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At the directions of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J JAYALALITHAA, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, paid homage by placing a wreath at the memorial of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar in connection with his 109th birth anniversary and 54th guru poojai celebrations, at Pasumpon village, in Kamudhi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District on 30.10.2016.

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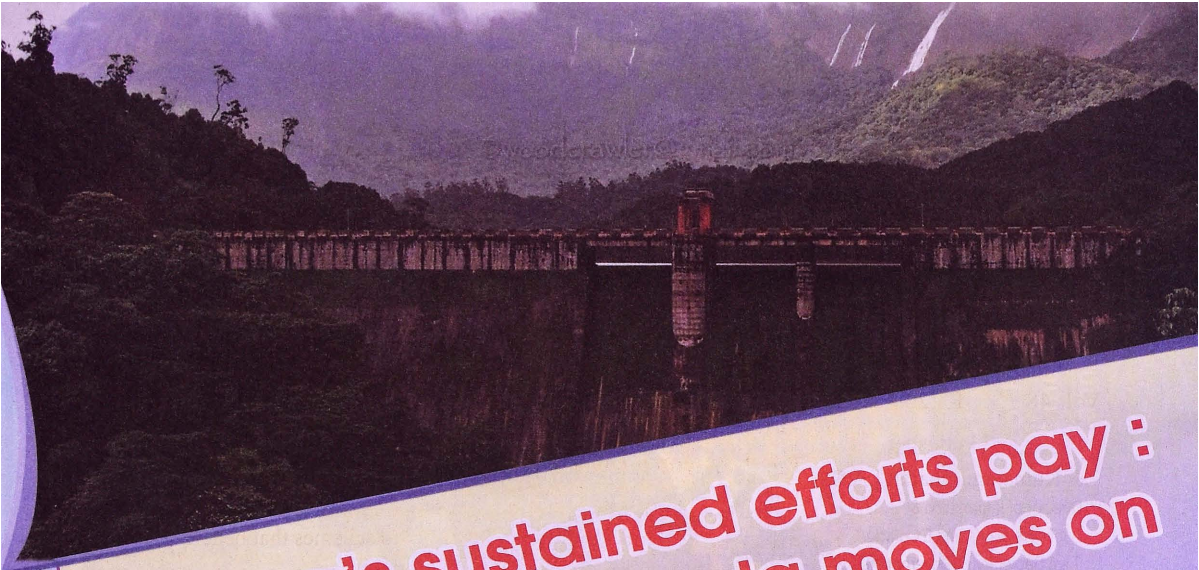


Having people's welfare as its sole aim, the Tamil Nadu Government is formulating many schemes and striving in various ways for protecting the welfare and promoting the prosperity of the people. That is why on the very day that I took office as Chief Minister, I put my signature to schemes that benefit the people.

Selvi J Jayalalithaa

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Amma's sustained efforts pay : Centre stops Kerala moves on Siruvani dam

Due to the relentless efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa, the Central Government has stopped the activities undertaken by the Kerala Government across Siruvani river at Attapadi valley.

The Central Government has now kept in abeyance the recommendation of the Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change that the Government can issue the terms of reference for evaluation of environmental impact for construction of a dam in Attapadi valley. The Committee had endorsed Kerala Government's

request and made the recommendation at its 96th meeting.

The Central Government has informed that the recommendation is kept in abeyance till the cases filed by Tamil Nadu Government in the Supreme Court against the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, are disposed of or till the consent of Tamil Nadu Government is obtained. The Central Government's letter to Tamil Nadu Government reads:

"The matter has been examined in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and it has been decided to keep the recommendations by Expert Appraisal

Committee in abeyance, till the references filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court against the order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal are settled or get a positive consent for the ensuing Project from Government of Tamil Nadu”.

Following reports in media in June 2012 that the Kerala Government was trying to construct a dam for the Attapadi irrigation scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa wrote a letter to the then Prime Minister on 21.06.2012. In that letter, the Hon'ble Chief Minister requested that Kerala Government be advised not to take up any project during the pendency of appeals filed by the Governments of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in the Supreme Court against the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the clarification petitions filed in the Tribunal, till the Tribunal's final order was published in the Central Government Gazette or the disposal of the cases by the Court; the Central Water Commission too should not issue any technical sanction. Following this, the Tamil Nadu Government kept the issue alive through many letters to the Central Government.

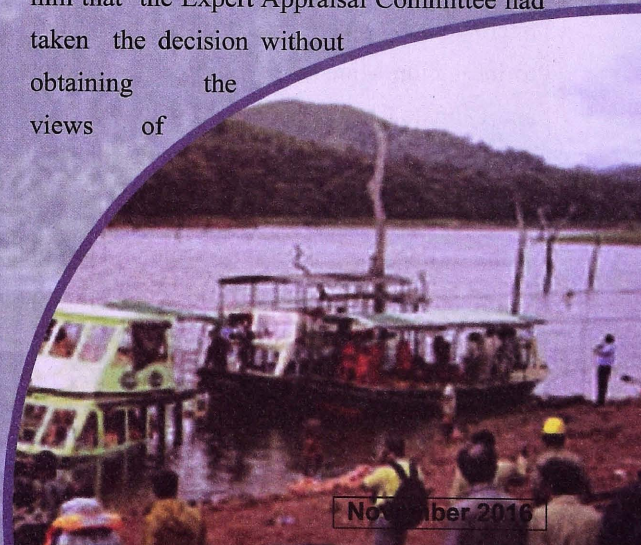
In its letter dated 19.09.2013, the Central Water Resources Ministry informed Tamil Nadu Government that the Kerala Government had been instructed to get the consent of the Cauvery Tribunal after getting the consent of the basin States.

The Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and

Climate Change, at its 92nd meeting on March 28 and 29, 2016, took a decision that Kerala Government's request for sanction to the standard terms of reference for undertaking an evaluation study on environmental impact for the Attapadi Valley scheme, would be examined only after that State got the opinion of Tamil Nadu Government on it and after the receipt of Tamil Nadu Government's views.

In this situation, the Expert Appraisal Committee, at its 96th meeting held on August 11 and 12, 2016, recommended to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to sanction the standard terms of reference for an evaluation study by the Kerala Government on environmental impact. This recommendation is in contrast to the Central Water Resources Ministry's letter of 19.09.2013 and to the Committee's own decision, taken at its meeting held on March 28 and 29.

In her letter to the Prime Minister on 27.08.2016, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa informed him that the Expert Appraisal Committee had taken the decision without obtaining the views of



Tamil Nadu, that the Tamil Nadu Government had not received any letter from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in this respect and the noting in the minutes of the Committee's meeting that letters were sent (to Tamil Nadu Government), was contrary to facts.

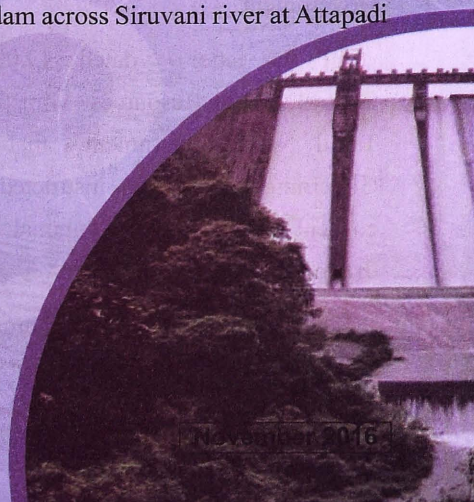
The Hon'ble Chief Minister also sought the immediate intervention of the Prime Minister in the matter and requested him to advise the Central Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Agencies to withdraw the Expert Appraisal Committee's recommendation, sanctioning the standard terms of reference. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also requested that the Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Water Resources Ministry should not sanction any scheme of the Kerala and Karnataka Governments till the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery River Water Regulation Committee became operational and the pending cases in the Court reached their finality. On the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Chief Secretary to Government, dispatched letters to the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Water Resources on 30.08.2016, reiterating the same views.

In this connection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also moved a special resolution

of the Government in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 02.09.2016. The resolution, passed unanimously, urged the Central Government not to accept the decision of the Expert Appraisal Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, taken at its 96th meeting in respect of standard terms of reference in the light of absence of any consent from Tamil Nadu Government and the Cauvery Water Tribunal as suggested in the Central Water Resources Ministry's letter of 19.09.2013 and by the Expert Committee at its 92nd meeting.

On the same day of the passing of the resolution, the Hon'ble Chief Minister wrote a letter to the Prime Minister, explaining in detail the resolution and requesting him to direct the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and that of Water Resources to take further action immediately on the basis of the resolution.

As a result of the steps consistently taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa, the Union Government stopped the Kerala Government's activities on building a dam across Siruvani river at Attapadi valley. ■





‘Centre must ensure that Karnataka honours SC order, releases water’

Speech of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the meeting convened on the directions of Supreme Court by the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India on the Cauvery issue, read out by Dr. P. Rama Mohana Rao, I.A.S., Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu on 29.09.2016 at New Delhi.

Hon’ble Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation,

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Karnataka,

Hon’ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports, Government of Tamil Nadu,

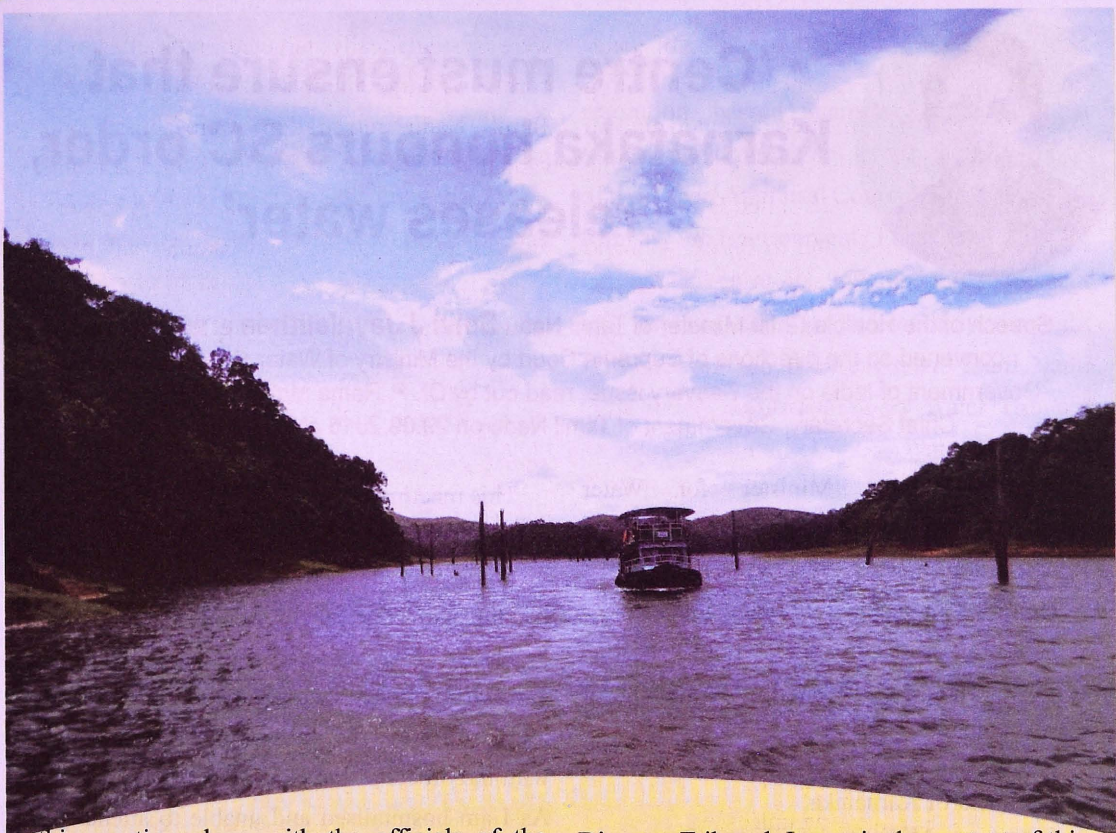
Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources, Government of Karnataka,

Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation,

Senior Officials of Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Government of Tamil Nadu,

This meeting is taking place in pursuance of the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India that a meeting may be facilitated by the Government of India between the Executive Heads of the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to end the impasse relating to non-release of water by Karnataka in compliance with the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court. As I am hospitalised and unable to attend the meeting in person, I have deputed the Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports, Government of Tamil Nadu to attend





this meeting along with the officials of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

At the outset, I would like to highlight that Tamil Nadu has scrupulously adhered to every Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and we are adhering to the latest Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and participating in this meeting with the hope that Tamil Nadu would get its legitimate share in Cauvery water. By contrast, the State of Karnataka has treated the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with utter contempt. Successive Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court have been deliberately and systematically defied.

Tamil Nadu had a shortfall of 60.983 TMC ft. of water for the period up to 31.08.2016, as per the Final Order of the Cauvery Water

Disputes Tribunal. It was in the context of this huge shortfall in the release of the water due to Tamil Nadu and with the intention of saving at least a single Samba crop in the Cauvery Delta, that Tamil Nadu was forced to approach the Hon'ble Supreme Court for interim directions.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court had initially ordered on 05/06.09.2016, the release of 15,000 cusecs of water for 10 days which was subsequently modified on 12.09.2016 as 12,000 cusecs of water per day up to 20.09.2016, totalling to 17.366 TMC ft. The Government of Karnataka failed to release the requisite quantity of water. This Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court was also not obeyed by Karnataka. On 20.09.2016, the Hon'ble Supreme Court further modified its orders and

directed the release of 6,000 cusecs of water from 21.09.2016 to 27.09.2016, amounting to 3.629 TMC ft. In utter disregard and in complete contempt of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Karnataka failed to release the stipulated quantity of water to Tamil Nadu and in addition failed to make good the shortfall as per the earlier orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. **This deliberate defiance goes against the spirit of the Constitution itself and amounts to contempt of the Apex Court of the Country. Karnataka has not followed the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and has on the other hand permitted unruly elements to create law and order issues.**

It is very unfortunate that not only was water not released as stipulated, but also ever since the first interim directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 05.09.2016, an orchestrated spate of arson and violence was unleashed, directed at Tamils living in Karnataka many of whom are poor labourers eking out a meagre living in a neighbouring State. Many large and small properties and establishments owned by Tamils

were systematically targeted, ransacked and burnt. A large number of vehicles bearing Tamil Nadu registration were burnt and vandalized. Tamils living in Karnataka and stranded while travelling in the State were reduced to living in fear. Tamils had been persecuted and attacked with impunity by frenzied mobs with little or no effective restraint or action by the Karnataka authorities. We are led to believe that many of these instances of mob violence were deliberately fanned by various political formations and high level instigators charged with maintaining law and order, who watched the incidents with glee.

In contrast, despite the dire provocation, on my directions and supervision, the Government of Tamil Nadu had taken every effort to ensure that law and order is maintained perfectly. No person from Karnataka or institutions, commercial establishments, educational bodies, properties belonging to persons from Karnataka were affected in Tamil Nadu in any way. Absolute restraint was observed by all sections in Tamil Nadu including farmers. Even





one or two very minor incidents were acted on promptly and cases registered and miscreants arrested. On the other hand, in Karnataka the situation was grave.

The Government of Tamil Nadu after a prolonged legal battle obtained an Interim Order from the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal on 25.06.1991. The Government of Karnataka did not honour the Interim Order of the Tribunal and promulgated an ordinance on 25.07.1991, nullifying the Interim Order and arrogating to itself all the waters of the river Cauvery in blatant violation of the federal principles enshrined in the Constitution. When the President of India referred the Ordinance to the Hon'ble Supreme

Court under Article 143(1) of the Constitution, the Hon'ble Supreme Court struck down the Ordinance as unconstitutional.

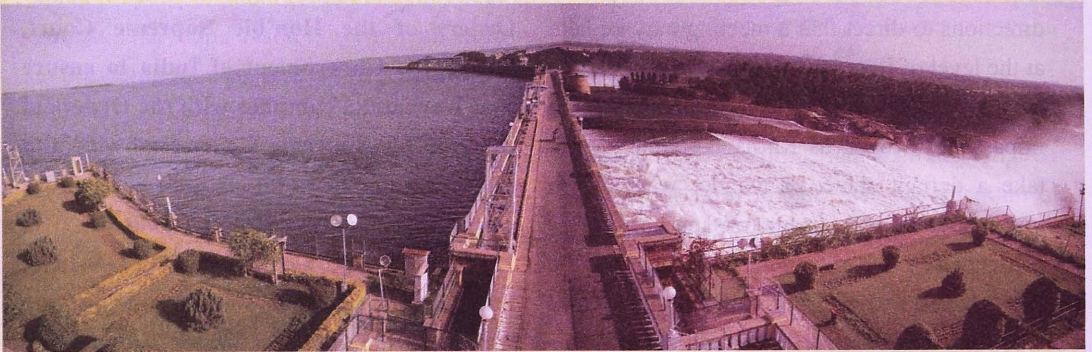
Even in 1991, when the Interim Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was passed, a reign of terror was unleashed and Tamils in Karnataka were targeted and forced to flee becoming refugees in their own country. **Tamil people living in Karnataka have been living in fear whenever Tamil Nadu has claimed its rightful share of water in judicial forums, though all judicial forums have seen merit and justice in our case.**

The Government of Karnataka did not at any time honour the Interim Order of

the Tribunal. Only the surplus flood waters which its reservoirs could not hold, flowed to Tamil Nadu. The Tribunal after 16 years of proceedings pronounced its Final Order. The Tribunal has allocated 419 TMC ft. of water to Tamil Nadu of which an annual quantity of 192 TMC ft. has to be ensured at the Inter-State border. This quantity of 192 TMC ft. is far below the actual requirement of Tamil Nadu. Karnataka has not released the stipulated quantity of 192 TMC ft. in any of the years except, when the reservoirs in Karnataka could not hold the surplus flows.

Government of India and in this again, it is the Hon'ble Supreme Court which has done justice to Tamil Nadu by directing the Government of India to constitute the Cauvery Management Board within four weeks from 20.09.2016.

This forum must recognise this pattern of Karnataka arrogating to itself the waters of the inter-State Cauvery River in defiance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders. It would not be out of place to quote from the observations of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on the Presidential Reference in 1991, wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court stated, "Though



As soon as I assumed office in 2011, I took vigorous and spirited efforts to get the Final Order of the Tribunal notified and after a protracted legal battle, Tamil Nadu got justice from the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Final Order was notified on 19.02.2013 in the official Gazette of the Government of India. It must not be forgotten that the Final Order now has the status of a decree of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and therefore is the law of the land. The Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal mandates the formation of the Cauvery Management Board. I have been relentlessly taking up this issue with the

the water of an inter-State river pass through the territories of the riparian States, such waters cannot be said to be located in any one State. They are in a state of flow and no State can claim exclusive ownership of such waters so as to deprive the other States of their equitable share". Tamil Nadu is a lower riparian State with long established irrigation systems based on unhindered flow of water in the Cauvery River. The agricultural patterns in Tamil Nadu have been adversely affected by systematic actions by Karnataka to deprive Tamil Nadu of its legitimate share of water. After Tamil Nadu's pleas to Karnataka and to the Government

of India fell on deaf ears, Tamil Nadu had no option but to approach the Hon'ble Supreme Court to secure its riparian rights. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has consistently seen merit and justice in Tamil Nadu's case.

Even now, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has seen justice in Tamil Nadu's plea and has provided interim relief by directing immediate release of some water, although this is well below Tamil Nadu's expectations. Even this stipulated quantity has not been released and Karnataka is flouting the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Yet, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has been very magnanimous in its latest directions to direct that a meeting may be held at the level of Executive Heads of the two State Governments to find a way out of the present impasse. However, as Karnataka continues to take a defiant stance, I wonder whether the meeting would serve its intended purpose unless Karnataka can be prevailed upon to honour the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions. Tamil Nadu has made its pleadings and submissions clearly before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in the meetings of the Supervisory Committee which were held in the month of September, 2016.

I have repeatedly urged the Government of India that the Cauvery Management Board must be constituted. I have always believed that only a professionally managed, neutral, technical body in the form of the Cauvery Management Board mandated by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, can address the concerns of the riparian States. I urge the Government of India to constitute the body immediately without

waiting for the four weeks time stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

It must not be forgotten that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has observed that they have asked for this meeting "not because this Court cannot adjudicate or pass appropriate Orders in accordance with law to maintain and sustain the rule of law and majesty of law which are elan vital of our Constitutional law, but prior to that we have thought it appropriate that there has to be discussion regard being had to the conceptual federalism prevalent in our democratic body polity". **We are in dire need of water in Tamil Nadu. In the spirit of the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, I urge the Government of India to ensure that Karnataka complies with the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court forthwith and releases water to Tamil Nadu in accordance with the Orders dated 05/06.09.2016, 12.09.2016, 20.09.2016 and 27.09.2016. Further, Karnataka should release the stipulated quantity of water as per the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal including the backlog of 76.042 TMC ft. as on 26.09.2016.** This is absolutely vital for the survival of at least a single Samba crop in the Cauvery Delta which is the granary of Tamil Nadu as well as to meet the drinking water needs of large number of towns and villages.

I also reiterate my request that the Government of India must immediately constitute the Cauvery Management Board as ordered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Nandri, Vanakkam.



Under Amma's orders, NFSA in State with modifications for universal PDS

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the Tamil Nadu Government is firm in providing food security to all sections of the people in the State.

The Central Government has urged Tamil Nadu to implement the National Food Security Act and has stated that in the event of non-compliance, it can make available rice for distribution to above poverty line consumers in the State only at a price of Rs.22.54/- per kg instead of Rs.8.30/-.

At present, the monthly requirement of rice for the maintenance of Public Distribution System in the State is 3.23 lakh tonnes. But the Central Government's allotment is only 2.96 lakh tonnes. The shortfall of 27,969 tonnes of rice has not been supplied to the State since July 2016.

The State Government incurs an expenditure of Rs.2,393.30 crore annually for the distribution of 38.93 lakh tonnes of rice in the Public Distribution System.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had been insisting on the Central Government that the quantum of rice already being supplied to card holders, should not be reduced and the people of Tamil Nadu should not be affected in any way.

As only 50.55 per cent of people would become eligible for the supply of rice under the scheme when the Central Food Security Act is implemented in Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had been urging the implementation of Universal Public Distribution System in the State.

Since the Central Government has hiked the procurement price of rice allotted to the State

for distribution to people above poverty line, from 01.11.2016, the State Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs.2,730.95 crore per year over and above the present expenditure of Rs.2,393.30 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is well aware of the hardships that may be caused to Tamil Nadu when the National Food Security Act comes into force in the State. Not swerving from the stand that people's welfare is her welfare, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has advised that whatever be the format of the Central Government's scheme, the quantum of rice supplied to rice card holders at present under the Universal Public Distribution System, should be continued to be supplied without any reduction to safeguard their interest, even if it imposed additional financial burden on the State exchequer. On the basis of that advice, a Cabinet meeting was held and following decisions were taken:

- The National Food Security Act will be implemented in the State from 01.11.2016.
- Even when the Act is implemented, the supply of rice by Tamil Nadu Government at no cost will be continued as at present, to rice card holders without distinction.
- Under the National Food Security Act, supply of 5 kg of rice alone is possible per month if the family consists of only one member. The Tamil Nadu Government has been supplying 12 kg of rice per month to such families and this will be continued.
- Though only 10 kg of rice can be supplied per month under the above said Act if a family consists of only 2 persons, the

present supply of 16 kg of rice by the Tamil Nadu Government for such families, will be continued.

- The present ceiling of 20 kg of rice per month per family rice card will be dispensed with. Rice will be supplied without any ceiling at the rate of 5 kg per member of the family.
- For example, if a family has 5 members, 25 kg of rice will be supplied hereafter instead of 20 kg; to a family of 7 members, 35 kg and 10 members, 50 kg.
- Beneficiaries under Anthyodhaya Anna Yojana schemes will be supplied 35 kg of rice at no cost, as at present.
- The Tamil Nadu Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs.1,193.30 crore per year on account of the implementation of the National Act and for continuing the existing Universal PDS.

On the advice of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and in the interest of the people, orders have been issued for the implementation of the National Food Security Act in Tamil Nadu. Even if the Government incurs additional expenditure, this Act will be implemented in a way as to benefit all the rice card holders.

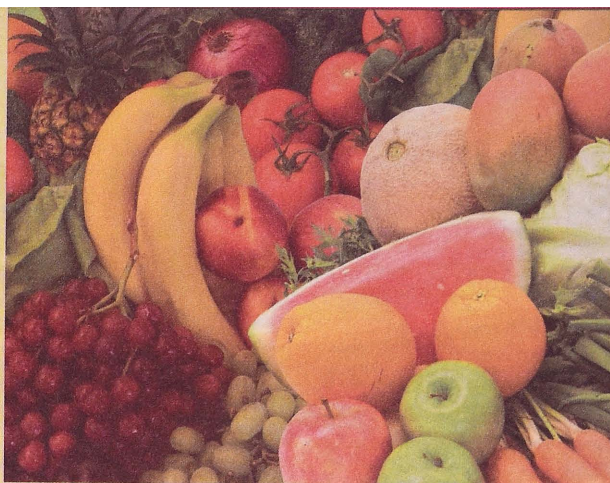
The Food Security Act that is ordered to be implemented in Tamil Nadu will be a special scheme not implemented in any other State in India and offer food security to all.

A COMPARISON TABLE

No. of persons in the family	Rice supplied at present	Rice Under NFSA	Proposed quantum
1.	12 kg	5kg	12 kg

2.	16	1	16
3.	20	15	20
4.	20	20	20
5.	20	25	25
6.	20	30	30
7.	20	35	35
8.	20	40	40
9.	20	45	45
10.	20	50	50

Though the National Food Security Act insists that rice should be supplied to prioritized families, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has advised that all rice card holders should be supplied rice without any



distinction of prioritised and non-prioritised categories.

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On the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, a review meeting on the implementation of the schemes of the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Plantation crops, Agricultural Marketing and Agricultural Engineering was held on 17.10.2016 with Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Thiru. R. Doraikkannu presiding. Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS, Commissioner, Agricultural Production and Secretary to Government, Tmt. Archana Patnaik IAS, Director, Horticulture and Plantation Crops Department, Thiru. Chiru IAS, Commissioner, Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Thiru. V.Dakshinamoorthy IAS, Director of Agriculture, Thiru. Ananthakumar IAS, Executive Director, Waste Land Development Agency and other high officials of the Agriculture Department participated.



'Constitute Cauvery Management Board as directed by Supreme Court'

D.O. letter dated 03.10.2016 addressed by Dr. P. Rama Mohana Rao, IAS., Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu to Thiru. Shashi Shekhar, IAS, Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, New Delhi

“You may recall that the Hon’ble Supreme Court in I.A. No.5/2013 in Civil Appeal No.2456/2007 on 10.05.2013, while constituting a Supervisory Committee purely as pro tem measure for the purpose of ensuring implementation of the notified Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, dated 05.02.2007, had taken on record, the averment

made by the then Additional Solicitor General as follows:

“Mr. Sidharth Luthra, learned Additional Solicitor General, submits that the follow up action pursuant to the notification dated February, 19, 2013, is under active consideration of the Central Government”.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has consistently been urging the Government of India for the constitution of a permanent mechanism, namely, the Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee for the effective implementation of the Final Order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal as envisaged in that Order.

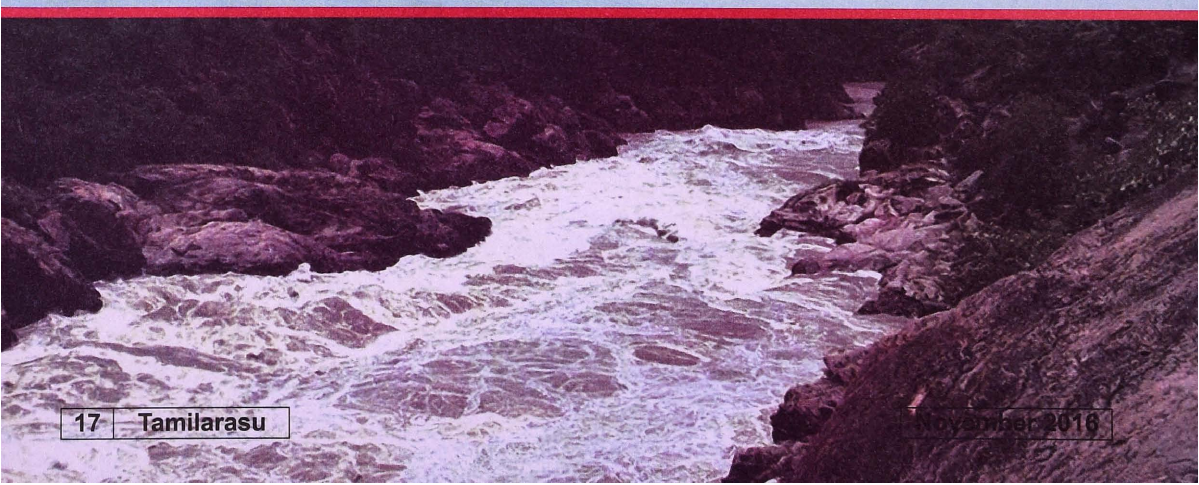
On 20.09.2016, the Hon'ble Supreme Court modified its earlier orders dated 05/06.09.2016 and 12.09.2016 and directed the release of 6,000 cusecs of water from 21.09.2016 to 27.09.2016. In addition, the Hon'ble Supreme Court also ordered that the Union of India shall constitute the Cauvery Management Board within 4 weeks. The Union of India was also ordered to produce after 4 weeks the notification indicating that the Cauvery Management Board has been constituted.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister in her speech to the meeting on 29.09.2016 (read by me) stated: "I have repeatedly urged the Government of India that the Cauvery Management Board must be constituted. I have always believed that only a professionally managed, neutral, technical

body in the form of the Cauvery Management Board mandated by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, can address the concerns of the riparian States. I urge the Government of India to constitute the body immediately without waiting for the four weeks time stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court".

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 30.09.2016 recorded the submission of Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Attorney General of India, that the Cauvery Management Board can be constituted on or before 04.10.2016. The Attorney General further submitted that the 3 States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala and Union Territory of Puducherry have to nominate their respective representatives as per the Final Order passed by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal. Based on this submission by the Attorney General, the Hon'ble Supreme Court further directed the 3 States and the Union Territory of Puducherry to nominate their members on or before 4 pm on 01.10.2016.

The Attorney General had further submitted that after the Cauvery Management Board is



constituted, it can proceed to the site forthwith to take a prima facie view of the ground reality.

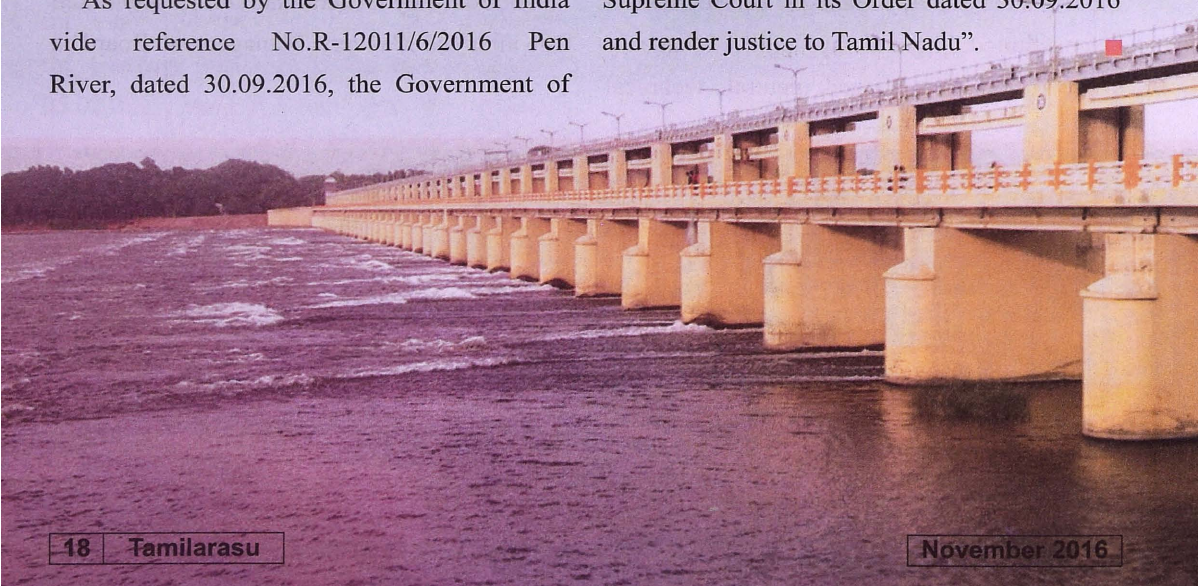
The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources wrote to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu on 30.09.2016, requesting that the Government of Tamil Nadu may nominate its representative on the Cauvery Management Board. The Joint Secretary's letter enclosed a copy of the D.O. letter of the Attorney General addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, in which after summarising the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 30.09.2016, advised that the Central Government should immediately nominate the members of the Board, who are required to be nominated by the Central Government. He further stated that "In any case, the Board must visit the site, if possible, on Monday 3rd October, 2016 itself so that they can prepare their report by Wednesday, i.e. 5th October, 2016 and submit the same to the Court on Thursday 6th October, 2016".

As requested by the Government of India vide reference No.R-12011/6/2016 Pen River, dated 30.09.2016, the Government of

Tamil Nadu has nominated Thiru. R. Subramanian, Chairman, Cauvery Technical Cell, as the representative of Tamil Nadu in the Cauvery Management Board in terms of the Final Order of the Tribunal.

It is learnt that the Government of India has today (03.10.2016) filed an Interlocutory Application(I.A) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court seeking modification to the order dated 30.09.2016 stating that the Cauvery Management Board cannot be constituted now. The I.A. filed by the Government of India is against the assurance given by the learned Attorney General to the Hon'ble Supreme Court. We are unable to understand what caused this sudden reversal in Government of India's stand.

In the circumstances, I request you to kindly take action to withdraw the I.A. filed by the Government of India forthwith and constitute the Cauvery Management Board on or before 4th October, 2016, as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 30.09.2016 and render justice to Tamil Nadu".





Muthuramalinga Thevar - he stood tall with heroic qualities

Muthuramalingam's academic life started at the age of six. His teacher was Kuraiyara Vaasithaan Pillai. True to his name, he was a scholar in Tamil. He hailed from a small village called Vallathai.

Kuraiyara Vaasithaan Pillai came to Kallupatti and taught Muthuramalingam and his cousin Vellai Pandian daily. Once, Pillai undertook a journey to some place but did not return at all. No one knew the reason.

A teacher came from Thanjavur, stayed in Kallupatti and taught Muthuramalingam English and Tamil in a charming way. Like rain drops falling on fertile lands, Ramalingam absorbed the lessons taught to him and started the cultivation of intelligence.

As per the practice in those days, the pyol education through the Thanjavur teacher got completed as one etched in stone. Now, the Lamp of the Thevar lineage had to step out of his native place to get education.

On 16.07.1917, Thevar Thirumaganaar joined the American Mission Elementary school in Kamuthi. His cousin too joined the school as his school mate. The American Mission elementary school teacher M.P. Daniel

was an excellent educationist. Though he belonged to the 'maravar' community, he embraced Christianity. Like the three wise men of the East who travelled all the way to Jerusalem to pay obeisance to child Jesus, Daniel, the Administrator and Head Master of the elementary school reportedly brought Thevar Thirumaganaar on his own will and admitted him in the school.

Rani Ammal, the grandma also came to Kamuthi, settled in a house and started looking after Muthuramalingam. He studied third, fourth and fifth classes there and came first in the examinations.

For his high school education, he joined the American Mission High School in Pasumalai. The grandma also shifted her residence to Pasumalai. His elder cousin Vellai Pandian too joined the same school.

A European teacher who had no respect for Hindu religion, was taking classes in that school. He used to mock at students who came to the school wearing 'thiru neeru' and rudraksham. His mockery continued till Thevar Thirumaganaar joined that school and cornered him. The very first class Thevar Thirumagan

was to attend on the joining day was the class of that European teacher. As usual, he hurled his sarcastic questions at Thevar Thirumagan.

“Brother, what is your name?”

“Sir, I am Muthuramalingam”

“Native place?” – “Sir, Pasumpon. Thavasikurichi is its other name”

“Alright. Your words are clear. Your attire is simple but neat”

“Thank you. sir”

“What is that on your forehead”, the teacher asked sarcastically.

“Thiru Neeru Sir”

“Why should you smear it?”

“Smearing Thiru Neeru is topmost in our religious rituals. It protects the body and strengthens the soul”

“Is it so?”; then no one smearing Thiru Neeru dies?

“Sir, Thiru Neeru is like food to Hindus. Those who eat food, also die. You put the symbol of Cross in your forehead daily. Don’t the Christians who put the symbol of Cross die?”

When Thevar Thirumagan countered the teacher so, he lapsed into silence. Unable to give an answer to his student, he became angry at himself.

Immediately, Theiveega Selvar stood up and said. “I expressed my views; I have no desire to enter into a debate with you, Sir. I am sorry”, he said humbly and resumed his seat.

The European teacher was impressed. To his colleagues, he praised Muthuramalingam. “Ah! What brilliance; how much humility and culture there is in Muthuramalingam”, he would say.

Cousin Vellai Pandiyar, expressing his views in later days about Deiveega Thirumaganaar’s qualities said, “Muthuramalingam inherited several good qualities naturally. He always wore Thiru Neeru”.

“On his way to school from home, he used to converse wittily with fellow-students. Always there would be a crowd of students around him. He had a greater sense of humour”.

“Outside school, whenever students quarrelled among themselves, he would intervene and pacify them”.

“The wit and humour was there only outside the class room. Once Muthuramalingam entered the class room, he would be like the student leader who maintained silence in the class room. He was the darling of all teachers”, Vellai Pandiar had stated.

On Thevar Thirumaganaar’s school days, Grand Ma Rani Ammaiyar said: “My laudable grandson was a diligent student. We would say ‘vaazhai pazham’, ‘maambazham’, but he would say vaazhai kani; maangani. After bath, on his own, he would wear Thiru Neeru. We need not say anything”.

“He would plan and complete all his works by himself. He would speak in good Tamil; would compel others also to speak in good Tamil. There was a special quality in him. To impress others, he would never loiter around

carrying text books. But he would devote an hour, morning and evening for study. Even if it is only an hour, he would totally concentrate on his studies”.

“He had no craze for showy dress. But he immensely liked neat dress”, she has said.

During his school days in Pasumalai, an incident occurred that showed up his intellectual acumen to the country.

In those days, religious conversion and religious propaganda were at their highest. When there is religious conversion and propaganda even now, 40 years after the British left the country, we can easily understand, how virulent it would have been then.

A Tamil Scholar who had embraced Christianity and become a preacher, had assembled a big crowd by his oratory. It was a mixed crowd comprising Muslims, Hindus and Christians. He spoke: “Christianity is the best religion; Jesus Christ is the most powerful God; willingly, He invites sinners; He pardons all their sins. Follow Jesus Christ and reach the Kingdom of God”.

The crowd was silent. Mistaking silence for agreement, the preacher continued: “How can you worship a stone as God? Will you worship this stone on the ground? You will not... Is it so? Then, what difference is there between this stone and the one in your temples? Both are stones. Will you worship stone as God”, the preacher was at a high pitch.

Thevar Thirumaganaar who was in the crowd raised his voice. “Sir... Preacher! Can you kindly answer my questions and explain?”

“Whatever be your question, ask. I will reply without any hesitation”

“Sir, are there women in your house?”

“Yes. As in other houses, women are also there in my house”.

“Your wife, mother and sisters are all women. Do you treat them all alike?”

The preacher started groping for words.

“Sir, Preacher! We treat our mother, sister and other women in a particular way. But how do we treat our wives? Is there a difference or not?” Thevar Thirumagan, in a clear tone explained.

The preacher was still. He became silent. Thevar Thirumagan continued his explanation: “All over the world, mother is treated as God, sister as sister and wife, with the respect due for a wife. Likewise, we utilize a stone as God in statue form, another stone for construction of houses and a third one for laying roads”.

The preacher was dumb struck.

The crowd erupted into an applause for Deiva Thirumagan. Thevar Thirumagan’s fame grew still further.

Teachers summoned Thevar Thirumagan nearer to them and blessed him saying, “Thambi... you will become a very great person in future”.

- Deiveega Thirumagan Pasumpon
Muthuramalinga Thevar Thyaga Varalaaru
(Centenary special publication).

Streamlining of waterways reviewed in the wake of North-East Monsoon

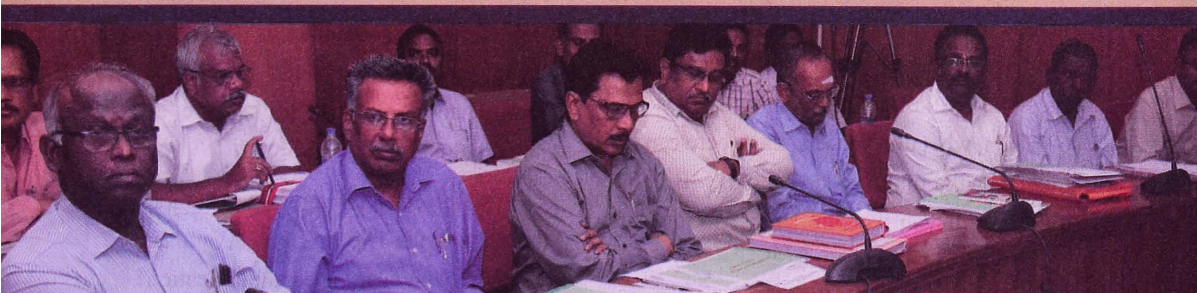


**Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports
Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami reviewed on 20.10.2016 the works undertaken
by the Public Works Department (Water Resources) in Chennai circle on 20.10.2016**

The detailed review pertained to the progress made on the scheme works and on the preventive and precautionary measures undertaken in Chennai circle in connection with the setting in of the North-East Monsoon in a few days. Particular emphasis was laid at the review on rectifying the breaches caused in the

waterways in Chennai and its neighbourhood – Kosasthalaiyar, Cooum, Adyar, Buckingham canal and Pallikaranai marsh land – in last year's floods.

Recently, Rs.10 crore was sanctioned for taking up flood prevention measures in the Districts of Chennai, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur



and Cuddalore. Of these, 21 works in Chennai District, 18 in Tiruvallur District and 10 in Kancheepuram District were executed at a cost of Rs.3.62 crore. Besides reviewing these works, the Hon'ble Minister also scrutinized the 52 streamlining works taken up in Adyar river, running through the Districts of Chennai and Kancheepuram, for speedy discharge of flood waters. The works costing Rs.6.38 crore pertain to removal of blocks and sand dunes in the river. The Hon'ble Minister urged the officials to complete the remaining works before the end of October.

The Hon'ble Minister enquired about the works on laying a canal to link Keezh Paravanaru

and Mid Paravanaru for speedy evacuation of flood waters in Cuddalore District and those on lengthening the Chengal Odai in that District, desilting and strengthening of its bunds, all costing Rs.7 crore and urged the officials to complete them expeditiously.

The progress achieved on setting up a reservoir at Thervoy Kandigai Kannankottai, one of the drinking water supply schemes for Chennai city was also reviewed by the Hon'ble Minister. He urged the officials to complete all these works quickly and advised them to discharge their duties during flood times speedily and with a sense of awareness.

News in Picture



Hon'ble Minister for Tourism Thiru. Vellamandi N. Natarajan presided over a review meeting held on 24.10.2016 at the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation office, Chennai. Thiru. T.K. Ramachandran IAS, Secretary, Department of Tourism, Culture and Charitable Endowments, Thiru. Har Sahay Meena, IAS, Commissioner, Department of Tourism and Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation and other Department officials participated.



Vacancies for Creche Workers, Cooks

Integrated Child Development Services scheme, Chennai District invites applications from eligible candidates for the following vacancies:

VACANT POSTS & PAY:

Creche Worker-cum-Care taker - 5
(Rs.3,000/- Per month)

Cook-cum-Helper - 5 (Rs.1,500/- Per Month)

AGE:

Creche Worker-cum-Care taker - 25 - 35
Years, Widows & Destitutes – 40 years.

Cook-cum-Helper - 20 - 40 years, Widows
& Destitutes – 45 years.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Creche Worker-cum-Care taker - 10th pass
(SSLC Pass)

Cook-cum-Helper - To know how to read
and write Tamil.

Hence, applications are invited from the
local women residents for appointment. The
detailed list of vacancies and communal rotation
is being displayed in the respective Child
Development Project Offices. The applications
are issued in the Child Development Project
Offices of respective area at free of cost. The
application format may also be downloaded
from the official website of ICDS i.e., [www.
icds.tn.nic.in](http://www.icds.tn.nic.in)

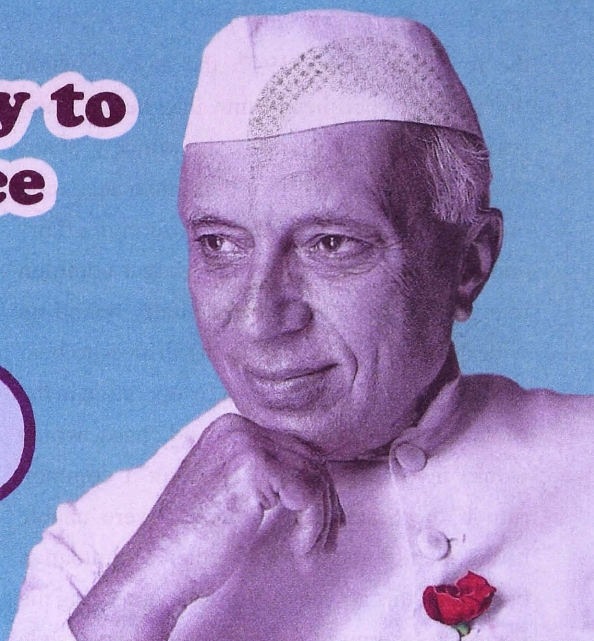
Date of issue of application :

Last date for receipt of filled in applications
with all documents in respective Child
Development Project Offices :

For other details please contact the respective
Child Development Project Officers or the
undersigned officer. ■

Speedy journey to Independence

*Jawaharlal Nehru
A Biography
- Frank Moraes*



UNITY AND STABILITY

“I have had to put up with a great deal which might have embittered me and filled me with hate”, Nehru wrote to an English friend in Delhi some years before independence, “and yet I have survived. I feel pretty lonely often enough, but not bitter against anybody. Why should you succumb to this bitterness and hate? I suppose Delhi, imperial Delhi, is particularly responsible for it. It is not easy to remain sane there, and even I cannot stand it for long”.

He could not have foreseen when he wrote this letter that within ten years he would be doomed to stay in Delhi, a Delhi, it is true, no longer imperial but democratic.

One of the first manifestations of the new spirit was the swift disappearance of the

princely order, for which Vallabhbhai Patel, who headed the States Ministry, was primarily responsible. In doing this Patel took his cue from the manner in which Mountbatten had stampeded India into independence, leaving the leaders of the Congress and the Muslim League little time to think, plan or plot. Patel pressed the Princes into presiding over their own obsequies, and one by one these hapless autocrats accommodated themselves to the new democratic order by acceding to India.

“India in March, 1947, was a ship on fire in mid-ocean with ammunition in the hold,” Mountbatten had said. Speedy action was therefore imperative.

The situation was no less precarious or urgent in August, 1947, when the upheaval of partition brought many fissiparous forces to

the fore. On July 5, 1947, the day on which the States Department came into being, Patel issued a statement assuring the princely States that no more was asked of them than accession on the three subjects of defence, foreign affairs and communications, since the larger common interests of the country were vitally bound up with these. He pleaded with the Princes to bear in mind that the alternative to co-operation in the general interest was anarchy and chaos, which would involve great and small in a common ruin if the States and Provinces were unable to co-operate and work together. Mountbatten buttressed this advice by himself counseling the Princes to exercise their free choice and accede either to India or to Pakistan.

By August 14, 1947, all but three States- Hyderabad, Kashmir and Junagadh- had made up their minds and acceded.

Accession established a new and organic relationship between the States and the Indian Government. In the immediate stresses following independence this relationship was to make for stability and cohesion. Accession, however, was only the first step in the cumulative process of integration. The next move was merger.

The States varied greatly in size and resources, and if they had to be fitted smoothly into the constitutional framework a process of integration was necessary. In turn this took two forms - external integration, which implied the consolidation of the smaller States into sizable administrative units, and internal integration,

which meant the growth of democratic institutions and responsible Government inside the States.

As Nehru had said in a speech in the Constituent Assembly in December, 1946:

The measure of freedom must be the same in the States as elsewhere... If the people of a particular State desire to have a certain form of administration, even though it might be monarchical, it is open to them to have it... If monarchical figure-heads are approved of by the people of the State, of a particular State, whether I like it or not, I certainly would not interfere.

AND AGAIN

One begins to appreciate the value of the little things of life in prison, "Nehru while in one of the many prisons he has occupied.

In the four years from December 26, 1931 when he was arrested on his way to Bombay, to September 4, 1935, when he was released from Almora Jail after his seventh term of imprisonment, Jawaharlal was at liberty for barely nine months. If prison gave him time for thought it also deepened his sense of melancholy and intensified the mood of loneliness. In his eyes there settled the now familiar far-away look as of a dreamer scanning distant hills or horizons.

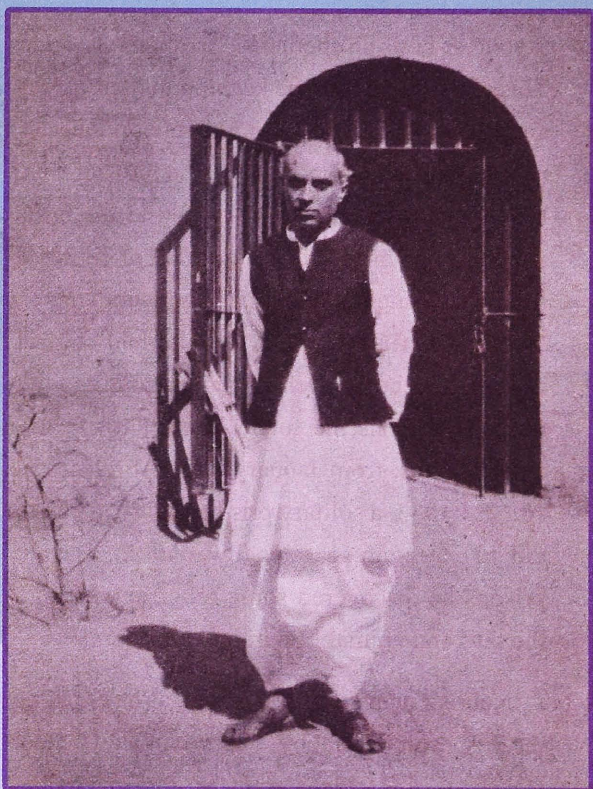
At this period Nehru, hovering in the mid-forties, found much time to resolve more clearly for himself his already formulated views and

ideas. He was older in body and mind, with his intellectual curiosity still abundant and insatiable; and, saves for a brief spell of ill health in 1932, which he quickly mastered, he was physically resilient and fit. Any bodily ailment, as he confessed, hurt his conceit of good health.

In his early forties Nehru still retained a great deal of his boyish charm and enthusiasm. His face, always pale, suggested an inner tenseness; but the brown eyes, reflective and often brooding, could light up in response to something that pleased or amused him, and the mobile mouth flash a smile, gay, teasing, sometimes wistful and tender.

Nehru's face reflected the bundle of contrary emotions he was, and betrayed both the masculine and feminine traits which constituted his character. In repose his face had an almost feminine delicacy of line, with the mouth carrying a curious impression of purposefulness and petulance. Already in his early forties, Nehru's hair was graying and thinning rapidly; later the bald dome of his well proportioned head conveyed intellect and authority. There was ambition in the strong upper lip. The eyes, usually grave and sunken, sometimes seemed to protrude from his pallid countenance, darting under dark eyebrows in moods of animation; but they were the sombre, sensitive eyes of a thinker and scholar.

Something of this sensitivity was seen in Nehru's reactions to prison life, of which the last term was until then the longest. If non-violence



was in the air outside, violence grew in official circles and behind prison walls. Apart from what seemed a deliberate policy of ill-treating women prisoners in an attempt to deter women from joining the nationalist movement, political prisoners particularly the younger and more spirited, were flogged on the slightest pretext. In April, 1933, an official spokesman in the British Parliament admitted that over five hundred individuals were whipped during 1932 for offences connected with the civil-disobedience movement, and a provincial inspector-general of prisons, in a circular dated June 30, 1932 impressed "upon superintendents and companions jail subordinates the fact that there is no justification for preferential treatment in

favour of civil disobedience prisoners as such. This class requires to be keeping in their places and dealt with grimly. From man's brutality to man against which, prisoner as he himself was, he felt helpless, and Nehru turned to the birds and animals which brought a breath of civilized life to the jungle of political imprisonment. In Naini Prison and Bareilly Jail he had several companions but in Dehra Dun, beginning with two companions, he found himself for nearly eight months, from January until his release in August, 1933, a solitary prisoner with no one to talk to except an occasional warder. In all three prisons he discovered some relief in watching the bird and animal life around him.

Nehru's own view of religion, as he explains in his autobiography, approximated most closely to the Chinese cult of Taoism, to the path to be followed and the way of life.

Parenthetically it is interesting to note that Mo-tzu, apostle of Taoism, was the first pacifist known to history. A man's way of life, Jawaharlal argued, should concern itself more with ethics than with religion, with the good of society rather than with his own personal salvation after death. Morality, as organized

religions preach it, is often based more on metaphysical concepts like sin than on social needs, while organized religions, in Nehru's view, tend in time to become vested interest which, on getting entrenched, opposes progress.

Religion clouds men's minds because it rests on doctrine and dogma, and thereby discourages clear thinking. So Nehru felt. Religion in its formal sense, with its worshipping, temple-going and prayer-saying, had no appeal for him, but he liked to read the Gita with its gospel of action, and the writings of Swami Vivekanada who shares the same robust philosophy.

Aside from religion, more mundane philosophies occupied Nehru's thoughts in prison. The Bolshevik revolution of 1917 had created some stir among educated Indians, and Nehru's visit to Europe and to Russia, where he had attended the tenth anniversary celebrations of the revolution, had stimulated his own interest further. He knew little at the time of the theory of Communism, and to his ears dialectical materialism sounded an exotic phrase. But on his return to India, particularly while he was in prison, he studied Marxist literature, read it copiously and pondered deeply. ■

"The people are on our side as we implement welfare schemes for them. And we are on the side of the people".

**- Selvi J Jayalalithaa
Hon'ble Chief Minister**



Officials advised to provide crop loans to listed beneficiaries expeditely

The Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru. Sellur K. Raju held two review meetings in the course of a week – one with the high officials of the Department on October 13 and the other on October 20, 2016 with all Regional Joint Registrars of the Department and the Managing Directors of the District Central Co-operative Banks.

At the first meeting with Department officials, a detailed review was undertaken on the waiver of crop loans to small and micro farmers, procurement of copra and implementation of the announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma under Rule 110 and other schemes of the Department.

The Hon'ble Minister said Government Orders and guidelines were issued on the basis

of the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the waiver of all crop loans, medium-term agricultural loans and long-term farm related loans as on 31.03.2016 of small and micro farmers, amounting to Rs.5,780.92 crore. The list of beneficiaries who satisfied the guidelines was uploaded in the portal www.tncu.tn.gov.in on September 1. The Hon'ble Minister urged the officials to issue crop loans then and there for the crop loan waiver beneficiaries.

For increasing food production and improve farmers' earnings, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had earmarked Rs.6,000 crore for distribution of interest free crop loans in the current year and as on 30.09.2016 Rs. 1,123.46 crore had been distributed to 1,65,088 farmers. Of this, Rs.92.14 crore crop loans had been given to

16,292 farmers belonging to the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities.

As for direct procurement of copra by Government, ordered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 1,169.725 tonnes had been procured till 07.10.2016 for Rs.6.96 crore through 46 procurement centres set up by co-operative institutions in 20 Districts. The amount was being credited to the farmers' accounts then and there.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, all co-operative banks had been modernized with technological facilities in the last 5 years and they were functioning on par with the nationalized and private banks. As a result of this modernization, 4,423 service centres were in operation, offering various services to people like issue of community and birth certificates and patta and chitta documents. The revenue out of this from 2011 to 31.08.2016, was, to the tune of Rs.43.14 crore.

Another excellent scheme of Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was the opening of farm fresh consumer shops. Under this scheme, 19,231 tonnes of vegetables had been sold through 73 shops till 06.10.2016, fetching Rs.55.48 crore. Also, quality medicine had been sold at a 15 per cent discount through 106 Amma pharmacies and 187 co-operative pharmacies for the benefit of the people. The proceeds through these sales, till now, was Rs.390.40 crore.

The co-operative Department had been entrusted with the great task of distributing rice at no cost and other essential commodities to

1.86 family card holders through its 32,574 fair price shops. With the Deepavali festival round the corner, officials and employees should function without giving room for any complaints and see to it that all essential commodities distributed through the public and special distribution systems, reached the card holders wholly. Officers should undertake field inspection, ensure the distribution of the commodities and take appropriate action against erring employees.

At the meeting with the Regional Joint Registrars and Managing Directors of District Central Co-operative Banks, the Hon'ble Minister said the uploading of the list of beneficiaries of crop loan waiver in the Internet and issue of non-encumbrance certificates to farmers in respect of their crop loans were the first of its kind in the history of Tamil Nadu Co-operation Department.

The Hon'ble Minister conveyed appreciation on behalf of Hon'ble Amma and on his own behalf to all the officials of the Co-operation Department for implementing the present loan waiver scheme, launched by the Hon'ble Amma, without giving room for any complaints or criticism by avoiding the mistakes found in the implementation of such a scheme in the earlier minority DMK rule. He urged them to be a bridge between the people and the Government.

He instructed the officials to implement all the announcements made by Hon'ble Amma under Rule 110 vigorously and without delay.

The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the work of total computerization of the 1,240 Employees

Co-operative Thrift and Credit Societies in the State, installation of CCTV cameras in the 2,996 co-operative institutions in rural areas and on the opening of 18 branch offices with all modern facilities for the co-operative banks and offered advice on expediting these works and also on installing safety lockers in 50 co-operative institutions in the first instance and extending them gradually to other societies.

That the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's rule enjoyed the full confidence of the people, the Hon'ble Minister said, had been borne out by the fact that primary co-operative societies/banks and other institutions up to Apex banks had attracted fixed deposits from people to the tune of Rs.54,913.80 crore upto 30.09.2016. These funds had been properly invested/lent, revenue generated and depositors given the interest without any hindrance. This work should be continued and improved, he said.

After reviewing the works on the setting up of solar power generation units at the Tiruchengode Co-operative Marketing Society at a cost of Rs.20 lakh and at the Headquarters

of the Villupuram District Central Co-operative Bank and in 5 of its branches at a cost of Rs.55 lakh (total cost Rs.75 lakh), the Hon'ble Minister asked the officials to complete the works speedily and suggested the formation of an expert committee to examine the feasibility of putting up such plants in all co-operative institutions.

As for the disbursement of interest free crop loans, for which a target of Rs.6,000 crore had been fixed for the current year, the Hon'ble Minister said 2,05,706 farmers had been given Rs.1,345.33 crore up to 15.10.2016. Of this, 22,205 farmers belonged to the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities and they got Rs.119.90 crore.

With the lofty ideal of getting small and micro farmers remunerative price by storing their produce safely till the market turned in their favour and to enable them raise loans against their commodities, Hon'ble Chief Minister Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had ordered the construction of 3,879 godowns with a capacity of 5,10,600 tonnes at a cost of Rs.489.62 crore in the last 5 years alone.

Incidentally, these godowns became a source of permanent income to these societies. In the current year, up to 30.09.2016, Rs.145.30 crore had been disbursed as loans by co-operative societies at low interest rates against the produce stored in these godowns. The loan disbursal is up to 60 to 80 per cent of the value of the grains.

To prevent irregularities in all types of co-operative societies, field inspection should be undertaken by Regional Joint Registrars,



Range Deputy Registrars, Field Officers and MDs of Central Co-operative Banks as per their rosters. For the inspection, the Hon'ble Minister advised the engagement of officials of one District to another District.

The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the inspection works that should have been done by officials in the last six months – 1,402 co-operative societies by Regional Joint Registrars, 3,817 societies by Range Deputy Registrars, 11,645 societies by Field Officers, 1,377 societies by the Central Co-operative Bank Managing Directors, and 1,955 societies by the General Managers of these banks – and advised them to strictly achieve their targets.

As for the distribution of bonus and ex-gratia to the 44,287 employees in co-operative institutions, the Hon'ble Minister noted that they had been distributed to 42,638 employees to the tune of Rs. 36 crore and asked the officials to disburse the amount to the rest speedily.

Under the farm fresh and consumer shops scheme, 19,486 tonnes of vegetables had been sold for Rs.56.12 crore through 73 shops up to 17.10.2016. Quality medicines to the tune of Rs.403.73 crore had been sold through 106 Amma pharmacies and 187 co-operative pharmacies till date. Officials should take



into account the needs of the people of the areas where these shops and pharmacies were located and ensure the supply of vegetables and medicines quickly. The Hon'ble Minister lauded the work of Thiru. K.C. Ravichandran, the Tiruchi Regional Joint Registrar in this respect and honoured him with a certificate.

The Hon'ble Minister said the 32,618 fair price shops under the Public Distribution System, should supply, besides essential commodities, ISO and ISI certified goods also in future. He instructed the officials to take steps in this direction.

Officials and employees of the Co-operation Department should have people's welfare alone in their mind and put in dedicated, blemishless service so as to fulfil the aspirations of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

“I have always believed that setting stretch targets and difficult goals is the best way to inspire greater effort. My Government has commenced the implementation of many schemes to achieve these goals”.

- Selvi J Jayalalithaa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Cultivate these values and triumph in life

A human being is considered as the most superior life form, bestowed with a mind and will power. The practice of positive values plays a significant role in making the human being noble, virtuous and successful in life.

Truthfulness

Our scriptures say, “Truth alone triumphs”. One must, therefore, practise truthfulness in thought, word and deed. Watch your thoughts, speech and action. Think twice before you speak or do anything. A truthful person has a calm and composed mind and is free from worries and fears. He is respected by society.

Forbearance

This is the quality which builds the power of endurance in adverse circumstances and makes a person remain calm and composed. Difficulties crop up in different stages of life and these are to be faced with patience and perseverance. It is essential to cultivate this quality for success in the material world as well as in the spiritual domain.

Cleanliness

This includes both internal and external aspects. Both the body and the physical external environment and the inner mind must be kept clean and pure. While it is easy to keep the body and external environment clean with water and other cleaning and scouring agents, it is difficult to keep the mind clean and pure. You must nurture good, positive and noble thoughts and follow the dictum: “See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil and do no evil”.

Control of Senses

All human activities are regulated through the conjoined functioning of the mind, intelligence and the senses, besides the soul being the life force. When our five senses come in contact with the external world, attachment and desires are produced. Never be the slave of your senses, but be their master.

Wisdom and Knowledge

Knowledge pertains to knowledge of both the material and the spiritual worlds. Right knowledge, proper understanding and utilization



of that knowledge will lead to wisdom and success. Patience, hard work and steadfastness are necessary for acquiring right knowledge and wisdom. Study of good literature, guidance of competent teachers, good company and self-effort are the sure means to acquire knowledge and wisdom.

Honesty and Sincerity

If you are an honest person and sincere and devoted to the discharge of your duty, you will undoubtedly attain success. "Honesty is the best policy". A sincere person feels for others and is both sympathetic and generous. He is frank, truthful and free of hypocrisy. A sincere person, whether he is a friend, colleague, spouse or servant, is really God's gift.

Adaptability

'Man is said to be a social animal; he has to live in society with others. Adaptability is a noble quality which makes a person accommodating when it comes to others, in different circumstances. This is useful for success and progress in life. A person of adaptable nature will not pick up quarrels with others but will rather be affable and sociable.

Rectify yourself

This is the first lesson to learn: be determined not to curse anything outside, not to lay the blame upon anyone outside, but stand up, lay the blame on yourself. You will find that is always true. Get hold of yourself.

Thinking

It is our own mental attitude which makes

the world what it is for us. Our thoughts make things beautiful, our thoughts make things ugly. The whole world is in our own minds.

If you think that you are bound, you remain bound; If you make your own bondage. If you know that you are free, you are free this moment. This is knowledge, knowledge of freedom is the goal of all beings.

Secret of success

The great secret of true success, of true happiness, is this: man or woman who asks for no return, the perfectly unselfish person, is the most successful.

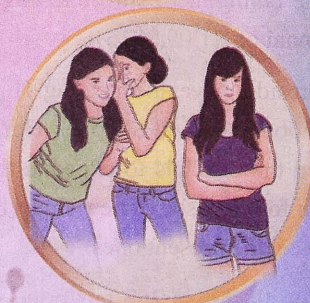
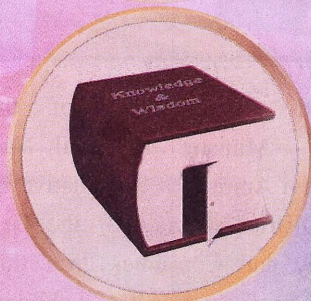
Secret of happiness

Desire or want, is the father of all misery. Desires are bound by the laws of success and failure. Desires must bring about misery. The great secret of true success, of true happiness, is this; the person who asks for no return, the perfectly unselfish person is the most successful.

Qualities to have

Other good qualities are fearlessness, purity of mind, self-confidence, charity, austerity, sacrifice, uprightness, non-violence, truth, absence of anger, spirit of renunciation, tranquillity, compassion, modesty, steadiness, forgiveness, fortitude and absence of malice or pride.

It may not be possible to develop all of these qualities, but it must be one's endeavour to imbibe as many of these as possible. Such an endeavour will surely lead to self-improvement.



Tamil Nadu 'model State in curbing smuggling of essential commodities'



On the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, a consultative meeting with the District officials of the Department of Supply and Consumer Protection was held at the conference hall of Ezhilgam, Chepauk, Chennai on 21.09.2016.

Presiding over the meeting, Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Thiru. R. Kamaraj urged the officials to expedite the steps being taken for the issue of new smart family cards to replace the present ones.

For all the 34,752 fair price shops now in operation, point of sale machines had been supplied. Card holders had been requested to register the details of their Aadhaar cards or the cell phone details of the head of the family in the point of sale machines directly in the shops

or through mobile apps. All these works would be completed shortly, the Hon'ble Minister said.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Amma, new family cards are issued to applicants within 60 days of submission of applications with the required proofs. So far, 16,91,996 family cards have been issued. 16,409 more family cards are ready to be issued. The petitioners are being informed. Bogus family cards numbering 5,03,923 have been detected and weeded out.

At the Grievances Redressal camps held on the second Saturdays every month, 5,44,877 petitions have been received till date of which 5,24,131 petitions have been disposed of on the very same day of their submission, redressing the grievance. The Hon'ble Minister proudly announced that only in Tamil Nadu, ruled by Hon'ble Amma, such camps were being held.

On the orders of Hon'ble Amma, not only the drivers of the vehicles used for smuggling but those who help the smuggling directly or indirectly are arrested under the Black Marketing Act and lodged in prison. On account of the severe serial action taken for more than the past 5 years by the Anti-Smuggling Police (Food Articles), 906 persons have been arrested under the BM Act so far.

At the recently held All India Food Ministers' Conference at New Delhi, the Central Government had lauded the price control measures taken by the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Amma for having brought down the open market prices drastically. Also, the Food Cell CID, functioning with dedication under the leadership of Hon'ble Amma was applauded as the very best in the

whole country in the prevention of smuggling of essential commodities. States planning to take drastic action to prevent smuggling of essential commodities were advised to consult the Tamil Nadu Government and take action as per the letter already sent by the Central Government to the Chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories.

The Hon'ble Minister urged the District supply officials to make surprise inspections of fair price shops and find out whether essential commodities were received as per the allotment, whether the movement of goods by lorries from the godowns was on the routes chalked out by the District Collectors and whether the fair price shops were opened at the scheduled time and commodities distributed in a fair manner.

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Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. M.C.Sampath presided over a review meeting on 19.10.2016 with all the District officials of the Department of Geology and Mining at the office of Department's commissioner at Guindy, Chennai. Thiru. Vikram Kapur IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Dr.R. Palanisamy IAS, Commissioner, Geology and Mining Department and other officials participated.



Housing Minister expedites works including Kelambakkam terminus

At a review meeting, presided over by the Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development Thiru. Udumalai K. Radhakrishnan on 13.10.2016, the design of the bus terminus to be located at Kelambakkam for the convenience of passengers of the southern Districts was considered in detail.

Following a statement made under Rule 110 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Amma, the Revenue Department has assigned land to the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority for the bus terminus at Kelambakkam.

The Hon'ble Minister also consulted the officials on taking speedy measures for the acquisition of land for setting up a container terminal at Sathangadu. The Hon'ble Minister instructed officials to expedite the works on the construction of the remaining houses under the Central Government's 'House for All' scheme. Under the scheme, the Centre sanctioned the construction of 44,185 tenements by the Slum

Clearance Board. At present, 18,390 tenements are being constructed.

Other subjects that came up for review included streamlining the vegetable and flower markets in Koyambedu, transport within and outside the markets, the activities of the Housing Board and all its projects, demolition of the flats in Part I of the Lloyds Colony and construction of multi-storey building apartments and expediting the works on the satellite township at Thoppur-Uchapatti in Madurai District. The Hon'ble Minister instructed the officials to convene a joint meeting soon for the construction of tenements for the economically weaker sections by the Slum Clearance Board in the satellite township and for finalizing the list of 4,500 beneficiaries.

The Hon'ble Minister urged the officials to complete the development works of the Department quickly.



House Allotment orders distributed

The Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development Thiru. Udumalai K. Radhakrishnan distributed house allotment orders in Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board scheme areas to 83 families on 24.10.2016, at a function held at the Board's office.

Following the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's announcement that 3,500 damaged multi storeyed apartments would be demolished and re-constructed, such apartments in Pallakku Maniyam scheme area near Mylapore Railway station, Chennai Corporation Division 123, were demolished and re-constructed. The

Hon'ble Minister distributed allotment orders for the new apartments to 48 families, the earlier residents of the area.

On a representation from more than 35 families that were living in tents beneath a bridge near St.Thomas Mount Railway Station in Kancheepuram District (Division 161, Zone 12) for a permanent abode for them, apartments in the newly constructed multi-storeyed buildings at the Navalur scheme area were allotted, on the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, through the Board. The Hon'ble Minister distributed those orders to the beneficiaries. ■

"I am completely without selfishness. I don't need anything at all. I don't have any dependants. The Tamil people are my world. They have made me (what I am); I exist solely for their welfare".

**- Selvi J Jayalalithaa
Hon'ble Chief Minister**

Take Amma's schemes to the people, Information officials exhorted



The activities of the Departments of Information and Public Relations and Stationery and Printing should be such that as to take speedily all the schemes announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma to the people, Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. Kadambur Raju has said.

Presiding over a consultative meeting held at the Secretariat on 19.10.2016 over the activities of the Departments of Information and Public Relations and Stationery and Printing, the Hon'ble Minister said the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced in the Election Manifesto, many schemes of historic importance and was implementing them. As for the Department of Information and Public Relations, they included setting up LED Display Boards at a cost of Rs. 20 lakh at Government exhibitions for people to know

the Government's schemes, achievements and announcements for their benefit, modernizing the library at the State Information Centre, Chennai, providing refresher courses in tune with the developing technology to the employees of the Department of Information and Public Relations, uploading in the Net pictures of Manimandapams, Memorials and Kalaivanar Arangam taken in 360 degree dimension and organising Government exhibitions in District headquarters in rotation. Works on them should be undertaken in a consistent manner, the Hon'ble Minister said.

The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the activities of the different sections of the Department and urged the officials to expedite the work on the construction of the Manu Needhi Chozhan Manimandapam at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore in Tiruvarur District, the Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan Manimandapam in Dindigul District

(Rs.1.30 crore) and the Swami Sahajanandar Manimandapam in Cuddalore District (Rs.1.15 crore) for their early inauguration.

The Hon'ble Minister also reviewed the procurement of machinery through the Department of stationery and printing for its branch printing press at Madras High Court, Tiruchi and for its main printing press as also renovation of electric fittings in Government printing presses to prevent accidents due to current leakage.

Other points made by the Hon'ble Minister included production of documentaries on the various schemes of the Government, modernizing of the works of the Department of Information and Public Relations, immediate dissemination of Government's schemes and events to the people, total dedication on the part of the employees of the Department of

Information and Public Relations to their work, flashing news to newspapers and television stations, maintenance of good relationship with media personnel, speedy action on welfare schemes to benefit journalists, inspection by Department Officials over proper screening of news reels in cinema theatres, excellent maintenance of all memorials under the control of the Department, screening in villages of news documentaries on Government's schemes and achievements through vans fitted with LED screen, setting up of Departments' pavilions in Government exhibitions to educate and benefit the people on Government's schemes and achievements, publication of 'Tamil Arasu' magazine in an enticing manner to attract people and publicizing the activities, schemes and the good works of the various Departments by the Public Relations Officers deputed to them. ■

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Schemes implemented by the Fisheries Department were reviewed at a meeting held at the Secretariat on 31.10.2016 with the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries

Thiru. D. Jayakumar presiding. Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, Tmt. Beela Rajesh IAS, Commissioner, Fisheries Department and other officials participated.



Tamil Nadu launches Android App to create awareness about Dengue

As a further measure to spread awareness among people about Dengue and other infectious diseases, a Mobile Android Application was launched on 27.10.2016. The App can be downloaded from Google Play store under the title Dengue fever in Tamil.

In the App, the conducive places where the ATS mosquitoes that cause dengue fever breed, are explained with pictures. There is a question and answer section to clear people's doubts. The preparation of the Siddha system of medicine to prevent dengue fever is explained in detail. Short films recording the speeches of celebrities for spreading awareness are attached to this App. These films are proposed to be circulated through WhatsApp also. For additional information and emergency help, phone numbers 104, 108 and those in the control room of the Public Health Department are given. A user can contact these phone numbers from the App itself.

The Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. C. Vijaya Baskar appealed to Department officials to create a great awareness among the people about this Mobile Android Application.

To prevent dengue fever and infectious diseases, the Department has been taking several measures continuously without a pause.

As dengue awareness would remove fear about dengue fever and help people to protect themselves from other types of fevers also, review meetings on creating awareness among people about dengue and other infectious diseases were conducted by the Hon'ble Minister with the Departments concerned. As a follow-up, a detailed Do's and Dont's list was issued when the fever struck. Now, to create more awareness, the mobile android application has been launched.



Poet Surada's fame knows no bounds

- from the book *Surada's Poetry*

The gold and the damsel are the
incarnation of Beauty

The fame only is the ornament of
the enlightened knowledge.

Influence will cross four or
five destinations only.

The good fame will even cross beyond nation.

The glory pierces through all directions.

The higher fame lives long
by overcoming death.

To come closer, good relations are needed

To grow larger, rising fame is required.

If all the excess becomes water, it is the sea.

If all the remainder becomes knowledge,
it is fame.

The poets are for all praise.

The sweat of the blossom is honey.

The eyes that war everyday are the fish's.

Oh! Damsel, False fame dies.

- Periodical *Surada*, 15.07.1968.

The learned limited the boundary
of Tamilnadu

by means of milestones and seas.

The ancient poet wrought a faultless fame
by the clever employment of the
choicest words.

- Book *Honey*- shower.

Light means dignity or respect.

It is the influence that one has during one's
life time.

To put it clearly, fame only is eternal.

- Periodical *Thennagam*, 03.06.1971.

I always pen a poem of popularity.

There are an enthusiastic throng of poets is to
follow me.

The conceived girl will give birth to a child
My kernels also will be the
nourishing mother to my fame.

- Book Honey- shower.

What is called joy is faith.

What is called sorrow is also faith,

To examine critically the fame and glory
serves as a warning to indicate
the danger awaiting us.

The egg floating on the flood
will quickly perish.

But the fame of a leader(Anna)
who finds a place in the minds of
the people will never perish.

- Periodical Surada, 01.10.1969.

It is the corn field that gathers paddy.

It is the tree that gives us cool shade.

It is the deer that eats the green grass.

Likewise the greatest man is one
who gains glory by adding novelty.

-Periodical Surada, 15.05.1968.

If there is water, there will be foam.

If there is shade, there will be cold.

If there is car, there will be wheels.

If there is excellence, there will be fame.

- Periodical The Freedom.

Pongal Number 1974.

In the world the relics left behind

by good people are the fame.

- Periodical Surada, Anna Number

Let your learning be fertile,

Poetry will come.

Learn what is to be learnt.

Ability will come.

Let wealth accumulate,

Prosperity will come.

Let your abilities multiply.

Fame will come.

“What is the sheet you spread” asked he.

“I spread my flowing hair as mat.” replied
she.

“The trees never forget to spread their
flowers?” said he.

“A few people fail to gain glory” replied she.

-Bhopal Tamil Sangam
Special Number, 1966-1967.



7.52 per cent increase in Commercial Tax receipts

Speaking at a meeting convened to review the activities of the Commercial Taxes Department on 14.10.2016, the Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes Thiru. K.C. Veeramani said receipt under commercial taxes has grown by 7.52 per cent in the first six months of the financial year 2016 - 2017,

compared to that in the same period in the previous year. While the receipt in the current year is Rs.31,367.18 crore, the receipt in the same period in 2015 - 2016 (up to September), was Rs. 29,172.95 crore - an increase of Rs. 2,194.23 crore.

He said funds mobilized through Commercial Taxes Department for executing the many developmental works for the progress of the people of Tamil Nadu, were not only very important, they were of prime importance. The meeting was held at the conference hall of the Commercial Taxes Department at Greaves road, Chennai.

He said officials should put in more efforts to increase the tax collections and achieve a higher percentage of tax receipts in 2016-2017 through scrutiny of the 'namoonas', implementation of the proposals received from the Implementation Section of the Department and collection of tax arrears.

Seventy-six per cent of the wholesale traders have e-filed their 'namoonas'. Also, in the total tax receipts, 95 per cent has been through e-payment.

Both the tax levy and implementation sections of the Commercial Tax Department should improve tax collection by taking co-ordinated and consistent action against fraudulent traders. They should take severe action against those falsely claiming input tax credit. The categories of trade that register negative/insufficient growth should be scrutinized, reasons detected and appropriate action should be initiated. Collection of tax arrears should be expedited. All officials should co-ordinate their actions and improve Government revenue.

The Department's work should be of total dedication as the tax revenue from the Department plays an important role in the implementation of the special programmes designed and implemented for the poor by the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister said.

Officials asked to work hard to achieve Registration target

A detailed review was undertaken on the activities of the Registration Department by the Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes Thiru. K.C.Veeramani on 26.10.2016 at the Department Office.

Speaking at the meeting, the Hon'ble Minister said the tax receipt from the Registration Department in 2015-2016 was

Rs.8,562.38 crore. A target of Rs.10,600 crore was fixed for 2016-2017 and till September 2016, Rs. 4,184.40 crore had been realized. To achieve the target, all officials should pay greater attention and work vigorously, the Hon'ble Minister said.

Construction of 25 integrated complexes, housing 50 sub-registrar offices and independent buildings for locating 162 sub-registrar offices

at a cost of Rs. 128.02 crore in the years 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 was notified. Of this, construction of 16 integrated complexes and 116 sub-registrar offices were completed and they were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. All these offices had started functioning from the new buildings. Three more integrated complexes and 27 sub-registrar office buildings were ready to be opened. The rest were under construction. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that in the current year 5 sub-registrar office buildings would be constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.13 crore. Land had been acquired for the construction of 7 integrated complexes and 39 sub-registrar office buildings.

If land was acquired and own buildings were constructed for the rest of the few offices, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement that own buildings will be constructed for all sub-registrar offices would stand implemented fully. Hence, Department Officials should put in their best efforts, get in touch with the District Collectors concerned and expedite the work, the Hon'ble Minister advised.

The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the work on developing a web-based software and the

plan for its implementation, as decided upon by the committee, set up on the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Chief Secretary to Government heads the committee. The Hon'ble Minister said when the scheme became operational, total computerization would have taken place and most of the Government services would come to be available through the net. Officials should bring about the condition for the early inauguration of the scheme by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, he said.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated on 11.06.2014, the facility for people to get information on encumbrance relating to their property through net free of cost. It is a good news, the Hon'ble Minister said, to know that around 1.92 crore people had made use of this free facility till now.

The Registration Department played an important role in getting revenue for the Government and it was important that its work should be excellent. Hence, all officials should make earnest efforts to achieve the revenue target fixed by the Government and provide holistic service to people, the Hon'ble Minister said.

“Democracy is a mature, useful, vigorous and dearer form of Governance. Its goal is the good of all and their development without any distinction between the ruler and the ruled. It is the people who decide the policies of the Government in a democracy”.

- Selvi J Jayalalithaa
Hon'ble Chief Minister



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has directed the extension of the 'Annadhana' scheme, now operating excellently in 724 temples, to 30 more temples in the current year.

This was disclosed by the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. Sevvoor S. Ramachandran at a consultative meeting on the activities of the Department held on 19.10.2016 at the conference hall of the Department at Nungambakkam, Chennai.

Among the special schemes announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister was the pension scheme at the Department level for the retired employees of temples under the control of the HR & CE Department. At present, the pension is Rs.1,000/- per month. Following a representation from retired employees, the Hon'ble Minister said that it had been notified to increase the monthly pension at the Department level to Rs.2,000/-, taking into account their family condition. Three thousand seven hundred retirees would benefit under the scheme and officials should expedite action on it, the Hon'ble Minister said.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had ordered the enhancement of funds for temple and repair works in temples not under the control of the HR & CE Department in SC/ST residential areas

from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 1 lakh. To meet this expenditure, officials should take appropriate action to divert funds from the surplus funds of rich temples, the Hon'ble Minister said.

The 'Oru Kaala Poojai Fixed Deposit Scheme' was launched with the view of enabling the performance of pooja at least once a day in temples that did not have means to do it. Under the scheme, 12,504 temples now benefited. Officials should work keenly to extend the scheme to 241 more temples.

Work on the designing of the Rs.25 lakh modern multimedia portal with documentaries and video clippings with background music on temple events should be expedited and brought to the use of devotees. Likewise, all basic infrastructure facilities for devotees should be ensured in all temples and devotees should be treated courteously and their needs attended to with a sense of dedication and fulfilled, the Hon'ble Minister said.

The Hon'ble Minister also advised the officials to bestow special attention on providing modern rest room and bathroom facilities as also drinking water facilities to devotees in all temples. Precautionary safety measures should be taken to prevent untoward incidents in times of important festivals in temples, the Hon'ble Minister urged.

Minister urges officials to reach schemes to the Backward, Minorities in time



Hon'ble Minister for the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Tmt. S. Valarmathi has urged her Department officials to utilise fully the Rs. 1,046.41 crore allotted for the current year and earn a good name for the Department and the Government.

Presiding over a review meeting of all District officials of the Department of Backward Classes and Minorities welfare (excepting those from Karur, Thanjavur and Madurai) held at Chennai on 26.10.2016, the Minister examined the progress achieved in the implementation of schemes for the educational, social and economic development of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, De-Notified Communities and minorities.

The Hon'ble Minister emphasized that the Department staff should be efficient so that scheme benefits reach the people in time. There should be monthly inspection of all the hostels under the Department. Availability of safe, hygienic accommodation and supply of quality food should be ensured, thereby helping the hostelites to score high marks. Crediting the students' scholarship amounts to their accounts should be ensured; distribution of bi-cycles to 11th std students for the year 2016-2017 should not be delayed.

Distribution of house sites, sewing machine and laundry pressing box at no cost for the BC, MBC and DNCs should be taken up vigorously.

The Hon'ble Minister advised the officials to conduct career guidance programmes in an excellent way for the 10th and 12th standard students staying in the hostels of the Department and in college hostels as also the Spoken English and skill development training programmes for college students. She informed that thick blanket (jamakkaalam) would replace, this year, mats distributed to students in college hostels every year. It would involve a cost of Rs.25 lakh. It was also proposed to distribute modern grinders to college hostels at a cost of Rs.66 lakh.

Pointing out that an unprecedented allotment of Rs.100 crore had been made this year to the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation, the Hon'ble Minister urged the officials to expedite credit disbursal to the BCs and MBCs through TABCEDCO. Likewise, officials should see to it that more persons from Minority Communities benefited as Rs.35 crore was proposed to be allotted to the Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.

Amma's free distribution of milch animals lifts people from poverty



A total of 28 lakh goats have been distributed free of cost to 70 lakh beneficiaries at the rate of four each and 60,000 milch cows have been distributed to an equal number of beneficiaries at the rate of one each in the five years from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016.

This was disclosed by the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry Thiru.P.Balakrishna Reddy at a review meeting of the Regional Joint Directors of the Animal Husbandry Department held on 19.10.2016 at the conference hall of the Department at the DMS campus, Teynampet , Chennai.

He said the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was tirelessly working with the idea of lifting Tamil Nadu to a status where "all people should get all things; and 'want' should become a thing of the past". The Hon'ble Chief Minister had drawn up many schemes for the Department and had implemented them successfully. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that the scheme of distribution of milch animals free of cost would continue for the current year (2016 -2017) also, the Hon'ble Minister said.

The Hon'ble Minister, while reviewing the work of the 11th round of vaccination in 2016-2017 under the prevention of foot and mouth disease scheme, commended the officials for achieving 100 per cent results.

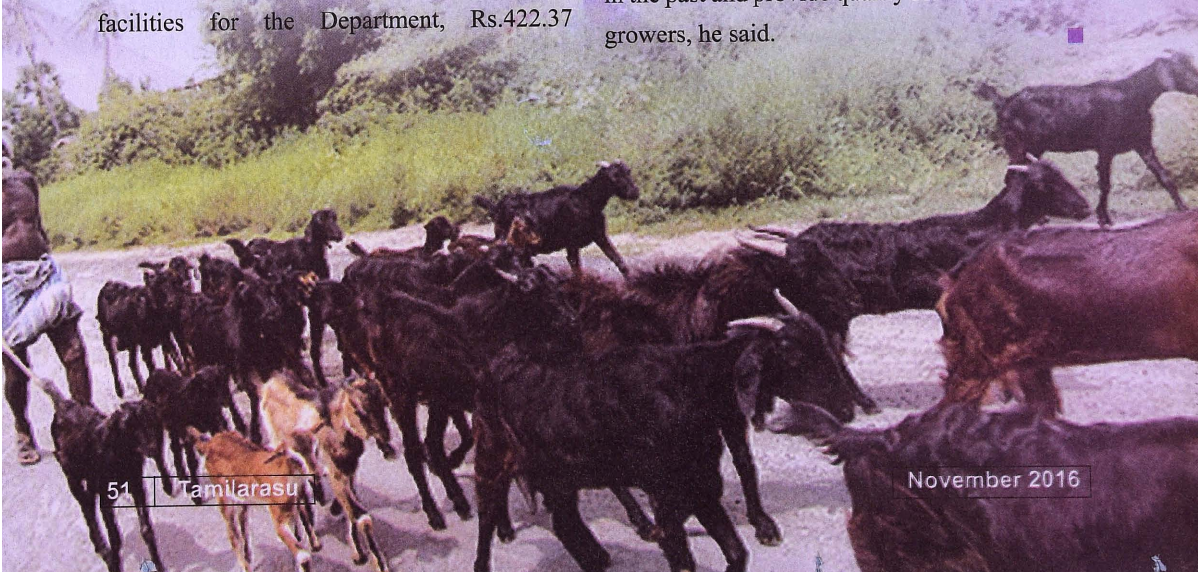
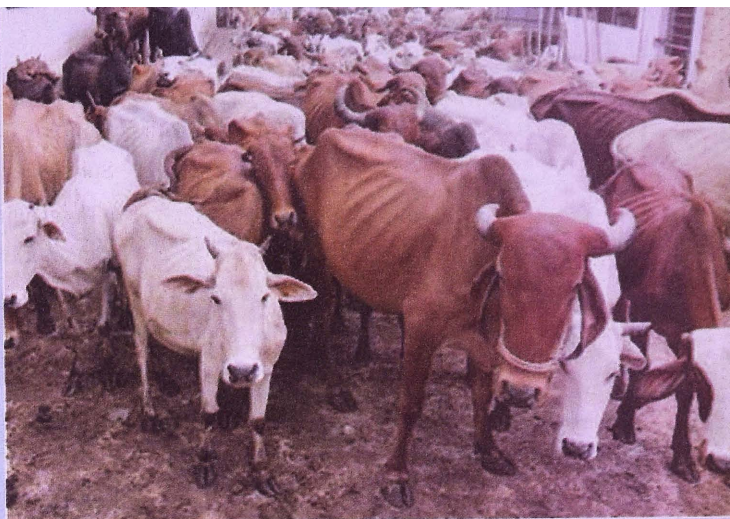
Under the State Fodder Development Scheme, Rs.25 crore has been allotted for 2016-2017. The Hon'ble Minister reviewed the progress made in the cultivation of Cumbu Napier 'ottupul' under lift irrigation and the distribution of fodder Cholan and Kaaraamani seeds to farmers for cultivation in rain-fed areas.

At present, there are 244 broiler and 11,070 country poultry farms under the Poultry Development Scheme. The Hon'ble Minister reviewed in detail the progress of the scheme which is to be continued in the current year and urged the officials to implement the scheme more vigorously.

For the development of infrastructure facilities for the Department, Rs.422.37

crore had been allotted in the last 5 years for construction of 1,615 new buildings. So far, 1,500 buildings have been constructed. The Hon'ble Minister advised officials to expedite work on the remaining ones.

The Hon'ble Minister directed the officials to concentrate on the important works of the Department like animal husbandry and detection and controlling of veterinary diseases even while implementing the special programmes. They should realize all the indices in the current year also as they had done in the past and provide quality service to animal growers, he said.



An evangelist of towering eminence



What can one say of the culture and excellence of a foreigner who preferred the Tamil language over his own mother tongue and served that language in a great way by writing many books in it? A monk to the end, Veeramamunivar was a scholar of scholars.

It is a great trait to live for others. Veeramamunivar displayed it exceedingly well. Even in old age, many do not want to give up their desires; on the other hand they want to increase their desires and enjoy the world. This is the common nature of people. But Veeramamunivar was a contrast. It is very rare to entertain the thought of renunciation in youth, the period of enjoying pleasures. Still rarer it is to embrace renunciation. At the age of 18, at the peak of youthfulness, he dared to become a monk, studied religion for 12 years and became a monk – his courage, indeed befitted his name. True heroism lies in conquering enemies within one's own self rather than those outside. Measured against this yardstick, there is no doubt Veeramamunivar dazzles as an unselfish and self-conquered person.

‘Let not erudition make you conceited’ – is the benign advice of the wise men of Tamil Nadu. Veeramamunivar was an exemplar of this advice. Not only had he mastered many branches of learning but he also learnt many languages, giving him unique honour and excellence. Though he learnt 12 languages and became a scholar in them, he was a personification of humility – in thought, word and action. Here is an instance of his humility. He has mentioned as follows in the section ‘Orurai’ of his book ‘Thonnool Vilakkam’:

“I made bold to comment on one thing of the many Thiruvalluvar has talked about. The benefits that flow from that great Saint are a big ocean. Like a person who dived into that ocean to retrieve a rare gem but came out with a small shell, I am not competent to exhaust all the benefits that will accrue to one from Tiruvalluvar. I wish to take up one gem. ‘Manatthukkan Maasilan Aathal Anaittharan Aakula Neera Pira’ – is one couplet of the many Tiruvalluvar has stated, that I made bold to explain”.

Veeramamunivar hated hypocrites to the core. He has also defined true patience, chastity, modesty, humility and courage. These definitions will make it clear that he led a pure life in thought and deed and was true to his attire. This pure life endeared him to all, cutting across religions.

His pure life and cultured behaviour won him good friends and foreign contacts. Chanda Saheb, a Muslim and an army commander lost himself in admiration of Veeramamunivar’s intellectual discourse, made Munivar his friend, later elevated him as his Dewan and gifted four towns. What to speak of Veeramamunivar’s friendship? When he was languishing under prison and death sentences, not only his co-religionists but other religionists too pleaded for him and secured his release. This is enough to show the respect he commanded from others.

In the early years when he arrived in Tamil Nadu, Veeramamunivar called himself, in literal translation of his name, as Dhairiya Nadhasami. But others conferred other names and titles on him. After he penned the

Tamil epic ‘Thembaavani’, Tamil Sangam poets gave him the name Veeramamunivar in appreciation of his work. Chanda Saheb honoured himself by naming him Isumathi Monk. Whatever titles are conferred it is difficult to get the title ‘Thanthai’ (Father). Tamils lovingly called him as the foster Father of Tamil Prose and Father of Tamil Dictionary, in appreciation of his services to the Tamil language. Is there any doubt that titles conferred by people highlight the greatness of one than academic degrees and that such titles alone last for ever?

Many instances can be cited for Veeramamunivar’s multi-lingual scholarship. He had the capacity to prepare and bring out literary and grammar dictionaries in Tamil. During the period when he had to go without water, he did not lose heart and carried on with great will power. His biography reveals that in old age too, he went about his works more enthusiastically than before without any trace of weakness or tiredness.

Elakurichi was his place of work from 1717 AD to 1742 AD. He shifted to Thoothukudi in 1742 due to old age and illness and wanted to rest there. In that place, he prepared the grammar books and the dictionary. This brings out the fact that he had the capacity to work even in his old age.

Even as he was a linguist, Veeramamunivar was also proficient in many fields. He was a poet and a priest. It is a surprising fact that he was efficient in drawing also. It was he who designed the statue of Periya Nayaki Amman in Konakuppam temple. His polemical skills are

borne out by the war he carried on in writing with the members of the Danish Society, the wordy duel he carried on for a month with Sadai Pandarams and that with Sivaprakasa Swamigal.

Not after pleasures, Veeramamunivar lived a life of hardships, considering difficulties as the order of things. Not by attire alone but by word and action, he lived as a monk. He lived as per his name – Dhairiyanadhasami -- Veeramamunivar. More than physical strength, mental strength is glorious. Veeramamunivar had this in plenty. A foreigner by birth, he lived

as a Tamil and adorned Tamil language with the garlands of Thembavani, Thirukaavalur Kalambakam and other works. He wrote many books. Later, he stayed in a mutt – Gurumadam-in Ambalakaadu in Chera country (Kerala). At the age of 67, he died on February 4, 1747. There is no doubt that this scholar, a personification of hard work, deserves the encomiums of the Tamil people.

(Translated from the book Veeramamunivar by Pulavar A. Marimuthu)

News in Picture



A review meeting was held on 24.10.2016 with officials of the Department of industrial safety and Health on safe production of fireworks in factories, their handling and storing. Hon'ble Minister for Labour Dr. Nilofer Kafeel presided. Tmt. P. Amudha IAS, Secretary, and Tmt. Jothi Nirmalasamy IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Labour and Employment, Thiru. P.Bose, Director, Department of Industrial Safety and Health and other officials participated in the meeting held at the conference hall of the Construction Workers Welfare Board.



Along with multi-pronged action, Minister emphasizes people's movement to quell dengue, infectious diseases

Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. C. Vijaya Baskar conducted a review meeting on 19.10.2016 at the Omandurar Government Estates Government Multi-Super Speciality Hospital conference hall, Chennai, on the preventive steps to be taken to root out dengue and other infectious diseases.

The Hon'ble Minister conducted such review meetings all over the State. At these meetings, he emphasized that mosquito and dengue fever eradication and spreading awareness on these issues should be turned into a people's movement. He also stressed that such works should be taken up in co-ordination with other connected departments. Through such multi-pronged action, fever and infectious diseases were under total control in Tamil Nadu. To further strengthen these works, people were advised to observe the following Do's and Don'ts.

Do's :

- Whatever be the type of fever, approach a qualified Doctor immediately.
- If there are symptoms like headache with fever, vomiting, stomach ache, tiredness and black stools, approach the nearby Government Hospital immediately.
- During fever, dehydration should be prevented through intake of fruit juice, tender coconut, sugar-salt water solution, broth and the like in sufficient quantity.
- To prevent children tiredness, infants

below one year should be given 4 tumblers of liquid nutrition and children below 5 years of age, 5 to 6 tumblers of liquid nutrition.

- Medicines should be taken only on the advice of doctors.
- It should be ensured that those having fever urinate sufficiently.

Don'ts:

- Don't take medication suggested by medical shop personnel.
- Don't use fever and pain-killer tablets without doctor's advice.
- Self-medication for fever should be totally eschewed.
- Don't starve.

Steps to prevent fever:

- Don't allow water stagnation around the house.
- Use mosquito nets
- Children should wear full pant and full hand shirt while going to sleep and while playing.
- Close windows, doors or pull the curtains down in the evening, particularly between 4 p.m and 7 p.m

People are advised to follow these instructions and protect themselves from fever and other infectious diseases.



Preventive steps against bird flu

A review meeting on taking up precautionary measures to prevent the spread of bird flu in Tamil Nadu was held at the Secretariat on 26.10.2016 with the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry Thiru. P. Balakrishna Reddy presiding.

The Hon'ble Minister said that in the wake of reports that bird flu had affected many States, particularly neighbouring Kerala, the Animal Husbandry Department should take all precautionary and preventive measures as soon as the Central Government's alert was received, to control the impact of bird flu in Tamil Nadu and prevent the outbreak of the disease.

Check posts should be set up on state borders and all preventive measures should be monitored; life-saving measures in the poultry

farms in the State, awareness programme for poultry farm owners and training in employing the preventive measures should be undertaken, the Hon'ble Minister advised.

Other suggestions made by the Hon'ble Minister included the setting up of check posts on the Kerala border, spraying of insecticides round-the-clock on all vehicles entering Tamil Nadu, creating awareness among poultry farm owners and broiler chick producers in the State to avert purchase of eggs/chicks from Kerala.

The District Collectors should organize co-ordination meetings with different Departments and take all steps speedily to prevent the spread of bird flu in Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister said.

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Colour Voter ID card in 302 e-seva centres

Four hundred and eighty-six Government e-service centres have been set up through the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation at the Secretariat, all Taluk offices, the Headquarters of Chennai Corporation, all its zonal, area and divisional offices and at the Regional Passport offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchi. These centres make available the services of Central and State Governments at one place. People also extensively use these centres.

Now, in the first phase, the facility to obtain colour voter ID cards has been created in 302 of these Government e-service centres for a payment of Rs.25/- per card. These centres are at the Secretariat, in all Taluk offices, headquarters of the Chennai Municipal Corporation and its zonal offices.

The general public is requested to make use of this facility in these 302 centres by disclosing their voter ID card numbers and get the colour voter ID .



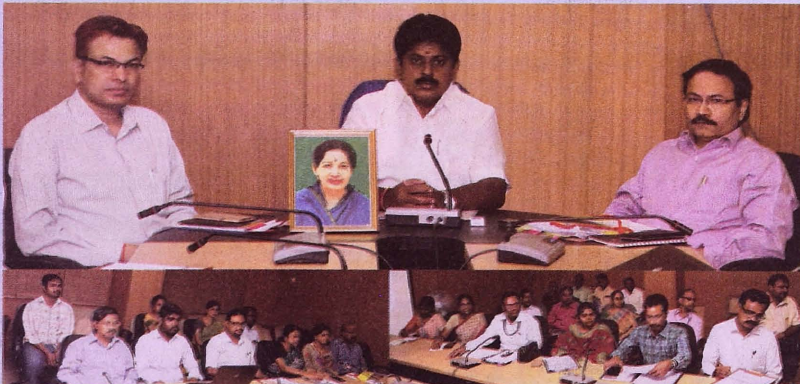


Applications invited for Ambedkar award

Many persons are rendering exemplary service for the development of the Adi Dravidar community in Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Government is honouring every year, one of them belonging to the State with the Annal Ambedkar Award, taking into account his/her services.

Those desirous of getting the award for 2017, to be presented on Thiruvalluvar Day, can apply

with full details. The application forms can be downloaded from the website www.tn.gov.in/ta/forms/Department/I. The forms can also be obtained from the Office of the Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare or from the offices of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes Welfare in the Districts. The applications should be submitted before the end of October. ■



Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology Dr. M. Manikandan reviewed the functioning of the Electronic Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) at Secretariat on 21.10.2016.

Thiru. T.K.Ramachandran IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology Department, Dr. Rajendra Kumar IAS, Managing Director, ELCOT and other officials participated.



Tamil Nadu moves ahead in Tourism promotion

Tourism propels a country's growth, promotes economic prosperity, refreshes tourists and provides them happiness and pleasant experiences.

Tamil Nadu has invigorating hill resorts, 1,076 km long coastline, towering temple gopurams, famous historical monuments, salubrious waterfalls, national parks, wildlife and bird sanctuaries, botanical gardens, palaces and forts.

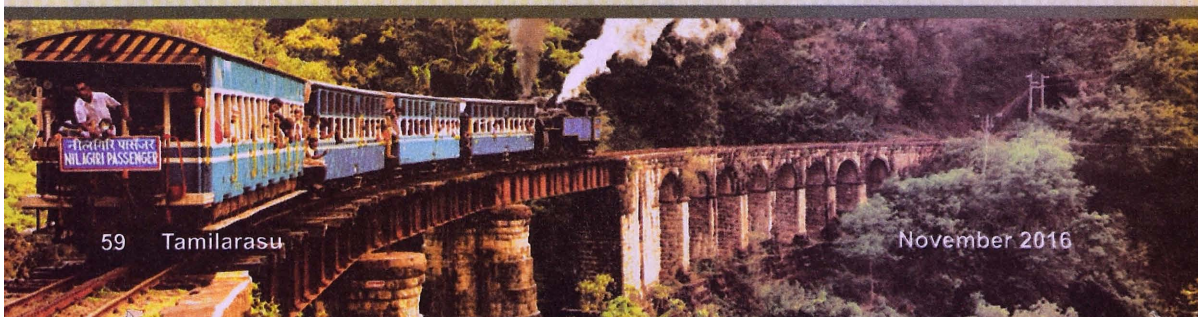
Tourism not only creates direct employment but also indirectly improves the standard of living of the local people.

The Tourism Department celebrated World Tourism Day – 2016 on September 27. The UN World Tourism Organisation has declared this

year's theme for World Tourism Day as 'Tourism for All – Promoting Universal Accessibility'. In connection with World Tourism Day, the Tourism Department organized a rally with college and school students to promote tourism and to create awareness among people on the importance of safeguarding tourist spots.

The rally was flagged off by Thiru. Har Sahay Meena I.A.S., Commissioner, Tourism and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation at Gandhi Statue on the Marina. It terminated at Vivekanandar Illam.

Chennai District Collector Tmt. P. Maheswari I.A.S., TTDC General Manager, Selvi Kavitha Ramu, Department officials and school and college students participated. ■



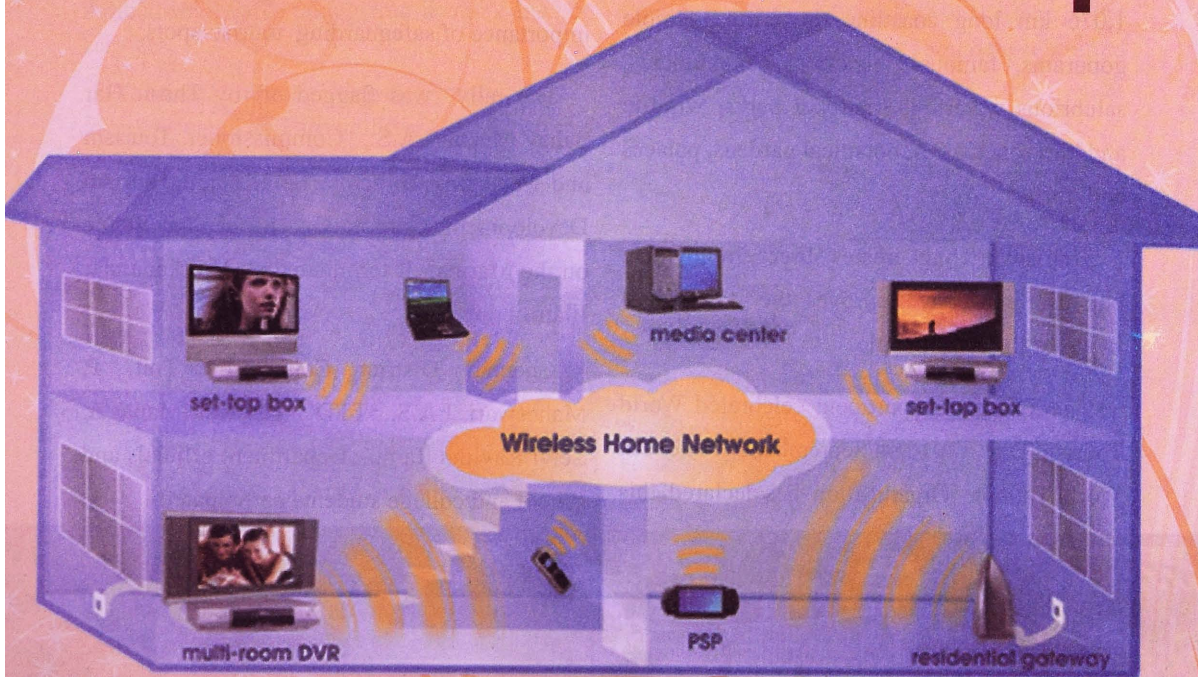
'Internet in every house' policy of TACTV takes off

In the first phase under its policy 'Internet in Every House', the Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation is making available super fast broad band internet service in all District headquarters in the state from 01.03.2016.

Licensed to provide internet service, TACTV proposes to extend the scheme to all Municipal areas in the second phase. Those desirous of providing super fast broad band internet service with Arasu Cable TV Corporation on a revenue sharing basis can apply for the same.

The Expression of Interest document for this can be downloaded free of cost from the Corporation's website – www.tactv.in – and the filled up applications should reach the office before 3 pm 15.11.2016.

Applications, on receipt, will be scrutinized and loan facility for setting up their business will be arranged from a nationalized bank to selected candidates, if they are so inclined.





Counselling for M.D. Siddha course

The single window counselling for selection of candidates for M.D (Siddha) Post Graduate Course 2016-2017 session in Government Siddha Medical Colleges, Chennai and Palyamkottai shall be conducted at the office of the Selection Committee, Commissionerate of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Arignar Anna Govt.Hospital of Indian Medicine campus, Arumbakkam, Chennai-106 on 31.10.2016 from 11.00 AM onwards. Individual intimations / call letter have already been sent to all eligible candidates by SMS and by post. Candidates who have not received the same shall download their individual call letters from Website: www.tnhealth.org by entering their respective Entrance Exam Number (E.E.No.). Candidates shall attend the single window counselling on the date and time mentioned above against

his / her total marks with all the original certificates / documents with the prescribed fee of Rs.5,500/- (Rupees Five Thousand and five hundred only) as mentioned in the prospectus in the form of Demand Draft drawn on or after 26.10.2016 from a nationalized bank drawn in favour of "Director of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Chennai-106" payable at Chennai. The candidates who get Allotment orders should report with all original certificates and Demand Draft at the spot admission counters of the respective Government Siddha Medical Colleges that will function at the selection committee office on the day of counselling itself. No extra admission time will be given. For General Merit list and other details please visit www.tnhealth.org.



'Be wary of Multi-State Co-operative Housing Societies'

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Housing), has asked people to beware of Multi-State Co-operative Housing Societies.

In a press release, he drew attention to the publication of announcements that such societies are formed for developing house sites and that there is exemption from stamp duty for sale of house plots by these societies.

None of these Multi-State Co-operative Housing Societies has been registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Housing Societies Act 1983 (Tamil Nadu Act 30 of 1983). Hence, there is no connection between

the Co-operative Housing Societies functioning under the Housing Department of Tamil Nadu Government and the advertisements claiming stamp duty exemption for plots sold by the Multi-State Co-operative Housing Societies, recruitment of staff and mobilization of fixed deposits. None of the Multi-State Co-operative Housing Societies, functioning in Tamil Nadu is under the control of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Housing).

The Tamil Nadu Government Co-operative Housing Department is not responsible for any consequences that flow from such wrong advertisements.

NEWS IN PICTURE



A review meeting was held at the Secretariat with District Collectors' Personal Assistants (Nutritious Meal Programme) over the implementation of the scheme On 24.10.2016. Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Nutritious Noon Meal Programme Dr.V. Saroja presided. Dr. K. Manivasan IAS, Secretary, Tmt. V. Amudhavalli IAS, Director, Department of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme and other officials participated.

Calling talented youth for Rohtak festival

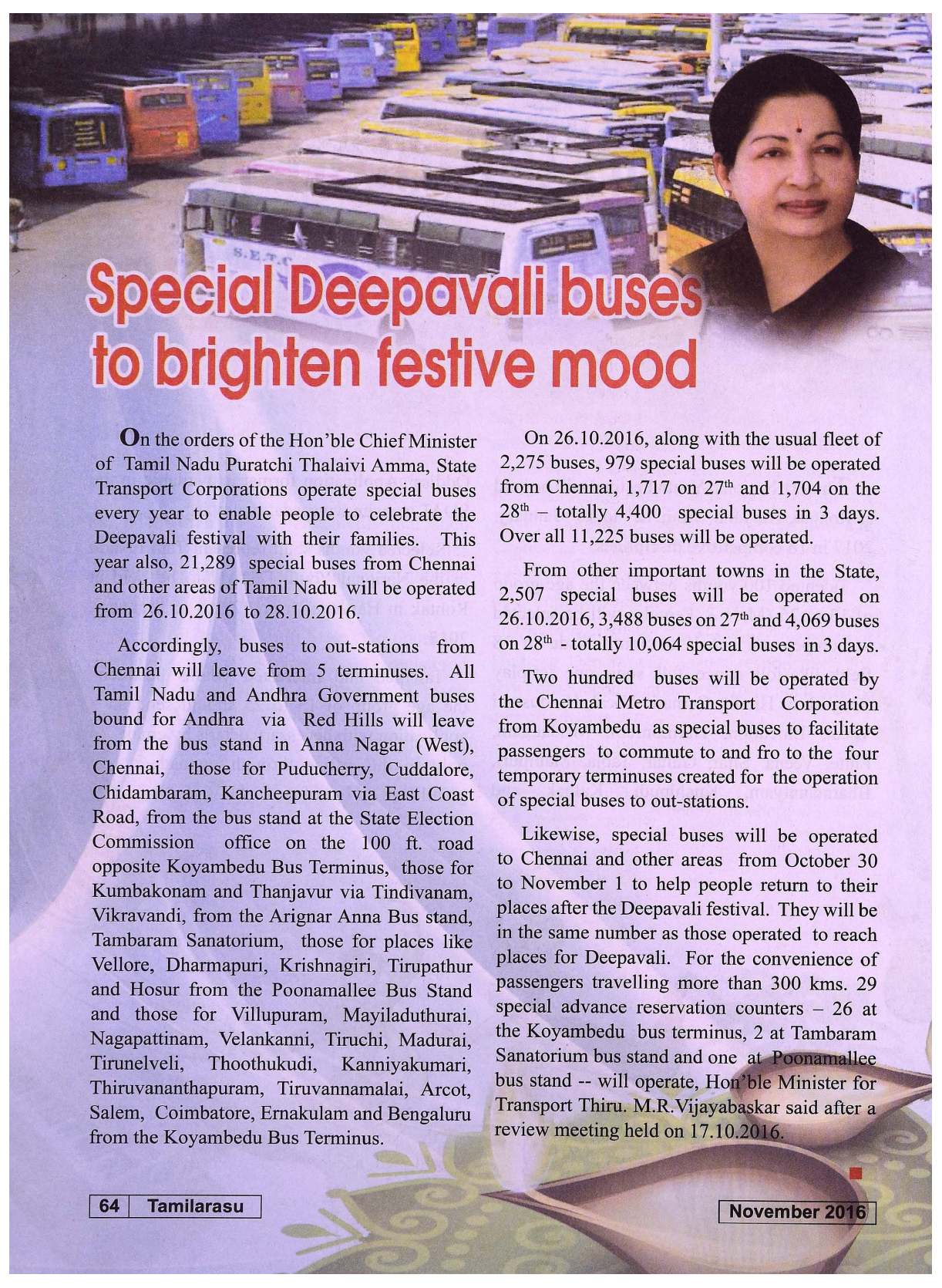
The 21st National Youth Festival will be held at Rohtak, Haryana from 12th to 16th January, 2017 in 18 competitive disciplines.

Talented 100 youths between the age group of 13 to 25 (Male & Female) will be selected to compete on behalf of Tamil Nadu in 18 fields like folk dance, folk song, one act play (English or Hindi), Carnatic Vocal, Hindustani Vocal, Elocution, Harmonium, Mridangam, Flute, Veena, Sitar, Guitar, Tabla, Manipuri, Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak and

Oddissi. Application format is available in the SDAT website www.sdat.tn.gov.in

Selected youths shall represent Tamil Nadu in the National Youth Festival to be held at Rohtak in Haryana from 12th to 16th January, 2017.

Talented and interested youths between the age group of 13 to 25 should send an application with necessary details by email only to this office through ywtnadu@gmail.com on or before 15.11.2016. ■



Special Deepavali buses to brighten festive mood

On the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, State Transport Corporations operate special buses every year to enable people to celebrate the Deepavali festival with their families. This year also, 21,289 special buses from Chennai and other areas of Tamil Nadu will be operated from 26.10.2016 to 28.10.2016.

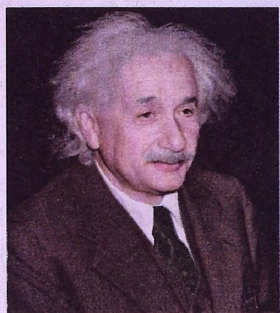
Accordingly, buses to out-stations from Chennai will leave from 5 terminuses. All Tamil Nadu and Andhra Government buses bound for Andhra via Red Hills will leave from the bus stand in Anna Nagar (West), Chennai, those for Puducherry, Cuddalore, Chidambaram, Kancheepuram via East Coast Road, from the bus stand at the State Election Commission office on the 100 ft. road opposite Koyambedu Bus Terminus, those for Kumbakonam and Thanjavur via Tindivanam, Vikravandi, from the Arignar Anna Bus stand, Tambaram Sanatorium, those for places like Vellore, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Tirupathur and Hosur from the Poonamallee Bus Stand and those for Villupuram, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Velankanni, Tiruchi, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Kanniyakumari, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruvannamalai, Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Ernakulam and Bengaluru from the Koyambedu Bus Terminus.

On 26.10.2016, along with the usual fleet of 2,275 buses, 979 special buses will be operated from Chennai, 1,717 on 27th and 1,704 on the 28th – totally 4,400 special buses in 3 days. Over all 11,225 buses will be operated.

From other important towns in the State, 2,507 special buses will be operated on 26.10.2016, 3,488 buses on 27th and 4,069 buses on 28th - totally 10,064 special buses in 3 days.

Two hundred buses will be operated by the Chennai Metro Transport Corporation from Koyambedu as special buses to facilitate passengers to commute to and fro to the four temporary terminuses created for the operation of special buses to out-stations.

Likewise, special buses will be operated to Chennai and other areas from October 30 to November 1 to help people return to their places after the Deepavali festival. They will be in the same number as those operated to reach places for Deepavali. For the convenience of passengers travelling more than 300 kms. 29 special advance reservation counters – 26 at the Koyambedu bus terminus, 2 at Tambaram Sanatorium bus stand and one at Poonamallee bus stand -- will operate, Hon'ble Minister for Transport Thiru. M.R.Vijayabaskar said after a review meeting held on 17.10.2016.



Call him Einstein, or just Passionate Curiosity

Key to understanding nature

For all that we may wonder at the intellectual processes that propelled Einstein to greatness, he himself seemed to believe that there was nothing so important as his relentless desire to find answers to the really big questions. As he wrote in a letter in his later years: 'My scientific work is motivated by an irresistible longing to understand the secrets of nature and by no other feelings'. To Alexander Moszkowski, a friend who published an early biography of him in 1920, Albert explained that it was his inner conviction that the development of science was mainly driven by the need to satisfy the longing for pure knowledge.

Crucially, he was also convinced that the answers were there, just waiting to be discovered. In 1938 he co-authored *The Evolution of Physics: The Growth of Ideas From Early Concepts to Relativity and Quanta*. In it, he would note that 'without the belief in the inner harmony of our world, there could be no science'. His certainty that the great mysteries of our world and the cosmos had rational solutions came to him at a relatively young age. By the time he was around twelve he was certain that nature could be interpreted through the application of mathematical structures, most of which he considered to be 'relatively simple' (though those of us without his innate grasp of maths and physics reserve the right to take some issue with that). It was an idea he expanded upon at the Herbert Spencer lecture he gave in Oxford in 1933.

Our experience hitherto justifies us in believing that nature is the realization of the simplest conceivable mathematical ideas. I am convinced that we can discover by means of purely mathematical constructions the concepts and the laws connecting them with each other, which furnish the key to the understanding of natural phenomena.

Einstein was thus able to combine a sense of wonder at the world with a belief that he could come to understand what lay behind those wonders. The sickly infant who had marvelled at the seemingly mystical powers of the compass soon found his interests expanding to take in the mysteries of heat and electricity (no wonder, given that the family business was electricity generation). He grew up, too, in a period when science was just starting to come to terms with the physical reality of atoms and molecules (essentially, the unseen building blocks of the universe), while the emerging field of kinetic theory (the motion of particles within matter) was another major area of interest for him in his youth.

The irony of Einstein looking up to Newton

He had his heroes too citing Galileo and Newton to Moszkowski as the two greatest creative geniuses that science had thrown up. Of these, it was arguably Newton whom he most looked up to, an irony given that much of Einstein's work would throw into chaos many of the Newtonian 'realities' that the scientific world had accepted for over two centuries.

Writing a foreword in 1931 to a reissue of Newton's 1704 work *Opticks*, Einstein said of him: 'In one person he combined the experimenter, the theorist, the mechanic, and, not the least the artist of exposition'. He might have been describing himself, although there are those who would suggest that Einstein's skills as an experimenter lagged some way behind those of his eminent predecessor.

He was, though quite as great a theorist and this was in part due to his conviction that a theory should be boiled down to its simplest state. As he would note in the 1940's, a theory is increasingly impressive the simpler its premises and the greater variety of things that it encompasses. It was his belief that, when one has removed the complex mathematics that may be required to express it, a good theory should be uncomplicated enough to describe that even a child may understand it. The revelation of fundamental truths through an attachment to simplicity had great currency in the age of modernism. Ponder the words of the epoch's greatest artists, Pablo Picasso, who held that it had taken him four years to learn to paint like Raphael but a lifetime to paint like a child.

Non-conformist to the core

It of course helped his progress that Einstein was by nature an independent spirit unafraid to branch out on his own. Here was a youth who felt equipped at the age of fifteen to wave off his family as they left for Pavia in northern Italy in order to pursue new business interests after his father's lighting company went bust. Then he had the gumption to unilaterally up sticks and join them under his own steam, vowing never to return to Germany and determined to renounce his German citizenship. He was also confident enough to apply for a Polytechnic place two years early. Always something of an

outside, he seemed to feel little need to conform – a trait that would serve him well in his career.

Furthermore, he benefited from his family's background in electricity generation: he worked for his father at various points and had access to equipment that offered him practical opportunities to explore some of his early physics fascinations. Then there was the distinct streak of arrogance that gave him the impetus to follow remarkable new directions that a more callow youth might have feared to explore. Consider, for instance, his first scientific paper, written in 1901. Although it was a piece of juvenilia lacking finesse, the paper fearlessly critiqued the work of two of the greatest physicists of the age, Ludwig Boltzmann and Paul Drude.

The power of thought

Yet perhaps this did not register as arrogance to Einstein, for whom one's very identity was defined by one's thought and ideas. 'The essential in the being of a man of my type', he wrote in 1946, 'lies precisely in what he thinks and how he thinks, not in what he does or suffers'. Einstein was not critiquing his apparent elders and betters for the sake of it, then, but because he felt he had no choice but to point out errors that he felt were restraining scientific progress.

And just as sometimes it is better to travel than to arrive, perhaps it was more pleasurable for Einstein to explore his curiosity than it was even to find answers. As he put it to his friend Heinrich Zangger in 1918: 'The mainspring of scientific thoughts is not an external goal toward which one must strive, but the pleasure of thinking'.

how to think like EINSTEIN

-Daniel Smith



On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Hon'ble Ministers and Government High Officials paid floral tributes to the decorated portrait of Veeramamunivar, the Italian savant who championed the cause of Tamil, kept near his statue on Kamarajar Salai, in connection with his birth anniversary on 08.11.2016.

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