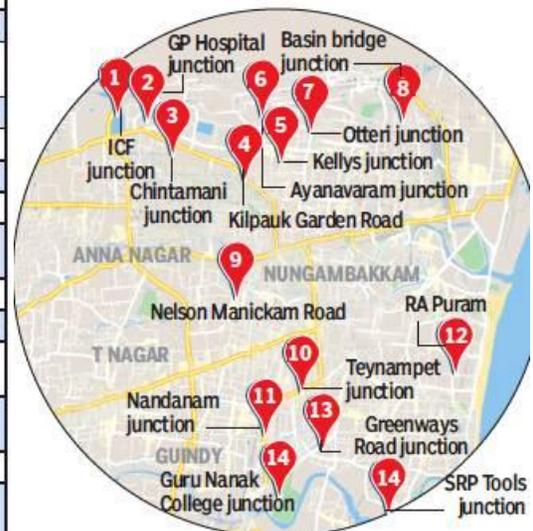


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEB 18, 2020

TAMIL NADU

- **The Greater Chennai Corporation - is planning to build flyovers at congested junctions in Chennai, after a gap of two decades**
- ✓ The corporation has submitted a proposal to the state government to build 15 grade separators at a cost of approximately Rs 1,500 crore
- ✓ The 15 locations were priority intersection points and were chosen after a detailed study by a consultant.
- ✓ These junctions are located in Kilpauk, Basin Bridge, Velachery, RA Puram, Teynampet and Ayanavaram in the city.

LOCATION	Construction cost (in ₹ cr)	Land acquisition cost (in ₹ cr)	Total cost (in ₹ cr)	Length (in metres)
1. ICF junction	35.9	26	61.9	440
2. GP Hospital junction	55.8	11	66.8	740
3. Chintamani junction	36	18.7	54.7	470
4. Elevated road along Kilpauk Garden Road	93	54	147	1,150
5. Kellys junction	60	31	91	760
6. Ayanavaram junction	36	23	59	490
7. Otteri junction	40	12.7	52.7	540
8. Basin Bridge junction	272	0	272	1,925
9. Elevated road along NM Road	135.66	31	166.67	1,700
10. Teynampet junction	84	0	84	995
11. Nandanam junction	76.5	0	76.5	670
12. Elevated road in RA Puram	100	47	147	1,250
13. Greenways Road junction	36	83.5	119.5	490
13. SRP Tools junction	40	0	40	440
14. Guru Nanak College junction	44	23.5	67.5	510



- ✓ The flyovers are expected to be short, so that the projects could be executed quickly at a lesser cost.

- ✓ The integration of these flyovers with metro rail corridors has also been proposed.
- ✓ According to the proposal, a 1.8m wide footpath was planned beside the flyovers, with proper approaches on the on-grade roads for better accessibility and safety.
- **The Directorate of Employment and Training (DET) of the Labour Department - is planning to introduce portions on electric vehicles in the syllabus of automobile engineering courses in the state-run industrial training institutes (ITIs)**
- ✓ The move intends to provide training to nearly 3,000 students a year as “e-mechanics”
- ✓ The state government is planning to set up a comprehensive ‘electric vehicle eco-system’ in the state by enhancing the skill levels of the automotive workforce.
- ✓ The training will ensure a “guaranteed job offer” once the students come out of the ITIs, as automobile manufacturers are investing heavily in e-vehicles
- ✓ The state government recently unveiled the Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicle Policy 2019 with an objective of developing e-vehicles as the preferred mode of mobility and positioning the state as a manufacturing hub for EVs, components and charging infrastructure.
- ✓ Recently, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami had signed a MoU with Dubai-based KMC group and Mauto Electric Mobility to convert 100 fuel autos into e-autos.
- ✓ The government has also signed an agreement with German-based bank KfW to procure 500 electric buses.
- ✓ As there is a shortage of “e-mechanics” for the maintenance of the e-vehicles, the state government has allocated Rs 4.77 crore in the 2020-2021 budget to launch a special programme to train eligible candidates in the ITIs in e-vehicle techniques.
- ✓ The first batch of 53 trainers and faculty of the institutes would be trained in the research centre at IIT Madras
- ✓ The Government has also procured 53 e-cars for training purposes, which will commence from the coming academic year.

NATIONAL

- **A home ministry appointed committee - has proposed the year ‘1951’ as the cut-off year for determining indigenous people of Assam**
- ✓ It had also recommended the introduction of Inner Line Permit (ILP) to control the mass entry of people from outside the state
- ✓ As per the existing rules, outsiders have to take permission from designated authorities before entering the areas where the ILP is applicable

- ✓ The committee was set up to suggest ways to implement Clause 6 of the Assam Accord
 - ✓ The Clause envisages constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards to protect, preserve and promote cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people
 - ✓ It has also suggested reservation of 67% of seats in state assembly for indigenous people.
 - ✓ The committee has unanimously recommended that those who were residents of Assam in 1951 and their descendants, irrespective of community, caste, language, religion or heritage, shall be considered as indigenous people of the state.
 - ✓ The committee is expected to submit its report to home minister Amit Shah soon
- **Google – announced the shutting of its free Wi-Fi programme in India, named ‘ Station’, which was available across 400 railways stations**
- ✓ This was one of the first initiatives Google had started in India in 2015 under its ‘Next Billion Users or NBU’ strategy.
 - ✓ The availability of cheap data and better mobile connectivity in the country was cited as one of the primary reasons to shut down the service
 - ✓ According to Trai in 2019, India now has among the cheapest mobile data per GB in the world, with data prices being slashed by 95% in the last 5 years.
 - ✓ Google has also announced that Station will be shut down from the international markets across the year.
 - ✓ Station is also currently available in Thailand, Mexico and Nigeria
 - ✓ RailTel, a state-owned telecom infrastructure provider, Indian Railways and Pune Smart City are the partners of ‘Station’ initiative in India
 - ✓ Currently, Google is focusing more on its payments service ‘Google Pay’ under NBU, which had 67 million monthly active users in September 2019
- **The government - has unveiled a new initiative, SUTRA PIC, to research on ‘indigenous’ cows.**
- ✓ The initiative will be funded by multiple scientific ministries and led by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
 - ✓ It has the Department of Biotechnology, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Ministry for AYUSH (Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy) among others and the Indian Council of Medical Research as ‘Technical’ partners.
 - ✓ SUTRA PIC is the short form for ‘Scientific Utilisation Through Research Augmentation-Prime Products from Indigenous Cows’
 - ✓ It has five themes –
 - ✓ Uniqueness of Indigenous Cows,
 - ✓ Prime-products from Indigenous Cows for Medicine and Health,
 - ✓ Prime-products from Indigenous Cows for Agricultural Applications,

- ✓ Prime-products from Indigenous Cows for Food and Nutrition,
- ✓ Prime-products from indigenous cows-based utility items
- ✓ The proposals under this theme aim to carry out -
 - ✓ scientific research on complete characterisation of milk and milk products derived from Indian indigenous cows
 - ✓ scientific research on nutritional and therapeutic properties of curd and ghee prepared from indigenous breeds of cows by traditional methods
 - ✓ development of standards for traditionally processed dairy products of Indian-origin cow
- **The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation - will be operating 'Ramayana Yatra', a special train covering important temple towns in the country.**
 - ✓ The new train will be operated as part of Bharat Darshan
 - ✓ The Ramayana Yatra will start from Tirunelveli
 - ✓ It would have stops at Madurai, Dindigul, Karur, Erode, Salem, Jolarpet, Katpadi and Chennai Central station.
 - ✓ The yatra would cover destinations including Chitrakut Dham, Buxar, Raghunathpur, Sitamarhi, Janakpuri (Nepal), Ayodhya, Nandigram, Allahabad, Shringaverpur, Nasik and Hampi.
 - ✓ The 14-day tour will be held from March 5 to 18 and would cost ₹15,990.
- **Hindi - is the third most spoken language in the world with 615 million speakers, according to the 22nd edition of the world language database Ethnologue**
 - ✓ English has the most number of speakers (1132 million) followed by Chinese Mandarin, which secured second place with 1117 million speakers.
 - ✓ Bangla is the seventh most spoken language of the world as it has 228 million speakers in the world.
 - ✓ Ethnologue provides an annual database of living languages of the world.
 - ✓ It covers 7111 living languages across the globe.

COURT VERDICTS

- **On February 17, the Supreme Court - ordered grant of permanent commission (PC) in 10 non-battlefield services to woman officers within three months**
 - ✓ It had also allowed the women officers to hold command posts in the Army irrespective of their years of service
 - ✓ Earlier just over a year ago, the government had granted PC to newly recruited women officers in these services
 - ✓ However, it was not given to those short service commission (SSC) officers who are already in the Army.

- ✓ Now, the verdict of the bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Ajay Rastogi extends the grant of PC to all women officers.
- ✓ The verdict came on a nearly 10-year-old appeal filed by the government against a March 12, 2010 decision of the Delhi High Court to grant SSC women officers permanent commission
- ✓ The SC also held that those women officers who do not opt for permanent commission despite more than 14 years of service “will be entitled to continue in service until they attain 20 years of pensionable service”.

BLOW-BY-BLOW

Early 1990s Women officers started being inducted as SSC officers in armed forces, with a maximum tenure of 14 years

2011 After long legal battles, govt decides women SSC officers will be considered for grant of PC in judge advocate general and education branches of three services

May 9, 2018 Govt tells SC it is considering granting PC to women officers recruited through SSC route in Army

Aug 15, 2018 PM Modi announces women officers will be able to opt for PC in branches of forces apart from existing ones like legal & education. (No plan to induct them in combat arms like infantry, artillery & armoured corps or allow them to serve on board warships)



Lawyer Meenakshi Lekhi with women Army officers at the SC complex after the verdict

Feb 25, 2019 Govt issues order for grant of PC to new SSC women officers in 8 combat support arms/services (signals, engineers, army aviation, air defence, electronics & mechanical engineers, army service corps, army ordnance corps & intelligence)

Women in command

It's an order

Here are some of the salient features of the order:

- Accepts government policy to grant PC to short service commission (SSC) women officers in 10 streams of the Combat Support Arms and Services wings
- SSC women officers are eligible for command assignments and not just staff appointments
- SSC women officers granted PC will be entitled to all consequential benefits, including promotion and financial gains



For the women in uniform, career progression is now becoming a reality with the Supreme Court directing the Centre to grant permanent commission (PC) within three months. Here is a snapshot of the long years of the fight women officers have conducted against discrimination:

1992: Centre notifies women eligible for appointment as officers for five years in the Army Postal Service, Judge Advocate General Department, Army Education Corps, Signal Corps, Intelligence Corps, Corps of Engineers, Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and Regiment of Artillery, among other Corps

Dec. 1996: Ministry of Defence deletes the five-year clause for enrollment

Nov. 2005: The initial process of induction of women officers under the WSES was replaced by SSCs with an

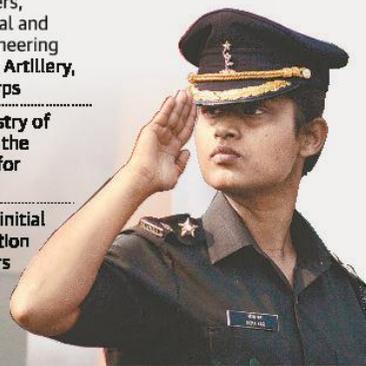
outer period of 14 years. The first batch of women officers under the new scheme entered the Army in 2008

2003 and 2006: Writ petitions filed in the Delhi High Court by advocate

Babita Puniya and several SSC women Army officers for permanent commission and equality of opportunity in the Army

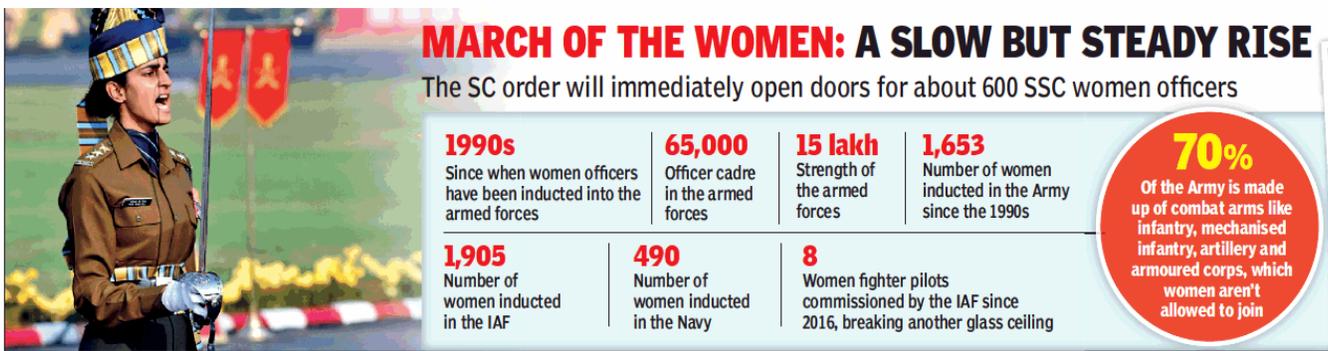
March 2010: Delhi HC holds that women SSC officers of the Air Force and Army who had opted for PC, but not granted that status would be entitled to PC at par with male SSC officers with all consequential benefits. Contempt proceedings were then initiated by the women officers against the Union of India for non-compliance with the HC judgment. Contempt was later stayed

September 2, 2011: The case reaches the Supreme Court in appeal



- ✓ The SC's verdict upheld the defence ministry's February 25, 2019, decision to grant permanent commission to SSC women officers.
- ✓ The Supreme Court's order, ending the prevailing gender bias in the predominantly male military bastion, will immediately enable about 600 short service commission (SSC) women officers, who have completed 10 years in service, to opt for PC in the Army

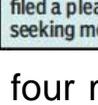
- ✓ The almost 13-lakh strong Army, which includes almost 43,000 officers, has neither trained women officers for command nor given them the responsibility till now.
- ✓ The country's military brass has opposed PC and command roles for women for a long time, due to so-called "operational, practical and cultural problems"
- ✓ Women officers have been trained only as support cadre for staff appointments because they exit the force after 10 or 14 years as SSC officers as per their terms of engagement.
- ✓ Women officers have been inducted into the armed forces since the early 1990s
- ✓ They are recruited only in the higher ranks
- ✓ Currently, the number of women officers is just 1,653 in the Army, 1,905 in IAF and 490 in Navy in the 65,000-strong officer cadre of the 15-lakh strong armed forces



- ✓ Women are also not allowed to join combat arms like infantry, mechanised infantry, artillery and armoured corps (which together constitute about 70% of the Army) or serve on board warships and submarines.
- ✓ The IAF, which already had women transport aircraft and helicopter pilots, has commissioned eight women as fighter pilots since 2016 to break yet another glass ceiling.
- ✓ Following the Court verdicts, the Defence ministry-Army combine had last year opened PC for women SSC officers in eight arms/services (Signals, Engineers, Army Aviation, Air Defence, Electronics and Mechanical Engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps and Intelligence) in addition to two earlier existing streams of Judge Advocate General and Army Education Corps
- ✓ Short Service Commission (SSC) scheme allows women officers into the Army for a period of 10 years, extendable up to 14 years.
- ✓ Permanent Commission refers to a career till the age of retirement.
- ✓ Only male army officers who have served in the Short Service Commission (SSC) for 14 years are given the option of permanent commission.
- ✓ An Army officer has to join the National Defence Academy (NDA), (Indian Military Academy) IMA or Officers Training Academy (OTA) for permanent commission.

- **A Delhi court - fixed 6am on March 3 as the time and date for the hanging of all the four convicts in the December 2012 Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case**
- ✓ It held that further delay in the execution of the Nirbhaya case convicts would be considerably 'harm' the rights of the victim and for justice
- ✓ The order was passed by additional sessions judge Dharmender Rana

ONLY PAWAN CAN DELAY HANGING

<p>MUKESH SINGH has exhausted all his legal options – review plea, curative plea, mercy plea & challenge to rejection of mercy plea in SC</p> 	<p>rejected on Feb 5. He hasn't challenged the decision, but even if he does, it is unlikely to delay the hanging</p> 
<p>VINAY SHARMA has exhausted all his legal options</p> 	<p>PAWAN GUPTA'S review petition was dismissed on July 9, 2018. He has the options of filing a curative petition and a mercy petition</p> 
<p>AKSHAY THAKUR filed a plea with the President seeking mercy, which was</p> 	

- ✓ With the verdict, the four men will be executed on the said date, unless Pawan Gupta decides to file mercy or curative petitions at the last minute
- ✓ Pawan Gupta is the only one who hasn't exhausted all legal remedies provided under the Constitution
- ✓ Article 21 guarantees an opportunity to the condemned convicts to exercise their legal rights.
- ✓ This is the third time the black warrant has been issued against the four men — Mukesh Singh, Pawan Gupta, Vinay Kumar Sharma and Akshay Thakur.
- ✓ The earlier execution dates of January 22 and February 1 had to be deferred, following the review petitions of the convicts

INTERNATIONAL

- **The UAE - has issued an operating licence for the Arab world's first nuclear power plant, Barakah nuclear power plant in Abu Dhabi**
- ✓ The multi-billion-dollar nuclear power plant, built by Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO), was originally due to be commenced in 2017
- ✓ However, the start-up of the first reactor has been delayed several times.
- ✓ The UAE aims to expand its energy mix by adding nuclear power to meet rising demand for electricity and to free up more crude for export.
- ✓ The Emirate, a key OPEC oil producer, plans to focus on the nuclear energy for providing about 6% of its total energy needs by the year 2050.
- ✓ It had granted the licence to the plant's operator, Nawah Energy Company, for a period of 60 years
- ✓ Nawah can now start preparing for commercial operations later this year, as trials will last only for the next few months

- ✓ On completion, Barakah will have four reactors with a total capacity of 5,600 megawatts, and all with the same capacity.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **A new coastal research vessel (CRV) with advanced scientific equipment, Sagar Anveshika -will reach the Chennai coast by March 2020.**
- ✓ Sagar Anveshika is a coastal research vessel for Chennai-based MoES laboratory, National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)
- ✓ It will be reaching Chennai from Titagarh Wagons Ltd Shipyard, near Kolkata
- ✓ The ship was commissioned on February 14.
- ✓ It will assist scientists in collecting data for monitoring water pollution and climate change studies

ABOUT VESSEL		
Length	Breadth	Draught
43m	9.6m	2.5m
Weight	Capacity	
496 tonnes	20 members (8 scientists and 12 officers and crew)	
		
FEATURES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sophisticated handling systems with remote controller for deck machinery, winches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Latest navigation and communication equipment ➤ Dedicated winch control station ➤ Dedicated wet and dry lab 	Other research vessels with MoES Sagar Kanya, Sagar Sampada, Sagar Nidhi, Sagar Manjusha, Sagar Purvi and Sagar Tara

- ✓ Sagar Anveshika along with Sagar Tara, which was commissioned in August 2019, will replace Sagar Purvi and Sagar Paschimi from the existing fleet.
- ✓ Both these ships are advanced compared to Sagar Paschimi and Sagar Purvi
- ✓ Sagar Tara and Sagar Anveshika are meant for the east and the west coasts respectively
- ✓ The ships were built at a cost of Rs 99.5crore.
- ✓ Sagar Anveshika has advanced scientific, navigation and communication equipment for measuring atmospheric and oceanographic data within the exclusive economic zone of India critical for climate change studies.
- ✓ It will also monitor surface water quality and marine plastics required for marine pollution studies, testing various underwater technology and instruments, tsunami early warning system, deploy and maintain buoys and conduct bathymetry surveys of the EEZ, environmental indexing of ships and coastal zone along the Indian coast.
- ✓ The ship is equipped with a dedicated wet and dry lab with advanced scientific equipment for analysis and preservation of samples and data onboard.

AWARDS

- **Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton and footballer Lionel Messi - were declared joint winners of the prestigious Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award at a glittering ceremony in Berlin on February 17**
- ✓ The Laureus Sporting Moment Award (2000-2020) public fan vote was won by Sachin Tendulkar.
- ✓ Tendulkar, who was part of the victorious 2011 ICC World Cup-winning team, was carried on the shoulders by his teammates, in the 'Best Sporting Moment' category.



- ✓ Six-time Formula One World champion Hamilton and six-time FIFA World Player of the Year Messi were equal in terms of their achievements in 2019 that the Jury, the Laureus World Sports Academy, could not split them
- ✓ The voting was being tied for the very first time in the 20-year history of the Laureus Awards.
- ✓ The duo outscored golfing great Tiger Woods, Kenyan marathon runner Eliud Kipchoge, tennis legend Rafael Nadal and MotoGP champion Marc Marquez to the award
- ✓ The 2019 Rugby World Cup winner South Africa won its second Laureus World Team of the Year Award, beating Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool and the US women's football team, among others.
- ✓ American gymnast Simone Biles entered into the record books in the history of Laureus, winning her third coveted Laureus Sportswoman of the Year Award
- ✓ She beat American footballer Megan Rapinoe, Japanese tennis sensation Naomi Osaka, American track and field athlete Allyson Felix and skier Mikaela Shiffrin for the award

SPORTS

- **Indian GM Koneru Humpy – emerged the winner of Cairns Cup at St Louis, US on February 16, claiming her second title in the last two months**



- ✓ With the win, Humpy moved to the 2nd spot in world rankings
 - ✓ The 32-year-old drew her final round game against D Harika to finish the competition with 6 points from 9 rounds.
 - ✓ Reigning world champion Ju Wenjun finished second with 5.5 points while Mariya Muzychuk settled for the third position (5 points)
 - ✓ Harika finished at 6th position with 4.5 points
 - ✓ Humpy's performance in the tournament fetched 5 ELO points to her.
 - ✓ Humpy was crowned World rapid chess champion in the last week of December
- **India - will host the 2021 Junior Men's Hockey World Cup, making it the second big event awarded to the country for the second time on the trot.**
 - ✓ The defending champion had hosted the 2016 edition
 - ✓ In the 2016 edition, India became the first host nation to lift the trophy defeating Belgium 2-1 in the final.
 - ✓ India has already been named as the host for the 2023 Men's World Cup.

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THREE YEARS OF OFFICE – A REPORT

- **On the occasion of completing three years in office, Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami - released various publications of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in Chennai Secretariat on February 17**
- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam received the first copy of the publications
- ✓ The publications included a compilation of the government's achievements of the past three years and the CM's speeches.
- ✓ While one publication contained a compilation of his speeches on the floor of the Assembly, another contained announcements made by him in the House.
- ✓ The DIPR also published district-wise achievements of the government, which was released by the Chief Minister.
- ✓ The first copy was received by Information Minister Kadambur C. Raju.

✓ The CM also released a coffee-table book, which was received by Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam.

Tamil Nadu ranks first in the good governance index

Hon'ble Chief Minister's foreign visit has attracted investments worth Rs.8,835 crore

Cauvery Delta Region declared as protected Special Agriculture Zone

New Government Medical Colleges in 11 Districts

5 New districts created for administrative convenience

Rs.1,000 with Pongal gift hamper to 2.05 crore families

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Nandanhai Vazhi Kaveri Scheme to restore the pristine glory of Cauvery river and its tributaries at an estimate of Rs.11,250 crore
- Athikadavu Avinasi Scheme for Irrigation, Ground Water Recharge and Drinking Water Supply Scheme at a cost of Rs.1,652 crore
- Tamil Nadu Water Resource Conservation and augmentation mission as people's movement
- 4,865 Kudimaramathu works at a cost of Rs.930.25 crore
- Construction of barrage across Kollidam river in Adhanur-Kumaramangalam at a cost of Rs.494.60 crore
- Dams renovation and improvement project at a cost of Rs.803.49 crore
- Groynes and Rubble Mound Sea Wall (RMS) at a cost of Rs.168.57 crore
- Mettur Dam - Sarabanga Lift Irrigation scheme at a cost of Rs.565 crore
- Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project at a cost of Rs.2,962 crore

HIGHWAYS AND MINOR PORTS DEPARTMENT

- Improvement of 21,109 k.m. length of highways at a cost of Rs.22,096 crore. 8,524 k.m. length of roads renewed. Works of 447 small bridges, 247 bridges completed
- Administrative sanction given for road works between Ennore Port and Mamallapuram Pooncheri Junction at a cost of Rs.12,301 crore
- Chennai - Kanyakumari industrial corridor project at a cost of Rs.6,448 crore

SPECIAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- From 2018-19 onwards, laptops provided to students in 11th standard itself
- 17.72 lakh cost free laptops to students at a cost of Rs.2,183.55 crore

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

- India Today Magazine adjudged Tamil Nadu as the overall best performing State for the second time
- Tamil Nadu bagged the Prestigious Krishi Karman award for 5 times
- Best State Award for organ transplantation consecutively for the 5th year
- 12 National Awards for e-Governance, capacity building, child care, grama sabha, etc
- "Public Affairs Centre", Bengaluru has ranked Tamil Nadu second in good governance
- Frost & Sullivan adjudged Tamil Nadu in second position for the overall best performing State for the second consecutive time
- Central Government's Award for reducing the death ratio of lactating mothers
- Central Government's Award for the best performance in "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" Scheme
- Best State Award for Clean India Scheme
- Award for End to End computerization of Public Distribution System
- Nine National Awards for exemplary work of Rural Development Department
- Four National Awards for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- National Award to Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank for providing loans to a large number of differently abled persons
- National Award for forerunner state in online learning
- National Award for best service to senior citizens
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Award
- Award to Chennai Government General Hospital for organ donation
- Award to renewable energy department
- Central Government's Award for road safety
- Nine National Awards for best performance of Transport Corporations
- Tamil Nadu State forerunner in enrolment in higher education
- National Kamadhenu Award to Bargur Cattle Research Station
- Post graduate Award to Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
- Tamil Nadu Fisheries University accredited with First Rank among the fisheries universities in India
- Central Government's Award for Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- Central Government's National Water Resource Award for the year 2018
- Central Government's Clean City Swatch Sarvasan Award for the year 2018
- Clean Holy Place Award for Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Madurai
- UNESCO Award to Srirangam Arulmigu Aranganatha Swamy Temple for restoration work without altering architecture

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- New Health Insurance Scheme for pensioners at a cost of Rs.331.36 crore. 94,981 persons have benefitted. This scheme extended for another four years

LAW DEPARTMENT

- New Government Law Colleges in Villupuram, Dharmapuri, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Namakkal and Theni Districts
- New buildings and infrastructure facilities for Law Colleges at a cost of Rs.458.67 crore

CO-OPERATION AND FOOD DEPARTMENT

- Crop loans to 34,07,954 farmers at a cost of Rs.22,031.69 crore
- Interest incentive of Rs.303.71 crore for repayment of crop loans within due date

COMMERCIAL TAXES AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- STAR 2.0 project launched for ensuring Simplified and Transparent Administration of Registration
- 65,02,906 documents registered during the past three years

HOME, PROHIBITION AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

- 28,312 Uniformed service personnel appointed
- "Kavalan" App for the protection of women
- 3,28,688 CCTV cameras installed across the State for monitoring
- New Court buildings and quarters for Judges at a cost of Rs.838 crore
- The Fire and Rescue Services Department received 68,710 calls relating to fire accidents and rescued 213 lives and saved properties worth Rs.916.69 crore. This Department received 73,414 calls relating to various rescue services and rescued 12,502 lives

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- 4,44,203 tenements / houses at a cost of Rs.22,367 crore under Housing for All Schemes
- 1,25,390 tenements / houses to the urban slum families
- 9,535 tenements / houses in 33 schemes at a cost of Rs.2,117.55 crore
- 22,669 layouts and 17,00,906 plots regularized under regularization of unapproved layouts / plots scheme
- Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) Act and its Rules 2019 notified

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

- An investment of Rs.3,00,501 crore has been attracted creating job opportunities for 10.5 lakh persons through Global Investors Meet
- Through Hon'ble Chief Minister's foreign visits a total of 41 MoUs were signed for an investment of Rs.8,835 crore which will create job opportunities for 35,520
- Total of 22 MoUs were signed for an investment of Rs.10,301 crore which will create job opportunities for 48,317 persons after Global Investors Meet 2019
- Tamil Nadu Aerospace and Defence Industrial Policy 2019 released
- Rs.5,324.50 crore financial incentives to 25 large industries
- Tamil Nadu E-Vehicle Policy 2019 released