much below the national average; The plant load factor is 76.1%.

We have twelve ports in the State. They rank high in terms of the share in cargo handled and percentage of cargo transported. The social infrastructure is also sound. It has an excellent combination of primary schools, secondary schools and higher technical education institutions. Some of the best health care facilities in the country are available in the State. The physical location of Tamil Nadu is ideal to promoting



trade with the entire South East Asian countries and also with Australia and New Zealand.

Let me now emphasis the philosophy of my administration. We wish to provide speedy and transparent decisions. We want to provide an en

couraging environment and ensure a work culture. These will guarantee productivity and profitability. We present

to you a fine blend of tradition and modernism. We promise you stability in policies.

I am happy to recall that according to a survey conducted by the 'Business Today', Tamil Nadu is in the third rank among the best States to invest in.

Even while this Partnership Summit has been busy with its sessions, the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation has entered into Joint Sector Agreement with several promoters.

On 7.1.98 in my presence agreements have been signed for five projects for an investment of over hundred and fifty crores of rupees;

- ◆ a Chicken Processing Project, which is a 100% export-oriented unit with Pioneer Breeding Farms Limited.
- ◆ a new Auto Component Project with Sriram Group of Companies.
- ◆ a French Frozen Fries Project with RC Suresh & Associates of Kuwait.

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***We wish to provide speedy and transparent decisions. We want to provide an encouraging environment and ensure a work culture.***

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- ◆ a Project to manufacture Paper and Paper board machinery with Marquip India Private Limited.

- ◆ a Project to manufacture Auto Components, Aluminium Dies Castings and Green House Accessories with Dynamatic Group of Companies, Bangalore.

On 9.1.98 three agreements have been signed in my presence,

- ◆ an Oil Refineries project with

Nagarjuna Group at a project cost of Two thousand six hundred and fifty crores of rupees.

- ◆ a Coil Centre Project with POS Hyundai Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited at a project cost of Forty Four crores of rupees.

This news items has been published in all dailies today except in English dailies.

- ◆ a Mando Brake Systems India Private Limited with Anand Group with an initial investment of Thirty crores of rupees.

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Thus, Tamil Nadu State is marching ahead in Industrial Development.

I am sure that businessmen and industrialists from many countries are here in Chennai to participate in this Summit. We also have Industrialists from other parts of the country. Let me conclude by inviting all of you to come and invest in Tamil Nadu. I request you to become a part of the exciting journey, we have undertaken.



## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN CHENNAI



**M**arch past of the Armed forces, Spectacular, breath taking air display by IAF aircrafts, colourful presentation of song and dance programme by school and college students, a rich pageantry highlighting the achievements of the Government in various departments marked the 49th Republic Day Celebrations held at Chennai.

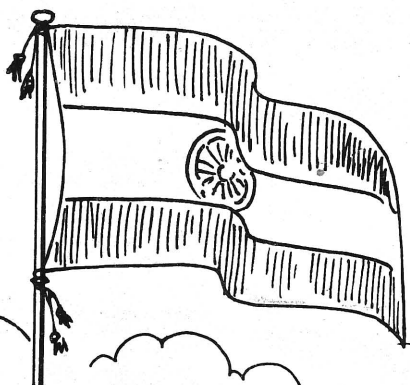
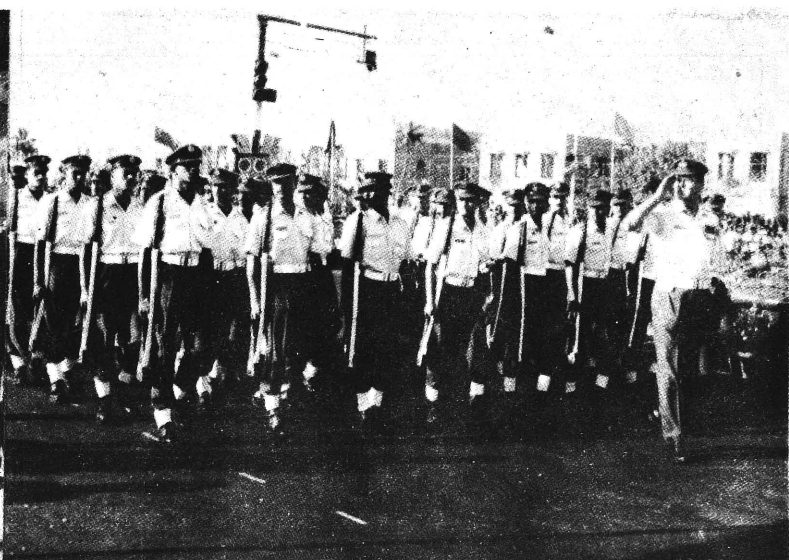
The place near the Gandhi Statue on Kamarajar Salai wore a festive look with people thronging on either side of the road. The Chief Secretary (incharge) Thiru A.P. Muthusamy welcomed the Chief Minister Kalaignar on his

arrival to the venue. Her Excellency the Governor, Justice M.Fathima Beevi was extended a warm welcome by the Chief Minister and commandants of the three armed services, the DGP Thiru F.S.Sharma, Addl.DGP Thiru V. Kumarasamy and the Chennai City Commissioner (incharge) Thiru P. Kalimuthu were introduced to her.

Her Excellency the Governor hoisted the National Flag to the recital of the National Anthem. She took the salute at the specially erected dais and inspected the march past by the Armed Forces, Police Force and other security forces.



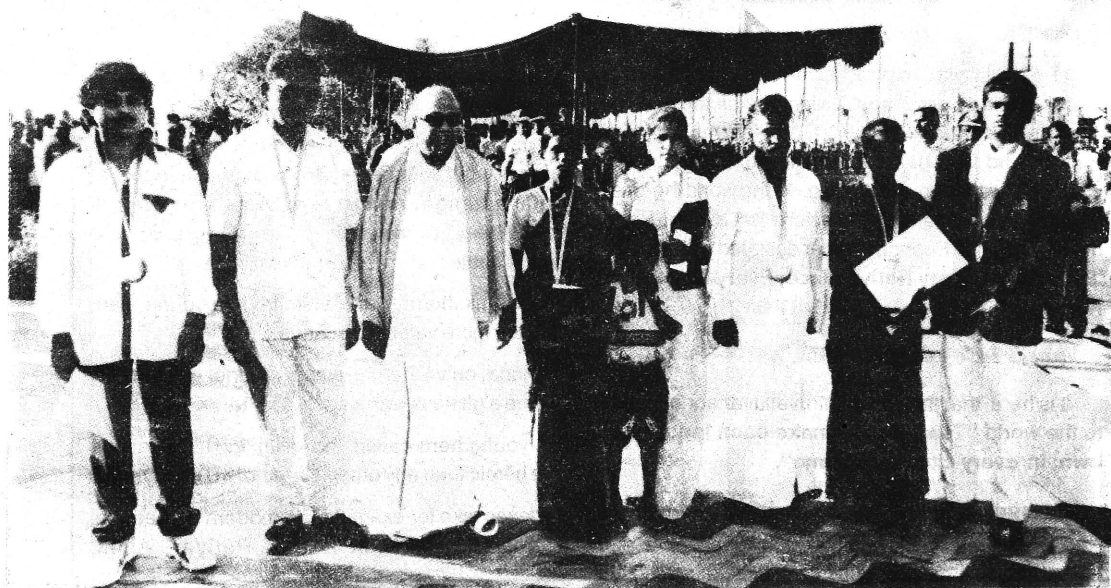




The Chief Minister Kalaingar awarded the Anna Medals for Bravery to 6 persons for their brave deeds and honoured renowned freedom fighters.

The song and dance programme by school and college students was followed by a pageantry of floats highlighting the achievements of the Government in various departments.

Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Parliament, MLAs, Higher Officials of the Government and Public in large number attended the function.



*When there is Courage of Conviction,  
difficulties in the path of progress  
vanish like bubbles*

Presidential address of the  
**Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalamnagar**  
at the Youth Festival held at Chennai.



**T**o begin with, I extend a warm welcome to all of you. My hearty greetings. I wish you all the best in life. I am very happy that you have assembled in an ancient and famous State called Tamil Nadu. Two thousand years ago, this State gave the world the idea of universal brotherhood. It is here that a Tamil Poet by name Kanian Poongundranar declared to the world 'Every Place is my Native Place; Every Man is my Kinsman.

(பாதும் ஊரே பாவரும் கேளிர்)

It is here that the great Thiruvalluvar announced to the world "The learned make each land their own; in every city find a home".

(பாதுமும் நாடாமல் ஊராமல் என்னொருவன்  
சாந்துணையும் கல்லாத வாறு)

In history and legend, the heroes are remembered for their achievements, only while they were young.

Pandian Nedunchezian, only when he was young, fought with seven Kings simultaneously at Thalayaalanganam (தலையாலங்கானத்துச் செருவென்ற பாண்டியன் நெடுஞ்செழியன்) and won the battle.

In 'Kurukshetra' war, Abhimanyu, a young man, exhibited more valour than Arjuna.

Arjuna, only when he was a student of 'Dhrona', became a glorious warrior.

A young hero called 'Indrajith' in Ramayana is more heroic than any other character in Ramayana.

Please take for example, the modern heroes like, Dr. Ambedkar, Pandit Nehru, Periyar, Anna,



**We have achieved liberty through  
selflessness and sacrifice.  
We should guard this hard earned  
freedom and re-establish the glorious  
position of the past**

Kamarajar they all entered public life, when they were very young.

Let me recall a story from Ramayana. Rama, Lakshmana, Baratha, and Chathrukhna, as boys, were playing with bow and arrow using "cloth ball" as the missile. While they were playing so, a cloth ball hit at the back of Kooni. The boys laughed at this. Because of this shameful incident, Kooni started nurturing hatred for Rama.

All of you know, the tit-for-tat attitude of Kooni and the rest of the epic. Based on this incident, a proverb was coined, "**Play is foul**" (விளையாட்டு விளையானது).

But play is not always foul. It is aimed at health and growth. That is why the poet Bharathi called upon children

**"Run and Play; Don't stop and rest".**

(ஒடிவிளையாடு பாப்பா - நீ  
ஒய்ந்திருக்கவானது பாப்பா)

Youths from all over India are here. You have come to reaffirm our commitment to United India. You have buried the differences of caste, creed and language. In you, I see a little and beautiful India.

It is very fitting that the National Youth Festival is launched on the Birthday of Swami Vivekananda. He had great faith in the youth to take India to greater heights.

Civilisation had taken deeper roots in India. In fact, our Mother-Land has taught civilisation and culture to others. Ancient seafarers from Tamil Nadu had travelled far and wide, to the East and the West. Tamil is one of the classical languages. It was born thousands of years ago. It stands proof to our intellectual development. India had excelled in different fields of Science and Arts. We can be very proud of our heritage.

**"You are the children of India, an ancient Land; Please always have this in mind".**

(பாரத நாடு பழம்பெரும் நாடு  
நீர்தன் பதல்வர், இந்நினை வகற்றாதிர்)

These are the golden words of Bharathi, a Poet of freedom-fighter. These words should remind us of our task. The task is to bring India back to its position of pre-eminence.

All of you assembled here belong to the post-independence. You have been enjoying the fruits of liberty. We have achieved liberty through selflessness and sacrifice. We should guard this hard earned freedom and re-establish the glorious position of the past. It requires untiring efforts. Let us calmly and in a manly fashion go to work. Let us not waste our energy and time in unnecessary things.

Like the birds from different parts of the world flocking at Vedanthangal in Tamil Nadu, delegates from all over India, have assembled to promote the aims of the festival. The aims are friendship, peace and development. These ideals are possible only when we treat all human beings in the same manner. Lasting friendship cannot be achieved, unless the basic human values are given importance. A festival of this type should bring out oneness among all Indians.

Benefits of development should flow to all sections of the society. Particularly to the down-trodden. My sincere request to all of you is to help such down-

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Golden Jubilee of Independence  
to work to achieve this task.”***

trodden people. Your energy and efforts should be channelised with constructive activities. This will supplement the efforts of the governments to improve the welfare of the poor.

Youth have tremendous energy and potential. You should engage in useful steps in building up the Nation. When there is courage of conviction, difficulties in the path of progress vanish like bubbles. Temporary attraction should not divert you from your journey to progress. Temporary gains do not lead to peace and development. It is my strong desire that young people should committedly work towards the goal of making India as a powerful and soulful nation.

Out of the total youth in India, the per centage of rural youth is Seventy Eight point four (78.4%). That is why our Tamil Nadu Government has been implementing several schemes for the welfare of the rural youth.

In the last two years, more than twenty five thousand young teachers have been employed.

Ten thousand young people have been employed for the maintenance of Roads.

Thirteen thousand youths have been employed as 'Makkal Nala Panialargal'.

Six hundred young doctors have been employed in Government Hospitals.

About one thousand youths have been employed as technical assistants in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

More than ten thousand young men and women have recently joined the Tamil Nadu Police Force in our State.

Another ten thousand young men and women are going to be taken to our police force.

15 per cent reservation has been made for the rural Students in professional courses like Engineering, Medicine, Dental, Agriculture, Veterinary, Law and Siddha medicine.

Freedom fighters have handed over the torch of freedom to the younger generation. This should not be considered a candle; It is a torch to light the lives of the millions. Let us swear at this hour of Golden Jubilee of Independence to work to achieve this task.

On this happy occasion, I am glad to mention that our Government is formulating "Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare Policy"

I wish you all assembled here a pleasant stay during this festival.

As today is Vivekananda's Birthday, I want to conclude my address by recalling his famous words: "Arise, Awake, Stop not till the Goal is reached"

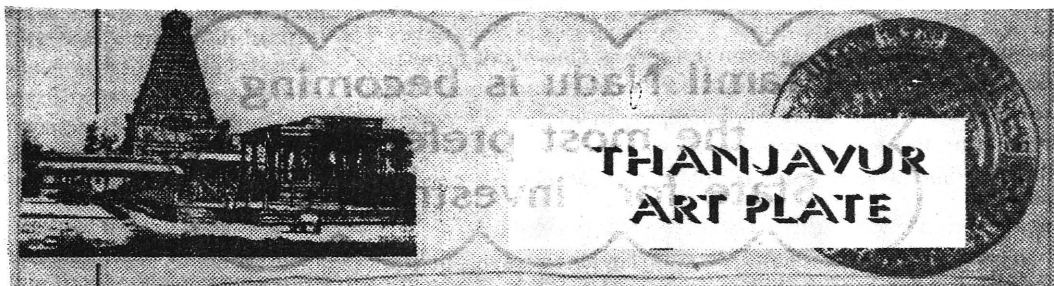


## **II WRAPPER**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar after assuming office announced that the Perarignar Anna Memorial (Anna Square) which has not been renovated for a long time would be modified, and accordingly modification works have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.275 lakhs. A bust size statue of Arignar Anna installed at the entrance of the memorial was unveiled by the Chief Minister on 3.2.98.







**T**hanjavur, the ancient capital of the Chola dynasty is known for some of the finest examples of embossed work. The beautiful Thanjavur Plates, bowls, napkin rings, powder boxes etc. made of copper and brass with motifs drawn from Hindu mythology and encrusted in silver against a finely engraved background, exemplify both superlative skill and mastery of material.

The Thanjavur Art Plates are the skillful handiwork of the traditional craftsmen. Thanjavur Art Plates are famous throughout the world.

Thanjavur Art Plates is made from copper and silver sheet, reliefs are encrusted of the base brass of Art Plates. This process gives a three dimensional effect and looks superb as an ornamental piece.

The Art of making Thanjavur Plates is extremely intricate and calls for a perfect team of experts in hard and soft metal jewellery and diamond settings.

Thanjavur Art Plate work is used throughout the world for doorway panels, sports trophies, mirror frames, chandan bowls, rose water sprinklers, powder boxes, pencil boxes, cigar boxes, napkin rings, and flower pots. This art is practised in Thanjavur.

Other objects cast in copper, brass, bronze and bell metal are puja items, different types of lamps, chembus, bowls, and bells, special utensils, paperweights, ash-trays etc.

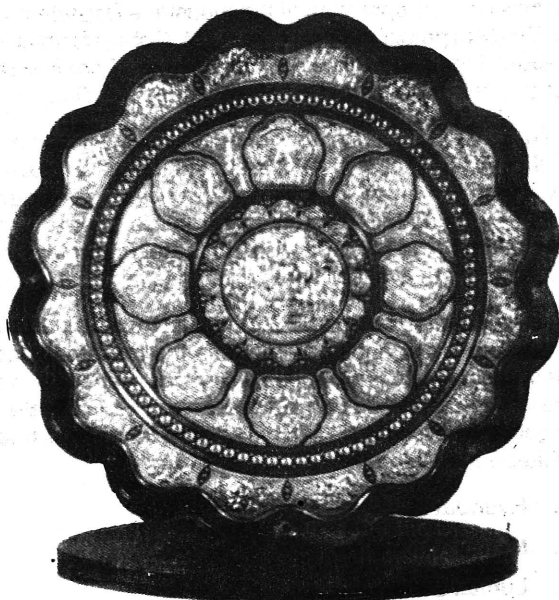
### **Poompuhar**

Poompuhar was a fabled Chola sea-port from which the crafts and the culture of the Tamil kingdom went out to all the world.

Today, Poompuhar is a repository for the best of the handicrafts of Tamil Nadu. Poompuhar showrooms have been set up by the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation, to promote and market the traditional crafts of Tamil Nadu.

The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, popularly called 'POOMPUHAR' is a Government owned Public Limited Company. The handicrafts are produced under technical direction by craftsmen, by Co-operative Societies and Training and Production Units of Poompuhar.

Poompuhar is a recognised 'Export House' for handicrafts by the Government of India. Poompuhar's handicrafts are sold throughout India through Exhibitions and showrooms.



# “Tamil Nadu is becoming the most preferred State for investments”

**Chief Minister Kalaingar at the foundation stone laying function of Saint Gobain Float Glass Plant at Sriperumbudur near Chennai on 22.1.98.**

**T**his is a pleasant occasion. I am very happy to lay the foundation stone for this project. Saint - Gobain is more than Three Hundred Years old. Today, the Saint - Gobain Group has spread over Forty Two Countries, with its Five hundred and Eighty Seven Companies. It is employing more than one lakh people. It has a turn - over of about Sixteen Billion U.S. Dollars. Saint - Gobain is the world leader in five of its eight businesses. The Flat Glass Division is its oldest business. Saint - Gobain was founded to produce glass for the "Hall of Mirrors" in King Louis Fourteenth's Royal Palace of Versailles. I like to recall my visit to the "Hall of Mirrors" on 8-7-1970. I enjoyed the beauty of the Hall. Saint - Gobain has become a part of the History of France. I am glad about all these facts.

I am really happy that such a big and famous company is putting up a Float Project in Tamil Nadu. This has become possible because of the transparent policy of our Government - because of the excellent co-operation of the Industries Department, SIPCOT and TAMIN. I personally thank the Saint - Gobain for their investment of about Thousand Crores of rupees here. I am specially happy that this is the largest French investment in India.

Tamil Nadu is self - sufficient in all the raw - materials required for the Glass Industry. This should open up new areas for developing more such Industries in our State. I request the TAMIN Chairman to do his best to organise full exploitation of the Silica sand in our State. Promoters may please take note of the availability of Silica sand in Tamil Nadu.

This Industrial Park of SIPCOT located near Sriperumbudur will become an important land - mark in the Industrial Map of India. This Industrial Park is proposed on an area of about Two Thousand Acres. About hundred Large, Medium and Small Scale Industries are going to be located in this Park. So far lands have been allotted to Fifteen Industries :-

1. Hyundai Motor India'
2. Matsushita Electric
3. Lumax Samlip

4. Marquipp India
5. JBM Sungwoo
6. Iljui Automotive
7. JKM Daerim Automotive
8. Dynamitic Technologies
9. Sharda Motor
10. Mando Brake Systems
11. Valeo Friction Materials
12. Pos-Hyundai Steel Manufacturing
13. PHC Manufacturing
14. Donghee Vision
15. Yamko JKM Enginnering

So far so good. I request the Industries Secretary, Officers of the SIPCOT and TIDCO to reach the Hundred Mark at least before the end of this year. Here I like to mention the fast progress made by Hyundai. Other Industries should follow this example of Quality and Speed.

As you all know, Tamil Nadu is becoming the most preferred State for investments. According to a survey, Tamil Nadu is in the third rank among the best States to invest in. The share of Tamil Nadu in exports has gone upto sixteen percent. This has become possible

because of our transparent policies, cordial industrial relations, keenness in human resources development, investor - friendly attitude and natural resources.

Tamil Nadu, in the last Eighteen Months, has attracted an investment of about Thirty Five Thousand Crores of rupees

- Twenty Thousand and Seven Hundred Crores

## • Two Hundred Crores of rupees in Food Processing.

During this month alone, agreements have been signed for ten projects for an investment of over two thousand nine hundred crores of rupees. Even yesterday, agreements were signed for two projects - Toll Road Management Project and Non Asbestos Friction Material Manufacturing Project with French Companies.

These investments will generate employment to One Lakh and Twenty Five Thousand people directly and Two Lakh and Twenty Five Thousand people indirectly.



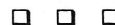
of rupees in power generation.

- Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Five Crores of rupees in infrastructure
- Five Thousand and Hundred Crores of rupees in Automobile
- Eight Hundred and Twenty Crores of rupees in Information Technology and

Therefore, I use this occasion to extend an invitation to the Promoters, Investors and Businessmen all over the world to come and invest in Tamil Nadu. I assure all necessary co-operation and assistance.

I congratulate the management of Sain-Gobain. I wish them all the best. One kind request to the Saint - Gobain Management. We want each of their businesses to have a plant and investment in Tamil Nadu.

I thank you all for this opportunity.



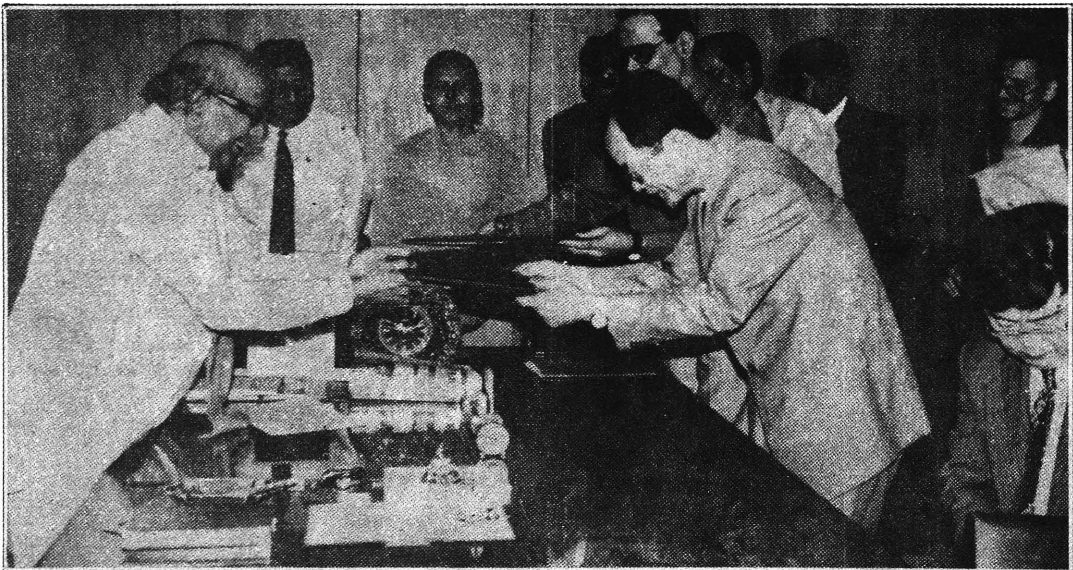


## AN ERA OF SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

### TAMIL NADU IS NOW IN THE FORE FRONT OF INDUSTRIALISATION

★ Industry in Tamil Nadu has also displayed some other important qualities - good corporate, culture, smooth industrial relations, sharp focus on human resources development and strong customer orientation. With this, by the exemplary efforts of the **Chief Minister Kalaignar**, the foreign investors are attracted towards Tamil Nadu since the State is becoming a 'Star'

- ★ The Government of Tamil Nadu with its investor - friendly industrial policy has been able to provide a healthy and productive environment for foreign investments, since, the State is to witness the emergence of new global partnership in many areas such as :
- ★ **Single Window Clearance System** was introduced by the **Chief Minister** for speedy decision without delay in providing basic infrastructure.



attraction for Information Technology Players.

**Rs.35,000 crores investment within  
18 months**

|                               | Rupees<br>(in Crores) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Power generation           | - 20,700              |
| 2. Infrastructure facilities  | - 7,285               |
| 3. Automobile industries      | - 5,100               |
| 4. Information Technology     | - 820                 |
| 5. Food Processing Industries | - 200                 |

- ★ Korean - **Hyundai Car** factory at a cost of **Rs.2,950 crores** at Irungattukottai.
- ★ St.Gobain of France - **Float Glass Factory** at a cost of **Rs.450 crores**, near Sriperumbudur.
- ★ **Kumho tyres of Korea** establishing a tyre factory at a cost of **Rs.600 crores**.
- ★ **Mitsubishi of Japan and Hindustan** as Joint Venture to produce '**Lancer Car**' at a cost of **Rs.320 crores**.
- ★ **Pennar - Petroleum Refinery** at Cuddalore District by TIDCO and Nagarjuna Associates



as Joint Venture at an estimated cost of **Rs.2,650 crores.**

- ★ **High Tech Park** at a cost of **Rs.6,000 crores** near **Nangunery** of Thirunelveli District.
- ★ **A Computer Software Technology Park** at a cost of **Rs.320 crores** in Tharamani and Nandanam of Chennai.
- ★ **Petro-Chemical Park** near Ennore at a cost of **Rs.720 crores.**
- ★ **Power Plants** at a cost of **Rs.8,000 crores.**
- ★ **Lignite-Mining and Power generation** at a cost of **Rs.6000 crores** near Jayamkondam.
- ★ **Liquified Natural Gas based projects** at a cost of **Rs.7,500 crores.**
- ★ **Automotive safety glass factory** at Singaperumalkoil by **Philkington** of England at a cost of **Rs.115 crores.**
- ★ **Matsuisita's air conditioning unit** at a cost of **Rs.59 crores.**
- ★ **Transroot of France** taking up **Highways Projects** at a cost of **Rs.2000 crores.**
- ★ **Chicken processing factory** at a cost of **Rs.31 crores** at Pongalur in Coimbatore District by TIDCO and Pioneer.
- ★ **India's first Potato french fries factory** at Mettupalayam near Coimbatore by TIDCO with a Quwait company at a cost of **Rs.32 crores.**
- ★ By these new factories 3.5 lakh persons will get employment.
- ★ **Auto spare parts manufacturing factory** near Chennai by TIDCO and Sriram as Joint Venture at a cost of **Rs.21 crores.**
- ★ **Carbon block industry** at Gummidipoondi by Hi-Tech at a cost of **Rs.115 crores.**
- ★ A factory to manufacture machineries of paper and paper boards at Irungattukottai by **Markyub** at a cost of **Rs.46.10 crores.**
- ★ Factory to produce **auto spares** by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Bangalore Dynametic Technology as Joint Venture at Irungattukottai at a cost of **Rs.23 crores.**
- ★ **Auto spare factory** at Irungattukottai by Tamil Nadu Government and **Bose Hyundai Steel Company** with an initial cost of **Rs.44 crores.**
- ★ '**Manto Break Systems India**' by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Anand Group of Mumbai at Irungattukottai with an initial estimated cost of **Rs.30 crores.**
- ★ **Rs.588 crores** have been distributed as loan to **7,755 small scale industries** by TIDCO during the past 1½ years. **75,000 persons** gained employment.
- ★ **195 industrial sheds** costing **Rs.7.41 crores;** 263 upgraded industrial plots costing **Rs.2.02 crores** have been created by **SIDCO**

during the past 1½ years. 45,000 metric ton of raw materials costing **Rs.100 crores** have been distributed.

- ★ A sum of **Rs.31.24 crores** have been released as **subsidy** and disbursed to **5,248 beneficiaries**. It is noteworthy to mention that the total amount sanctioned by the present Government exceeds the total subsidy sanctioned by the **previous Government in 5 years time**.
- ★ During the past 1½ years **45,866 small scale units** have been granted permission thus creating an employment opportunity for about **2.75 lakh persons**.
- ★ The District **Single Window Committee** and **District Advisory Committee** have been merged to act efficiently in getting the statutory clearances pending with various departments and has been named as **Single Window Clearance Committee / SSI Grievance Redressal Committee**.
- ★ To encourage and guide educated unemployed men and women, the Government have established **Entrepreneurship Development Centre at Guindy**.
- ★ To encourage the **first generation women entrepreneurs** a subsidy of 10% margin money support to the project cost subject to a ceiling of **Rs.50,000** is provided.
- ★ **An industrial co-operative estate** on an area of 289 acres costing **Rs.5.52 crores** at Kittampalayam in Coimbatore District.
- ★ The TIIC has so far provided financial assistance to 81,148 units to the tune of **Rs.3,430 crores**. 71,617 employment opportunities have been created.
- ★ The Tamil Nadu Leather Development Corporation Limited has produced leather products costing **Rs. 5.11 crores**. Works are on to achieve the target of **Rs.5.76 crores**, during the current year.
- ★ **15 Industrial Co-operative tea factories** have achieved a sales turn - over of **Rs.44.14 cores**. 14,011 persons have been provided direct employment. The new factories at Ebbanad and Pitherkad are nearing completion at a cost of **Rs.2.30 crores** and **Rs.2.40 crores** respectively. A new Industrial Co-operative Tea factory will be constructed at Thummanatti in Nilgris District at a cost of **Rs.1.80 crores**.
- ★ An Information Technology Park over 200 Acres of land at Kelambakkam near Chennai at an estimated cost of **Rs.1,000 crores** is being established.
- ★ Elcot is also executing a project in the escort sector with M/s.Hyundai Electronics Ltd., for manufacturing car radios and stereos etc.
- ★ The Chief Minister has announced a new 'Information Technology Industrial Policy of Tamil Nadu' which would boost up the development of Software and Hardware industries in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ There are 34 sugar mills functioning in the State. (15 in Co-operative sector, 3 in public sector, and 16 in private sector.) Two more Co-operative sugar mills are being established at a total cost of **Rs.100 crores** at Kallakurichi and Gummidipoondi. New letters of intent have also been issued for establishing sugar mills in Thirukoilur, Kilpennathur, Aathur, Thiruvidaimarudhur, Sankarapuram, Aranthangi and Valangaiman.
- ★ In view of the acute shortage of developed industrial sites for medium and major industries, new industrial estates are being set up in Irungatturkottai, Sriperumpudur, Nemili, Vadamangalam, Ranipet, Hosur, Coimbatore and Tuticorin at a total area of **5870 Ha**.
- ★ TACIP which is mostly involved in development of growth centres is also acquiring **6756 Ha**. of lands in Orangadam, Mamandur - Palamathur, Varadarajapuram, Erumaiyur and Palanthandalam, Silambimangalam and 3 other villages and Oothukottai.
- ★ SIPCOT is also in the task of development of minor ports at Cuddalore and Colachel.
- ★ The procedure for grant of leases for minor minerals has been streamlined and tender cum auction system has been introduced, ensuring substantial increase in the revenue.



## Humanitary Assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund

- ★ As per the **Chief Minister's** request, the contribution by the public towards the collection for disbursement of Rs.10,000 to beneficiaries under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage assistance scheme, till date is Rs.5,19,12,009.
- ★ The **Chief Minister** has disbursed Rs. 3,08,22,160 for life saving surgeries to benefit 1935 persons.
- ★ Rs. 2.47 crores has been disbursed as relief to the affected people by natural calamities;



relief to the flood affected people in Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry on humanitarian grounds; and from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

- ★ Rs. 90.6 lakhs was given away to 3,286 persons as relief to the families affected by communal clash and families of persons who had died in police custody. Rs.43.53 lakh was disbursed as relief to benefit 2.91 lakh fishermen.
- ★ Rs.2.14 crores disbursed as ex-gratia to 36,500 unemployed employees of lock out factories.

- ★ Rs. 7.5 lakhs was granted as subsidy to Adyar Cancer Institute for the treatment of poor patients. Rs.37 lakhs provided to Madurai Rajaji Hospital for the purchase of equipments needed for conducting heart surgeries to infants.
- ★ A house costing Rs.3.5 lakhs, was given free to Thiru. Balu, a close associate of the former Chief Minister, Thiru. Bakthavachalam, who served him till his death.
- ★ Rs.2 lakhs provided to care for the Sri Lankan Tamil Children in the Indira Gandhi International School at Bangalore.

- ★ Rs.1.65 crores given to 3000 families affected by fire for installing non - flammable roofs for their houses.

- ★ Rs.2.98 lakhs provided for taking care of the children at Sivananda Gurukulam at Kattankulathur.

- ★ Rs.71.43 lakhs given as grant to the families of those who died in the fire accident 'at Arulmighu Pragatheswarar Temple at Thanjavur during temples' Maha Kumbabishekam and to carry repairs in the temple.

- ★ Apart from this Rs.12.65 lakhs was disbursed for various other relief measures.

## NINTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

- ★ Ninth Five Year Plan of Tamil Nadu was finalised at **Rs.25,000 crores** (at 1996-97 prices) in the meeting of **Hon'ble Chief Minister** and the Deputy Chairman, Union Planning Commission at New Delhi, which is **37.42% more than the Eighth Five Year Plan's agreed outlay.**

- ★ The main objectives of 9th Five Year Plan are such as; improving the water resources, economic development of the people below poverty line, education for all, upgradation of integrated health services, improving roads using modern machineries, upgradation of small ports, industrialisation, women development programmes with the

assistance of institutional finance. Basic amenities to the interior rural habitations in par with the urban areas are being provided by implementing **Anna Renaissance, Self Help Programmes etc.**, With the able and charismatic leadership of **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar**, Tamil Nadu will no doubt become the foremost State in India.

### SALES TAX EXEMPTION

- ★ Tax exemption has been given to the tune of Rs.450 crores.
- ★ Tax exempted to dhal, turmeric, chillies etc. so as to benefit middle and low class people.
- ★ Tax has been reduced to Computer, TVset, Paper, Ordinary Biscuits, Ready-made garments etc.,
- ★ Tax completely exempted on vests.
- ★ 3% Tax reduced on raw materials.
- ★ A Commercial Tax regulatory committee has been formed with a retired IAS officer as Chairman and MLAs and representatives of traders organisation to regulate the levying of commercial tax.

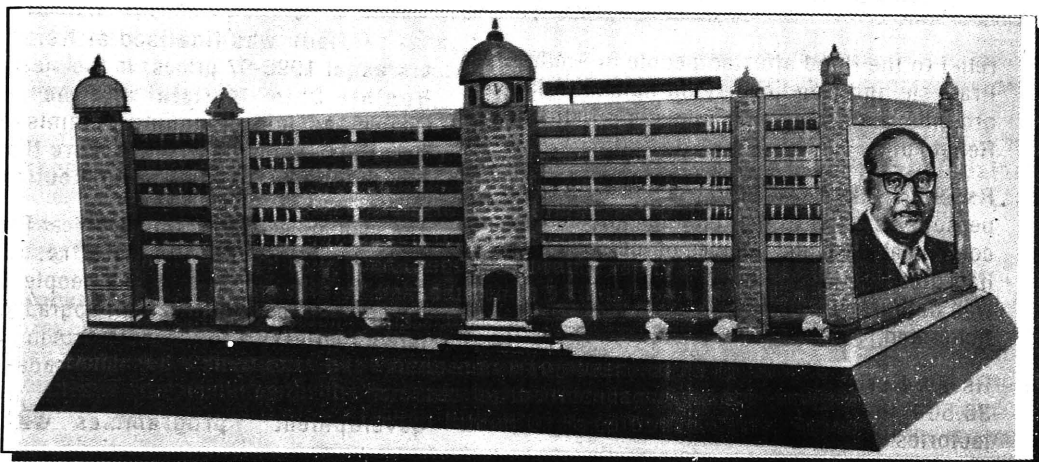
### A NEW ERA IN EDUCATION

A seperate department for higher education was instituted by the **Chief Minister Kalaingar**.

- ★ A novel scheme called **Single Window System** in admission of students in

Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu was introduced and well received and appreciated by the students, parents and general public, under which without any intermediaries, nearby 17,000 students were allotted branches in the first year itself as per their options along with the Colleges of their choice; it may also be noted that, for the first time, all the Engineering applicants were given admissions.

- ★ **Chief Minister kalaingar** has granted permission for 59 self financing Arts and Science Colleges and 49 self financing engineering colleges so as to give admission for more than 10,000 students.
- ★ A new Medical College in the name of **K.A.P. Viswanatham**, the Tri-Tamil Protector, was inaugurated by the **Chief Minister Kalaingar** at Trichy. 4 more new Medical Colleges would be opened next academic year.
- ★ The **Chief Minister** has ordered reserving 15% of the seats for the students coming from rural areas to get admission in Engineering Colleges. This scheme would be extended to other professional courses also from next year.
- ★ 28 endowments at a total cost of Rs.7 crores in the name of great leaders in all the 15 Universities have been made. The Government have provided for the expenses for the higher education to 100 students, who secured top ten ranks and got admissions in professional colleges such as



Medical, Agriculture, Veterinary, Dental, Engineering hailing from the families where there are no graduates. **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar** has announced apart the above 5 Professional Courses, Siddha and Law would also be included in this scheme from the next academic year.

#### Women Education

- ★ **Hon'ble Chief Minister** has announced that **30% reservation** would be made for women in the Government Colleges where there is no separate Arts and Science College for Women.
- ★ Under **EVR. Nagammiyar Memorial Financial Assistance Scheme** for women graduation, poor girl students whose parental income is **below 24,000** will be provided financial assistance upto their graduation studies by the Government.

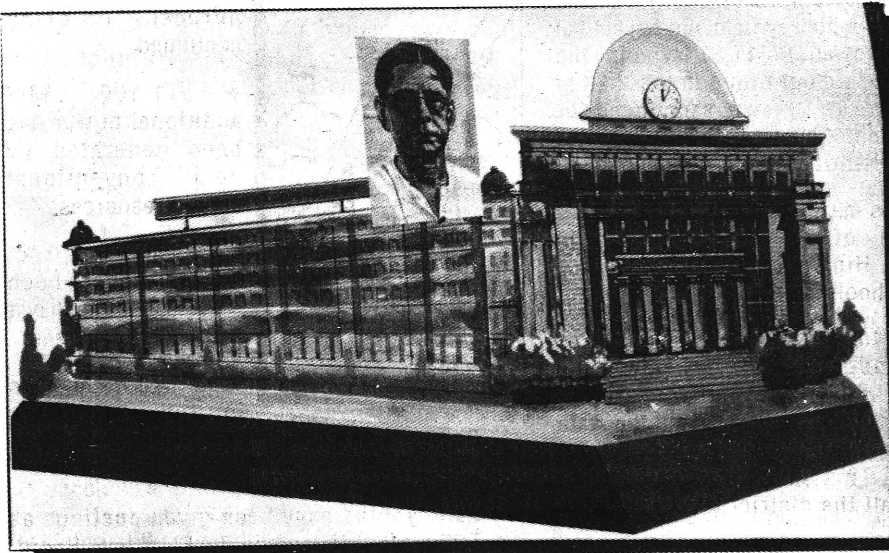
#### New Universities - endowments

- ★ At a function presided by Her Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Justice Selvi M.Fathima Beevi, Thanthi Periyar**

**Dr.K.R.Narayanan** at Chennai on 25.9.97. The function was presided over by **Her Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Justice Selvi M.Fathima Beevi**, The **Chief Minister Kalaignar** laid the foundation stone for the University buildings.

- ★ Rs.5 crores sanctioned to construct additional buildings in Government Arts and Science Colleges.
- ★ A law enacted prohibiting ragging in schools and colleges.
- ★ The MCA coure facility which was available only in the Presidency College of the Government Colleges was extended to three other Government Colleges.
- ★ B.Sc., Micro - biology and MSC applicable Sciences courses were started in Salem Government Arts and Science College for women. Post graduate studies viz MA and applicable sciences were started in Dharumapuram Government Gnanambigai Government Arts and Science college for women.

★ Courses like Computer Graphics, Software Engineering and Hardware systems, Multimedia, Tele communications, Information technology, digital technology have been introduced by establishing Tamil Nadu Institute of Information Technology (TANITEC) in



**University** was inaugurated by the **Chief Minister** at Salem on 17.9.97.

Chennai, for the first time in the whole of India.

- ★ **Ambedkar Law University** the first University of its kind in India was inaugurated by **His Excellency the President**,

- ★ The name of the 'Best Teacher Award' was renamed as 'Dr. Radhakrishnan Award'.



- ★ 330 Asst. Professors have been given postings who were recruited and left without postings in the previous regime. Orders have been issued to appoint 500 Assistant Professors in colleges during the current year.

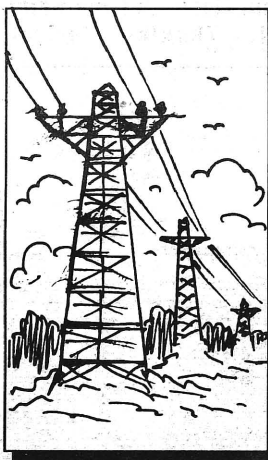
## SCHOOL EDUCATION

- ★ During the past 2 years 253 new primary schools were opened, 62 primary schools were upgraded into Middle Schools, 170 middle schools and 160 High Schools were upgraded into High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools respectively. Works are being carried out for the construction of class rooms at a cost of Rs.13 crores and Laboratories at a cost of Rs.14 crores in High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools - **18,750 Primary Schools** have been **electrified** at a cost of **Rs.3.75 crores**. 1000 Primary and Middle Schools have been provided with furnitures at a cost of Rs.4.75 crores.
- ★ A district level Stadium has been constructed at Vizhupuram at a cost of Rs.27.50 lakhs. Rs.11.60 lakhs have been sanctioned for the construction of a hockey field and basket ball court at Thirunelveli. Rs.11.87 lakhs for the construction of weight lifting indoor hall at Sathuvacherry, Rs.10 lakhs sanctioned for the construction of hockey and tennis courts in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at Chennai.
- ★ Rs.1.44 crores have been sanctioned for the construction of toilets in 200 girls Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools.
- ★ With a view to improving the quality of education under Special Scheme, the Government would meet the educational expenses of the three top rankers at the state level in the Higher Secondary Public Examination. This scheme has also been extended to all the district level top three rankers.
- ★ **25,000 teachers** have been recruited without intermediaries according to their employment seniority.
- ★ Free Medical - health check - up was carried out to all students of primary schools throughout the State.

- ★ Orders to enable the secondary grade teachers enabling them to seek transfers within the Government, Corporations, Municipality and panchayat schools.
- ★ Priority is being given to widows and handicapped in the recruitment of teachers.
- ★ 55 lakh children studying from 1st to 8th standard were given uniforms at a cost of Rs.45.36 cores. Free text books were also distributed to 75 lakh children at a cost of Rs.32.5 crores.
- ★ The free transportation in Government buses enjoyed by students studying up to 8th standard was extended upto 12th standard.

## TAMIL NADU CONTINUES TO BE WITHOUT ANY POWER CUT

- ★ 7 private power generation schemes have been signed so as to produce 5,355 MW of power by the efforts of the Chief Minister Kalaignar.



- ★ Free power supply for agriculture purposes is being continued.

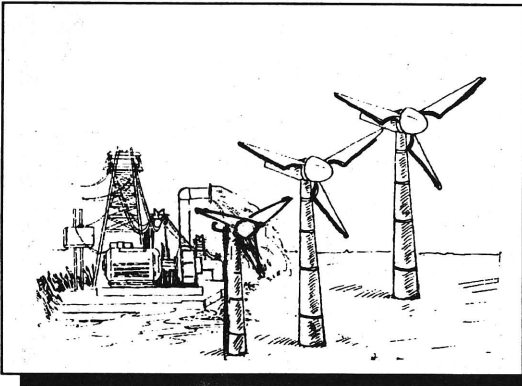
- ★ 311.160 MW additional power has been generated by non conventional energy resources.

- ★ 71,046 street lights have been energised in Panchayat and Municipal areas.

- ★ Tamil Nadu leads in Wind Power

Generation -133 MW of energy has been added.

- ★ 1000 youths have been given postings as Technical Assistants in the Electricity Board.
- ★ Co-generation plants have been successfully set-up in 5 sugar mills, with an installed capacity of 76 MW. Tamil Nadu leads the other States in this field also.
- ★ Paper, Textile, Chemical and Sugar Industries were granted exemption from payment of



electricity tax on the energy generated and consumed by them through their captive generators irrespective of the fuel they use initially for a period of 5 years. The concession was also extended for the generation of energy through non-conventional energy sources like solar, windpower etc.

- ★ Power purchase agreements have been concluded and signed for North Chennai Thermal Power Project - State III - 500 MW; Pillai Perumal Nallur Combined cycle gas turbine project - 330 .55 MW., Basin Bridge Diesel engine power project - 200 MW
- ★ Tenders for 20 power generation schemes to produce 2,230 MW of power have been approved.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

- ★ To improve the Bed Strength in the Hospitals, Government have sanctioned Rs.613.75 lakhs during the year 1996 -97 and Rs.880 lakhs during the year 1997-98 to construct the new hospital buildings.
- ★ Rs.900 lakhs and Rs.500 lakhs have been sanctioned towards repair and maintenance of Hospital Buildings during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively.
- ★ A Lumpsum provision of Rs.250 lakhs has been sanctioned during the year 1997-98 for improvement of Hospitals such as Construction of OP Block, Operation Theatre etc.,
- ★ For the improvement of TB Control programme a sum of Rs. 424 lakhs has been

provided specially out of which Rs.330 lakhs have been allotted for Building Components towards construction of 11 District TB Centres.

- ★ The Government having decided to provide ambulances in all Hospitals, have supplied 127 New Ambulances for Rs.445 lakhs to Government Hospitals. These facilities are proposed to be extended to other Government Hospitals also in the coming years.
- ★ 600 Medical graduates have been posted in Government Hospitals; the long pending demands of Medicos are being accomplished in enhancing the study allowances at a cost of Rs.6.34 crores.



- ★ Government having decided to improve the diagnosing facilities by augmenting the laboratories have supplied modern equipments - 'Semi Auto Analyser' to 38 Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.92.50 lakhs.
- ★ Modern equipments have been distributed to Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.5. crores.



- ★ New buildings are being constructed in the Government hospitals at a cost of Rs.14.94 crores so as to increase the bed strength.
- ★ Rs.14 crores sanctioned for improvement works in the Government Hospitals and works are on.
- ★ Rs.2.50 crores sanctioned for improvement works especially the outpatient section and operation theatres during the current financial year.
- ★ The Government considering the problem of Intensive Cardiac Care units patients in the rural areas has sanctioned 6 ICCUs in the Taluk level hospitals.
- ★ A new medical college in the name of K.A.P. Viswanatham was opened in Trichy. 4 more medical colleges are to be opened. The Chennai medical college has been upgraded to deemed University.
- ★ Modern equipments and accessories have been distributed to hospitals in the control of Medical education, at a cost of Rs.20 crores.
- ★ A scheme to adopt 100 primary health centres by the big industries in rural areas for the first time in India, started.
- ★ To accomodate all primary health centres in Government buildings, Government has sanctioned construction of own buildings for 300 primary health centres during 1996 - 97 at a cost of Rs. 18 crores and 352 primary health centres during 1997-98 at a cost of Rs.31.68 crores.
- ★ The Government has taken policy decision to establish round the clock services in the villages by converting block level primary health centres into 24 Hours primary health centres and first referral units. Accordingly 250 primary health centres are functioning round the clock. This will be extended to remaining block level primary health centres in future.
- ★ 224 ambulances at a cost of Rs.8.34 crores have been provided to Primary Health Centres, during the past two financial years.
- ★ Rs.31 crores sanctioned during the past 2 financial years for providing medical facilities to Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Naturopathy Medical practices.
- ★ Chief Minister Kalaignar has enhanced the old age pension of hereditary Siddha Medical practioners from Rs.150 to Rs.500.



- ★ Rs.70.76 crores sanctioned for the family welfare during the current financial year to reduce the birth rate and to take care of the children.
- ★ The monthly assistance given to medicos have been enhanced. Chief Minister Kalaingar has issued orders enabling the doctors in the Government service to get full pay with DA while pursuing higher education.
- ★ Rs.50,000 is being given as relief to the family of person who dies in communal clashes.
- ★ The relief given under family welfare relief schemes for the poor has been increased from Rs.5,000 to Rs.7,000.
- ★ Orders were issued for the sanction of pension of Rs.175 per month with attendant benefits to the living ex-village officers, who lost their services on 14.11.1980 and Rs.100 per month as family pension to the family of deceased ex-village officers with effect from 5.12.1986. Each of them were benefitted to the tune of Rs.23,000, by this 12,000 ex-village officers benefitted.

## REVENUE

- ★ 'Manu Neethi Thittam' a mass contact programme was introduced for the first time in India, only in Tamil Nadu by this Government. This programme is being conducted in the second Wednesday of every month by the gazetted officers of each district in all composite villages.
- ★ For tuning up the district revenue administration and effective implementation of the Government schemes, 'Revenue Department Administrative Reforms Commission' has been constituted by this Government.
- ★ 6 new districts have been created for the effective administration. New Taluks viz. Thirukkuvalai, Ettayapuram, Kundha and Pandalur have also been created.
- ★ Rs.26.44 crores spent for drought relief. 5,383 bore wells and 619 open wells were dug, 4,946 hand pumps were repaired and several motors were repaired. Drinking water was provided through water tankers at a cost of Rs.1.58 crores.
- ★ Rs.54 crores were disbursed as flood relief.
- ★ The financial assistance of Rs.10,000 given to the families affected by natural calamities have been enhanced to Rs.15,000. The cash dole for the fully damaged huts has been increased to Rs.1,000 and partly damaged huts Rs.500.
- ★ During floods in June and December 1996, a sum of Rs.217.47 crores sanctioned for various flood relief works.
- ★ Rs.58.95 crores sanctioned as flood relief during the heavy rains during October-December 1997.
- ★ Chief Minister Kalaingar has sanctioned Rs.1.05 crores in the first phase to provide relief to those persons who had lost their sheep in the 'blue tongue' disease in the districts of Tirunelveli, Sivagangai, Virudhunagar and Tuticorin.
- ★ 2,66,855 poor persons who does not own house, were provided free lapd pattas.
- ★ 7,14,254 persons are being provided old age pension without any ceiling.
- ★ On the basis of industrialisation, the Government grants permanent exemption under Tamil Nadu Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act for Industrial units.

## PRIORITY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS

### ELECTIONS TO LOCAL BODIES

- ★ Local body elections, which had not been held for 10 to 15 years were conducted and 1,62,681 representatives were elected and assumed charges. Bringing the ideals of **Mahatma, Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna** to reality - 44,143 women have been elected and have assumed office.
- ★ **2,62,255 works of developmental schemes** have been completed during the past 1½ years at a cost of **Rs.435 crores** including **1.5 lakh group houses** - This is an all India record.
- ★ **5000 KM** length of roads have been converted to 'Tar Road'.

- ★ Financial assistance for **12,018 Agriculture Wells** so as to benefit poor agriculturalists and Adi-dravidars.
- ★ **2,60,868 persons** have benefitted by providing **Rs.125.13 crores** as financial assistance under **Integrated Rural Development Programme**.
- ★ **16,758 rural youths** have been given training for **self employment** at a cost of **Rs.10.12. crores**. Presently, **14,056 rural youths** are undergoing training.
- ★ **Rs.4.91 crores** sanctioned to provide employment to **14,277 poor women of rural areas** including 6,182 Adi - dravidar Women under **DWCRA** schemes.
- ★ **32,045 works** under **Anna Renaissance Scheme** created by the **Chief Minister Kalaignar** in 234 Legislative Constituencies are being carried out at a cost of **Rs.156 crores**.
- ★ **3,263 schemes** are being implemented under **Self Help Programme** in **1,958 villages** with the enthusiastic participation of the benefitting public, at a cost of **Rs.19.8 crores**.
- ★ **12,044 ousted Makkal Nala Paniyalargal** during last regime have been reinstated in service. Of this 4814 are women.
- ★ Developmental works are being carried out at a cost of **Rs.58.75 crores** under the new scheme of development of the Legislative Constituencies with an allocation of **Rs.25 lakhs** to a Legislative Constituency.
- ★ Rural panchayats have been empowered by this Government to exercise their power in

17 developmental works directly such as rural roads-bridges, poverty eradication, drinking water, electrification, public distribution, library, rural electrification, panchayat union schools etc.

A committee with representatives from various parties have been constituted by the **Chief Minister Kalaignar** with a view to go into the devolution of powers already given to the local bodies and to study the powers, rights and responsibilities of the local bodies and recommend necessary improvements.

- ★ **384 new vehicles** were distributed to 384 Panchayat Unions at a cost of **Rs.12.97 crores**, for speedy implementation of the developmental works.



- ★ Economically backward rural habitations have been illuminated by installing **20,000 street lamps** at a cost of **Rs.7.28 crores**.

- ★ District Planning Commissions have been constituted in all the 28 Districts to prepare the plan schemes by integrating the developmental activities.

★ The rural panchayats are provided **Rs.1,408 crores** per annum by the Government as equalisation fund, grants for electricity consumption, grant for maintaining the comprehensive rural water supply schemes, grant for the economically weaker panchayats for implementing development schemes in panchayats, etc.

- ★ **76,000 electric posts** have been erected and given power connections in Corporation, Municipalities, Town Panchayats and Panchayat areas.
- ★ On the recommendation of the state finance commission, the finance allocated to the

Local bodies have been increased from 60% to 90% in the total entertainment tax.

- ★ For the first time in Tamil Nadu, excepting the entertainment tax, 8% income from other taxes have been given to the local bodies.
- ★ The subsidy given in the Revenue to the local bodies have been increased for Rs.646 crores to 1,174 crores.
- ★ Rs.790 crores sanctioned for providing additional fund and for 10 basic works as Central and State grant. A subsidy of Rs.364.44 crores sanctioned 8% of the States revenue. Apart from this Rs.360 crores was also sanctioned as subsidy from the States tax revenue collections.

#### **TOWN PANCHAYATS**

- ★ Rs.64 crores is being spent for 24,968 works to provide basic facilities like installing sodium vapour lamp, National slum improvement programmes etc in town panchayats.
- ★ 5036 works to provide drinking water, street lamps, roads, drainage, etc are being carried out at a cost of Rs.20.76 crores in town panchayats.
- ★ The Government has decided to increase the share of entertainment tax given to town panchayats from 65% to 90%, so as the increase the financial resources.
- ★ Rs.96.23 crores and 15% equalisation fund amounting Rs.15.11 crores have been sanctioned as per the direction of State Finance Commission to town panchayats and works are being implemented.

#### **CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

- ★ Rs.50 crores sanctioned in the Budget estimates for the second phase of the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS).
- ★ 20,000 dwelling houses have been constructed at a cost of Rs.247 crores in the outskirts of the city during 1996-97. 31 towns have been identified as developing centres and 9,000 dwellings are being constructed in 13 such developing centres.

- ★ The Master Plan of Nilgris has been modified. The minimum ceiling area for the construction of houses have been reduced so as to benefit low income group and the poor.

- ★ The powers to permit construction of building in Ooty has been transferred from the Government to the District Collector and local bodies.

- ★ Rs.200 crores and Rs.5 crores sanctioned for the developmental works of Chennai Corporation and for the other 5 corporations respectively.

- ★ Actions are being taken for 15 developmental works in Chennai like construction of over bridges, sub-ways, commercial complex, renovation of super-market, renovation of park, construction of musical fountain, three floor building for parking facilities, development of George Town Bus-stand, Broadway etc.,

- ★ Orders have been issued to provide pension benefits to the employees of municipalities calculated from the date of their joining date.

- ★ Actions have also been taken to install 550 water tanks in Chennai city.

- ★ In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of Madurai Corporation, developmental schemes, are being implemented at a cost of Rs.50 crores.

- ★ 2,500 additional sodium vapour lamps are being installed in town panchayats during the year.

#### **PROTECTED DRINKING WATER TO ALL**

- ★ Krishna water has been brought to Chennai, the drinking water problem of Chennai and Sub-urban areas is being solved by the efforts taken by the **Chief Minister Kalaigiar**.

- ★ The Mega Schemes were not fruitful due to the lack of maintenance by the previous regime. **Chief Minister Kalaigiar**, soon after assuming in 1996 tuned the official machinery to rejuvenate, on war footing 3,200 rural water supply schemes, 225 comprehensive water supply schemes with an estimated cost of Rs.39 crores, so as to





provide sufficient water supply to the masses of these rural areas.

- ★ The **Chief Minister Kalaignar** has enhanced the budget allocation for water supply schemes doubling the previous allocation. In Ninth Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.2,200 crores has been earmarked for the drinking water supply schemes.
- ★ Speedy actions are being taken to provide 40 litres of water per head in 10,000 habitations in two years time (1997-98, 1998-99) which are presently provided only with 10 litres per head. The remaining 20,000 habitations which are presently provided with 11 to 39 litres per head will be provided with 40 litres per head within three years.
- ★ Incomplete spill - over schemes of urban water supply are being taken up on priority basis; during this financial year, five municipal water supply schemes and 18 town panchayats water supply schemes will be completed.
- ★ The coastal Ramnad villages exist with only saline water. To convert the saline water to potable, 11 schemes had formerly been entrusted to BHEL. The implementation has been tuned up and it is expected that these schemes will be completed on or before March 1998.
- ★ To rectify the damaged overhead tanks and also to construct new overhead tanks on need basis, an amount of Rs.10 crores has been released to complete such 970 schemes during this financial year.
- ★ Rs.3 crores sanctioned under National River Water Pollution Control Schemes and works have been taken up and are being implemented in Erode, Pallipalayam, Kumarapalayam and Trichy.
- ★ The investigation projects are being taken up under Japanese aid to provide protected water to the rural habitations of Dharmapuri District with an expected estimation of Rs.630 crores.
- ★ 1,828 habitations are to be provided with protected water supply at an estimated cost of Rs.60.90 crores under Anna Renaissance Scheme.
- ★ Under Education-Mass communication scheme an amount of Rs.1.36 crores has been allocated to organise 'Protected water-rural cleaning camps' in Erode, Dharmapuri, Ramanathapuram and Dindigul Districts during this financial year.
- ★ The **Chief Minister Kalaignar** has released an amount of Rs.98.75 crores for a mega comprehensive water supply scheme which would be implemented to provide protected water supply 5,47,000 persons of 8 coastal unions which exist with only saline water of Nagapattinam District by getting the water resource from Kollidam.
- ★ 154 dwellings without drinking water have been provided with drinking water facilities.
- ★ Rs.30 crores was sanctioned as a special allocation and 2770 electric motor schemes in rural areas upgraded and works completed.
- ★ Rs.450 crores sanctioned in 1997 - 98 to provide protected drinking water all the rural areas before the end of the 9th five year plan.
- ★ Drinking water schemes like Thiruverumbur - Dhuwakudi costing Rs.12.5 crores, Thuraiyur Municipality drinking water schemes at a cost of Rs.33 crores are being implemented.
- ★ 2000 persons have been given employment for the maintenance of joint drinking water schemes.

## AGRICULTURE

- ★ During 1995-96 the food production was 67.96 lakh metric ton, but after assumption by **Kalaignar** in 1996, it was increased to 76.45 lakh M.T. in 1996-97 due to the imposition of high technology and timely provision of inputs by the Government. Eventhough the crops were damaged in many districts by the continuous rain in November 97, the food production had gone up to 84.66 lakh metric ton as on 5.1.98. With the harvest of Samba and Navarai yet to come the food production will definitely go up and cross the targetted quantum of 95 lakh metric ton.
- ★ To alleviate the sufferings of the farmers affected by floods during December '96 **Rs.47.987 Crores** were distributed in cash to **10,05,166** farmers.
- ★ To eradicate the menace of the ipomea weeds clogging the irrigation channel of delta districts of Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur, 2384 Hectares were sprayed with 2-4-D weedicide and the dried leaves were removed and burnt at a total cost of **Rs.102.13 lakhs**.
- ★ A new system at a cost of Rs.404.68 lakhs to reclaim saline and alkaline soils in Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Salem and Namakkal.
- ★ Fertiliser identity cards are to be distributed in Mathurantagam, Salem, Musiri, Tiruvarur and Melur Agricultural Divisions - 30,000 per division in



- ★ To alleviate the sufferings of Small/Marginal Farmers in the delta districts affected by flood situation caused by excessive rains in November '97, **Rs.15.81 Crores** have been sanctioned as a relief at **Rs.1,000/-** per Hectare for fully damaged area to be disbursed in cash.
  - ★ To ensure normal rains by preserving agro-eco system, a massive tree planting programme along the pass ways has been launched at a total cost of **Rs.7.35 crores** in 75 Panchayat Unions of
- First Phase. Steps are being taken to cover other divisions also.
- ★ A comprehensive study has been entrusted to an Isreali Consultancy Company on drawing an optimal plan for production of high value crops and blue print for the production of value added products in four districts of Dharmapuri, Ramnad, Virudhunagar and Sivagangai at a total cost of **Rs.2.30 crores**.



- ★ Under Integrated Cereals Development programme (Rice) 500 Nos. of Power Tillers were distributed at a total subsidy of Rs.150 lakhs - Rs.30,000 per power Tiller.
- ★ Under Integrated Horticulture Development Scheme, an area of 4707 Ha. under fruits, 11,716 Ha. under Vegetables, 277 Ha. under spices, 109 Ha. under plantation crops, 40 Ha. under Flowers were covered and a sum of Rs.117 lakhs was spent under this scheme till the end of 30.11.97.
- ★ Under Western Ghats Development Programme an area of 1345 Ha. were brought under perennial Horticultural Crops and a sum of Rs. 55 lakhs was utilised till 30.11.97.
- ★ Under Hill Area Development Programme, an area of 102 Ha. was brought under Tea and other Spices and Plantation Crops and a sum of Rs. 165 lakhs was spent till 30.11.97.
- ★ Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, an area of 804 Ha. was brought under Cashew, 1165 Ha. under Fruit Crops, 410 Ha. under Spices, additionally and a sum of Rs. 108 lakhs was utilised till the end of 30.11.97.
- ★ The Agriculture Department has been provided with 25 bulldozers and 5 trucks to transport them.
- ★ Chief Minister Kalam has fixed the minimum price of sugar cane at Rs.660 per tonne. Including the vehicle subsidy they will be getting a minimum of Rs.695 and a maximum amount of Rs.881/- an average of

Rs.765, so as to benefit 2.5 lakh sugar cane growers.

- ★ A high - Tech Financial Institution has been started by National Rural Development Agriculture Bank and the Government of Tamil Nadu, to enable entrepreneurs to export processed vegetables, mushrooms and flowers.
- ★ A fruit processing industry will be set up in Dharmapuri at a cost of Rs.1.25 crores as a joint venture by Tamil Nadu Agricultural Industries Corporation.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS

- ★ 200 irrigation tanks are being desilted in Chennai, Madurai, Pollachi and Trichy regions at a cost of Rs.19.91 crores.
- ★ Rs.7.5 crores have been sanctioned to provide irrigation facilities to 22,000 acres of land in Kamuthi in Ramanathapuram District and Mudukulathur.
- ★ Works are being implemented by PWD to improve the water resources in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.807.49 crores with World Bank aid.
- ★ The coastal reach of Buckingham canal between Coovum river and Adyar river for a distance of 7.2 km serves as a flood moderator between the two rivers and flood carrier of the adjacent areas of Chepauk, Triplicane, Mylapore, R.A. Puram etc. The Government has accorded sanction for an amount of Rs.190 lakhs for the removal of sludge and silt upto the original bed level of canal for a distance of 0-4 km from the confluence of Coovum to RK Mutt Road bridge, Luz.
- ★ Buildings have been constructed to 296 Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.18 crores during the previous financial year.
- ★ Cataract wards are being constructed in District Hospitals at a cost of Rs.10.60 crores in 7 places with the World Bank aid.
- ★ 7 court complexes are under construction costing Rs.23.32 crores
- ★ Class rooms, laboratories are being constructed in schools and colleges at a cost of Rs.12.34 crores.



- ★ Large schemes of constructions are being implemented in the head quarters of Karur, Perambalur, Nagapattinam Districts at a cost of Rs.7.5 crores and at a cost of Rs.3 crores in Vizhupuram.
- ★ Memorials and renovation of monuments have been completed at a cost of Rs.1.71 crores.
- ★ 241 construction works are being done at a cost of Rs.37.10 crores under Tamil Nadu Agricultural Development Scheme, during the current financial year.
- ★ Works of water resources scheme are at various stages implemented at a cost of Rs.49.34 crores.
- ★ A project report for rehabilitation of 2,500 rainfed tanks with ayacut between 40 to 400 Hectares, each at a cost of Rs.270 crores was prepared and an agreement was signed with Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund (OECF), Japan.
- ★ Water resources consolidation project with an investment cost of Rs.1140 crores spanning over a period of 7 years under World Bank loan assistance is being implemented in the State from October, 1995.
- ★ It is remarkable to mention that the estimates for 13 works pertaining to various projects to a value of Rs.137.91 crores were cleared. The budget allocation for this project during 1997-98 alone is Rs.173 crores.
- ★ For the new Veeranam Project Rs.60 crores was sanctioned initially for improvements to the Vadavar channel which bring water from Coleroon, anacut to Veeranam tank; removal of shoals in the tank and raising its F.T.L; to increase the existing capacity. Provision for modernisation of the command conveyance system of Vadavar and also Veeranam tank - Rs.110.95 crores sanctioned.



★ Under the Water resources organisation, Water Management in this state has been decentralised along basin lines and the entire State has been divided into 4 regions, viz. Chennai, Tiruchy, Pollachi and Madurai. Each Basin is headed by a basin Manager in the rank of Chief Engineer.

★ Rs.464 crores sanctioned to provide 190 million litres of water every day under Chennai Metro Water schemes.

#### **During 1996-97**

★ Shenbaggathopp Reservoir Scheme at Vaniambadi

★ providing irrigation facilities to villages in Usilampatti Taluk

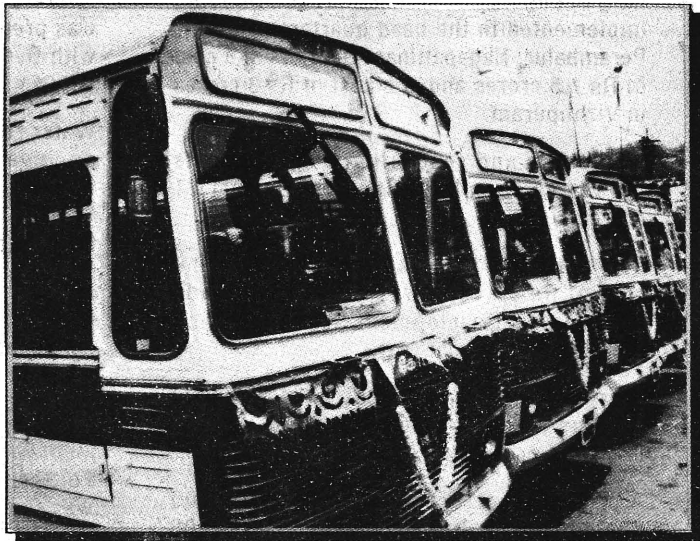
- ★ Andiappanoor Odai scheme
- ★ Reservoir across Varattar and Kuppathu Odai
- ★ Rs.8,220 lakhs sanctioned for the above 4 schemes and 4495 Hectares of land will come under irrigation.
- ★ Besides the above 4 schemes 13 SMIP schemes at an ultimate cost of Rs.292.67 lakhs for benefitting 412 Hectares has been sanctioned.

#### During 1997-98

- ★ Varattur - Vallimadurai Reservoir scheme-Harur, Dharmapuri District.
- ★ Pandalapalli-Malattar Reservoir scheme-Gudiatham.
- ★ Kuppanatham Reservoir Scheme, Chengam Taluk.
- ★ Sadayaneri channel widening and extension scheme, Sathankulam.
- ★ Formation of a new tank across Kallaru river near Malayalappatti village, Perambalur.

The Government has sanctioned Rs.106 crores for the above 5 schemes so that 5,213 Hectares of land come under irrigation.

- ★ Construction of Rubble mound sea wall at Tharangambadi, Nagapattinam District at an estimated cost of Rs.56.06 lakhs.
- ★ Construction of ruffle mound sea wall at Poompubar, Nagapattinam District at an estimated cost of Rs.86.54 lakhs.
- ★ Under Part II Schemes for the year 1997-98 the Government has sanctioned 12 Numbers of SMIP schemes at an ultimate cost of Rs.354.30 lakhs for benefitting 1641 Hectares.
- ★ The Government has provided Rs.10 crores during 1997-98 for removal of silt and ipomea (Neyveli Kattamanakku) in the Cauvery Delta and the works have been completed.

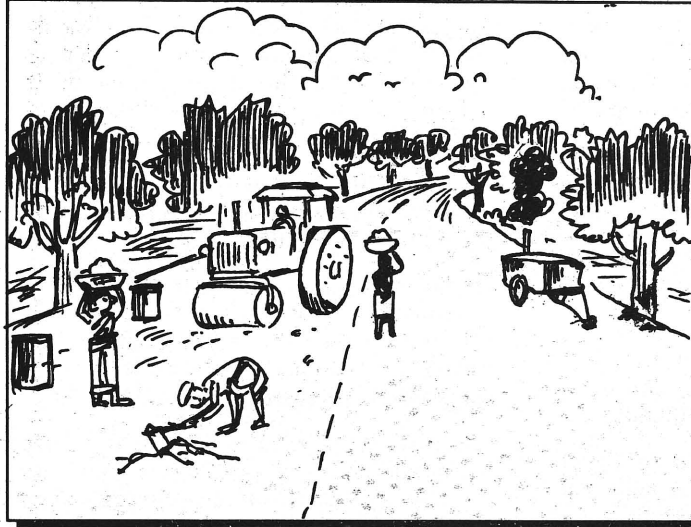


#### TRANSPORT

- ★ 100 buses have been introduced during Peak Hours in Chennai City. 50 Super Delux Buses were introduced with audio/video facility to be operated to distant places. Under the new schemes two new routes per MLA in the Constituency was introduced and so far 340 new routes have been introduced. The Government decided to amalgamate 21 State Transport Undertakings as seven STUs as a measure of restructuring of STUs. 2,215 new buses have been introduced upto 30.11.97 for replacement and augmentation.
- ★ 3,600 new buses are to be purchased during the current year at a cost of Rs.292 crores.
- ★ A new corporation formed to upgrade minor ports.

#### HIGHWAYS

- ★ On the commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Highways Department 50 new bridges will be constructed at a cost of Rs.150 crores in Tamil Nadu. Roads leading to Chennai city will be widened to a length of 50 KM at a cost of Rs.150 crores. A by-pass road will be constructed from Tambaram to Maduravoyal at a cost of Rs.75 crores. Actions are being taken to lay 4 lane road from Tindivanam to Madurai.



was started by this Government and left unfinished by the successive Government.

- ★ A ministry of - 'Tamil as Official Languages' has been created so as to include tamil language in all spheres of life.
- ★ A law has been enacted to call Chennai city as 'Chennai' in all languages.
- ★ Rs.50 lakhs has been sanctioned as first instalment for establishing a Dravidian University at Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh.

- ★ The Chief Minister has announced that road repair works are being undertaken at a cost of Rs.400 crores, that include Rs.250 crores from NABARD and Rs.150 crores announced in the Budget.
- ★ 108 villages have been connected by road in 1997-98; and 409 villages will be provided with connecting roads in 1998-99; of the balance 517 villages left to be completed under a scheme to provide the villages with a population of more than 1000 with connecting roads, started in 1990.
- ★ The East Coast Road connecting Chennai and Cuddalore, constructed with international standard as a two way road, at a cost of Rs.102 Crores, financed by Asian Development Bank was declared open to service on Pongal day (14.1.98).
- ★ Rs.55 crores was sanctioned to carry out the repair works of the roads damaged by floods and are nearing completion.
- ★ A scheme to provide road facilities to all villages with a population of more than 500 per village before 2001 is being implemented.
- ★ 5,500 road workers have been newly appointed.
- ★ A scheme to translate great works of Tamil literature and vice versa has been initiated in 1996-97. According to this scheme, a sum of Rs.25,000 or 60% of the cost of the publication, whichever is less is sanctioned. For this purpose a sum of Rs.5 lakhs has been provided. And till now Rs.1,13,141 has been disbursed.
- ★ The Government has enhanced the amount of financial assistance given to aged Tamil scholars and indigent artistes from Rs.400 to Rs.500 per month.
- ★ Under the scheme for financial assistance for Tamil stalwarts the amount given to them has been enhanced from Rs.500 to Rs.1500. This amount has been further increased to Rs.3000 per month.
- ★ All the literary works of Devaneyapaavaanar and Maraimalai Adigalar have been nationalised and Rs.20 lakhs and Rs.30 lakhs were given to their families respectively.
- ★ For the implementation of 'Tamil as official language' 500 Tamil typewriters were purchased at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs in the Secretariat.
- ★ This Government has sanctioned Rs.43.75 lakhs to the International Institute of Tamil studies.

#### **FOR THE CAUSE OF TAMIL DEVELOPMENT**

- ★ Actions are being taken to publish four more books on the History of Tamil Nadu which



- ★ Rs.19.57 lakhs and Rs.20 lakhs has been provided as subsidy during 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively to the Asiatic Research Institute for undertaking Tamil research.
- ★ Accepting the request of 'Thevar Peravai' the Government has provided Rs.45 lakhs for the development of 'Madurai Thamizh Sangam'
- ★ The subsidy given to the Marai Malai Adigal Library has been enhanced from Rs.10,000 to Rs.1 lakh.
- ★ The subsidy given to Vu.Ve.Saminatha Iyer Library in Thiruvannamiyur has also been enhanced to Rs.1 lakh from Rs.60,000.
- ★ Rs.10 lakhs has been granted to Tamil Sangam in New Delhi for providing additional facilities to the Thiruvalluvar Auditorium being constructed by them.
- ★ In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, the Government has sanctioned Rs.14.42 lakhs as special grant to the Institute.
- ★ Under the Etymological Dictionary Project, the first and second parts of the first volume of the alphabets, commencing with the letters from 'a' to 'ee' have been published. The third part relating to the other vowels 'u' to 'au' is to be released shortly.
- ★ The grant given to the International School of Dravidian Linguistics at Thiruvannamapuram was increased to Rs.10 lakhs from Rs.5 lakhs from the previous year.
- ★ An International seminar on Marine Archaeology of Indian Ocean Countries with special references to under sea exploration off Poompuhar was held at Chennai in February 1997, jointly by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology and the society of Marine Archaeology, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa. This seminar, first of its kind, has facilitated to get the views and technical advice of International scholars to expedite the exploration and the kind of new technologies that could be the revival of the artefacts, that are found

under the sea of Poompuhar. This seminar also enabled the foreign and Indian scholars to understand the importance of the findings of this exploration and the ancient glory of Poompuhar.

- ★ A micro film unit will be set up in the Government oriental manuscript library at a cost of Rs.25.66 lakhs.
- ★ Music schools were started in 5 districts, viz. Thiruchy, Pudukottai, Thirunelveli, Thiruvannur and Salem at a cost of Rs.25 lakhs. 5 more music schools will be started in District headquarters during 1998-99.
- ★ Jawahar Bal Bhawans have been started in Thirunelveli, Ooty, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Salem, Thiruchy, Sivagangai and Kancheepuram. A Bal Bhavan will be started very soon at Kanniyakumari. 5 more Bal Bhawans will be started in 1998-99.
- ★ With a view to save the folk arts and artistes and to encourage them, Arts and Culture Centres were established at Kancheepuram, Salem, Thanjavur and Virudhunagar.

#### RENOVATION OF TEMPLES

- ★ In order to streamline the administration of religious institutions under the control of the CTRE Department, an Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister



with religious scholars has been constituted. Based on the suggestions of the Committee, efforts have been taken to enhance the revenue from the immovable properties of the temples. As a result of this, the demand of the department has risen from Rs.2231.67 lakhs in Pasli 1405 to Rs.3501.92 lakhs in Pasli 1407. Efforts are on to utilise the immovable properties for the benefit of the religious institutions.

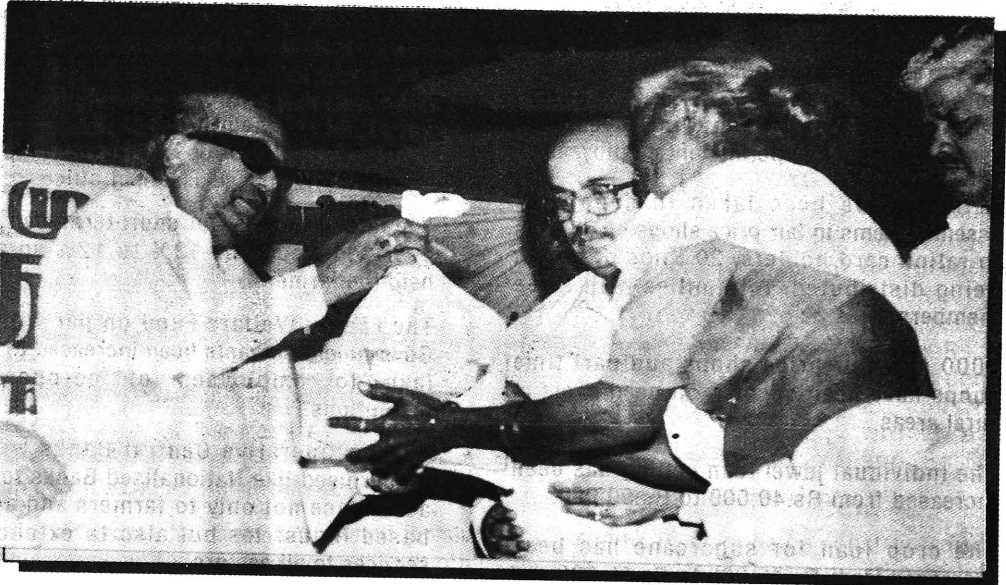
- ★ A Committee consisting of Tamil scholars has been constituted to familiarise Tamil Archanai in temples. During the first two

#### Temple Renovation and Charitable Fund.

- ★ Retired village poojaries who are 60 and above are given an assistance of Rs.500. The pension given to 'othuvars' has been enhanced from Rs.300 to Rs.500.

#### Achievement in public distribution system

- ★ At present there are a total of 23,492 regular and 2580 part time ration shops besides the mobile ration shops and sub retail outlets run by women.



meetings of the committee 108 salutations have been drafted for various deities and they are under the consideration of the committee.

- ★ Efforts are on to compile and publish the history of 70 temples as a first phase in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ Orders have been issued for sanction of grant for renovation work to the needy temples in rural areas located in Adiravidars and Most Backward Class people; as announced in the Assembly during the demands for grant to Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department for the year 1997-98. Rs.25,000 for each temple will be released for 50 temples from the

- ★ 1½ crores new family cards will be distributed throughout this State in June 98 and Targeted Public Distribution System can be implemented in this State from 1.7.1998 onwards.
- ★ The Government have launched an innovative scheme of establishing Kerosene retail bunks in the State, the first of its kind in the country. Under this scheme, about 8000 to 10000 family cards will be attached to a bunk exclusively for distribution of Kerosene.
- ★ The Chief Minister Kalaingar has announced that 500 more Kerosene bunks would be opened next year.
- ★ The Government has increased the consolidated pay of salesman from Rs.800 to Rs.900 per month.



- ★ Labourers who are engaged in loading and unloading of rice bags in Civil Supplies Corporation, who have put in 10 years of service, were made permanent employees.
- ★ Actions have been taken to supply all essential items in fair price shops on all days to ration card holders. 20 Kilos of rice is being distributed to families with three members.
- ★ 2000 new fair price shops and part time shops have been opened on need basis in rural areas.
- ★ The individual jewel loan ceiling has been increased from Rs.40,000 to Rs.50,000.
- ★ The crop loan for sugarcane has been increased from Rs.45,000 to Rs.55,000 and for other crops the loan has been increased to Rs.35,000 from Rs.25,000.

#### **PARTICIPATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL BODIES IN PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

- ★ The Government have ordered that the M.Ps, M.L.As, Mayors, Chairmen & Members of Municipal Councils, Presidents and members of Panchayats, Union/Town Panchayats Village Panchayats shall have the right to visit the shops within their jurisdiction and may bring any shortcomings found in fair price shops to the notice of the District and Revenue Divisional Committees.

#### **CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENTS**

- ★ Chief Minister Kalaignar soon after

assuming office ordered to conduct elections to Co-operative Societies and accordingly, elections were held to 23,185 Co-operative Societies in 1996. 2,31,850 elected representatives have assumed office.

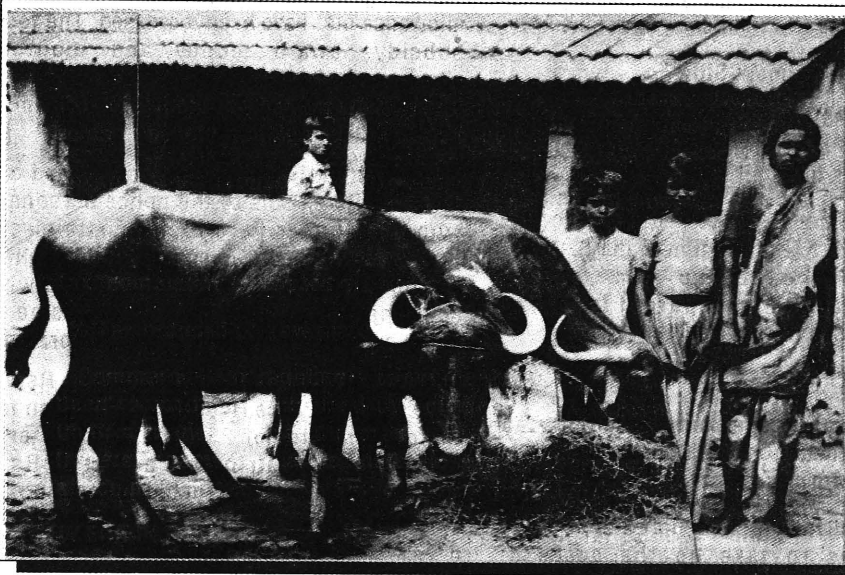
- ★ The rate of interest for short term loan have been reduced from 13% to 12% so as to help the farmers.
- ★ The Family Welfare Fund on par with the Government servants been increased to Rs.1 lakh to employees of co-operative institutions.
- ★ The Co-operative Central Banks will be modernised like Nationalised Banks to give assistance not only to farmers and agro-based industries but also to extend it's services to all sectors.
- ★ The ceiling of the individual jewel loan in the Co-operative Banks has been increased from Rs.40,000 to Rs.50,000/
- ★ The loan given for growing sugar cane has been increased from Rs.45,000 to Rs.55,000. for other crops the loan amount has been increased from Rs.25,000 to Rs.35,000.

#### **DAIRY DEVELOPMENT**

- ★ 16.4 lakh litres of milk is being produced per day through 10,446 primary milk producers societies and 17 district unions during the past 1½ years.
- ★ The Government of India has approved a sum of Rs.336.63 lakh as subsidy for implementing Integrated Dairy Development

Project in Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai and Kanniyakumari Districts during the year 1995-96 and 1996-97.

- ★ Under Adi - dravidar Welfare Scheme and Special Central Assistance, Milch animals subsidy scheme, the Adi - dravidar members of Milk Producers Co-operative Societies are granted subsidy for the purchase of milch animals.



- ★ Rs.400 was given as relief to the employees of lock - out industries / factories on the occasion of Deepavali festival. This relief has been extended to Pongal Festival also by the Chief Minister Kalaignar, from 1997. 19,574 employees have been benefited to the tune of Rs.78,29,600 from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

- ★ The minimum wages has been fixed by the

Government for the labourers of 60 unorganised industrial establishments. A welfare scheme for the construction labourers has been started from 15.6.97 in Tamil Nadu. 48,000 employees have registered their names in the scheme. Orders have been issued to pay Rs.50,000 on the demise of a construction worker on duty and Rs.500 for

### SLUM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES

- ★ Rs.35 crores has been sanctioned for slum clearance and slum improvement and other programmes in Chennai and Municipalities.
- ★ Repairs and renewal works have been undertaken for the tenements constructed before 25 years at a cost of Rs.9.50 crores.
- ★ The Chief Minister Kalaignar has announced that those poor people who live in the Slum Clearance Board tenements, if they wish the tenements could be owned by them by paying easy instalments.

### LABOUR WELFARE

- ★ Three lock - out textile mills have been reopened and 3,251 labourers have gone back to duty by the open approach and arbitration of the Government.

conducting the last rights.

- ★ 439 houses are being constructed as a first phase in Melapalayam in Tirunelveli District for the Beedi Workers. This scheme will be extended to other Districts also.
- ★ Surveys were conducted to eradicate Child Labour. A State Level Vigilance Committee has been constituted and works are on progress to provide education awareness etc. 25,214 factories have been registered under Factories Law, by this safety and their welfare has been assured to them. 5000 persons employed in the manufacturing of crackers have been trained, regarding safety measures Rs.9.5 lakhs given to 19 families under Accident relief scheme.
- ★ Provisions have been made to avail ESI facilities for the labourers who are engaged in the labour of Hand Pulled Carts, Stone Cutters and Coolies.



- ★ This Government have already taken a policy decision to promote starting of Industrial Training Institutes in 218 Blocks where there is none in a phased manner over a period of three years starting from 1996 - 97. In keeping pace with rapid Industrialisation of the State, this Government have sanctioned schemes worth Rs. 12.24 crores to be spent over two years starting from 1997 - 98 for modernisation of 21 Industrial Training Institutions with World Bank loan assistance.

### STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

- ★ A State Human Rights Commission has been constituted in the State in order to protect the human rights in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ The citizenship act to make provision for securing the right to information in the State of Tamil Nadu, so as to make the Government's action **transparent to the public**, was passed in the assembly.

### IN THE JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

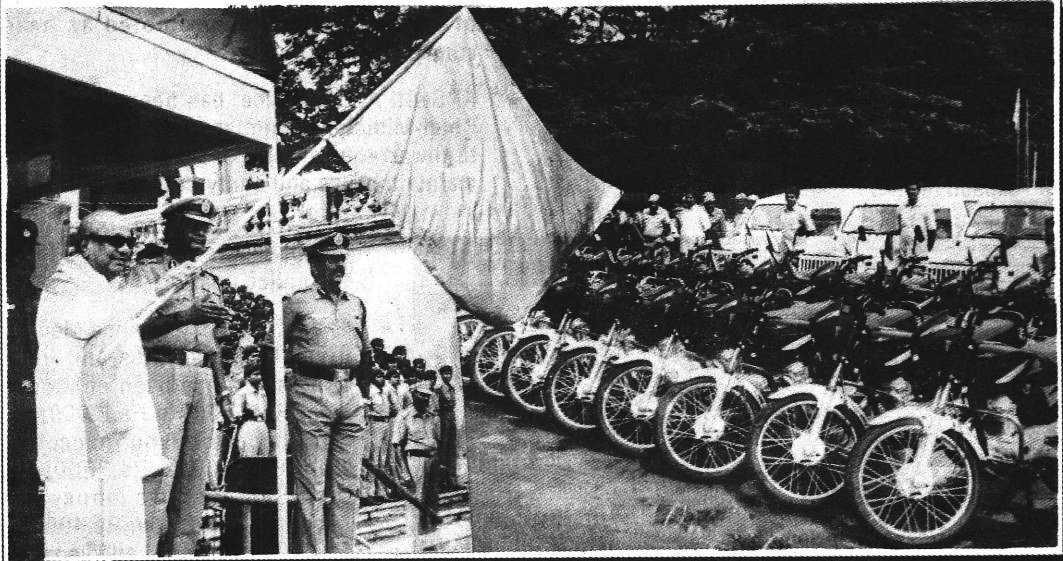
- ★ Rs.21.25 crores sanctioned for creating new posts, for constructing new buildings and for the purchase of furniture.
- ★ 3 additional courts established at a cost of Rs.49.32 lakhs to take up the cases regarding the corruption charges during the previous regime.
- ★ Works are on at a cost of Rs.31.50 lakhs to provide basic facilities and libraries to all the Bar Associations in Tamil Nadu.

### KALAINGAR'S GOVERNMENT - 'PROTECTOR OF THE POLICE'

- ★ Rs.18.33 crores sanctioned by the **Chief Minister Kalaignar** for modernisation of police force.
- ★ The **Chief Minister** has enhanced the grant to Tamil Nadu Police Benevolent Fund from Rs.10 lakhs to Rs.25 lakhs.
- ★ Travelling allowance, uniform allowance, food allowance etc. **have been increased**; The food subsidy, award money and monthly allowance have **been increased**; An amount of Rs.10 lakhs has **been allotted** to police-family group insurance scheme.
- ★ The **Chief Minister** has also sanctioned ex-gratia of Rs.2 lakhs to the police personnel who died under heroic circumstances - Rs.50,000 to the disabled; Rs.10,000 to the seriously injured; Rs.5000 to those who sustained minor injuries. This scheme is being extended to the personnels of prison.
- ★ The Government has sanctioned Rs.13 crores to the Police Housing Corporation for the construction of 2500 police quarters; 2751 flushout latrines at a cost of Rs.5 crores are being constructed. Sanction has also been accorded for providing 13,932 separate E.B.Meters to every house in police quarters.
- ★ Out of 10,000 police persons recruited and not been posted during the last regime, 6553 were posted as Grade II PCs in the first phase and in the second phase 5700 Police

Personnels are undergoing training. Likewise 1023 police personnel recruited during 1989-90 are undergoing training. Out of 1100 personnels selected for SI post and not posted by the last regime, 500 were posted as S.I.'s and the 600 personnels are being trained.





- ★ 10,000 PCs are to be recruited by the Police Recruitment Board.
- ★ 500 new vehicles have been purchased for the police department costing Rs.8.80 crores during the past 1½ years to maintain law and order intact.
- ★ New Police Commissionerates at Trichy, Salem and Thirunelveli have been created at a cost of Rs.8.04 crores. A new Police DIG Range has also been formed with Dindigul as headquarters. 45 Mahindra Jeeps have been purchased.
- ★ Renovation of DGP office at Chennai, construction of office buildings of DIG, SP, Vellore, Commissionerate at Coimbatore, SP office of Nagarcoil including 81 police stations throughout Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.21.34 crores.
- ★ Recently, 10,000 constables including head constables have been selected for receiving **Chief Minister Medal** for their meritorious services. 74 fire service personnels, 20 prison personnels have also been selected for receiving **Chief Minister Medals**. These selected personnels will get special pay ranging from Rs.40 to Rs.50 per month according to their grade from February 1998 onwards.
- ★ 26 police stations have been newly created during the past 1½ years. 36 outposts have been upgraded to police stations.
- ★ For effectively implementing the dry law, concerted action is being taken on notorious bootleggers and prohibition offenders. Awarding of Uthamar Gandhi Medal is being introduced from last year to encourage the police personnel engaged in this task. 8 Police Personnel have been awarded this medal for their meritorious service in curbing illicit menace. They were also given Rs.10,000 each.
- ★ The Government has increased the feeding charges by 50% and special pay by 100% to the police personnel upto the rank of Inspectors during emergent occasions. The subsidy given to essential commodities like Toor dhal, Uri dhal, Rava and Maida under food subsidy scheme has also been revised and increased.
- ★ The police personnel will be issued with separate ration card for getting kerosene.
- ★ The Government has also sanctioned special allowance to the policemen who have rendered unblemished service, varying from Rs.15 to Rs.35 per month.

- ★ The Government sanctioned the formation of one more Tamil Nadu Special Police Battalion in Virudhunagar district with headquarters at Rajapalayam and also sanctioned one more additional platoon to Madurai city, at a cost of Rs.9.5 crores and Rs.37.46 lakhs respectively.



- ★ The office of the Commissioner of Police is being built at a cost of Rs.2 crores in Coimbatore.
- ★ The DGP office on the Kamarajar Salai at Chennai is being renovated at a cost of Rs.1.35 crores.
- ★ Construction works are on for the District Police Office and DIG office at a cost of Rs.1.88 crores and Rs.19.50 crores respectively.
- ★ The S.P office is being built in Nagercoil at a cost of Rs.62 lakhs.
- ★ New buildings are being constructed for 81 Police stations at a cost of Rs.15.29 crores.
- ★ 10,106 Grade II Police personnels who have put in 10 years of service have been promoted as Grade I Police; 9,000 Grade I Police Personnels who have put in 5 years of service have been promoted as head constables.
- ★ A 'Swift Action Force' has been created by Chief Minister Kalaingar to rush to the spot to thwart the Law and Order situation and to maintain peace and amity in the area.
- ★ Orders have been issued to install separate EB meters to all the police quarters.
- ★ The prize money of Anna Medals: given to constables and head constables has been enhanced from Rs.1,500 to Rs.2,000; for Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors from Rs.2500 to Rs.3000; for the DSPs the prize money has been increased from Rs.4000 to Rs.5000. A special allowance of Rs.100 per month is being given to the Anna medal awardees.

#### **HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES**

- ★ The Government has announced a 20% rebate on sale of handloom cloth produced by Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies throughout the year without any ceiling. Rs.75 crores has been sanctioned to provide for the rebate and to economically uplift 5 lakh weaver families. Wages have been increased 10% to the handloom weavers.
- ★ Weavers who are above 60 years of age are given a monthly pension of Rs.150. The ex-gratia paid to the family of deceased Weaver has been increased from Rs.3000 to Rs.5000.
- ★ Savings and Insurance Scheme for handloom Weavers has been increased to Rs.25,000 from Rs.15,000.
- ★ 72.75 lakh free sarees and 68 lakh free dhotis have been distributed to the poor at a cost of Rs.95 crores for the Pongal festival.
- ★ Production of fabrics for meeting the supply of free uniform to school children under Nutritious Meal Programme will be completed before March, 1998 so that the tailored uniforms will be ready for supply to children during the beginning of the academic year, 1998-99 itself.

- ★ A new handloom marketing complex has been started in the co-optex premises at Egmore, Chennai with effect from 27.10.1997.

### **WELFARE OF THE BACKWARD CLASS AND MOST BACKWARD CLASS PEOPLE**

- ★ The 69% reservation policy to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in employment and educational institutions is continued by the protector of social justice **Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi**.
- ★ In 1996-97, Rs.64.32 crores sanctioned for the welfare of BCs and MBCs. This year the amount has been enhanced to Rs.80 crores.
- ★ Three middle schools were upgraded as High schools, three High schools were upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools; 107 new hostels were opened; the food charges were enhanced from Rs.135 to Rs.180 per month; the food charges for college/ITI boarders were enhanced to Rs.300. The annual parental income ceiling for admission of students in hostels enhanced from Rs.15,000 to Rs.50,000.
- ★ The annual parental income limit for availing scholarships has been enhanced from Rs.12,000 to Rs.25,000. The student's strength in respect of computer training has been increased from 175 to 1000 and in respect of heavy vehicle driver training, the number of trainees has been enhanced from 250 to 2000.
- ★ The **Chief Minister** has enhanced the allocation for acquisition of house sites to MBCs/Denotified Communities from Rs.2 crores to Rs.10 crores in addition. The scheme of issue of free house sites has also been extended to BCs and FCs who are living below the poverty line in rural areas and a sum of Rs.8 crores has been sanctioned.
- ★ The Government have also enhanced the Ulema pension from Rs.400 to Rs.500 per mensem.
- ★ The annual allocation towards welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward classes and denotified communities was enhanced to

Rs.64.32 crores during 1997-98 and this has been further enhanced to Rs.80 crores in the first Supplementary Estimates for 1997-98.

- ★ The monthly assistance given to B.C/M.B.C students who stay and study in the special training centres for IAS/IPS examinations has been increased from Rs.250 to Rs.500.
- ★ All the text books are supplied free to BC/ MBC and Denotified Community students studying Xth standard.
- ★ Rs.86 lakhs sanctioned to benefit 115 Backward Class people for the purchase of 6 bulls, each for cart pulling and ploughing purposes. Rs.2.6 crores sanctioned to benefit 2000 BCs for the purchase of 2 bulls each.

### **CONSERVATION OF FOREST**

- ★ Tamil Nadu has a forest cover of 22,699 square kilometers. This is 17.45% area of the total area of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ Forest schemes have been implemented in an area of 51,456 Hectares at a cost of Rs.6110.42 lakhs.
- ★ Upgradation work of water storages in Tamil Nadu has been taken up at a cost of Rs.716.57 lakhs in an area of 5,281 Hectares.
- ★ Forest productivity schemes are being implemented in an area of 17,405 Hectares, at a cost of Rs.1104.41 lakhs.
- ★ Social barren land development scheme to plant trees has been taken up in an area of 6,885 Hectares at a cost of Rs.2241.71 lakhs.

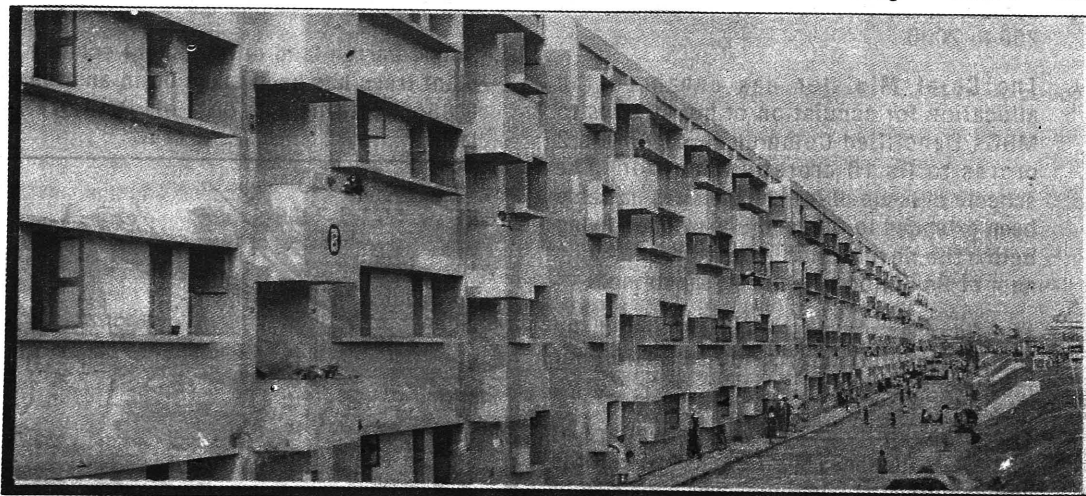




- ★ Forest cover has been measured and boundary marking stones have been planted. For the conservation and to protect the forest wealth necessary actions were taken and modern equipments were provided and actions taken at a cost of Rs.105.07 lakhs.
- ★ Forest Research being carried out so as to meet the ecological changes in future at a cost of Rs.126.56 lakhs.
- ★ Rs.289.17 lakhs has been spent for the maintenance of 5 National Parks, 6 Wildlife sanctuaries and 9 bird sanctuaries which occupies a total area of 2833 Sq.K.M. of the total area of Tamil Nadu.
- ★ Tribal Welfare Schemes are being implemented in an area of 418 Hectares at a cost of Rs.125.73, so as to provide them employment opportunities, education and basic facilities.

#### **EACH FAMILY EACH HOUSE**

- ★ Tamil Nadu Housing Board has done a remarkable work and has constructed 20,500 houses in a year. Chief Minister Kalaignar has announced that Houses will be constructed at a cost of Rs.700 crores with an aim of providing 'one house to a family'
- ★ Under Tamil Nadu Urban Development Scheme, the Tamil Nadu Housing Board is implementing the 'sites and services scheme', with the financial assistance from the World Bank in 10 towns namely, Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Thiruchy, Salem, Vellore, Erode, Tuticorin, Thirunelveli and Thirupur with a target of 70,000 serviced units at a cost of Rs.246.41 crores.
- ★ As this original target of 70,000 units has been achieved well ahead of the schedule, additional units of 18,728 were later added making the total target as 88,728 units.
- ★ 31 Urban Centres were identified as growth pole centres. In these 31 centres, works were in progress to generate 10,234 dwelling units of these, 7561 dwelling units have been completed.
- ★ 4503 dwelling units will be completed in 12 small and medium towns in the State at a cost of Rs.40.83 crores.
- ★ 10,000 dwelling units in an area of 500 acres in Sholinganallur and 2,500 dwelling units in an area of 250 acres in Mahabalipuram are to be constructed.
- ★ The allotment of houses constructed under subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme (SIHS) at Thiru.Vi.Ka.Nagar and Sharma Nagar in Chennai have been done at the concessional rate of Rs.9,600 and sale deeds were issued to 210 allottees. The sale deed of such houses in other towns will be issued based on the willingness of allottees.
- ★ In order to decongest the Chennai City, Tamil Nadu Housing Board has



developed a concept of creating Satellite Towns around Chennai along the various transport corridors leading to the City.

- ★ On the southern side 3 Satellite Towns are proposed to be formed at Sholinganallur (525 acres), Mahabalipuram (220 acres) and Zamin Pallavaram (416 acres). On the Western side, in Thirumazhisai circa, 5 towns are proposed to be formed at Chempampakkam 526 (acres), Kuthampakkam (873 acres), Parvathirajapuram (165 acres), Vellavedu (64 acres) and Narasingapuram (85 acres). On the North-west side a Satellite Town is proposed to be formed at Paruthipattu (683 acres). Land acquisition process is going on.
- ★ Provision of Developed house sites at concessional rates for the E.W.S. and L.I.G. families at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Salem, Erode, Vellore, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur and Tuticorin, have been completed.
- ★ Dwelling units will be constructed to benefit 70,000 families in 36 Small and Medium Towns with financial assistance from Asian Development Bank.
- ★ The scheme for construction of 240 flats in 4 blocks of 10 storeyed building at a cost of Rs.45 crore has been commenced.

- ★ During 1997-98, a major land development scheme at Periyannayakkanpalayam 20 km from Coimbatore has been taken up at cost of Rs.26.91 crore. The works are in progress.
- ★ It is proposed to construct 738 flats in the newly formed District Head Quarters at Karur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Namakkal, Perambalur and Villupuram and also at Thiruvannamalai at an estimated cost of Rs.2368 lakhs during 1997-98.
- ★ The structural design and detailed estimates for the construction of 250 Multi-storeyed flats at Government Estate Chennai for Government officials has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.16 crore are being prepared by the Board.

#### INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

##### Golden Jubilee Celebrations of India's Independence in Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Independence through-out the State for a period of one year from August 1997 to August 1998.

The Government of Tamil Nadu constituted a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi, with 32 members. Six Sub-Committees have also been constituted to



suggest various programmes for (i) Ceremonial Functions (ii) Sports and Intellectual Interactions (iii) Core Programmes (iv) Release of Souvenir (v) Cultural Programmes and (vi) Exhibition on Freedom Movement, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of our Independence. A High Level Implementation Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister** with Ministers, Secretaries and Heads of Departments as Members to co-ordinate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Tamil Nadu.

Similarly District level Committees under the Chairmanship of Collectors concerned have also been constituted with official and non - official members to chalk out the programmes and functions at the district level :



Based on the suggestions and decisions of High Level/Sub-Committees, several events, functions have been organised to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of India's Independence in Tamil Nadu as detailed below :-

**Archives Exhibition** was organised from 1.1.97 to 12.7.97 by the Tamil Nadu Archives and Historical Research at Lalith Kala Academy.

Audio Cassettes and patriotic songs were released by **Her Excellency the Governor, Justice M. Fathima Beevi** on 15.7.97 at Raj Bhavan.

'Salt Satyagraha remembrance March' from Tiruchirappalli to Vedaranyam was inaugurated by the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi** on 8.8.97.

'Freedom March' in memory of **Quit India Movement** was organised on 9.8.97 at Chennai with the participation of 5000 students. Freedom fighters who participated in the Quit India Movement were honoured by the **Hon'ble Minister for Education, Prof. K. Anbazhagan. Thiru. V. Mullaivendan**, **Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity** presided. Pledge for national integration taken by all.

The Freedom Fighters of Tamil Nadu selected for participation in the **March of the Nation at Delhi** were sent off by **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi** at a function held at Rajaji Hall on 11.8.97. Freedom Fighters were honoured with shawls, khadi dress and a Porkizhi of Rs.1,000/- each by the Chief Minister. The freedom fighters were sent off at Central Railway Station by **Hon'ble Ministers**.

Massive Cleaning Campaigns were organised throughout the State on 14.8.97. At Chennai, the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Tamil Nadu was inaugurated by **Her Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Justice Selvi M. Fathima Beevi** at Nehru Stadium with Nadaswaram, folk songs and music concert by eminent artistes.

**Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar M. Karunanidhi**, presided over the function. **Hon'ble Minister for Education, Prof. K. Anbazhagan**, **Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity, Thiru V. Mullaivendan**, The Worshipful Mayor of Chennai, **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, **Thiru. Sivanthi Adithyan** also participated.

Ceremonial function of flag hoisting ceremony was held at Fort. St. George, Chennai on 15.8.97. **The Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaighnar unfurled the National Flag** at the Fort, Chennai and the District Collectors unfurled the flags in all district head quarters. The freedom fighters were honoured on behalf of the Government.

Archaeology Exhibition was inaugurated by Thiru S. Rajarethinam, IAS, Secretary, I. & T. Department at Fort. St. George, Chennai on 15.8.97 (organised by the Archaeological Survey of India).

### "Massive Cultural Programme"

A Massive Cultural Programme depicting the Freedom Struggle was organised by the South Zone Cultural Centre in the Evening with a participation 5,000 Students **Her Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Justice M. Fathima Beevi** presided over the function. **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi** participated as the **Chief Guest** and Hon'ble Ministers and dignitaries also participated.

"**Eradication of untouchability Week**" was organised throughout Tamil Nadu from 15.8.97. to 31.8.97. **Community feasts** were organised in the temples and areas adjacent to Adi-dravidar dwellings.

Poets symposium, lectures on freedom struggle were organised during these days by the Corporation of Chennai. The Worshipful Mayor, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** presided over the functions.

On 19.8.97, **Hon'ble Chief Minister** laid foundation stone for the **Golden Jubilee Memorial Pillar at Ripon Building, Chennai**. **Hon'ble Minister for R.D. & L.A. Thiru. Ko.Si.Mani** participated. The Worshipful Mayor, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** presided. Freedom fighters of Chennai were honoured.

Symposium on the Role of Mass - Media during the Freedom Struggle was organised at Madras University on 25.8.97. **Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity, Thiru. V. Mullaivendan** presided over the function. The eminent writers who have participated in Freedom Movement were honoured.

Rural Sports were organised from 29.8.97 to 30.8.97 by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu at Madurai.

A '**Human Chain**' was organised from Thiruparankundram to Madurai for a distance of 15 kms. to emphasis on 'communal and religious harmony' on 31.8.97, in which students, labourers, women, government employees,



common public, political party members participated largely. **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar**, **Hon'ble Ministers**, all party leaders, religious leaders participated.

'**Community feasts**' were arranged at **Arulmigu Meenakshi Amman Temple - Melamasi Church - Koripalayam Mosque** at Madurai in the afternoon. **Hon'ble Chief Minister**, **Hon'ble Ministers**, all party leaders, religious leaders participated in the **community feast**.

**Renowned Freedom Fighter Kakkan's Statue** at Madurai was unveiled by **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi** in the evening.

A **Conference on "eradication of Untouchability"** was also held at Thamukkam Grounds. **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar** presided, **Hon'ble Ministers**, All Party Leaders, Religious Leaders participated in the conference.

In this conference, **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaaignar M. Karunanidhi** announced that a committee would be constituted to watch the filling up of the vacancies reserved for Adi-dravidars, Scheduled Tribes and the increase of Incentive under Anjugam Ammaiyaar Inter Caste Marriage Scheme, from Rs.10,000 to Rs. 20,000 if the bride or the bridegroom belongs to Adi-dravidar and Scheduled Tribes.

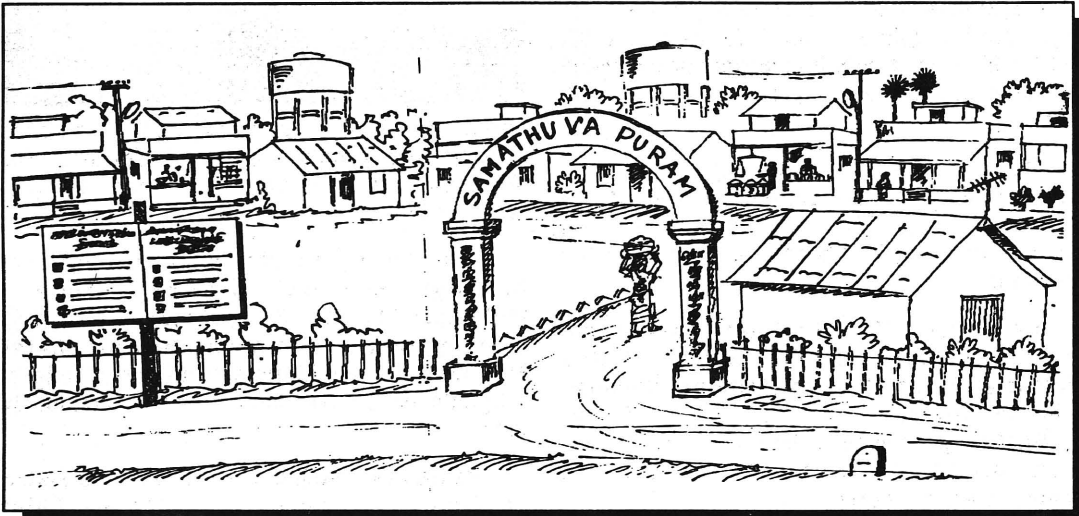


**Aurobindo's 125th Birthday** was celebrated at Kalaivanar Arangam on 19-12-97. Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity, **Thiru V. Mullaivendan**, **Thiru. Venkatasubramaniam**, Former Vice-Chancellor, (Central University), Pondicherry, **Thiru Malan** participated.

**Her Excellency the Governor, Justice M. Fathima Beevi** unfurled the national flag near Gandhi Statue at Chennai on 26.1.98, the Republic Day. In commemoration of 50th year of Independence a pageantry consisting of decorative tableaux, highlighting freedom struggle and developmental activities of Government of Tamil Nadu was organised in a fitting manner. On the glorious occasion, **Hon'ble Chief Minister**

### **Samathuvapuram :**

The **Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi** has announced that, **Samathuvapurams** would be established in 50 places, in which people belonging to Various Communities, religions including a minimum number of 40 of Adidravidar and Scheduled Tribes and the remaining 60 to other castes so as to live **unitedly with communal harmony**. Thus, every **Samathuvapuram** will have 100 houses for which Government will provide a sum of **Rs.35,000 as full subsidy** to every selected individual for which an amount of **Rs.5 crores** has been sanctioned as 1st phase and loan amounts with minimum interest would also be arranged by the Government to every family to construct the



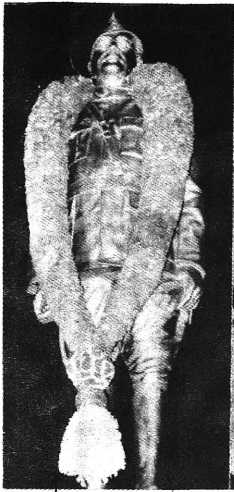
honoured veteran freedom fighters and the District Collectors honoured the freedom fighters in the Districts.

The Government of India has agreed to release a Special Stamp in the memory of the Salt Satyagrahi **Vedanayagam Pillai** of **Vedaranyam** based on the request of **Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar**.

**The New Announcements by Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi** in Commemoration of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of India's Independence :-

house as per their wishes. Each house site would be in 5 cents. All the basic amenities such as, Protected drinking water supply, Street Lights, Community Conveniences with water supply, Hospital Facilities, Schools, Ration shop, Community Hall, Common burial and cremation places would be provided by the Government. **Samathuvapuram "The Brain Child of Kalaignar"** will definitely be adored throughout India to unite the people with Communal & Religious Harmony.

**1785 Tribal Villages** and habitations would be provided with all basic amenities under a "three years special scheme"



The slum areas in Municipalities and Town Panchayats would be uplifted with all the basic amenities, under National Slum development programme with a financial outlay of Rs. 38.46 crores.

#### Enhancement of Pensions to Freedom Fighters

In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of India's Independence, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaingar has ordered to enhance the monthly pension received by the freedom fighters on par with the Central Pension. Accordingly, those freedom fighters receiving Central Pension has been increased from Rs.250 to 500 as State Government's share. The pension given by State Government has been enhanced from Rs.1500 to Rs.3000 and the continuance of State pension for dependents of State pensioners have also been enhanced from Rs.750 to Rs.1500 per month.

The monthly pension paid to the legal heirs of Marudhhupandiar brothers have been enhanced from Rs.150 to Rs.500. Likewise the monthly pension paid to the legal heirs of Veerapandia Kattabomman has also been enhanced from Rs.300 to Rs.500. A new township costing Rs.1 crore is being constructed with the all basic amenities for the legal heirs of Veeran Sundaralingam at Governagiri near Ottapidaram in Thoothukudi District.

#### Statues - Memorials for freedom fighters

- ★ Golden Jubilee Memorial was opened by the Chief Minister Kalaingar, near War Memorial at Chennai on 31.12.97.

- ★ The statue of Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose was unveiled by the Chief Minister on 15.12.97.
- ★ Bust size statues of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar and Bharath Rathna Dr.MGR were unveiled at the entrance of their memorials by the Chief Minister.
- ★ Memorial houses of Bakthavachalam, Comrade P.Jeevanandam, Thiagi

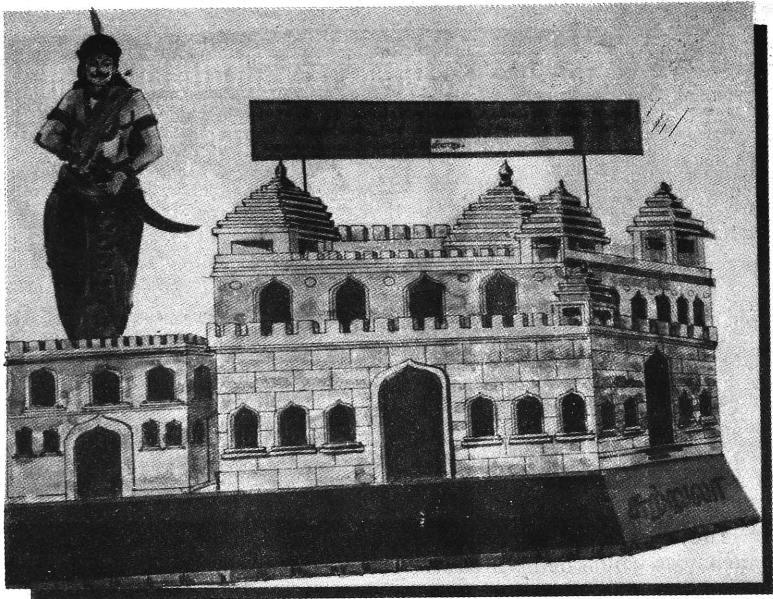


**Viswanathadas and Poolithevan** are being constructed at **Guindy, Nagercoil, Madurai - Thirumangalam and Nelkattum Seval of Tirunelveli District** respectively.

- ★ **Mahakavi Bharathiar's Memorial House** at Triplicane have been renovated without changing its old architecture and **Bharathiar Memorial House** where he was born at Ettayapuram is being renovated.

#### **Other achievements of the Information Department**

- ★ If a stunt artiste is fatally injured in a film shooting, his family will be provided Rs.1 lakh and if the artiste is disabled, he will be given an assistance of Rs.50,000.
- ★ The subsidy given to the low budget decent films has been enhanced from Rs.3 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs. Entertainment tax is exempted for these films for a period of 4 weeks.
- ★ The film shooting charges given by the producers have been reduced from Rs.5000 to Rs.1000; and from Rs.2,500 to Rs.500.
- ★ Valluvar Kottam at Chennai has been renovated at a cost of Rs.1 crore.
- ★ Anna Square has been renovated with marble stones at a cost of Rs.1.5 crores.
- ★ The works of the installation of 133 ft Thiruvalluvar statue has been expedited.
- ★ The journalist pension has been increased from Rs.250 to Rs. 400 and was again increased to Rs.500 and further increased to Rs.1000.
- ★ An assistance of Rs.20,000 is being provided to the family of a journalist on his death, who has put in 20 years of service in the journalistic field.



- ★ **Chief Minister Kalaingar** has announced that a 'Manimandapam' for freedom fighters will be constructed in Chennai at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs.

#### **TOURISM**

- ★ Kattapomman's Fort at Panchalakurichi is being renovated.
- ★ Actions have been taken to conduct sound and light programme on the life of Raja Raja Cholan.

#### **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

- ★ To create more facilities for the health cover of livestock and poultry 10 Veterinary dispensaries were upgraded to veterinary hospitals and 10 veterinary dispensaries were opened in 10 places and one Animal Husbandry Division at Virudhachalam, Cuddalore District was created.
- ★ To have effective health cover during the year 1997 new veterinary dispensaries were opened in 60 places, 20 veterinary dispensaries were upgraded as veterinary hospitals and 3 veterinary hospitals were upgraded as clinician centres. To have effective administration and supervision in the implementation of Animal Husbandry



books free. A massive programme of organising the rural women into self-help groups, forming thrift and credit societies of women and to get institutional finance to the needy for income generating activities was launched to cover the entire State.

★ The cash assistance given to pregnant women under Dr.Muthulakshmi

Reddy Ammaiyar Ninaivu Mahaperu Udhavi Thittam, has been enhanced from Rs.300 to Rs.500.

programmes 6 regions were formed in the State.

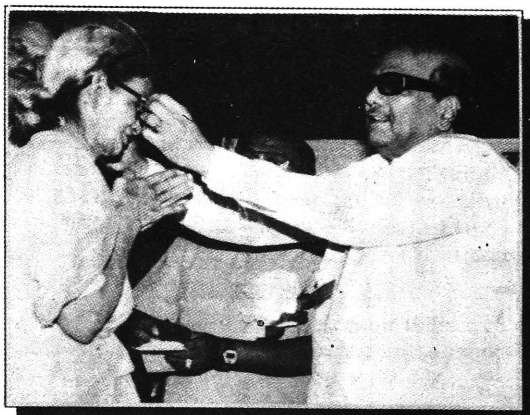
- ★ Due to intensive vaccination campaign under NPRED the State has become free from Rinderpest disease, a dreaded disease of cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats.
- ★ The DANIDA assisted Livestock Development Programme have been expanded to 46 Blocks in the districts of Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Tuticorin as phase-II at a cost of Rs.27.50 crores from the District of Pudukottai.

- ★ 3000 women below poverty line, widows, deserted wives and destitutes and physically handicapped were provided with sewing machines to take up regular tailoring work as self employment and enhance their income, at a cost of Rs.57.67 lakhs.

- ★ Under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme, a grant of Rs.10,000 is given to girls from poor households who have completed 8th

## SOCIAL WELFARE

- ★ Till 1995-96 text books and note books were given free to Children of 4000 poor widows every year. From 1996-97 Children of all poor widows would get text books and note books free without any target ceiling.
- ★ Under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Marriage Assistance Scheme, during the past 1½ years Rs.48 crores were spent so as to benefit 48,000 poor women.
- ★ Text books and note books were given free to children of 4000 poor widows till 1995-96. From 1996-97 onwards children of all poor widows will be given text books and note





standard on the occasion of their marriage. 48,000 poor women have benefited at a cost of Rs.48 crores.

- ★ Poor parents having two girl children if they undergo family planning operation, Rs.1500 is provided as fixed deposit. Poor parents undergoing family planning operation, if they have only one girl child Rs.5000 is placed in the fixed deposit and the chellans are given to the parents.
- ★ Rs.10,000 provided for fixing artificial limbs.
- ★ The group wages given to blind wire workers has been increased from Rs.800 to Rs.1000.
- ★ Physically handicapped and deaf persons have been allowed free travel in Government owned buses upto 100 KM.
- ★ Physically handicapped students studying from 1-5th standard are provided Rs.25 per month. Like wise handicapped students studying from 6-8th standard are provided Rs.75 per month. By this 12,096 physically handicapped students have been benefited at a cost of Rs.51.45 lakhs.

### **Rehabilitation of the Physically handicapped**

- ★ The monthly maintenance allowance to the severely disabled persons was increased from Rs.100 to Rs.150, so as to benefit 2900 physically handicapped persons. A scheme of financial assistance of Rs.5000 to a normal person marrying a person without a leg or a hand has been introduced. Rehabilitation homes are being created in all the districts at a cost of Rs.1.38 crores.

### **ADI-DRAVIDAR WELFARE**

- ★ Necessary actions have been taken for distribution of free land pattas at a cost of Rs.17 crores to benefit 70,000 Adi-dravidars and Scheduled Tribes.
- ★ Actions are being taken to issue 70,000 house site pattas to Adi dravidars and Tribals at a cost of Rs.17 crores. During the past one and a half years, as an all India achievement, 1,50,000 group houses have been constructed.



- ★ Various welfare measures for the welfare of Adi-dravidars are being implemented with an allocation of Rs.334 crores.
- ★ The Government has ordered to fill all the vacancies meant for Adi dravidars in the Government and Public undertakings with immediate effect. A committee has been formed to monitor the filling up the vacancies with the Minister for Adi dravidar Welfare as Chairman and members of the Legislative Assembly as members of the committee.
- ★ Buildings will be constructed for lab facilities and dormetries for Adi Dravidar Higher Secondary schools in 3 years time. Permissions have been granted for the construction of 80 new hostels of so as to benefit 2500 Adi-dravidar students. A Hostel has been constructed for the Post Graduate Adi dravidar students for the first time. The parental income ceiling, so as to benefit the hostel facilities has been increased from Rs.14,000 to Rs.50,000.
- ★ Adi dravidar training schools have been opened with an allocation of Rs.5 crores so as to fill the teaching posts meant for them.

### Other activities to uplift Adi-dravidar and Tribals

- ★ The Chief Minister had announced that all basic amenities would be provided to all tribal habitations. Accordingly **1785 tribal habitations** are to be provided with water supply, street lights, link roads, elementary education, medical facilities, noon meal sheds and rations shops.



### Samathuvapuram

- ★ In commemoration of the **Golden Jubilee of India's Independence** the Chief Minister announced that **Samathuvapuram** consisting of 100 houses would be created in 50 places in which 40% will be allocated to Adi-dravidars. Every habitant would be sanctioned **Rs.35,000 as subsidy** and minimum interest loan will also be arranged. Each Samathuvapuram would be **provided with basic amenities** such as road facilities, street light, community hall, elementary schools, hospitals, cremation and burial ground. The Chief Minister sanctioned Rs.5 crores in the first phase.
- ★ The assistance given under Anjugam Ammaiyar memorial inter-caste marriage scheme has been enhanced from Rs.10,000 to Rs.20,000, if the bride or the bridegroom belongs to Adi-dravidar community.

- ★ Under **TAHDCO's** rehabilitation scheme for scavengers **14,489 beneficiaries** have benefitted. A total subsidy of Rs.962.09 lakhs and margin money of **Rs.336.53 lakhs** have been utilised. **5,367 youths** benefitted under training scheme at a cost of **Rs.113.27 lakhs**.
- ★ **5000** landless Adi-dravidars would be given each 1 acre free of cost for agricultural purposes.
- ★ **Rs.456.65 lakhs** have been sanctioned in the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation for creating entrepreneurs out of which **Rs.409.90 lakhs** has been released to **124** beneficiaries for the purchase of tractors, lorries etc.
- ★ **1000** youths living near by sugar mills would be given financial assistance with subsidy to purchase **one lorry each**.

- ★ With an intention of **preventing dropouts among school going girls** belonging to Adi-draavidar / Scheduled Tribes, in the rural areas, an incentive of **Rs.500** per annum is given to the girls who are studying in from III to V and **Rs.1000** per annum is given to the girls who are studying in VI Std. Till date 69,520 students have benefitted at a cost of **Rs.447.40 lakhs**.
- ★ **Rs.152.48 crores** would be spent **exclusively for education** this year for the Adi-draavidar and ST students. Out of which **Rs.36 crores** are earmarked for scholarships, incentives, prize money; **Rs.8.14 crores** for free uniforms; **Rs.8 crores** for providing free text books and note books. For free boarding Rs.5 crores.
- ★ With a view of forming a casteless society the **Chief Minister Kalaigarnar** has increased the marriage assistance given under Anjugam Ammaiyar Memorial Inter-Caste Marriage Assistance Scheme from Rs.10,000 to Rs.20,000 if the bride or the bride-groom belongs to the Adi-draavidar community.

#### **TAMIL NADU KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD**

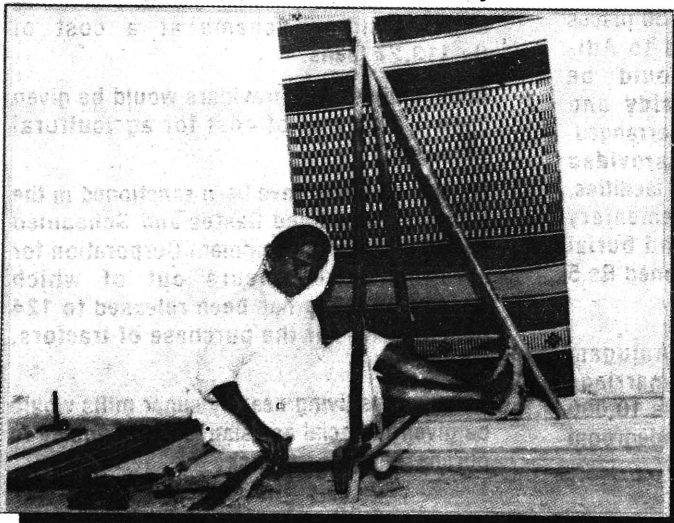
- ★ 9th Plan documents have been prepared to the tune of Rs.5013.21 lakhs and sent to State Planning Commission and to the Government for which orders are awaited.
- ★ A sum of Rs.50.75 lakhs has been earmarked under Part II schemes for the year

1998-99, by the State Planning Commission for the implementation of Sericulture schemes in the potential districts.

- ★ A "Textile Policy" for the State of Tamil Nadu has been drafted as per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Kalaigarnar during the 1997-98 Budget session.
- ★ During 1997-98 the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board has a production target for Khadi and Village Industries products worth Rs.46 crores and Rs.404 crores respectively and it has also been programmed to produce Khadi and Village Industries products for Rs.50 crores and 425 crores respectively during 1998-99.
- ★ The Board has sold Khadi and Village Industries Products (upto 30.9.97) worth Rs.4.16 crores and Rs.180.16 crores respectively, and it plans to sell products to the tune of Rs.55 crores and Rs.450 crores respectively during 1998-99.
- ★ The Board has provided employment opportunities to 16 lakh persons upto 30.9.97.
- ★ As the designs have been modernised in silk, there is a good demand for the silk sarees and the production has increased to Rs.644.81 lakhs upto 30.9.97.
- ★ In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of India's independence, the State Government has sanctioned a special rebate of 15% on the sale of all Khadi varieties for one year from 15.8.1997.

#### **FISHERMEN WELFARE**

- ★ A special scheme for the construction of free houses for fishermen with an electric light named as "Tamil Nadu Ma.Singaravelar Memorial Fishermen Free Housing Scheme" was announced by Chief Minister Kalaigarnar during 1996 - 97. 20,000 houses are proposed to be constructed spread over a period of five years. Based on this announcement, the construction of 4000 houses with one electric light had been sanctioned by the





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Government during 1996 - 97. During 1997 - 98 also, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 12.80 crore for construction of 4000 houses to the fishermen.

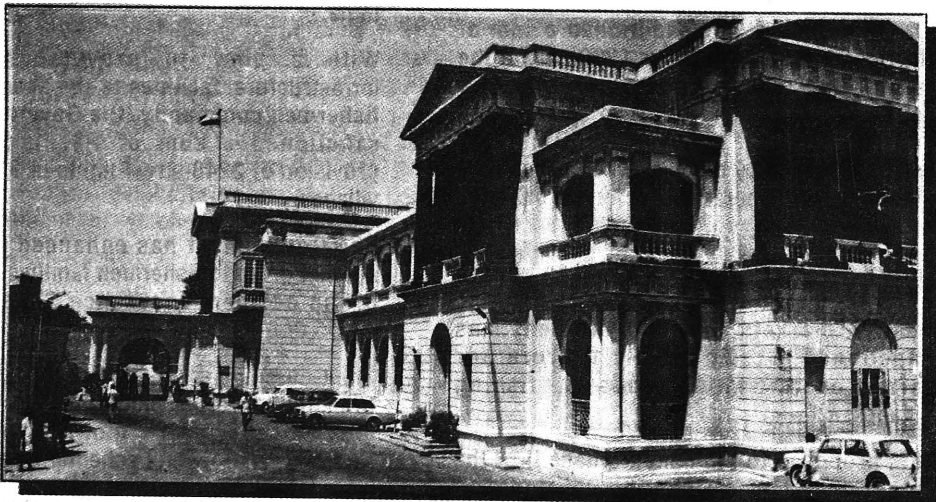
- ★ The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1 crore, during the year 1996 - 97 at the rate of Rs.5,000 per house for carrying out repairs to the houses of fishermen constructed in the earlier years. This work will be executed by the concerned beneficiary Fishermen Co-operative Society Work is in progress.
- ★ In order to help the fishermen to ensure quick transport of their fish catches to the nearby markets, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1 crore for formation of 34 link roads in fishing villages.
- ★ It is proposed to implement phase II of the Integrated Marine Fisheries Development Project at a block cost of Rs. 48.23 crores. The Project envisages distribution of 5000 units of fishing inputs consisting of traditional crafts viz. catamaran, vallam of different types, Marine Plywood boats. Different types of nets and outboard engines involving 16,350 fishermen in 13 coastal districts of Tamil Nadu covering 100 fishing villages. It is expected that this project will be cleared by the NDCD shortly.
- ★ A Techno Economic Feasibility Project at a cost of Rs.38.30 crores for the construction of a fishing harbour at Rameswaram has been prepared and sent to Government of India.
- ★ With a view to provide the basic infrastructural facilities to the down trodden fishermen community, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1 crore for provision of 2248 street lights in 323 fishing villages.
- ★ The Government has enhanced the relief amount given to fishermen families under the group accident Insurance Scheme from Rs.35,000 to Rs.50,000.
- ★ The Government sanctioned Rs.8.57 crores to benefit 1,19,087 fishermen during heavy monsoon period (4 months) under the savings - cum - relief scheme.
- ★ 8151 engines had been distributed to be fitted to the traditional crafts, at a subsidy of 11 crores.
- ★ Rs.75 lakhs sanctioned towards 25% subsidy to purchase and distribute 1500 VHF sets to fishermen of Chennai, Cuddalore and Chinnamuttam.
- ★ The ex-gratia amount given to the families of Fishermen who loose their lives in the shoot -





out of Sri Lankan Naval Forces has been enhanced from Rs.25,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

- ★ The diesel subsidy provided to fishermen has been increased from 7 to 17 paise.



#### WELFARE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

- ★ The family welfare fund has been increased from Rs.60,000 to Rs.1 lakh.
- ★ Rs.4000 given to Government servants as interim relief from the arrears of the pay commission.
- ★ Rs.500 will be paid in advance to workers of nutritious meal programme who are getting consolidated pay, fixed wages and daily wages from the pay commission arrears.
- ★ Under the family benefit scheme Rs.20 is collected from the pensioners so as to give their families Rs.25,000 on their event of their death.

- ★ The 25 days salary given to 'C' and 'D' group Government employees as bonus last year has been revised to 27 days salary. The bonus for A and B Group employees was increased from Rs.625 to Rs.725. For the pensioners the bonus was increased from Rs.100 to Rs.150. Employees of local bodies, Government aided educational institutions, those getting consolidated, fixed wages including those employed as daily wages for more than 240 days are also eligible for availing bonus.
- ★ As announced for the Government employees, interim relief would be provided to college professors getting UGC, AICIT. Pay from the pay commission arrears.
- ★ For the pensioners and family pensioners Rs.1000 will be provided in advance from the pay commission arrears.



# THIRUKKURAL

- THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MANKIND



## TO HAVE LOVE

**A**himsa or Universal Love being the basis of the Code of Morals both for the householder and the ascetic, the author points out that the householder must have love towards others in order to satisfactorily discharge his duties according to the householders Dharma. In the case of the householder he must have love towards his kith and kin first and also towards others. He must be kind to his wife and children, he must be kind to his servants, he must be kind to his cattle and, in general, he must be kind to all others whether men or animals, whether related to him or not. This is in accordance with the general principle enunciated in the phrase. Daya Mulam Dharma, the root to all Dharma is Daya and Love.

அன்பிற்கும் உண்டோ அடைக்குந்தாழ் ஆர்வலர்  
புன்கணீர் பூசல் தரும்.

anbirkum undo adaikundhal arvalar  
punganir pusal tharum

What bold one is there to restrain and conceal love? One tear drop in the eyes of those thou lovest will draw a flood from thine.

## COMMENTARY:

This couplet emphasises the fact that if we love one who is in distress it would automatically rouse sympathy in the person who loves him. A heart filled with love towards other persons must necessarily respond to those who are in distress and attempt to remove such distress from the loved ones. This intrinsic nature of love that it could express itself plainly is evidently intended as a criterion to distinguish between genuine love and heartless lip sympathy. Genuine love will express itself quite plainly whereas the other one has no such chance.

அன்பிலார் எல்லாம் தமக்குரியர் அன்புடையார்  
என்பும் உரியர் பிறர்க்கு.

anbilar ellam dhamakuriyar anbudaiyar  
enbum uriyar pirarku.

Persons lacking in love towards others will utilise all their wealth themselves. But those loving persons will utilise all their property for the benefit of others. Nay, they will consider their own body as intended for service to others.

அன்போ டியைந்த வழக்கென்ப ஆருமிற்கு  
என்போ டியைந்த தொடர்பு.

anbo diyaindha vazakenba aruyir (ku)  
enbo diyaindha thodarbu.

The association of soul with the human body of bone and flesh is declared by the wise to be the result of love.

## COMMENTARY

According to the Jaina view it is a very rare occurrence for Jiva or soul to be born as a human being. In the world of Samsara, human birth is considered to be the rarest. Such a good fortune which a Jiva has, is considered to be the result of its past good deeds based upon love and mercy towards all creatures. Here it is implied that his human birth is not only a rare privilege but the human being is expected to make the best of this rare acquisition by living a life of love and sympathy towards others.

அன்பினும் ஆர்வம் உடைமை அதுஈனும்  
நன்பென்னும் நாடாச் சிறப்பு.

anbinum arvam udaimai adhu inum  
nanbennum nada jirapu

From love springs affection to all. That bond of affection yields real friendship.

அன்புற் றமர்ந்த வழக்கென்ப வையகத்து  
இன்புற்றார் எய்துஞ் சிறப்பு.

anbu tramardha vazakenba vaiyaha(thu)  
inbutrar eidhun jirapu.

Happiness on earth and bliss above are certainly the fruits of living the life of love.

அறத்திற்கே அன்புசார் பென்ப அறியார்;  
மறத்திற்கும் அஃதே துணை.

arathitke anbusar penba ariyar;  
marathirtkum ahdhe thunai

The ignorant say that love can sustain only virtue. It also helps man to restrain evil.

### COMMENTARY

Generally ordinary people believe that virtuous conduct proceeds from a feeling of love and affection towards all beings. But this attitude of love is also a source of help in fighting out evil. Ordinarily ones attitude to an evil-doer is a feeling of hatred and disgust. A person who has committed a crime or sin is not considered worthy of love and such a person evokes a sense of ill-feeling and disgust in you. But such an attitude is considered to be inconsistent with life according to true love. Hence you have to change your attitude towards the evil doer and extend affection towards him. Thus you will be able to get rid of the undesirable emotion of hatred from your mind and thus help yourself to keep along the straight path of virtue, but you will also be able to set right the life of the evil-doer because he will also respond to your affection and try to reform himself. The attitude contemplated towards the evil-doer in this couplet is best illustrated by the famous verse of Jesus Christ addressed to the prostitute,

Neither do I condemn thee,  
Go, sin no more.

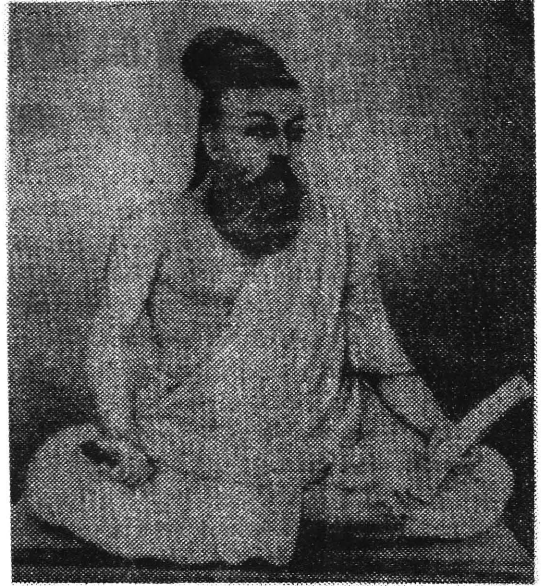
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enbi ladhanai veyilpola kayume  
anbi ladhanai yaram.

Just as boneless living beings are dried up to death by the fierce rays of the sun, so loveless persons will be destroyed by the power of virtue.

### COMMENTARY

Happy and successful life in the world must be associated with love and affection towards the environmental beings. Otherwise, the springs of his



heart will be dried up and his life would be a barren one doing no good to himself or to others.

அன்பகத் தில்லா உயிர்வாழ்க்கை வன்பாற்கண்  
வற்றல் மரந்தளிர்த் தற்று.

anbaha thilla uyir vazkai vanbarkan  
vatral marandhalir thatru.

A loveless person enjoying the joys of life would be as rare and impossible as a dead tree in a desert soil attempting to put forth a glorious foliage and to bloom with flowers.

### COMMENTARY

This terrifying comparison brings out the importance of love in the householders life if his life is to be really fruitful. Otherwise it is as useless as a dead tree in a barren soil.

அன்பின் வழிய துயிர்நிலை அஃதிலார்க்கு  
என்புதோல் போர்த்த உடம்பு.

anbin vazhiya dhuyir nilai ahdhilar(ku)  
enbuthol portha udambu.

The changeless abode of the soul is reached by the path of love. Those that are devoid of love are just the skeleton covered with skin.





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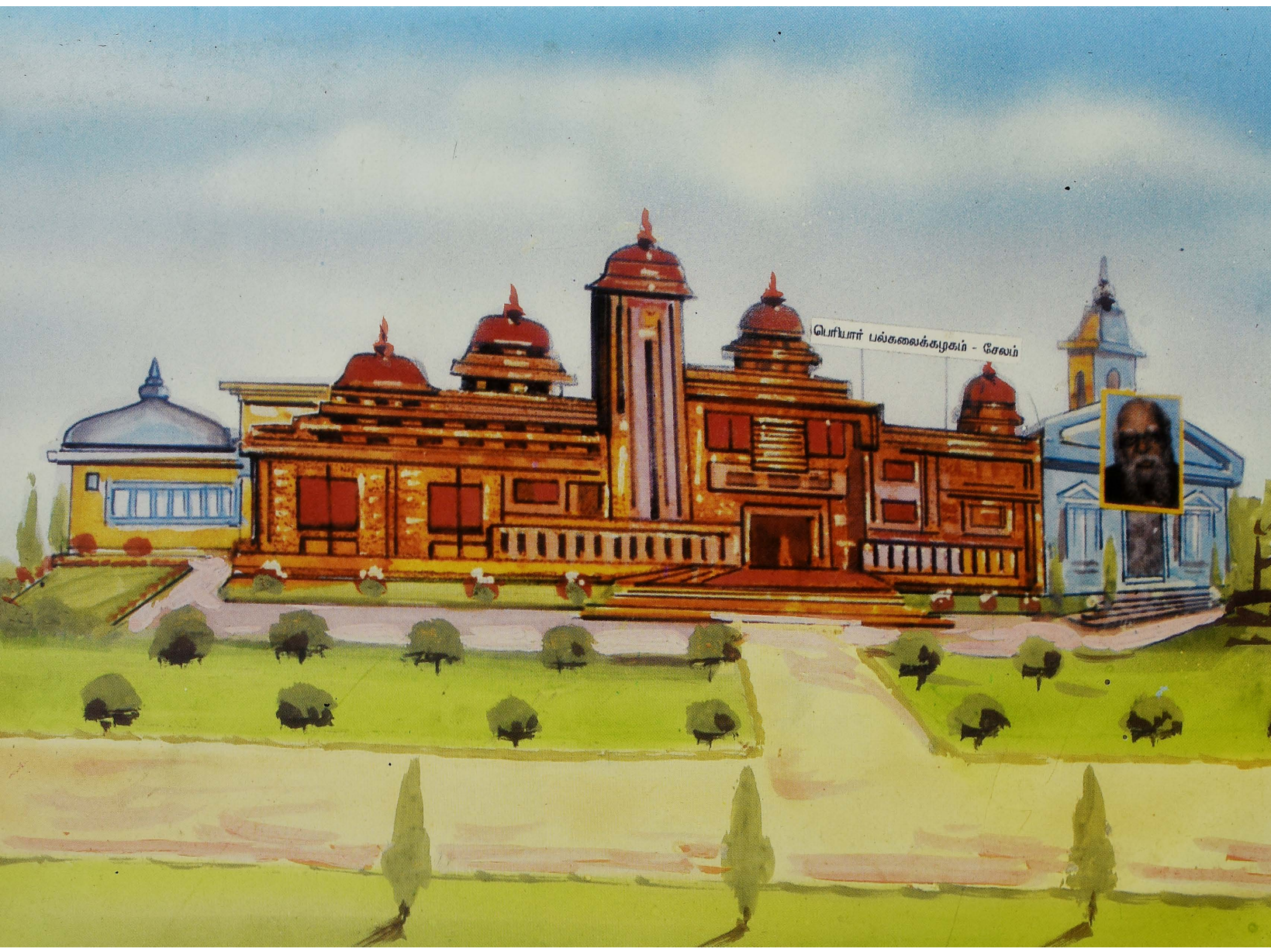
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