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TAMILARASU

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Global Investors Meet-2024 at Chennai

Investments worth Rs. 6,64,180 crore
Job opportunities for 26,90,657 persons

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, inaugurated the two day "Global Investors Meet-2024" at the Chennai Trade Centre on **07.01.2024**.

⊕ Release of MOUs and Road Map

- On the occasion, the **Tamil Nadu Semiconductor and Advanced Electronic Policy 2024** and the road map to achieve a **\$ One Trillion USD** economy by the Government of Tamil Nadu were released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- This event will see the active participation of **9 partner countries** namely the USA, England, Japan, Australia, France, Germany, Denmark, Singapore and South Korea and **international partners**.
- I have the **ambitious vision of making Tamil Nadu a One trillion USD economy by year 2030** as the State plays an important role in the economic development of the country.
- We have released many policies including the Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy, Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children, Tamil Nadu Fintech Policy, Tamil Nadu Data Centre Policy, Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Policy, Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Products Policy, Tamil Nadu Aerospace Defence Industrial Policy,
- **Tamil Nadu electric vehicle policy, Artificial Sand (M-sand) regulation policy, Tamil Nadu Organic Farm Policy, Ethanol Policy, Tamil Nadu City Gas Distribution Policy, Tamil Nadu Logistics Policy and Integrated Logistics Plan,**

Tamil Nadu Textile Policy, special scheme to manufacture Synthetic Fiber yarn and Synthetic Fiber fabric, Apparel products from recycled materials, **Tamil Nadu Disaster Management Plan, State Disaster Management Policy, Tamil Nadu Tourism Policy, and Tamil Nadu Coir policy.**

❖ **Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin at the 'Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2024' Valedictory function held at Chennai Trade Centre - 08.01.2024**

- Out of the total investments, Rs.3,79,809 crore has been **mobilised through the Department of Industries, Investment Promotions and Commerce**, Rs.1,35,157 crore by the Energy Department,
- In continuation of this, I have released the **Tamil Nadu Semiconductor and Advanced Electronics Policy** during the inaugural ceremony of GIM 2024.
- Today, we have launched a portal to integrate international Venture Capital Funds with TANFUND created by Startup TN.
- Our Startup TN has today entered into an MoU with globally renowned companies like Startup Genome.
- We also organised **Vendorbuyer** meetups for **aerospace and defence Sectors**.
- I assure you that all clearances will be given through the single window system.
- The Government will constitute a Special Committee under the Industries Minister to monitor the progress of these investments.
- The committee will comprise officials from the Industries Department and GUIDANCE TN.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' scheme to enable the speedy reach of Government services to the people

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at **Avarampalayam in Coimbatore District on 18.12.2023**, launched a new people-oriented, **'Makkaludan Mudhalvar Scheme'** to enable the people get various services of the Government quickly and easily without any **hassles**.
- The Scheme will be yet another milestone of the Dravidian Model Government as it makes the administration transparent and will benefit the public who approach various Government departments daily to redress their grievances.
- In continuation of these schemes, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the **'Makkaludan Mudhalvar Scheme'** (Chief Minister with the People) in Coimbatore, to help people get the benefits of various Government **schemes**

speedily and easily without hassles. The new scheme will make the administration transparent.

- As part of the scheme, special camps will be organized at the ward level in all urban and rural local bodies in all districts, under the direct control of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- These special camps will take care of petitions submitted by the public pertaining to **13 Government Departments**.
- The **13 Departments** are Revenue and Disaster Management, Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Adi Dravidar Welfare, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare, Social Welfare, Welfare of the Differently-abled Persons, Co-operation, Women Development Corporation, Housing and Urban Development, Energy, Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Departments.
- The main aim of the "Makkaludan Mudhalvar" Scheme is to help all types of people get various services of the Government easily and without any delay.
- After the completion of the first phase in **urban areas**, in the next phase camps will be conducted in **rural areas** of all districts.
- The petitions received from the public at the camps will be reviewed by the departments concerned and solutions will be found for eligible petitions within 30 days in a proper manner and the services will be provided.

Semmozhi Poonga

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at a function in Coimbatore on 18.12.2023, laid the foundation stone for the Semmozhi Poonga (Classical Language Park), to be set up at a cost of Rs. 133.21 crore on 45 acres of land on the lawns of the Central Jail Complex.

Front-line schemes of Dravidian Model Government

- We have conceived of a new scheme known as 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar', which was inaugurated through Mudhalvarin Mugavari Thittam.
- The petitions received from the public at the camps will be reviewed by the departments concerned and solutions will be found for eligible petitions, within 30 days in a proper manner and the services will be provided. This scheme will function under my own supervision and will be implemented in two phases.

- In the year 2010, from June 23rd to June 27th, the International Classical Tamil Language Conference on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, was successfully conducted by **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar**.
- At the conference on 27.06.2010, **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** made 15 announcements. One among the announcements is **Classical Language Park** near **Gandhipuram in Coimbatore District**.

❖ Features of Semmozhi Poonga

- Kalaignar's Centenary Library in Madurai,
- Kalaignar's Centenary Jallikattu arena,
- **Keeladi Museum in Sivagangai**,
- Industrial Technology Park and **Hosiery Park in Salem**,
- **Sports City** in Tiruchirappalli,
- Small Industrial Parks in Thanjavur, Salem, Vellore and Thoothukudi,
- Porunai Museum in Tirunelveli and
- International Furniture Park in Thoothukudi.

'Universities should aim at introducing social justice, innovation into education'

- The 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme was conceived to make the students of Tamil Nadu victorious both in education and life.
- '**CM Research Grant Scheme**' and '**CM Fellowship Programme**' have been launched to enthuse higher education students in their thinking.
- **In this way, the State and Universities in Tamil Nadu shines as the 'Garden of Higher Education'.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister exhorts old students of Government schools to stand by them

- The 'Nam Palli, Nam Perumai' slogan belongs to you, **the former students of the schools**. You who are the aerial roots (**Vizhudhugal**) and we should all join together to establish the 'Nam Palli, Nam Perumai' concept.
- Let us consider 'Nam Palli, Nam Perumai' as our duty.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announces manifold measures to ensure minorities welfare

- Welfare Board for the welfare of catechists (Upadesiyar) and staff in Churches.

- To top all of it, we passed a separate resolution in April 2023 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly to amend the Indian Constitution to provide privileges including reservation to Adi Dravidars who have converted to Christianity.
 - The conditions for registration of members in the 'Upadeshis' Welfare Board have been relaxed and it will begin by this month-end.
 - I am happy to inform you that the Web Portal for applying online for Minority Status Certificate for Educational Institutions will be implemented within this month.
- **The Religious Minority status** certificate issued by the State Government to educational institutions is currently issued for five years. In future, this certificate will be issued as a permanent certificate without specifying the period.

Hon'ble Chief Minister orders trial run of surplus Thamirabarani waters to drought-prone areas

- As per the announcement made by the then Chief Minister, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, in the Assembly Session of March 2008, administrative sanction was accorded for linking 2,765 m.c.ft. of water from Kannadian Dam (3rd Thamirabarani), out of 13,758 m.c.ft. of surplus flood water mixing in the sea, by linking with the Karumeniyar and Nambiyar.
- Flood water carriers to a length of 67.1 km in Tirunelveli District and to a length of 8.10 km in Thoothukudi District, totaling 75.2 km, have been completed.

Hon'ble Chief Minister moved by spinoff of Breakfast scheme

Social media message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin - 09.01.2024.

- The Dravidian Model Government, with the motive of uplifting people in the lower strata of society and ensuring 'Everything for everyone', considers both education and health as its both eyes and gives priority to them by implementing schemes.
- Not a single child should stop going to school; children should concentrate on their studies. With this motive, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing the 'Breakfast Scheme', despite its severe financial crunch. The scheme, which is a model for the country, has been receiving accolades from the people. The scheme reduces the burden of mothers who go to work.
- This scheme which prevents students from dropping out, has also brought some good benefits both in schools and society.
- The food that remains after serving to primary students was not wasted. On the other hand, students from the sixth to tenth standard who hadn't taken their breakfast, were

identified and the leftover food was served to them. This news heightens my joy two-fold.

- A ninth standard student who came to the school hungry as his mother could not cook food in the morning, said he used to partake of the leftover food daily. I was moved on hearing this news. Like this, many students are having breakfast. This scheme, which was started with a good intention, has led to many social benefits.
- The act of teachers who share the leftover food in a good manner is to be commended. No matter how difficult the situation is, my dream to create a better future generation is bearing fruit right in front of my eyes. This brings the greatest joy.

Khelo India Youth Sports Festival-2023

- The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin**, met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India **Thiru. Narendra Modi** in New Delhi on 04.01.2024, and handed over the invitation for the inaugural function of '**Khelo India Youth Sports Festival-2023**', to be held in **Chennai** from **January 19.31.2024**.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lauds conservancy workers for their hard work

Rs. 4,000 cash incentive and certificates to workers who cleared wastes in Michaung-affected areas

- The unprecedented rains due to the Michaung Cyclone in Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts caused heavy damages. More than one crore people were affected by this natural calamity.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates free training and skill upgradation for construction workers

- The **Tamil Nadu Construction Corporation** has been constituted with the Hon'ble Minister for Labour Welfare as the **Chairman** and the chairman of the **Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board** as the **Vice-Chairman**.
- The Tamil Nadu Construction Corporation is giving latest technical training on construction works to construction workers registered through Government and private technical institutes.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches distribution of Rs. 6,000 as Michaung cyclone relief amount

- **Chennai, Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur Districts** suffered heavy damages due to the **Michaung Cyclone** and the subsequent heavy rains on **December 3rd and 4th, 2023**.

Schemes Hailed By The People

- **"Uzhavar Sandhai Scheme"**

- To improve the production of sugarcane and to help the cane farmers to get a remunerative price for the cane supply to the sugar mills, a tie-up arrangement is made between the farmers and the sugar mills.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar launched the Uzhavar Sandhai scheme to ensure fair price to the farmers for their produce through direct marketing of the produce to urban consumers without the intervention of middlemen and wholesalers.
- This project helps the farmers to get remunerative prices for their produce and enables consumers get fresh produce at a competitive price from the producers. This scheme was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar in Madurai on 14.11.1999.

⊕ “Makkaludan Mudhalvar Scheme”

- To enable the petitioners among the public get quick justice for their petitions, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at Avarampalayam in Coimbatore District on 18.12.2023, launched the ‘Makkaludan Mudhalvar’ Scheme, which is one of the significant schemes of the Dravidian Model Government.

Hon’ble Chief Minister declares open 1,000 child-friendly classrooms

- Apart from implementing various welfare schemes for the development of rural people, the State Government has introduced new schemes such as Tamil Nadu Rural Road Improvement Scheme, Child Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme for the all-round development of people in rural areas.

Relief of Rs.8.68 crore to 9,001 families of coastal villages affected by oil spillage

- The Government of Tamil Nadu took immediate steps to remove the oil spill that occurred on 05.12.2023 in the Ennore estuary in Kosasthalai river.

Hon’ble Chief Minister enumerates schemes benefiting Adi Dravidars, Tribals

Welfare scheme benefits worth Rs. 194 crore under Adi Dravidar, MSME Departments

⊕ **Loan Assistance under Annal Ambedkar Business Champion Scheme**

- Under the Annal Ambedkar Business Champion Scheme, the Hon’ble Chief Minister handed over bank loan assistance to 244 beneficiaries for Rs. 53.94 crore, apart from Rs. 25 crore subsidy at a project cost of Rs. 79.35 crore;

⊕ **Investment shares for companies, under the TN SC/ST startup fund**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over acceptance orders for investment shares worth Rs.6.50 crore for 3 units run by Adi Dravidars and 2 units run by Scheduled Tribes under the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Startup Fund.

❖ Houses for the Tamil Nadu Sanitation Workers Welfare Board members

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister issued allotment orders for 500 houses, to the registered members of the Tamil Nadu Sanitation Workers Board at a cost of Rs. 55 crore which is 90 per cent of the share fixed by the TNUHDB that has been released as the subsidy.

❖ Bank Loan Assistance under the Chief Minister's Development Scheme for the socio economic development of Adi Dravidar and Tribals

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed bank loan assistance to the tune of Rs. 10.65 crore, including Rs. 5.80 crore subsidy amount to 225 beneficiaries at a total estimate of Rs. 16.76 crore under the CM- ARISE Scheme.

❖ Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin at the function

- **To honour the Architect of the Constitution**, Annal Ambedkar, **we celebrate his birth anniversary on April 14 every year as 'Equality Day'**, to fulfill his wish that all people should live as equals. Our aim is for all people to live as equals.
- **'Dr. Ambedkar Award'** is given annually to those who dedicate their lives to the welfare and upliftment of Adi Dravidars and tribals . Now, a cheque of **Rs.5 lakh**, citation and a gold medal are given along with the Award.
- Adi Dravidar and tribal students are given concessions in tuition fees.
- Under the **Revised Scholarship Scheme**, **Rs. one lakh** is given for Ph.D. students; and the revised scholarship is given to 2,974 students.
- The income ceiling for students studying abroad has been raised to **Rs.8.31 lakh** students have been given **scholarships**.
- To **create awareness** among the people **against untouchability** we are conducting **'Humanity Week'** every year from **January 24 to 30**.
- The Government has introduced the 'Annal Ambedkar Business Champion' Scheme, which helps Adi Dravidar and tribal entrepreneurs to start new projects related to production, business and service, with an investment subsidy of **35 per cent** of the total value of the project and a loan of up to **one and- a-half crore rupees**.

- In order to improve the livelihood of the tribal people in Erode and the Nilgiris Districts, a factory for making cane furniture with 'Unnikuchi' (lantana camara) has been set up at a cost of Rs.1.36 crore.

Hon'ble Chief Minister pays tributes to Periyar for his role in the Vaikom Satyagraha

❖ Tamil Articles:

- In this souvenir, there are Tamil articles by Thiru. Pazha Adhiyaman (Vaikom Poratta Kaala Niral), Prof. Thiru. K.Veeramani (Kadantha Nootraandil Indhiyaavil Vetriyai Thazhuvviya Mudhal Manitha Urimai Porattam), Thiru. V.Aanaimuthu (Keralathil Yezhu Naatkal), Thiru. Walajah Vallavan (Andru Irundha Soozhnilaigal), Thiru. A.K.Perumal (Periyarum Susindram Kovil Nuzhaivu Poraattam), Thiru. Perumal Murugan (Vaikom Poraattam - Varalaatru Sadhanai), Thiru. K.Raghupathi (Samathuvathirkkaana Vivaadhangal), Thiru. Nirmalya (T.K.Madhavanudan oru dalit poraatta naayakan), Thiru. P.Thirumavelan (VaikomVeerar Mattumalla Kerala Veerar), Thiru. K. Thalapathiraj (Vidai Kodukka Marukkum Vaikom Ninaivugal) and Tmt. Aiswarya (Vaikathil Erottu Penngal).

❖ English Articles:

- Thiru. Robin Jeffrey (Temple Entry Movement in Travancore 1860-1940), V.Balambal (EVR and Vaikom Satyagraha), Dr.T.K.Ravindran (Eight furlongs of Freedom), Mary Elizabeth (Gandhian Non-Violent Struggle and Untouchability in South India; the 1924-1925 Vaikom Satyagraha and Mechanisms of Change), Thiru. Sunny M.Kapicadu (Vaikom Struggle - Historical Significance of Thanthai Periyar), **Thiru. Pazha Adhiyaman (Gandhi at Vaikom, Periyar, the Hero of Vaikom)**, Thiru. K.A.Shaji (Vaikom Satyagraha – Periyar's role and his many differences with Gandhi)

❖ Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin

- "Whom do we call the Vaikom hero? It is the title given by the **people of Vaikom to Thanthai Periyar, who jumped into the fray like a striped tiger and put the sword on the neck of untouchability**," wrote Dr.Kalaignar the leader of the Tamil race.
- The Social Justice Movement in Kerala was spearheaded by Narayana Guru, Dr. Balpu Padmanbhan, Kumaran Asan, Ayyankali and T.K.Madhavan in order.
- In Tamil Nadu, the **movement was taken forward by Ramalinga Vallalar, Vaikundasami, Athipakkam Vekatesanar, Pandithar Iyothee Thassar, T.M.Nair, and Thanthai Periyar**.

❖ Important place in Social Revolution:

- The Vaikom Satyagraha was successfully organized jointly by **T.K.Madhavan** of Kerala and Thanthai Periyar of Tamil Nadu.
- This Vaikom Satyagraha was to remove the restriction on the movement around the streets of Mahadevar temple of Vaikom on the oppressed people, imposed by the then Kingdom of Travancore. The agitation was to remove the restrictions and was launched on March 30,1924 by T.K.Madhavan of Kerala.
- **Periyar was arrested twice during the agitation.** On the first occasion, he served a **one-month jail term at the Aruvikutti Police station**. During the second time, he was sentenced to **4 months rigorous imprisonment** and spent one month in **Trivandrum Jail**.

'Banthanathil Ninnu' book

- The Vaikom Satyagraha spanned 603 days. Of this, Thanthai Periyar participated for 141 days and spent 74 days in jail. For participating in the agitation, Thanthai Periyar went to Kerala 7 times.
- While others arrested were treated as **political prisoners**, Periyar was treated very badly. He was chained in hand and foot with a **wooden plank on his neck**.
- Thiru. K.P.Kesavan, who was also in the Jail at that time, has mentioned in his '**Bandhanathil Ninnu**' book in Malayalam, about the treatment meted out to **Periyar in Jail**.
- I would like to quote some of the excerpts from the book. "**The President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee, he was also once the chairman of the Erode Municipal Council and was a rich man and a true patriot. His feet were chained and he was forced to wear a prisoner's cap.**
- He was confined with murderers and thieves.
- **Annal Gandhi, who held conciliation talks with agitators and the King, met the Queen of Travancore only after consulting Thanthai Periyar.**

Participation of Periyar

- It is a history that **Gandhiji requested and got the permission of Periyar to postpone the temple entry agitation** for some time as the Queen permitted the oppressed people to use the roads around the temple and not to enter the temple.
- Gandhiji in his **Young India** magazine wrote that the readers would be happy to know that the Travancore Government has agreed to lift the ban **on Periyar and released Nilakantan Namboodiri from the prison**.

- The **Vaikom Satyagraha**, which lasted for over one-and-a-half years, came to an end on **November 23, 1925**. On November 29, 1925 a victory celebration of Vaikom Satyagraha was held under the leadership of Periyar.
- The role played by the women members of Periyar family is significant. When Periyar went to Vaikom, to lead the agitation, his **wife Nagammaiyar, his sister Kannamma, his relatives, Lakshmi Ammal and Marakayam Ammal accompanied him**. These women brought Kerala women into the fold of agitation. They weaved yarn in chakra to mobilize funds.
- **When Periyar was in jail on charges of treason, six women** under the leadership of **Nagammaiyar took the agitation in their hands**. Nagammaiyar issued a statement that since Periyar was imprisoned, other leaders **should take up the agitation**.
- **When the women members** of the oppressed society were **taken to the road leading to the temple by Nagammaiyar**, they were stopped by the police. Women were admitted to the road only after verifying their caste.
- **Women belonging to the oppressed community** were prevented from entering the road abutting the temple. On seeing this Nagammaiyar staged a demonstration. This agitation of Nagammaiyar was mentioned briefly in **Kerala newspapers**.

❖ **Historic importance of Vaikom Agitation**

- We released the Malayalam and Kannada translations of the Tamil book, **Vaikom Satyagraha**, written by one of the **important history** research scholars of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. Pazha. Adhiyaman**.
- I have already made an announcement that a new memorial would be set up at Aruvikutti village, where Thanthai Periyar was kept in prison for the first time.

❖ **Vaikom Hero**

- We have to **reintroduce** martyrs like **Thanthai Periyar, T.K.Madhavan, K.P.Kesavan, George Joseph, Kelappan, Kurur Neelakantan Namboothiri, Mannathu Padmanabhan, Kovai Ayyamuthu, Emperumal Pillai, Gandhiraman and Thanumalaya Perumal** to the younger generation.
- When the victory celebration was held on **29.11.1925**.

❖ **Battle Field**

- The battle-field of **Vaikom transformed** E.V.Ramasamy into Thanthai Periyar.

❖ **Economic Liberation**

- **Pattukottai Kalyanasundaram, in one of his lyrics said, 'Don't take it for granted that everything will change automatically.**
- Only we have to change the situation'. For liberation from oppression, only the oppressed people should fight.
- We have to launch a three-pronged fight - through agitation, through propaganda and through law to get economic liberation.

Education Department launches App to identify learning disabilities

Introduction of Nalam Naadi App

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has been taking many initiatives to ensure that **differently-abled students** get their education **without facing any hurdles**.
- **In line with such actions, an App called 'Nalam Naadi'** has been developed to find out if there are any learning disabilities among students.
- Use this App to conduct a comprehensive screening for 21 types of disabilities.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)

- There are **61 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)** boarding schools in the State which are located in **44 unions in 15 districts**.
- **These include girls in the age group of 10 and 14**, who have either dropped out of formal schools or are out of school, who are now getting admitted into schools and given education.
- Also, **44 girls hostels are functioning in 44 educationally backward unions**.
- The main objective of the scheme is to retain the girl child in secondary school (IXXII).
- In these hostels, girl students studying in the classes 9 to 12 are staying and pursuing education in nearby Government High / Higher Secondary Schools located near the hostel campus.

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avishya Vidyalaya (NSCBAV) boarding school.

- As per Tamil Nadu Right to **Free and Compulsory Education under Integrated School Education Rules, 2011 (RTE Rules 2011)**, in order to provide school facility in the residential areas where it is not possible to provide school facilities, in 11 districts namely Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Kallakurichi, Krishnagiri, Villupuram, Ramanathapuram, Mayiladuthurai, Tirunelveli, Perambalur, Dharmapuri and Tiruppur and in residential areas **without school facilities**,

urban children, street children, homeless children and children without parental support have 15 boarding schools and 3 hostels currently in 3 districts namely Coimbatore, Krishnagiri and Virudhunagar.

- A total of 9,870 students studying in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya and Boarding Schools, Girls Hostels, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avishya Vidyalaya and Boarding Schools and Hostels are being given an incentive of Rs.200 per month.

'Isaiyaai Kalaignar' light music event marks

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Centenary

❖ **'Kalaignar – The Artist' function to highlight achievements of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in the film industry**

- The **'Kalaignar- The Artist'** festival committee has been formed to celebrate the achievements of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in the film industry.
- **In the year 1946, while working as an assistant editor in Thanthai Periyar's Kudiyarasu magazine in Erode**, Dr.Kalaignar was invited by A.S.A Samy of Kovai Pakshiraja Films to write the story and dialogue for a film, after getting permission from Thanthai Periyar.
- Dr.Kalaignar went to Coimbatore for the first time and wrote the **script and dialogue for the film 'Rajakumari'**. This is from where Kalaignar's journey in the film industry started.
- Later, based on the Kundalakesi epic, Kalaignar wrote the play **'Mandrikumari'**.
- Kalaignar's **'Parasakthi'** was a movie that changed the history of Tamil cinema.
- The screenplay for **'Parasakthi'** by Kalaignar created history in the Tamil film industry.
- Also, movies like **Manohara, Poompuhar and Marakka Mudiyuma**, whose screenplays were written by **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar**, have found a place in the **hearts of the people**.

February 18: Birth anniversary of Sindhanai Sirpi Singaravelar

- The **role of Singaravelar was crucial and specially important in the Socialist Movement in Tamil Nadu.**
- He propagated the communist credo in a simple way to the people. He expounded the tenets of Socialism in a way that the people could understand. The credit goes to

Singaravelar and the other was Thanthai Periyar for easily explicating the economic philosophy of Marxism to common folk. Singaravelar was responsible for the growth of the Self Respect movement in Tamil Nadu.

Housewives enthused by Chief Minister's Nutritive Vegetable Garden Scheme

- **Integrated Horticulture Development plan**



February 2024

Hon'ble Chief Minister's successful visit to Spain to attract investments for new industries in Tamil Nadu

⊕ MoU for setting up logistics facilities in Thoothukudi

- Efficient handling of freight transport is essential for the widespread industrial development of Tamil Nadu.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu is making various efforts to set up infrastructural facilities in Tamil Nadu like Container Ports, Cargo Transport Parks, utilizing the four major ports in Tamil Nadu.
- A separate policy for this sector has also been published by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

⊕ MoU with Edipan

- **ACCIONA** - a leading company in wind power generation and water recycling.
- **Roca** - the world's leading manufacturer of high-quality home construction products and ceramic products.
- **Hapag-Lloyd** - the best company in setting up container terminals, cargo parks.
- **Abertis** - a company that can set up road infrastructure facilities of international standards.
- **Gestamp** - the world's leading manufacturer of motor vehicle spare parts.
- **Dalco** - a high technology company in the railway manufacturing industry.

⊕ Laying the foundation for a great industrial revolution

- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar established the Tamil-cultivating Kottams as Valluvar Kottam in Chennai and Athiyaman Kottam in Dharmapuri.
- The **Global Investors Meet** organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu on the **7th and 8th of January 2024 at Nandambakkam Trade Centre**, Chennai, will see an unprecedented investment of **Rs. 6,64,180 crore**.
- **A total of 26,90,657** employments have been **confirmed**.
- **At the Annual Investors Meet 2022, the 'Best Investment Promotion Agency'** Award for the Asia-Oceania Region was won by '**Guidance**', the state Government's **investment promotion agency**.

- A land bank of **45,000 acres** is being created over the next **5 years to industrialize Tamil Nadu** on a **large scale** as **new industrial investors** have signed contracts. For this, **SIPCOT has selected approximately 33,489 acres** of land.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Kalaignar Centenary Jallikattu Arena at Alanganallur

- M.K.Stalin, on 24.01.2024 declared open the world class Kalaignar Centenary Jallikattu Arena at Keezhakarai Village, Alanganallur near Madurai.

❖ Museum-2, Library and Light and Sound Show

- **In a short span of 3 years since coming to power, the DMK Government has developed three important emblems for Madurai.**
 1. The first is the Keeladi Museum, near Madurai,
 2. The second is the biggest library in the name of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in Madurai City, which shines as the biggest knowledge centre and
 3. The third is the Kalaignar's Centenary Jallikattu Arena, in Alanganallur, which is famous for 'Jallikattu'.
- This cultural symbol is a **continuation of the Tamil tradition of 'yeruthazhuvudhal'** (subduing bulls). Even in the period of the Indus Valley Civilization, the symbol of bulls with majestic hump is found.
- Even in Keeladi a **full skeleton of a bull is found**. Jallikattu was the heroic sport of Mullai land.
- **Jallikattu incidents have been beautifully described in the songs of Kalithogai.**
- That is the **reason he kept this as the symbol for his 'first child', 'Murasoli'**.
- **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar conducted this sport in Chennai in 1974.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 'My Village' Scheme on World Tamil Diaspora Day in Chennai

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin participated in the two-day '**World Tamil Diaspora Day**' event, organized by the Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils on 12.01.2024, at the Chennai Trade Centre at **Nandambakkam**, with the central theme, '**Tamil Vellum**', distributed awards to Tamils based abroad, who excelled in the spheres of Tamil literature, Education, Social Welfare, Women's Welfare, Commerce, Science and Technology, Sports and Medicine on behalf of the Department and also inaugurated the model '**My Village**' Scheme.

❖ Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 'My Village' Scheme

- Function, (12.01.2024), the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin launched a frontline scheme known as My Village. Under the scheme a non-resident Tamil can **select his native village and develop the village by providing funds for implementing welfare projects.**

❖ Cultural tour of non-resident Indians under 'In Search of Roots Scheme'

- 57 Tamil Diaspora students, including those from Australia, Canada, Fuji, and Sri Lanka, who went on Cultural tour under the 'In search of roots' Scheme exchanged their experiences of cultural tours of the State.

❖ Exhibition Stalls on Diaspora Day

- For the **welfare of Tamils settled abroad**, the then Chief Minister **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** formed a separate Welfare Board in 2010.
- For the wards of **Diaspora Tamils** who have **attained permanent citizenship**, to create interest in the Tamil language, it is being taught through the **Tamil Virtual Academy**.
- Legal assistance is provided to Tamils who are unfortunately arrested in **foreign lands**.
- We have also launched a new scheme in the name '**My Village**' to improve the infrastructure of native villages of **Tamils who settled abroad**.
- Many non-resident Tamils are eager to invest their savings in Tamil Nadu. For them we have created a safe environment for investing their savings in Government and State-owned corporations.
- Every year January 12 is being celebrated as Non-Resident Tamils Day and the day has been observed for the last 3 years.

Hon'ble Chief Minister rings in Chennai Sangamam

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated and witnessed the '**Chennai Sangamam - Namma Ooru Thiruvizha**', organized by the Department of Art and Culture, to celebrate the arts of the Tamil land with joy, at the Island Grounds on 13.01.2024.

Hon'ble Chief Minister confers awards on Tamil savants

- On the occasion, he also **distributed the Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice to Suba Veerapandian** and the **Dr. Ambedkar Award to Thiru. P.Shanmugam**.

- To honour Tamil Scholars and poets, Muthamizharignar **Dr.Kalaignar issued orders for observing the second day of the Thai month as Thiruvalluvar Day.**
- He was also instrumental in constructing Valluvar Kottam in Chennai and for installing the 133-ft statue for Thiruvalluvar in Kanniyanakumari. Due to his strenuous efforts, the Tamil language got the status of Classical Language for its antiquity and literary wealth in 2004.
- **Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyan** on September 11 would be **observed as the Mahakavi Day with a view to honour Tamil Scholars and Tamil Poets.**
 - This year's **Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Award** has been conferred on Thavathiru Balamurugan Adimai,
 - **Perarignar Anna Award** on Thiru Pattamadai Paramasivam,
 - **Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award** on Thiru U. Balaraman,
 - **Mahakavi Bharathi Award** on Kavignar Palani Bharathi,
 - **Pavendar Bharathidasan Award** on Kavignar M.Mutharasu,
 - **Tamil Thendral Thiru Vi.Ka Award** on Prof. S. Jayaseela Stephen
 - **Muthamizh Kavalar K.A. P. Viswanatham Award** on Dr.R.Karunanidhi.
- The Awards consist of a cheque for Rs. 2 lakh, a gold medallion of one sovereign and a commendation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the awards and honoured the award winners with shawls.
- On behalf of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Department, **Thanthai Periyar Award for the year 2023** was given to **Thiru. Suba Veerapandiyar**, a staunch supporter of Periyar, who is also known for his attachment to Dravidian principles, and is at present Chairperson of the Social Justice Monitoring Committee of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- **On behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department**, the Dr. Ambedkar Award for the year 2023 was given to **Thiru P. Shanmugam** who has been working for the last 32 years as chairman of the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association.

Language Martyrs Day

- Language Martyrs on the occasion of **Language Martyrs Day on 25.01.2024 at Language Martyrs Mani Mandapam in the Gandhi Mandapam premises, Guindy, Chennai.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasizes the need to follow traffic rules for accident-free Tamil Nadu

- To create awareness among the public about road safety, National Road Safety Month is being observed this year from January 15 to February 14.

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens school building for students with hearing-impairment

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, inaugurated the new building of the **Government High School**, at **Kondappanaickenpatti** at the foothills of **Yercaud, Salem District**.
- For the **educational development of hearing-impaired boy and girl students**, on behalf of the Department for the Welfare of the **Differently-abled Persons**.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar created a **separate department** for the wellbeing of **differently-abled persons** for the first time in the country. He also introduced the term '**Differently-abled**' so that they could be addressed with due respect.
- Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated the Government High School building for students with hearing impairment at **Kondappanaickenpatti, Salem District**,
- In this school, **Blinking Lights** and **Signage Boards** are installed in all the rooms so that **differently-abled students can study in a barrier-free environment**.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for District Government hospital in Hosur

- The '108' emergency vehicle service was started in the year 2008 by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.
- According to the notification, **55 new emergency vehicles** with basic facilities, **7 new four-wheeler emergency vehicles** for use for **tribals in hilly areas**, **13 new vehicles** under **Mother Child Welfare (JSSK) scheme**, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over keys to the drivers of 75 new vehicles worth Rs. 14.73 crore for public use.

National Institute of AIDS Control's Certificate of Appreciation to Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society

- The **Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society** provides free medical services to detect HIV/AIDS through testing centres, and treat it through **STD treatment centres** and compound drug treatment centres in all Government hospitals. **As a result, the incidence of HIV/ AIDS has decreased in Tamil Nadu.**
- In **December 2023**, the National AIDS Control Organization at the All Programme Directors meeting held in New Delhi, the State **AIDS Control Society of Tamil Nadu was selected as the Best Performing State in all programme categories** and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and Shield for the year 2022-2023.

Successful conduct of 'Khelo India 2023' another feather in Tamil Nadu's cap

- Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin to host 'Khelo India -2023'.
- Accepting the invitation, the Hon'ble Prime Minister flew down to Chennai on 19.01.2024.
- The sports event, which started on 23.01.2024 ended on 31.01.2024. Apart from Chennai, competitions were also held at Tiruchi, Coimbatore and Madurai.
- For the first time in the history of Khelo India 2023, 27 ethnic sports, including 'Silambam' of Tamil Nadu were included as Demo sports.
- All arrangements were made by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in co-ordination with the Sports Authority of India and various national-level sports federations.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu earned international reputation by organizing the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mamallapuram from July 28 to August 10, 2022 on behalf of the World Chess Federation.
-  Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the inaugural function of Khelo India 2023:
 - Tamil Nadu won the second place in the overall championship of the Khelo India 2023 event.
 - Some international sports tournaments, such as the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mamallapuram, ATP Challenge tour, Chennai Open Challenger, Asian Champions Trophy for men 2023, squash world cup 2023, sea surfing competition and Grand Masters Chess Championship.
 - For the first time in India, we have set up 6 playgrounds for Para sportsmen; Olympic water surfing in Ramanathapuram.
 - It is a golden opportunity for the State to host the Khelo India 2023 in Tamil Nadu. Silambam, the traditional sport of Tamil Nadu, is included as a demo sport.
 - In the logo of Khelo India, there is the statue of Saint Thiruvalluvar.
 - In a similar manner, the mascot of freedom fighter Veeramangai Velu Nachiar is also included. This is a great pride to Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Chief Minister flags off 100 new BS-VI buses for the use of the public

- Selling/distributing addictive drugs without a doctor's prescription is an offence under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Drugs Rules, 1945.

 **International KaniTamil 24 Conference**
'Use Tamil in Information Technology'

- In this era of Artificial Intelligence, Tamil Nadu is the first State to organize a conference for language technology.

Bicycle ride from Kanniyakumari to Chennai to create awareness about Thirukkural

- Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity Thiru. M. P. Saminathan met and congratulated the teachers of Virudhunagar, at the Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai on 30.01.2024.
- They had taken a bicycle journey from Kanniyakumari to Chennai to create awareness about Thirukkural among students and the public, ahead of the "Thirukkural Students Conference 2024" to be held on 2nd and 3rd February in Virudhunagar District.
- Dr. L. Subramanian, I.A.S., Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department was present along with high officials of Government.

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes awards for exemplary service to differently-abled persons

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the best Institution Award for the Pachaiyappa's Silks Pvt Ltd, Kancheepuram, for employing the maximum number of Differently-Abled Persons.

Camps of 'Ungalai Thedi Ungal Ooril' will enable Government schemes reach people swiftly

Government appeals to the public to make the best use of the camps

- At this juncture, to ensure that all welfare schemes reach the poor without any hindrance, the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.11.2023 announced the new scheme- Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril. The new scheme came into existence from 31.01.2024.
- The camps for the Ungalai Thedi, Ungal Ooril Scheme will be conducted in all districts on the last fourth Wednesday of every month under the chairmanship of the District Collector in any one of the taluk. Details of the place of occurrence as well as the taluk in which the camp is to be held will be announced well in advance to the public.
- As per the scheme, the District Collector at the camp will conduct field review of the progress of various schemes of the Government from 9 am to the next day 9 am.

Paddy procurement centres being opened wherever necessary, functioning well

- Every year paddy procurement starts on October 1.

Rs.9.25 crore to 17 textile industries as 10 per cent capital subsidy

 **Approval order for starting 6 small scale textile parks**

- The Government of Tamil Nadu is taking many steps, with the lofty aim of establishing the State, which is number one in the country in yarn production and in the **hosiery industries, as the foremost economic platform of the country.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open buildings worth Rs. 96.75 crore for higher education

Rise in number of vultures in Tamil Nadu

- According to the **second synchronised census of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department in collaboration with the neighbouring states of Kerala and Karnataka**, it can be seen that the number of vultures is increasing in Tamil Nadu.
- The total number of **vultures** estimated is 246, as per the first integrated vulture census conducted on 25.02.2023 and 26.02.2023. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and its adjoining territories, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Kerala's Wayanad, **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** and **Karnataka's Nagerhole Tiger Reserve** have **historically supported vulture populations**.
- The Second Integrated Census of Vultures was held on 30.12.2023 and 31.12.2023. This time the **Biligiri Ranganatha Swami Temple Tiger Reserve, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu was included in the survey**. The survey, which followed the vantage point counting methodology, was conducted at 139 vantage points in four sessions of 8 hours over two days, in all 139 vantage points. **The total number of vultures estimated was 320.**
- The **Drugs Control Directorate has banned the sale of the veterinary cattle-disease drug, Diclofenac, which is a major cause of the decline in the number of vultures.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens Manimandapam with statue for Veeramamunivar

- Statue for Pithamagar Ki.Rajanarayanan;

 **Manimandapam opened for Veeramamunivar with statue**

- **Constantine Joseph Beschi alias Veeramamunivar, came from Italy to Madurai for evangelical work.** As he realized that **knowledge of Tamil** was essential for his work, he started learning the language and soon **mastered it**. **Popularly known as the father of Tamil Lexicography, he translated 'Arathupal' and 'Porutpal' of Thirukkural into the Latin language.** He wrote **Thonnool, popularly known as "Kutty Tholkappiyam".**

- His biggest poetical work is **Thembavani**, the life history of Saint Joseph. Thirukavalur Kalambagam, Adaikala malai, Annai Azhungal Andhadhi, and **Kitheriammal Ammanai** are some of his literary works.
- In honour of Veeramamunivar, the Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to construct a manimandapam with his life-size statue at a cost of Rs. one crore in the Paraloka Madha church in **Kamanaickenpatti Village in Thoothukudi District**. The manimandapam was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Bust of Namakkal Ramalingam Pillai at ancestral house in Namakkal

- He participated in the **Salt Satyagraha in 1932 and was arrested**. His patriotic speech instilled patriotism into many youths.
- He wrote many novels, including **Malaikkallan** and **Kaanamal Pona Kalyana Penn**.
- He also wrote many poems, prayer songs and a commentary on the Thirukkural.
- **He was the first Poet Laureate of the Government of Tamil Nadu, and wrote the marching song for the Salt Satyagraha. He was awarded Padma Bhushan by the Union Government.**

Memorial pillar for Kaniyan Poongundranar

- **Kaniyan Poongundranar**, a poet of Sangam Age gave the golden words, 'Every town is my town, people everywhere are my kin' through **Purananooru**. For him the entire world was his home. A memorial pillar was installed at **Mahibalanpatti Village in Tirupathur Taluk in Sivagangai District**.
- **It is to be noted here that Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, in the year 1974, declared open an inscription with the lines of Poongunranar's famous 192nd Purananooru verse at Mahibalanpatti Village.**

Statue for freedom fighter Veeramangai Kuyili

- In 1750, Queen Velunachiar managed a big wing of 'valari' women warriors, which was a terror to the forces of the East India Company.
- By heading an armed wing of the Velu Nachiyar, Veerathai Kuyili proclaimed the fighting qualities of Tamil women to the world.
- For the victory of Velu Nachiyar, Kuyili sacrificed her life through self-immolation in the arms godown of the Company.

Statue for the freedom fighter Vaalukku Veli Ambalam

- **Vaalukku Veli Ambalam fought against the British forces during the 18th century. He was a close friend of the Marudhu Brothers.** His armed forces were of great help to the Marudhu Brothers in their fight against the British forces.
- The State Government will install the statue of Vaalukku Veli Ambalam, to commemorate his memory at Nagarampatti in Sivagangai District at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh.

Statue for freedom fighter Vennikkaladi

- To glorify the services rendered by Vennikkaladi, who was an important service chief in the army of **King Pulithevan**, a statue will be erected at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh at **Nerkattumseval Village** in Tenkasi District.
- A memorial hall will be constructed to remember the meeting of **Annal Gandhi with Comrade Jeeva at Siravayal Village** in Sivagangai District.

“Tidel Park”, the biggest Software Park in Asia

- Tidel Park is the software park that symbolizes the future of Tamil Nadu in the country and shows Tamil Nadu as the model state in software technology to the world.
- A joint venture project of TIDCO and ELCOT, it was set up with an investment of Rs.338 crore on an area of 12.8 lakh sq.ft spread over 15 acres of land at Taramani in Chennai.
- The software park, which has world standard facilities in software technology, is the third biggest software park in the world and the biggest in Asia. It aims to foster the growth of Information technology in the State.
- Tidel Park was declared open on 04.07.2000 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.

Jallikattu Arena near Alanganallur

- Jallikattu is one of the important cultural sports of Tamil Nadu normally held during the Pongal festival. Alanganallaur village near Madurai is famous for Jallikattu.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu, with a view to hold the festival on a spacious area constructed the ‘Eru Thazhuvudhal Arangam’ at a cost of Rs.62.78 crore in Kilakarai Village near Alanganallur on an area of 77,683 sq.ft on 66.80 acres of land.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin declared open the world class Kalaignar centenary ‘Eru Thazhuvudhal Arangam’ on 24.01.2024.

Republic Day celebrated with éclat and patriotic fervour

❖ Kottai Amir Communal Harmony Award 2024

- Thiru. Mohammed Zubair, residing at Urdu School Street, Thally Panchayat, Denkanikottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District was given the Kottai Amir Communal Harmony Award for the year 2024.

❖ Thiru. C. Narayanasamy Naidu Paddy Productivity Award

- Special Award by the Department of Agriculture to Thiru. S. Balamurugan, Chinnapillukurichi, Poolampatti Village, Salem District, who obtained the highest yield in the state under SRI method of paddy cultivation, received the 'Thiru. C. Narayanasamy Naidu Paddy Productivity Award - 2023'.

❖ Chief Minister's Special Award

- Tmt. Aayi Ammal alias Pooranam, a resident of Y. Kodikulam in Kodikulam Village, Madurai District, was awarded the Chief Minister's Special Award by the Government of Tamil Nadu for donating **1.52 acres of land to upgrade Madurai East Panchayat Union Middle School** as a high school for the benefit of students.

❖ Chief Minister's Trophies for the Best Police Stations

- Hon'ble Chief Minister's Trophy for the **First best Police Station** in the State is awarded to **C3 SS Colony Police Station of Madurai City**.
- Thiru. P. Boominathan, Inspector of Police received the Trophy, the Second-best Police Station in the State is awarded to **Namakkal Police Station** of Namakkal District.
- Thiru. K. Sankara Pandian, Inspector of Police received the Trophy, and the Third best Police Station in the State is awarded to **Palayamkottai Police Station** of Tirunelveli City.

Aayi Ammal who donated land for village school overjoyed by Chief Minister's special award

- "The Hon'ble Chief Minister also presented an award for heroism to Selvan D. Daniel Selvasingh in recognition of his selflessness, courage and bravery in rescue operations during the floods caused by the heavy rains on 18th and 19th of December.
- As rightly pointed out by you, the subject of Public Debt for financing the public expenditure of States is within the exclusive purview of the State Legislature as per the Constitution of India.

- However, the Union Government has been misusing its powers under article 293 of the Constitution of India to restrict the borrowing space of the States.

 **Tamil Nadu stands with Kerala on preserving fiscal federalism**

1. For the year 2023-2024, the Union Government has fixed the GSDP growth for calculating the net borrowing ceiling at a mere 8%, despite the state consistently achieving around 15% nominal growth in the last two years. This has resulted in a loss of Rs.6,000 crore in borrowing space in the current year.
2. The mandatory condition of funding gross losses of State DISCOMs under the guidelines for additional borrowing for power sector reforms has forced Tamil Nadu to provide **Rs.17,111 crore to TANGEDCO** in the current year. This has severely constrained our fiscal space this year and is likely to affect us in the future also.
3. The intentional delay in approving the Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II project as a Central Sector project has resulted in the entire debt of Rs.33,594 crore for the project being included within the State's net borrowing ceiling.

Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurates TN BEAT EXPO-2024

- The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, inaugurated TN BEAT EXPO-2024, an Exhibition and a Seminar for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Entrepreneurs, at Chennai Trade Centre on 26.01.2024, and spoke.
- Many schemes are being implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu to improve the livelihood of Adi Dravidars and Tribals.
- The schemes include the Chief Minister's 'Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme', self-help economic loan scheme, swift Electrification Scheme, land purchase Scheme, skill development Training, Sanitation Welfare Board Scheme, education loan scheme, subsidized bank loan for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and loan schemes for business startups.

Hon'ble Chief Minister gives clarion call for adapting Tamil to emerging technologies

- That our mother, the Tamil language has been holding forth from the days of palm leaves to these Android times, gives us great pride. While our Tamil language has great antiquity, it is also in tune with modern times - what else can give us more satisfaction than this?
- It is a matter of great happiness that a conference 'International KaniTamil - 24' has been organized on February 8, 9, 10, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu by the Tamil Virtual Academy, to explore and discuss the status of the Tamil language in emerging technologies, to create new ideas and to identify young talents.

- India has the second largest number of internet users. Tamil Nadu is at the top among states, according to the report of Internet And Mobile Association of India (I.A.M.A.I).
- It is really gratifying to note that the KaniTamil - 24 conference was held on the centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who organized Tamilnet99 when he was Chief Minister.
- During the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam regime in 1997, the then Chief Minister Kalaignar was the first to formulate the IT policy for Tamil Nadu.
- In the year 1999-2000, he introduced the subject of computer not only in the school curriculum, but also in the academic curricula of arts, science, medical and law of colleges.
- During his tenure of 1996-2001, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar organized a programme called 'Empower IT' every year and emphasized the importance of information technology.
- At that time he also created awareness about the importance of Mobile Governance, e-Governance etc. in Government offices - Government services.
- Before the name computer reached everyone in Tamil Nadu, Tidel Park was established in Tamil Nadu by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.
- For the creation of the Tidel Park in Taramani, he created a new policy in 1997, built it as the largest IT complex in Asia and inaugurated it in 2000, bringing pride to Tamil Nadu.
- Everyone would agree that Tamil Nadu is ahead of other states in the field of IT because of Kalaignar.
- The 'Tamil 99 Keyboard' was created in 1999 at the Tamilnet-99 conference. It was approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu and an ordinance was issued.
- Today we use Tamil in all forms of technology. The Tamil Virtual Academy was formed on 05.07.2000.
- This conference is an attempt to develop Natural Language Processing Tools (NLPT), Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Machine Translation (MT), Sentiment Analysis (SA), Large Language Model (LLM) and Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) in Tamil.

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Tourist attractions of Tamil Nadu at a glance

Kancheepuram

- **Kancheepuram, one of the tourist destinations in Tamil Nadu, is a historic city that holds the pride of being the capital of the Pallavas.**
- After the Pallavas, Kancheepuram was under the rule of the Chola, Vijayanagara and Mughal empires and the British.
- There is a Tamil College here that teaches the history, culture and language of Tamil Nadu. There are many special places like **Mamallapuram**, which is a testament to the **Pallava sculptures, and Vedanthangal**, a bird sanctuary.

Uthiramerur

- **This is the village** written in golden letters in the pages of history. An inscription of the **Chola era** of the official document of the **Tamil democratic system** popularized by historians as **Kudavolai system**, was found here.
- In this inscription, the eligibility of candidates for Gram Panchayat elections, the manner of election, the rights given to the candidates, the duties of the citizens, the circumstances of the elected members losing their position, the right to recall the members if they do not fulfill their duties to the people and the democratic aspects of government are spelt out. Democracy was thus practised in every facet of life.

Kalpakkam Nuclear Research Station

- **This nuclear power station was commissioned in 1971.** The centre is also used to research developments in nuclear radiation technology.
- **Kalpakkam is known for its nuclear units and affiliated research installations.** The fast breeder radioactivity test here is based on a mixture of platinum, uranium and carbide gases.
- Kalpakkam hosts the **only nuclear plant in India with a Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR)** and a Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR).
- Plutonium, Uranium, Carbide Mixed Fuel Fast Reactor, Test Reactor To be the world's first reactor of this type, the Kamini reactor holds the distinction of being the world's only operational reactor successfully using U233 fuel.

Kolavai Lake Boating

- Located on the National Highway near Chengalpattu, this lake has facilities for pleasure boat service.

❖ **Mamallapuram:**

- Mamallapuram is a grand venue that shines proudly against the historical backdrop of the Bay of Bengal.
- The works of art created by King **Mahendrapallavan** stand upright as the united beauty of this land, united with life and **vigour**. **Mamallapuram** has stone sculptures and historical monuments.
- Mythical stories, epic battles, **monsters, animals** are all beautifully presented as they are, to the amazement of the world.

❖ **Vedanthangal:**

- One of the largest Water Bird sanctuaries in India. It is located 48 km from Kancheepuram.

❖ **Cholamandal Artists Village**

- An art village established for artists engaged in painting, sculpture, etc. They can stay here and create their creations and display them.

❖ **Muttukadu Boathouse:**

- Here, you can enjoy a ride on an inflatable boat, paddle boat, roofed boat, pedal boat, etc. An ideal place for a full day's entertainment. It is located 80 km from Kancheepuram.

❖ **Mudaliarkuppam Boat Ride:**

- Here you can enjoy pedal boats, flying boats and powerboats. It attracts a large number of tourists travelling along the East Coast Road. It is located 92 km from Chennai on the East Coast Road and 36 km from Mamallapuram.

❖ **Crocodile Farm:**

- 44 km away from Chennai. The farm houses a variety of crocodiles and giant crocodiles brought from many parts of the world. Near it, there is a place where the method of extracting venom from a snake is demonstrated once an hour.

Kanniyakumari

❖ **Udayagiri Fort:**

- One of the oldest monuments in Tamil Nadu, this fort was built during the reign of Marthandavarman in 1729-1758 AD and had a gun workshop.

❖ **Ulakkai Waterfall:**

- This is a natural waterfall located in Pandiyapuram in Thovalai taluk. Even in summer there is a waterfall. Many tourists come here to enjoy nature and bathe in the waterfall.

❖ **Mahatma Gandhi Memorial:**

- This memorial has been built at the spot where an urn of the Mahatma's ashes was kept to facilitate the public to pay their last respects to Annal Gandhi before taking a bath in the confluence of the three seas. The building has a ceiling with an opening that has been built in such a way that on every October 2nd, which is the date of the Mahatma's birth anniversary, the sun's rays fall on the spot where the urn was kept.

❖ **Tamilannai Park:**

- The **only park created for Tamilannai**. Here there are statues of Purananooru warrior woman who chased the tiger with a winnow and King Paari who gave his chariot to the Mullai vine. Paintings by Tamil poets are also featured here. This is a park that upholds the great pride of Tamil life.

❖ **Thirparappu Falls:**

- Thirparappu Falls is a place where beauty and sanctity come together. The verdant hills draped in a green blanket and the perennial Kodaiyar river add to the beauty of this place.
- The trickling silver waterfall is truly an eye-catcher. It is located about 55 km from Kanniayakumari district.

❖ **Thengapattinam Beach:**

- Thengapattinam is located on the west coast road near Painkulam village, Vilavancode taluk. In ancient times the village had trade relations with foreign lands, especially with Arabia.
- The beautiful Tamiraparani is surrounded by coconut groves on the banks of the estuary where the river meets the sea.
- Taking a boat ride in this bay lined with coconut trees is a delight. It is located 35 km from Nagercoil and 54 km from Kanniayakumari.

❖ **Pechiparai Dam:**

- Great entertainment place. It is situated 75 km away from Kanniakumari District. You can take a boat trip here.

❖ **Mathoor Hanging Bridge**

❖ **Mukkadal**

❖ **Muttam**

❖ **Vattakottai**

Dindigul

❖ **Dindigul Fort**

- The hill in Dindigul looks like a pillow when viewed from an angle. It is said that this is why the city got its name Dindigul. The fort is located at a height of 280 feet. It was built by the Madurai king Muthukrishnar in 1605 AD.

❖ **Dindigul Silkworm Market**

❖ **Hybrid Silkworm Production Centre**

❖ **Kodaikanal**

❖ **Peace Valley**

❖ **Bear Shola Falls**

❖ **Kukkal Caves**

❖ **Kurinji Flower**

❖ **Kodaikanal Lake**

❖ **Coaker's Walk**

❖ **Golf Club**

❖ **Shenbaganur Museum**

❖ **Dolmen Circle**

❖ **Talayaru Falls**

❖ **Green Valley**

❖ **Bumper Falls**

❖ **Pillar Rocks**

❖ **Fairy Falls**

❖ **Berijam Lake View**

❖ **Bryant Park**

❖ **Velli Aruvi**



The Nilgiris

- **The Nilgiris** is spread across the borders of three Indian states – Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. With many hill stations and more fascinating experiences in offer, this range is a treat that you just cannot afford to miss on your trip. 'Nilgiris' translates as 'blue mountains', an attribute it gets due to the presence of the Strobilanthes flower that fills the terrain.

❖ **Avalanche – Ooty**

❖ **Ooty Lake and Boat House**

❖ **Kalhatty Waterfalls**

❖ **Glenmorgan – Ooty**

- ❖ Horse Racecourse
- ❖ Children's Park
- ❖ Ketty Valley
- ❖ Cairn Hills
- ❖ Tiger Hill
- ❖ Botanical Garden
- ❖ Doddabetta

- which runs north-south in the middle of the western region. It is situated 8 km from Ooty, east-south-east. The peaks that come after Doddabetta in height are Snow Town Hill 2,530 m, Club Hill 2,448 m, Elk Hill 2,530 m. Together with Doddabetta, they form the magnificent valley of Udhagamandalam.

Pykara

- The Pykara is the largest river in the District. It is considered very sacred by the Todas. The Pykara river rises at Mukurthi peak. It passes through hilly tract, generally keeping to North and turns West after reaching the Plateau's edge. It gets down majestically in a series of cascades; and the last two falls of 55 metres and 61 metres are known as Pykara falls. They are about 20 km from Ooty.

- ❖ Wenlock Plain
- ❖ Coonoor Katteri Aruvi
- ❖ Mukurthi National Park
- ❖ Los Falls
- ❖ Lady Canning's Seat
- ❖ Lamb's Rock
- ❖ Wellington Military Training College

Kotagiri

- ❖ Elk Falls
- ❖ St. Catherine's Falls
- ❖ Dolphin Nose
- ❖ Longwood Oasis

Gudalur

- ❖ Thorapalli Suspension Bridge
- ❖ Moir Falls
- ❖ Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary
- ❖ Nilgiri Tahr
- ❖ Tea Festival

Healthcare is our right

- The World Health Organization (WHO) works to ensure that all people in the world live a healthy life.

- The **organization is an independent agency of the United Nations**. WHO was started on **7th April 1948** by the United Nations Organisation. Therefore, World Health Day is celebrated on **7th April every year**.
- In **1980 WHO** declared smallpox eradicated – the only infectious disease to achieve this distinction. It is a great achievement that the disease is not present in any country in the world today.
- The **World Health Organization is headquartered in Geneva**. It meets in March every year to elect a new **Director General**.
- WHO also provides emergency assistance in times of disaster.

The saga of a World Poet

- **March 21: World Poetry Day**
- The First World War started in **1914**. Bharathiyan believed that this would benefit India. The war ended in 1918.
- India did not gain anything. Bharathiyan realized that what he was seeing was a dream. He thought it was futile to stay in Puducherry any longer. He hated life in Puducherry.
- **While Bharathiyan was still at Puduvai, Rangaswamy started running the Sudesamithran daily.**
- **At that time Bharathi's friend Kuvalaikannan**, who came to know about the incident, came to the temple and entered the yard. He saved Bharathiyan. Bharathiyan's life was saved by Kuvalaikannan.
- He fell ill and died in September 1921. **Thiru.Vi.Ka** has praised Bharathi as the '**Mahakavi of the World**'.

April – May 2024

Great places of interest to tourists in four Districts of Tamil Nadu

Coimbatore

⊕ Anamalai Tiger Reserve

⊕ Topslip

- "A pollution-free heavenly land", Topslip is located above the 800 feet from the sea level on the Anamalai mountain range and in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve.

⊕ Tiruppur

- The city is known as the knitwear capital of India due to its cotton knitwear export units. Special industrial parks have been established to support the textile industry.

⊕ The Parambikulam Aliyar Dam

⊕ Coimbatore Government Museum

- The Coimbatore Government Museum was established in 1990

⊕ Crocodile Farm

- The Amaravathi Sagar Crocodile Farm is the largest Crocodile nursery (captivity) in India. It is 25 km from Udumalaipet. The area is also growing as a district tourism hub.

⊕ Athirapally Waterfalls

- Athirappally Falls, is situated in Athirappally Panchayat, Chalakudi Taluk, Thrissur District of Kerala, on the Chalakudy River, which originates from the upper reaches of the Western Ghats at the entrance to the Sholayar ranges. It is the largest waterfall which stands tall at 80 feet, which is close to dense green forests. It is located 80 km away on the road to Kerala.

⊕ Congreve Falls

Salem

- The city is also famous for maize, bauxite mineral, truck construction, handloom weaving and iron industry, among other things.
- According to an inscription here, the name Salem is derived from the word Sela or Shalya, which means hilly country. It is the birth place of the Tamil Poet Avvaiyar. In

1951, when the state was partitioned on linguistic lines, villages were exchanged between the then Mysore State and Madras State. In 1961, Sangakiri Taluk was formed from Tiruchengode Taluk.

❖ **Uthamasolapuram**

❖ **Kiliyur Falls**

❖ **Mettur Dam**

❖ **Arthur Seat**

❖ **Lady's Seat**

Namakkal

- Namakkal is also called Poultry Town as it contains quite a number of poultry Farms and **also now called Egg City as is a major producer of eggs**.
- Namakkal finds a place of importance in the map of India because of its **lorry bodybuilding industry, a unique feature of the town**.

❖ **Agaya Gangai waterfall**

❖ **Aiyaru River**

❖ **Namakkal Fort**

Theni

- **The main occupation of the people here is agriculture. Theni district is famous for the wholesale trade of cardamom, cotton and chillies.**
- **Theni district is hailed as the Manchester of South India, due to the flourishing cotton industries located prominently in Theni.** It is also known for its big weekly market on every Sunday. It is the **second largest weekly market in Tamil Nadu and the fourth largest weekly market in South India.**

❖ **Varusanadu**

- Varusanadu is located in the bank of Vaigai river near Andipatti and includes small villages along the hilly areas. In Andipatti Taluk, handloom and weaving are popular industries.

❖ **Megamalai**

- **Megamalai** is located on the slopes of the Western Ghats, amidst the lush green tea plantations and cardamom estates. It is popularly called 'High Wavy Mountains'.

❖ **Kumbakkarai falls**

- The **Kumbakkarai falls** is a scenic, peaceful and pleasant waterfall. It is a tourist destination.

❖ **Suruli falls**

- Suruli falls is located 56 km from Theni and 10 km from Cumbum in the Theni District in Tamil Nadu.
- The beauty of Suruli falls is such that it finds mention in the epic Silappadikaram.

❖ **Chinnamanur**

- **Chinnamanur**, stands back to a very historic period when the king of Madurai, **Rajasimha** came to this land.
- The town is also mentioned in the Tamil grammatical work, **Tholkappiyam**. This town was initially called **Harikesarinallur**. The town is one of the major trade centres in the district.
- Chinnamanur in recent times is known for **marketing bananas**. Processed bananas from more than twenty units in Chinnamanur are exported to various countries.
- **Chinnamanur** also has the highest number of jewel shops in the whole of Theni district. Copper inscriptions taken from Chinnamanur in the British period, are available in London museum.

❖ **Sothuparai Dam**

- The **Sothuparai Dam** is a dam across the Varaha River in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is located 12 km from the town of Periyakulam in Theni district. Sothuparai dam is one among the highest dams in Tamil Nadu.

❖ **Vaigai Dam**

- **Vaigai Dam** Built across the majestic River Vaigai near Andipatti, the dam with a height of 111 feet can store 71 feet of water. There is a small beautiful garden on both sides of the Vaigai Dam called Little Brindavan that is connected by a small bridge.

❖ **Vellimalai**

- **Vellimalai (Silver Mountain, 1,650 m) area is the heart of Megamalai.** Silver-lined clouds seem to rest gently on green hilltops and nestling somewhere in this region is the place where the river Vaigai originates.

The many dimensions of Mahatma Gandhi's leadership

- His determination is also seen in his historic "fast unto death" in September 1932 over the British grant of a separate electorate for "untouchables".

Communication Skills

- **Mahatma Gandhi's communication skills** were initially honed by his letter writing to South African and British authorities and newspapers.
- **In 1904 he started his first newspaper 'Indian Opinion' in South Africa and subsequently in India 'Young India' and 'Harijan' (both in English) and Navjeevan (in Gujarati).**
- **His remarkable booklet 'Hind Swaraj'**, a manifesto for India's independence, was written in just ten days between November 13-22, 1909 on board the ship 'Kildonan Castle' while returning to South Africa after a fruitless lobbying mission to London.
- It has been compared to such diverse works as **Rousseau's Social Contract** and the **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola**. However, his Autobiography subtitled, 'The Story of my Experiments with Truth', published in 1927.
- **His historic Salt padayatra** (march) and his publicly breaking the salt law was a communications masterpiece.
- British Journalist Webb Miller's on-site report on it was carried in over 1,000 newspapers worldwide. The New York Times editorialized that whereas Britain had lost America on tea, it was losing India on salt! TIME magazine put him on the front cover of its January 4, 1931 issue as its 'Man of the Year'.

Organizational Skills and Charisma

- **Its proceedings were conducted in English even though less than 1% of India's then population of 250 million spoke it.**
- **His first move was to set up an ashram at Kochrab village in Gujarat.** With this his operational base was firmly planted in rural India and close to the peasants.
- When cholera struck this area some months later, the **ashram was moved to Sabarmati village**, close to Ahmedabad. Both these ashrams, like his Phoenix Settlement and Tolstoy Farm in South Africa, **were centres for training in community living and non-violence** as "**Training is as necessary for civil disobedience as for armed revolt**".

⊕ Enlightened Views on Religion, Patriotism and Nationalism

- Though a deeply devout Hindu, Mahatma Gandhi's basic approach to religion was 'sarvadharma samabhav' (equal respect for all religions).

Management and rehabilitation of coastal habitats and biodiversity for Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Livelihood in Gulf of Mannar

⊕ Objectives:

- To carry out a baseline study to assess vulnerability to climate change of both coastal ecosystems (including biodiversity and fishery) and coastal communities in the Gulf of Mannar.
- To restore habitats (coral reef and sea grass rehabilitation) in Kariyachalli and Vilanguchalli Islands as a climate adaptation strategy.
- To build climate change resilience to the fast-eroding Vaan Island through deployment of artificial reef modules.
- To promote eco development activities among coastal communities to enhance their adaptive capacity and to sustain livelihood and food security.

⊕ Coral reef rehabilitation and Artificial Reef deployment

⊕ Area covered

- Artificial Reef Deployment in Vaan Island, Thoothukudi District.
- Seagrass Rehabilitation and Coral Rehabilitation in Kariyachalli and Vilanguchalli Islands of Thoothukudi District.

⊕ Benefits of the project

- The biodiversity survey between the Rameswaram and Kanniyakumari provides data to understand the present status of coastal habitats and associated biodiversity so as to take effective conservation and management measures focusing to address the climate change impacts.

Challenging adventures into outer space

- The word 'ASTRONAUT' comes from Greek words that mean sailor among the stars. The word 'cosmonaut', the Russian word for astronaut, means a sailor of the universe.
- As early as the seventeenth century Isaac Newton thought about an artificial satellite as a thought experiment. The artificial satellite first found a place in fiction in The Brick

Moon by Hale. Tsiolkovsky described an artificial satellite with scientific details in 1910 and then Oberth did it independently in 1923.

- **On October 4, 1957 the former USSR launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik 1, in orbit.**

Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin: The First Human in Space

- **On 12th April, 1961, Yuri Gagarin made history by being the first human in space** to orbit the Earth. During the first manned space flight, the astronaut aboard was not given control of his flight.

Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova: The First Woman in Space

- Tereshkova was the first woman to fly into space. Her flight lasted 48 orbits totalling 70 hours 50 minutes in space. She was the solo crew member in the three-day Vostok 6 flight which was launched from the Tyuratam Space Station in the then USSR on 16th June, 1963.

Rakesh Sharma: The First Indian Astronaut in space

- **Squadron Leader Rakesh Sharma**, a 35-year old **Indian air Force pilot** became the 138th human in space, when he flew aboard the Russian rocket Soyuz T-11 on 2nd April, 1984.
- The **Soyuz T-11** docked and transferred the three-member Soviet-Indian international crew to the Salyut-7 Orbital Station.
- The crew spent seven days aboard the **Salyut space station** and conducted scientific studies which included 43 experimental sessions. Sharma's work concerned mainly with the fields of bio-medicine and remote sensing.

Kalpana Chawla: The First Indian Woman Astronaut in space

- **Kalpana Chawla was the first Indian woman astronaut to reach into outer space.** She embarked on her first space mission aboard the space shuttle **Columbia STS-87** mission on 19th November, 1997.

June 2024

Hon'ble Chief Minister releases 3 souvenir volumes to mark Kalaignar centenary celebration valedictory

⊕ **Kalaignar Centenary Souvenir – Volume 1**

- Thiru. M.K.Stalin on the occasion of release of Kalaignar's Centenary logo, a **small note on the life story of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** under the title '**Kaaladi Suvadugal**',
- An article titled '**Dimensions of Kalaignar in social politics**' written by the Chief News Editor of Kalaignar TV, **Thiru. Thirumavelan**,
- Fiery poems of Kalaignar, Kalaignar's hundred achievements, an article titled '**Kalaignar's incentive to the economy**' written by the Deputy Chairman of the **Tamil Nadu Planning Commission**, **Thiru. Jayaranjan**.

People's happiness is proof of three years of governance

⊕ **Magalir Urimai Thittam**
 ⊕ **Schemes for Self-help Groups**
 ⊕ **Thozhi Hostel Scheme for women**
 ⊕ **Vidiyal Payana Thittam**
 ⊕ **Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme**
 ⊕ **Loan for self-employment**
 ⊕ **Naan Mudhalvan Thittam**
 ⊕ **Pudhumai Penn Scheme**
 ⊕ **Welfare Schemes for the Transgenders**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given 3 cents of land and also constructed a house.

⊕ **New ration card for deserted house-wife**
 ⊕ **Welfare schemes for Differently- abled persons**

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes appointment orders to 1,598 candidates who were selected by the TNPSC

- **Distribution of welfare measures to beneficiaries under the 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' Scheme**
 - The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru .M.K.Stalin, on 18.12.2023 launched the 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' Scheme at Avarampalayam in Coimbatore District.
 - The Scheme makes the Government administration transparent and enables people to approach various Government departments easily and get their issues resolved.

- The scheme is yet another milestone in the crown of the Dravidian Model Government in the State. Under the scheme, most of the people approach the 13 departments.
- For this purpose, under the direct supervision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in all urban and rural areas special camps were conducted in all districts at the ward, and village panchayat levels.
- The purpose of the scheme is to provide quick services to people who approach the above 13 departments without any delay.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches 'Neengal Nalama' scheme, talks to beneficiaries to get feedback

- After the **Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam** came to power, every day it has been starting landmark schemes.
- The **primary objective of this scheme is to ensure the wellness of everyone** in Tamil Nadu. I have launched this 'Neengal Nalama' scheme to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the **people for whom** they have been **designed**.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the 'Neengal Nalama' Scheme of the Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department on **06.03.2024**.
- **1,15,16,292** women are getting **Rs.1,000** as entitlement every month through the 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai' scheme.
- Through the 'Vidiyal Payana Thittam' women have made **445 crore** trips and save up to **Rs.888** per month.
- **4,81,075** girl students are going to become graduates by getting **Rs.1,000** every month as a benefit of the Pudhumai Penn Scheme, named after **Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar**.
- 'Neengal Nalama' Scheme
 - Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin launched an innovative scheme called 'Neengal Nalama' under the Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department on **06.03.2024** from the camp office.
 - The Hon'ble Chief Minister, who has been announcing and **implementing various** new schemes to improve **the lives of the people**, has always emphasized that it is the responsibility of every officer **to ensure that the Government's schemes and services reach the public in due time**.

- With a view to ensure that all such public welfare programmes reach the right people, the opinions and feedback of people will be taken to reduce the gap between the people and the Government.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that a new programme called 'Neengal Nalama' will be launched at **Mayiladuthurai** on **04.03.2024** at a government function.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates memorial to Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on the Marina

- In the 'Champion of Rights, Kalaignar' room - a display of the first national flag-hoisting by Kalaignar at Chennai Fort is set up with the front view of the Secretariat to mark Kalaignar's victory in getting the right to hoist the national flag by State Chief Ministers.
- "Nenjukku Needhi", "Kuraloviyam and Thenpandi Singam, all works of Kalaignar, the information about those books will appear as a video to us".

'Kalaignar's memorial symbolizes his life of struggle and triumph'

- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar wrote only six parts of his autobiography called 'Nenjukku Needhi'.

Valedictory of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's centenary celebrations

(June 3: Birth anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar)

He gave new life to Tamils

- One has to admit that Kalaignar is a rare treasure for us. It is because of Kalaignar's unique talents.
- He was a rare opportunity given to us. He was a greater rationalist than the previous rulers. It is only in our state that a rationalist is running the administration.
- The policy of Kalaignar's rule is to do good to the people. The greatest victory to Dravidar Kazhagam has been obtained through the tactful skill of Kalaignar.
- As such a rationalist and a shrewd strategist in politics who acts with great forethought, our Chief Minister Kalaignar is a person who infuses new life into the Tamils. It is my wish that he should live long and serve the people.

-Thanthai Periyar

'He converts our thoughts into reality'

- My dear younger brother Karunanidhi undertakes my order to demonstrate by placing his head on the railway track and my offer of the Ministership of the Public Works

- Department with the same gladness of heart. I consider the Palayamkottai Jail, where my brother Karunanidhi was detained, as the sacred place of pilgrimage worthy of worship.
- Thambi Karunanidhi is another proof of the fact that those who hearken to my words do not go to seed. Even at a very young age, he has the talent to convert our ideas into reality.

- Perarignar Anna

-From the congratulatory message in the Kalaignar Malar published by the Arignar Anna Publications.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's manifold achievements win great appreciation at home and abroad

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister first signed five files pertaining to 5 promises, made to the public in the election manifesto namely 'Vidiyal Payana Thittam', Corona relief grant of **Rs. 4,000** each to families, **Mudhalvarin Mugavari** Department scheme, reduction of milk price by Rs.3 per litre and petrol price by 3 per litre.
- **Export Preparedness Index 2022** as reported by Niti Aayog
 - The **National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade (NIRYAT)** has published the details of the import-export records of engineering-related items for the year **2022-2023**, and praised Tamil Nadu, which has been ranked **second in India** by exporting 16.30 per cent of the items exported throughout the country.
- **Health of pregnant women**
 - Similarly, in the 2023 Report on Pregnant Women's Health, National Poverty Indices, it is said that Tamil Nadu **ranks first in health indicators for pregnant women**.
 - It has also been mentioned that **Tamil Nadu ranks first in India in terms of population control with pregnant women care** by scoring 3.31 points.
- **Maternity in hospitals**
 - Tamil Nadu has the highest number of safe hospital deliveries in the country, according to the Vital Statistics Division of the Office of the Population Commissioner and Registrar General's Office of the Annual Health Survey. In other words, only in **Tamil Nadu 99 per cent of births take place in hospitals**.
- **Antenatal care**

- Tamil Nadu is the leader in **post-natal care and child care with all facilities**. A survey of social progress indices for states and districts shows **Tamil Nadu is the leading state among large states with 89.9 per cent**.
- **Special Economic Zones in India**
 - In India, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been instrumental in helping states progress in areas such as industrial development.
 - Among these, Tamil Nadu has the **highest number in India with 50 Special Economic Zones**. This is revealed in the annual report of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the year 2022-2023.
- **Tamil Nadu number one in textile exports**
 - The Union Government's National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade (NIRYAT), which published a study report on the export of textile fabrics for the year **2022-2023**, has declared that the share of Tamil Nadu is **22.58 per cent in the value of the total textile fabrics exported at the national level** and clarified that **Tamil Nadu is the first in India in the export of textile fabrics**.
 - That is, India's total export value is USD 35.38 billion; Tamil Nadu has topped the list with an export value of USD 7.990 billion.
 - Next, the state of **Gujarat is in second place** with USD 4.378 billion. **Maharashtra ranked third** with USD 3.784 billion, revealing that Tamil Nadu is **the largest exporter of textile products in India**.
- **Tamil Nadu tops in the export of Readymade Garments**
 - In the report on National Import-Export- Trade Annual Records 2022-2023, the **statistics on readymade garments exports** are reported by India as the leading exporter of readymade garments. It is said that among the 10 states, Tamil Nadu **has exported the most**.
 - This means that the total value of readymade garments exported from India is **USD 16.19 billion**. Tamil Nadu has been hailed as the first state in India to export readymade garments worth **USD 5.30 billion**.
- **Tamil Nadu ranks number one in leather goods exports**
 - In the research report released by the Union Government's **NIRYAT on the export** value of leather goods for the financial year 2022-2023, the total value of leather goods exported from India in 2022-2023 was **4.27 billion US dollars**.
 - Of this, **43.20 per cent of leather goods, worth 2.048 billion US dollars, were from Tamil Nadu**, thereby getting the stamp of appreciation as the first state in India and proclaiming the glory of **Tamil Nadu in the global arena**.

- **Tamil Nadu is foremost in electronics industry**

- Exports of electronic goods increased from **USD 1.66 billion in 2020-2021 to USD 9.56 billion in 2023-2024**.
- 1.15 crore women are getting Rs.1,000 monthly under the '**Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai**'.
- 17 lakh Students in 31,000 in Government schools are getting breakfast under the '**Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme**'.
- **26,000 acres of fallow land has been converted into arable land and 28 lakh farmers have benefited under the Kalaignar All-Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme.**
- The **monthly maintenance allowance** for differently-abled persons has been increased from **Rs.1,500 to Rs.2,000**.
- A museum has been set up to preserve the artifacts found in the **Keeladi excavations**, highlighting 2600 years of Tamil history.

June 05 – Birth anniversary of Kanniya Thendral Quaid-e-Millath

'Tamil is my mother tongue'

- Quaid-e-Millath, who was the great architect of this community.
 - Speech given by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, at the inauguration of the construction of Manimandapam for Kanniya Thendral Quaid-e-Millath at Chennai on 25.02.2001.

Three-year achievements of the Government include providing 28,824 flats at Rs. 3,198 crore

- For the **first time in the country**, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar during his tenure in 1970 as Chief Minister launched the **Slum Clearance Board** with the prime motive of developing slum areas in the State.
- With this view, the Hon'ble Chief Minister changed the name of the **Slum Clearance Board as the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board** on **01.09.2021**.

Schemes hailed by People

"Manu Needhi Thittam"

- The '**Manu Needhi**' scheme was introduced on **15.09.1969**, When Muthamizharignar Kalaignar was the Chief Minister of the State he announced a number of schemes, taking into consideration the welfare of the people of Tamil Nadu and for the improvement of their **livelihood**. One such scheme is '**Manu Needhi** scheme.

- To ensure that the Government schemes reached people in time, he directed the Government officials to camp at villages and receive petitions from the aggrieved people. **Their grievances were immediately looked into and solutions found.** Started in **15.09.1969**, in five years, **92.2 per cent of the people's grievances had been redressed in five years.**

A slew of steps by Hon'ble Chief Minister to carry forward the great values of Tamil

- Carrying in his heart these lines sung by revolutionary poet Bharathidasan, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, is striving for the development of the Tamil language by making Tamil the official language, promoting the world's oldest language, Tamil, through the Tamil Development Department, giving awards to Tamil scholars, nationalizing rare Tamil books, creating Tamil Chairs in Universities abroad, infusing love for Tamil among students through recitation of the entire Thirukkural, Tamil Koodal, Tamil Literature Aptitude Test, Theera Kadhal Thirukkural Project, for integrating Tamils living all over the world teaching Tamil through Tamil Parapurai Kazhagam to overseas Tamils and Tamils in other states, and celebrating World Tamil Diaspora Day on **January 12** every year.

✚ Due recognition for the 'Tamil Thai Vaazhthu' song of the State Government

- Since 1970, the song 'Neerarum Kadaludutha' has been used as a Tamil Thai Vaazhthu song. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on **17.12.2021** declared the **Tamil Thai Vaazhthu song** as the State song and ordered that everyone should stand up and pay respect when this song is sung, thus adding pride to the Tamil language.

✚ Nationalization of Books

✚ Dream Home Project for Tamil Scholars conceived by Hon'ble Chief Minister

- On **03.06.2021**, the **97th birth anniversary** of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that the winners of the **Sahitya Akademi Award** and **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Classical Tamil Award** will be given a house in Tamil Nadu.
- Funding for the establishment of Tamil Chairs in recognized foreign and neighbouring universities and for the development of the language, creating interest in their mother tongue among Tamils living abroad, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given Rs.1.25 crore for the continuation of Tamil Department in the Cologne University in Germany, Rs. 2.50 crore (3 lakh US Dollars) for setting up Tamil Chair in Houston University, Rs.75 lakh for the upgradation of Tamil Sangam building of Navi Mumbai, Rs.5 crore for the creation of a separate department of Tamil literature in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Rs.15 lakh for setting up classrooms for teaching Tamil language in Bhubaneswar Tamil Sangam, and to develop the mother tongue Tamil language abroad and in neighbouring states.

⊕ The 'Kural Mutrothal' programme encourages students to understand the beauty and glory of the Thirukkural

- On 01.01.2000, at the opening ceremony of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue installed at Kanniyakumari, the then Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar announced 'Kural Mutrothal' (recitation of the entire Kural by heart) scheme.

⊕ Tamil Koodal project is to encourage Tamil awareness among students through Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Tamil Forum

- "To increase the interest in Tamil among college students in Tamil Nadu, 100 colleges were selected by the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Directorate of Medical Education, to organize student Tamil Forums in Government Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Medical Colleges and conduct Tamil-related competitions among students.

⊕ Theera Kaadhal Thirukkural Project

- Under the name of 'Theera Kaadhal Thirukkural', through Tamil Virtual Academy a painting competition on the theme Kuraloviyam was conducted with the financial support of Rs.25 lakh, provided by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Prizes were also awarded to the students who won the painting competition.

⊕ Tamil Parapurai Kazhagam

- Rs. One crore has been sanctioned for the establishment of Tamil Parapurai Kazhagam to teach Tamil to Tamils living in foreign countries and to bring out the life values and ideas of the Sangam texts in writing.
- The book prepared with a financial assistance of Rs.15 lakh by the Hon'ble Chief Minister was published and released on 29.04.2022, the 131st birth anniversary of revolutionary poet Bharathidasan.
- At a cost of Rs.10.40 lakh through the Tamil Virtual Academy audio/video recordings have been converted into electronic format to document the rare sound/light recordings of 38

⊕ Rs.5 crore for Annal Ambedkar's works in Tamil

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has ordered Rs.5 crore to translate all works of Annal Ambedkar into Tamil through the Tamil Development Department.

⊕ Thanthai Periyar's books as e-books at a cost of Rs. 5 crore

- For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation is to bring out the thinking of social reformer

Thanthai Periyar in 21 Indian and international languages in print and e-book versions. Rs.5 crore has been provided for the project.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been implementing a number of projects for the development of the **Tamil language for the past three years**.
- In order to showcase ancient Tamil culture and the life and social values of the ancient Tamils, a museum has been set up in Keeladi, and in continuation of this, the works of setting up a **similar museum in Porunai are going on**.

❖ **January 12 - World Tamil Diaspora Day**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared **January 12 as World Tamil Diaspora Day** in order to unify Tamils living all over the world and to recognize their contribution.
- The **Diaspora Tamils Conference was also successfully held this year, with the theme 'Tamil will win'**.

❖ **Kaniyan Poongundranar Memorial Pillar**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Kaniyan Poongundranar Memorial Pillar through a video presentation on 22.01.2024 at **Mahibalanpatti, Sivagangai District**, as a homage to the poet who gave the great call, '**Yadhum Ooray, Yaavarum Kelir**' (All countries are our own, people everywhere are our kin).

❖ **Robert Caldwell's, 'A Comparative Study of the Dravidian Languages'**

- The book '**A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian Family of Languages**' written by foreign scholar **Dr. Robert Caldwell** and translated into Tamil by **Prof. B.R. Balasubramanian**, is the first book under the **Muthamizharignar project** created by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- The book, a joint venture of the **World Tamil Research Centre** and the **Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation**.

❖ **Greek epics in Tamil**

- The two famous Greek books '**Iliad**' and '**Odyssey**' of Homer were translated into Tamil.

❖ **Second World Tamil Classical Conference in 2025**

- The **Second World Tamil Classical Conference will be held in a grand manner in Chennai for 5 days in the month of June in 2025**.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays special emphasis on implementing village development schemes

Panchayat Administration

- To ensure adequate IT infrastructure in **village panchayats, computers, printers, uninterrupted power supplies (UPS)** equipment have been procured and **put into use in 12,525 village panchayats**.
- **Vptax Portal for e-Governance** has been implemented in panchayats to help people easily access Government services related to the welfare of citizens such as property tax, drinking water charges, professional tax, planning permission, subdivision permission, and building permission **through the website**.
- The **administrative sanction limit for rural panchayats** has been increased from **Rs.2 lakh to Rs.5 lakh**, for district panchayats from **Rs.10 lakh to Rs.25 lakh** and for district panchayats from **Rs.20 lakh to Rs.50 lakh**.

Reintroduction of Uthamar Gandhi Award

- When the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin was the Minister of Rural Development and Local Administration, he introduced the **Uthamar Gandhi Award** to give due recognition to **the best performing village panchayats in the State**.
- The award programme was discontinued in the meantime. At present, the award is being given annually to **37 village panchayats**, at the rate of one village panchayat **per district with an incentive of Rs.10 lakh** for re-established and well functioning village panchayats.
- **Rs.5 crore** has been allocated to carry out the welfare of the health workers, employed in the rural areas so that the welfare of the health workers is being maintained.
- A Help Desk (155340) has been set up in the Directorate to function 24X7 as a means of guiding the people's elected representatives.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

- Under this **rural benefit scheme, 86.16 per cent women, 2,87,461 differently-abled persons and 29.59 per cent of STs have benefited in three years**.
- Through the effective implementation of this scheme, the goals of sustainable development such as hunger, poverty and gender equality will be achieved in the country.

Gas cremation platform in rural areas to remove caste differences

- As a new initiative of the Rural Development Department to **improve social harmony and equality in rural areas**, permission has been given to construct 10 gas crematoriums in rural panchayats adjacent to urban areas in 9 districts.

 **Periyar Ninaivu Samathuvapuram**

 **Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme**

- An annual allocation of Rs. 2,106 crore have been made to 234 Legislative assembly constituencies in three years at a cost of Rs.3 crore per constituency.

 **Namma Ooru Superu - a great campaign**

- About 47,339 **garbage dumping sites**, 16,829 public places, 21,775 schools, and 22,695 Anganwadis in rural areas in 37 districts have been set up through the 'Namma Ooru Superu' campaign, which emphasizes cleanliness in rural areas.

 **Jal Jeevan Scheme**

- The **objective of the Jal Jeevan movement** is to provide piped water connection to all households in rural areas and supply drinking water of BIS 10500 standard in required quantity and quality with regular, long-term demand at low drinking water service charges by 2024.

 **Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women**★

 **Special Self Help Groups**

 **Self-Employment Programme – Individual Entrepreneurship (SEP-I)**

 **Employed Skill Development Training and Placement (EST&P)**

Hon'ble Chief Minister gives big boost to school education through many schemes

- Education makes a man. Education is a tool for social change.
- The knowledge gained through education cannot be destroyed by floods; it cannot be burnt by fire; thieves cannot rob you of it; it does not diminish when shared. This is how the literary work '**Viveka Chintamani**' speaks of the **glory of the knowledge**.
- The scheme has been welcomed by various states including Telangana State Government. Also, the Prime Minister of Canada has welcomed this programme and implemented it in his country.
- Truly this grand scheme introduced by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin is a giant in the history of education and hailed as a revolutionary project.

 **Scheme to develop reading habit**

- Short books containing Tamil and English stories to develop the reading habit among children and it was found that children throughout the State participated enthusiastically in this programme.

Ennum Ezhuthum

-  **Enter, Walk, Run and Fly scheme**
-  **Special facility for forest/hill children**
-  **Smart classrooms in elementary schools**
-  **Handheld computers for secondary teachers**
-  **Narrative texts that develop virtues**

Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar School Development Scheme

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has created the Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar School Development Scheme in order to provide better infrastructural facilities in the schools.

• **Anna Leadership Award for Teachers**

- **Receiving awards and appreciation makes everyone happy and motivates everyone to do better.** Therefore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that **100 headmasters**, who implement all the Government schemes in schools should be awarded the **Arignar Anna Leadership Award, Certificate of Appreciation and Shield** every year.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays the foundation for an industrial revolution in Tamil Nadu

- Muthamizharignar set up Valluvar Kottam in **Chennai** and **Adhiyaman Kottam** in Dharmapuri.
- In a similar manner, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, since assuming charge in the State in 2021 **has been taking steps to attract** investments to the State at the national and international levels.
- The target of Hon'ble Chief Minister is to make Tamil Nadu a 1 trillion \$ economy by 2030.
- **The New York Times in its article lauded the industrial growth and economic development in Tamil Nadu.**
- During the annual investment meet, 2022 the Best Investment Award of the Asia Oceania region was given to Tamil Nadu Government's **Industrial Guidance Bureau**.
- To make Tamil Nadu the biggest Industrialized State, it has been planned to create a land bank in an area of 45,000 acres in the next 5 years. For this SIPCOT, has selected

33,489 acres of land. Of this, administrative sanction has been received for 22,941 acres of land.

- During the 33 months rule of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, investments to the tune of Rs. 8.65 lakh crore have been attracted to create an environment that would provide employment opportunities for 30 lakh persons. This will be the foundation stone for an industrial revolution in the State.

Plaudits pour in for Hon'ble Chief Minister for excellent handling of power sector

- Electricity, which was first introduced in Tamil Nadu in 1933, is today a powerful force that enriches Tamil Nadu.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who is celebrating his centenary today, was the first in India to provide power supply to all the villages in 1974 and set a record that there were no villages in Tamil Nadu without electricity.
- In 1990, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar was the first in India to provide free electricity to agricultural pump sets thereby increasing agricultural production.
- He has commissioned and provided 2 lakh agricultural electricity connections in three years since 2021.
- Minnagam redresses people's grievances
 - The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched a state-level power consumer service centre called "Minnagam" on 20.06.2021 to register complaints by consumers regarding electricity.
- Renewable energy
 - Maximum generation of 120.25 million units from wind power on 10.09.2023 and maximum generation of 40.50 million units from solar power plants on 23.04.2024 have greatly contributed to meet the power demands of the State.
 - The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has felicitated Tamil Nadu with an incentive of Rs. 7.9 crore for solar power capacity installed on rooftops of buildings during 2021-2022.
- Awards won by the Energy Department under the Dravidian Model Regime
 - Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Implementation in 2022 - SKOTCH Gold Award.
 - Silver SKOCH Award for installation of automatic power meters with technology in wind power plants.

- Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation has participated in the Indian Smart Grid Forum Innovation Award 2023 and won the Diamond Award for installing automatic meters in renewable power plants.

- **Concessions to Libraries**

- Approving calculation of electricity charges for non-commercial libraries in the non-subsidized household rate list to improve literacy among the public; **30 per cent fee reduction**. As a result, many libraries operating in Tamil Nadu have benefited.

**Hon'ble Sports Minister asks sportspersons to learn from Kalaignar's qualities
(Distribution of Kalaignar Sports Kits in Tiruvallur District)**

- The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, in connection with the centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar announced a scheme to distribute sports equipment's to all panchayats in the State.
- As a follow up measure, the scheme was inaugurated on 18.02.2024 in Madurai District.
- On this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development said,
 - With the motive of taking sports equipments worth Rs. 86 crore, to all the 12,620 panchayats in the state, we launched the scheme in Madurai last week.

- **Rifle Shooting**

- "Many achievers have come for the function. We congratulate Thiru. Sri Karthik Sabari Raj, who won a gold medal and a silver medal in the rifle shooting in the ISSF World Championship, Egypt.
- Selvan Dhanush of Tiruvallur District, who won a silver medal and a bronze medal in the IWF World Championship.
- Dhanush won the gold medal in the senior and junior Youth National Weightlifting championship.
- Tamil Nadu won 98 medals totally, including 38 gold medals, 21 silver medals and 39 bronze medals.
- For the first time, the state occupied the second position in the medals tally. I am proud to announce that Dhanush won the Gold Medal. I want the State to make attempts to achieve the first position".

- “Congratulating the Sports Development Department for its efforts to promote Sports in the State, the Confederation of Indian Industries honoured the State Government and the Department, as the Best State for Promoting Sports.
- Similarly, **Sportstar magazine of the Hindu Group** gave the award for the Best State for Promoting Sports to Tamil Nadu.
- **High Incentive**
 - “We also conducted Khelo India Youth Sports competition, Asian Cup for Hockey, Squash World Cup, World Surfing League, Cyclothon, Chennai Chess Master 2023, and National Hockey Championship in the State.
 - If it is Sports, then it is Tamil Nadu. We have created such an image for the State through various attempts. One such attempt is Kalaignar Sports Kit Scheme”.



July 2024

Hon'ble Chief Minister points out that Tamil Nadu is a premier state due to its reputation as a haven of peace

('Hundred percent victory in the Parliamentary elections proof of people's total support')

- I constituted a commission under the Chairmanship of retired High Court Justice Thiru. Gokuldas.
- Last year alone, various reforms were taken in the Police Department.
 - Moral training is imparted to students through the 'SIRPI' (Students In Responsible Police Initiatives) Scheme.
 - 'PARAVAI Project' (Personality and Attitude Reformation Assistance Venture for Affirming Identity) was instituted to reform young, petty offenders and make their future better.
 - 'Parunthu app' aims to consolidate information on registered offenders. This is a project in progress.
 - 'Smart Kavalar app' has been developed for the benefit of policemen.
 - To regularize leave, we have introduced 'Comprehensive Leave app'.
 - 'MAGILCHI' (Maximizing Ability, Growth, Ideal Life Choices and Independence) programme was implemented as a de-stressing exercise for Police Personnel.
 - 'Anandham programme' is in force for Women Police.
 - 'Integrated Vehicle Monitoring System' (IVMS) has been implemented to monitor vehicle theft.
- **Tamil Nadu is emerging as the top State of India today.**
-  **Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin on the occasion**
 - 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme', 27 lakh students are benefited by 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Naan Mudhalvan' provides skill training to 28 lakh students, 'Ennum Ezhuthum Thittam' to benefit 23 lakh students, 'Reading Movement' benefiting 30 lakh students, 'Counselling Box' named 'Student Mind', 'School Management Committees' involving 23 lakh parents, 'Namma School-Namma Ooru Palli' scheme for the development of Government schools, 'Mobile Science Laboratory', 'Vanavil Forum', SIRPI programme to guide students, Thagaisal schools, book festivals in districts, 'Educational Tour Programme' to take students abroad, App to identify school children who drop out, 'Special

fund' for children who need special attention, Training with practice papers, books, quiz competitions for students of classes 9 to 12, special training for mathematics teachers, a classroom observation app, a high-quality digital app called E-Teacher - there is so much more.

Hon'ble Chief Minister orders incentive price for paddy in addition to MSP

- Recently, the **Union Government fixed the minimum support price for normal paddy at Rs.2,300 per quintal and that of fine variety at Rs.2,320 per quintal.**
- Hon'ble Chief Minister's order, the DPCs in the State will procure normal paddy varieties at **Rs.2,405 per quintal** and the fine varieties at **Rs.2,450 per quintal from the farmers.**

Special incentives for sportspersons from Tamil Nadu participating in the Paris Olympics

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 01.07.2024, handed over incentive cheques to the value of **Rs.35 lakh to 5 sportspersons of Tamil Nadu, who have been selected for the Paralympics and Olympic Games**, to be held in Paris in July and August.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin handed over special incentive cheques for Rs.35 lakh to 5 participants of Paralympics and Olympic games - 01.07.2024.

- In this way, 15 sportspersons from the State have been selected to participate in the Paralympics and Olympic games, in Paris this July and August. Among them, **Thiru. Prithviraj Tondaiman (Rifle shooting), Selvi Thulasimathi Murugesan (Para Badminton), Tmt. Manisha Ramdas. (Para Badminton)**, Selvi Nithya Sree Sumathi (Para Badminton) and Thiru.Sivarajan Solamalai (Para Badminton) were given an incentive cheque of Rs.7 lakh each for their preparatory **training for Paralympics**.

Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam

- **Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads are important factors in promoting economic development of rural people and eradicating poverty.**
- Tamil Nadu has about 1.38 lakh kilometres of village panchayat and panchayat union roads.
- Accordingly, you are all aware that on 13.01.2023 I announced a new scheme in the Legislative Assembly called '**Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam**'.
- Roads to a length of 10,000 km have been laid in the last two years under this scheme.
 - **Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam**
 - **NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund**

- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- An additional 10,000 km will be constructed in the next two years through the 'Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam'.

Hon'ble Chief Minister points out demerits of eligibility test

Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly passes resolution for scrapping NEET unanimously

- Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Our Tamil Nadu is **leading the country in the field of medicine and various public health indices**. The basis of these achievements is the excellent medical education system followed in our Tamil Nadu over the years. Abolition of the entrance examination for all professional courses including medicine, based on the **recommendations the Dr. Ananthakrishnan Committee**. It was Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who laid the foundation for these achievements.
- There is an **unshakable consensus** among the people of Tamil Nadu, **political parties and social thinkers** on the issue of NEET examination.
- Based on the **recommendation of the High-Level Committee** headed by retired Justice Thiru. A.K.Rajan, the **Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Bill, 2021** was unanimously passed in this Legislative Assembly on 13.09.2021.
- But even after a long legal battle, no approval was given by the Hon'ble Governor and it was sent back for reconsideration.

Hon'ble Chief Minister reiterates demand for caste-wise census by Union Government

- National Census is a mammoth task undertaken by the **Union Government under the Census Act, 1948**. It is a grand mission which has been conducted by the Union Government every **10 consecutive years for more than 100 years** since British rule.
- All the population-related statistics are collected through this census and compiled and published by the Union Government. According to Section 3 of the Census Act, the Union Government should conduct the census. But a widely held opinion is that the State Government can carry out a caste-wise census under **the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008**.
- While the State Governments are empowered to collect socio-economic statistics under this Act, Section 3, Sub-section(a) of the same Act prohibits the collection of statistics in respect of castes in the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India.
- It is in the 7th schedule that the census is mentioned as the 69th entry. Apart from that, Section 32 of the Act clearly states that Census data cannot be collected under the Census Act, 1948. Also, a case related to this matter is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

- In this case, contrary to the misunderstanding in the public space, castewise census cannot be conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008. A legally sustainable census means that it must be carried out under the Census Act, a Union law. Therefore, we have been insisting that it would be proper for the Union Government to undertake this work.
- **According to Article 246 of the Constitution, the census is placed in the Union Government List.** Why is the Union Government delaying the census, which is a **basic task to be carried out once in 10 years.**

Azhagumuthukone: the thirst for freedom against all odds
(July 11: Birth anniversary of Veeran Azhagumuthukone)

- The freedom fighter Azhagumuthukone mobilized a force to recover Ettayapuram. Many soldiers joined the force from the Pethanaickanur and Maveli Odai region. They were trained in warfare by Veeran Azhagumuthukone.
- To rescue Ettayapuram, the hero Azhagumuthukone mobilized a large army and divided it into two divisions. One was led by the King Venkateswara Ettapar and the other by the freedom fighter Azhagumuthukone.
- The armies set off in two directions. The army under the leadership of the freedom fighter Azhagumuthukone stayed at Pethanaickanur Fort during the night. Learning of this through spies, Khan Sahib thought it was the right moment to attack and besieged the fort where Azhagumuthukone had camped.
- When the soldiers were fast asleep, Khan Sahib used a surprise attack strategy. Unable to face this sudden attack, the soldiers died in battle. The 255 soldiers who were captured alive, including Azhagumuthukone, were dragged to a place called Nadukattur Seemai and the right arms of 248 soldiers were chopped off and thrown away.
- The remaining seven namely, Azhagumuthukone, Kechilan Servai, Venkatesurarettu Servai, Muthazhagu Servai, Parivaram Muthirulan, his younger brother Jegaveera Reytulachumanan, and Thalikattupuram Mayiluppillai were tied on the mouth of cannons and shot.
- The white men committed this atrocity in July 1759. Even when tied to cannons and blasted into bits, they did not give up their fight for freedom. The hero who lost his life, Azhagumuthukone sowed the seeds for the liberation war in Tamil Nadu, saying that we should die as a free man rather than live as a slave.

International airport on 2,000 acres for Hosur, world class library for Tiruchirappalli
(Hon'ble Chief Minister makes two major announcements)

- **Tamil Nadu has progressed to become the 'Numero uno' state in India in the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) for 2022.**

- Tamil Nadu is India's leading state in the export of motor vehicles, spare parts, leather goods and electronics.
- In the ranking of states for industrial growth, Tamil Nadu, which was at the bottom in 2020, has now got the top performer status.
- Tamil Nadu, which is the second largest economic state in India, is taking various initiatives to quickly achieve the goal of making Tamil Nadu a trillion US dollar economy by 2030. Tamil Nadu has emerged as a state that attracts global investors. From this, you can see how the state is growing.
- We are expanding industries in all Districts. In the electronics and electric vehicle manufacturing sector, Hosur has been attracting more and more investments in the last few years.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu is currently implementing various visionary projects with the aim of setting up modern infrastructure in the rapidly growing city of Hosur, to make it an important economic development centre of Tamil Nadu.
- Accordingly, a new Master Plan for the city of Hosur has been prepared and is nearing completion. This Government considers it necessary to establish an airport at Hosur to help the overall socio-economic development not only of Hosur but also Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri areas.
- I am pleased to announce in this House that an international airport, capable of handling 30 million passengers yearly, will be set up on two thousand acres at Hosur.
- With the aim that people in other parts of Tamil Nadu should also benefit from such libraries, the **Kalaignar Centenary Library was established and inaugurated by me on 15.07.2023 in Madurai famed for its Sangam.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates scheme for increasing soil fertility, eco-friendly measures

(‘Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom’ Scheme)

- The **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the ‘Chief Minister’s **Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme**’, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Under the scheme, **4,000 MT of green manure seeds will be distributed to farmers with a budget of Rs.20 crore**, for planting green manure seeds on an area of 2 lakh acres.
- Also, on behalf of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated supply of tractors, cluster ploughs and rotavators for the use of farmers at subsidized rent and also a programme to impart training to rural youth to drive tractors.

- To increase the income of agriculturists manifold, the Kalaignar All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme (KAVIADP), the Chief Minister's Dryland Development Mission, the Nel Jayaraman Mission for conservation of Traditional Rice Varieties, scheme for free electricity connections to farmers are being implemented for the benefit of farmers.
- The Government has also launched a separate website for soil fertility so that the farmers can know the soil fertility of their fields.
- The Government is also implementing, agricultural mechanization scheme, to provide agricultural equipment packages to farmers and a crop protection scheme.

 **Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme to distribute green manure seeds**

- The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department's budget proposals for the year 2024-2025 state that due to continuous cultivation of one crop, the land absorbs more nutrients from the soil resulting in the decrease of soil fertility.
- Apart from this, the use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides in large quantities to increase production has reduced the number of microorganisms in the soil, resulting in poor soil fertility and health.
- Therefore, it has been announced that a new scheme called Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme will be implemented in 2024-2025 with 22 components at a cost of Rs.206 crore, to maintain soil fertility and encourage all agricultural practices like bio-based agriculture for the benefit of farmers.
- Under this scheme, distribution of green manure seed has been announced as the first species. Through green manure crops, soil fertility is maintained, soil microorganisms are protected and soil nutrients are increased biologically. This will improve the quality of agricultural produce and the well-being of the people will be protected.
- Green manure crops grow in the soil, decompose in the soil, and increase the fertility of the soil. To encourage its cultivation among the farmers, the scheme is to be implemented in the first phase of 2024-2025 in irrigated and lift irrigation areas, at a cost of Rs.20 crore on an area of 2 lakh acres.

 **Provision of tractors, agricultural implements for rental rates farmers use at subsidized**

- In the Agriculture Budget announcement, it is said that there is a huge demand for agricultural machines and the responsibility of the government is to take them to the last small town in order to meet the demand of the farmers and help carry out the agricultural work without hindrance. It was announced that

machinery will be procured at a cost of Rs.25 crore and will be given on subsidized rent to the needy farmers **through the Department's e-rental app.**

Tamil Nadu, a pioneering state in eradicating child labour

Let's eliminate child labour!

Let's light the torch of education in the lives of children!

- 'World Day Against Child Labour' is observed every year on **12th June to create awareness against child labour around the world.**
- It is certain that we will achieve the goal of no child labour in **Tamil Nadu by the year 2025 due to the continuous efforts of the Government.**
- Therefore, let all parents and employers pledge not to employ children under the age of 14 in all types of occupations and hazardous work and make our country a prosperous one. Let's make Tamil Nadu state free of child labour!

Hon'ble Chief Minister announces Rs.78.67 crore Kuruvai special package for Delta farmers

Measures taken by Department of Food and Consumer Protection

- Family cardholders, who face any difficulty or wish to lodge a complaint at the Fair Price Shops, can lodge complaints through the toll-free numbers 1800 425 5901 and 1967. **Immediate action is being taken on these complaints and the grievances are being rectified promptly.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulates students trained in data science and AI in Durham varsity

(Beneficiaries under Naan Mudhalvan Scheme return from England)

Social Revolutionary

- Rettimalai Srinivasan went to South Africa and stayed in Natal, where he worked as a court interpreter. That was the period when Annal Gandhi Adigal also worked as a lawyer in the court. It was then that he taught Annal Gandhi Adigal to sign in Tamil.
- Historical records say that he taught all the great and glorious things of the Kural. He returned to India in 1921 and decided to actively engage in social welfare work and joined the Justice Party to strive for social progress.
- He served in the Chennai Provincial Assembly for 15 years. He spent in the best manner for the well-being of the people of his community. He worked for equal rights for all people.
- A bill was brought in the assembly to end the injustices of 'pollution' by touch and drinking water, and the resolution was passed.

- It was only after 1928 that he went to the London Round Table Conference twice and participated in that conference and tirelessly advocated and voiced for the equal rights of the people of India and especially the downtrodden people.
- It should not be forgotten that Perumagan Rettaimalai Srinivasan, who was given the titles of Rao Sahib, Rao Bahadur, Diwan Bahadur and lived steadfastly till the end.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates excavation projects at 8 sites to establish antiquity of Tamils

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Archaeology Department virtually inaugurated the excavation work for the year 2024 at eight sites namely, Sivagangai District - Keeladi and its surrounding area Konthagai; Virudhunagar District -Vembakottai; Tiruvannamalai District- Keezhnamandi; Pudukkottai District - Porpanaikottai; Tenkasi District - Thirumalapuram; Krishnagiri District - Chennanur; Tiruppur District - Kongalnagaram and Cuddalore District - Marungur at the Secretariat on 18.06.2024. Tamil Nadu is a land with 15 million years of human history.
- Keeladi excavations have had a huge impact not only among archaeologists but also among the Tamils of the world. The results of carbon dating firmly establish that Tamil society was an advanced literate society in the sixth century B.C. Porunai River Civilization is more than 3,200 years old, and can be confirmed by analysis of paddy husk recovered from Sivakalai excavations.
- Similarly, dating results of two Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) from Mayiladumparai excavations in Krishnagiri district confirm the introduction of iron into Tamil Nadu 4,200 years ago.
 - Keeladi and its nearby archaeological site Konthagai, Sivagangai District – Phase X
 - Vembakottai, Virudhunagar District -Phase III
 - Kilnamandi, Tiruvannamalai District –Phase II
 - Porpanaikottai, Pudukkottai District – Phase II
 - Thirumalapuram, Tenkasi District - Phase I
 - Chennanur, Krishnagiri District – Phase I
 - Kongalnagaram, Tiruppur District – Phase I
 - Marungur, Cuddalore District – Phase I

⊕ Details of Keeladi - Phase IX Excavation

- Since 2014, continuous excavations have been going on at the 110-acre archeological mound at Pallichandai Thidal, Keeladi in Thirubuvanam circle, Sivagangai District. In this, survey work was carried out in 14 pits and 804 antiquities, such as gold jewellery, ivory dice, animal figures made of flint with beautiful carvings, takalis made of flint, circular chips, sticks of honour, copper coins, copper needles and iron nails were unearthed. Also, bone and charcoal samples from different sites have been collected for scientific analysis.
- In the first phase, four excavation pits have been excavated with a floor made of clay and lime at a depth of about 35 cm. This layer is found with a thickness of 3 to 6 cm.
- Further excavation revealed a pile of more than a thousand black-red, red-coated, red-coloured potsherds below the ground floor, at a depth of about two feet. Further excavation will be carried out to bring out the complete cultural wealth through extensive excavations.

⊕ Details of Konthagai Phase-IV Excavation

- In the fourth phase of excavation carried out at Konthagai, 24 burial urns were found in three levels in two excavation pits of size 10 x 10 m and size 4 x 4 m. Over 110 black-andred ware and red slipped ware grave-goods were unearthed from within the burial urns alongside human skeletal remains. The artefacts include carnelian beads, iron knives, chisels, rings, etc. For the first time ever, a ring made of ivory has been found from an urn burial.

⊕ Details of Vembakkottai Phase II Excavation

- Excavation started at Vembakkottai, in Virudhunagar District 2021-2022. This archeological mound is known as Mettukkadu or Uchimedu by the local people. Excavations carried out at the Vembakkottai settlement mound revealed a series of prehistoric to medieval remains.
- A total of 34 pits have been excavated in the two phases of excavation carried out here. More than 7,800 artifacts have also been found. Mesolithic tools, glass beads, flint earrings, figurines, talismans, beads, bangles, rings, circular crystals, scraps of iron ore and many other items have been found.
- Also incomplete conch rings are found in abundance in this archaeological mound. Also, more than 100 iron objects and more than 40 copper objects have been found. The next phase of excavation work will be carried out to find many historical evidences at this place.

⊕ Details of Excavation work carried out in Kilnamandi

- Kilnamandi village is located in Vandavasi circle in Tiruvannamalai district. Spread over an area of about 55 acres, the site has more than 200 megalithic stone circles. Remains of an ark can be found inside some damaged stone circles.
- Excavations carried out last year included burial areas and habitations. 12 excavation pits were dug in the burial area and 10 excavation pits in the habitat area.
- A total of 21 urns were found in the burial site out of which only 6 urns are complete and others are found in broken condition.
- More than 30 scratch-marked potsherds and 43 artefacts have been found in the burial site. Forty-five inscribed sherds and 46 artefacts were found in the habitat area. About 500 metres from the burial site, more than 30 stone axe grinding pits are found on a small hill.
- Now, the cultural transition from the Neolithic to the Iron Age is crucial to know the various cultural chronologies of the site.
- The aim of the excavation is to understand the iron smelting technology, assess the cultural practices of the Iron Age people and basically to identify the Paleolithic sites in their proper archaeological context.

Details of Excavation work carried out at Porpanaikottai

- Porpanaikottai is located between Manimangalam and Alangudi in Pudukkottai district. The site is known as a Sangam Archeological site due to the size of the brick, memorial stone, black-red pottery, symbolic symbols, pottery inscribed in Brahmi.
- Excavations carried out last year revealed a circular brick structure at a depth of about 38 cm. It consists of three tiers starting from the north-west and extending to the south-east. Its diameter is 230 cm. Following this, a 57 cm deep drain was found in the north-eastern part. Its length is 255 cm. This excavation had yielded 533 antiquities such as hop-scotches, spouts, glass bangles, terracotta lamps, spindle whorls, coins, carnelian beads, rubbing stones, bone tool points and a gold nose stud with six petals.
- The other important findings of the excavation were graffiti and Tamili (Tamil-Brahmi) inscribed potsherds and circular brick structures. Based on this, the availability of large quantities of iron slag, flint pipes and furnaces indicate that iron industry was in full swing during the prehistoric and medieval periods. The aim of the excavation is to trace the roots of the Iron Age culture.

First Phase Excavation Work Begins at Thirumalapuram

- Archaeological remains were unearthed at a depth of about four feet while taking soil for the construction of a road near Kulasekaraperi Kanmai in Thirumalapuram Village, Vasudevanallur, Sivagiri Taluk, Tenkasi District.
- The archaeological site is spread over an area of about 25 acres. In this area there are cists and burial urn type of monuments.
- White decorated bowls and lids, glazed red pottery, burial urns, iron bowl, iron implements (spear, sword, short sword, bow knife) are important artefacts from this region.
- According to the above details, to understand the nature of the site, to identify the boundary of the Paleolithic burial ground at the site, to identify the Iron Age settlement area, excavation is planned with the main objectives of discovering the nature of the habitat area, unearthing more evidence about the Paleolithic burial site, learning about the ritual of the Iron Age people, knowing more about the life, art, culture, pottery, settlement system of the region, and finding out the connection between the Iron Age and early historical periods.

First Phase Excavation Begins at Chennanur

- Chennanur is a historical village located in Uthangarai Taluk of Krishnagiri District.
- There is an archaeological mound in an area of about 50 acres at the western foot of the hill called Chennanur Kuttai. This archaeological mound supports archaeological remains up to about 2.5 m. It yielded mostly fine and coarse black-and-red ware, black ware, red slipped ware and red ware.
- The highest point of the mound can be traced from the north-west part of the hill range. The deposit at this point might be a 2.5 m thick cultural deposit.
- The site yielded antiquities like terracotta hopscotches, spindle whorls and votive lamps. Three rock shelters were noticed with paintings in white ochre.
- Apart from these, many Sangam bricks of farming have been found in the area and rock paintings have been found in three caves on the hill near the archaeological mound. These are painted in white.
- Based on the available evidence, the culture of Neolithic and Mesolithic people can be known if excavation is carried out in Chennanur. Also, it can be known from which period humans have been continuously living in this region.
- The history of Krishnagiri district can be fully known through the excavations carried out at Chennanur.

First Phase Excavation Work Begins in Kongalnagaram

- Kongalnagaram village is located in Udumalpet Taluk, Tiruppur District. The archaeological mound is situated on 20 acres of land, one km from the present Kongalnagaram village. Also, Paleolithic monuments such as 'Kalvattam' and 'Karthittai' are located in and around the village of Kongalnagaram.
- The area contains various Iron Age sites, rock paintings, numerous Iron Age and Early Mesolithic monuments.
- The habitat archaeological mound here covers an area of 20 acres and rises more than 2 metres above the present ground level.
- In the burial area, there are gravestones, dolmen, stones stacked to a point and burial urns. At the edge of a dolmen, there is also a menhir.
- The explorations also yielded graffiti and Tamili (Tamil Brahmi) inscribed potsherds besides a large number of russet- coated ware and blackand-red ware reflecting its cultural potentiality.
- Other important artefacts recovered from the site include earrings and Chera coin. Extensive industrialization and urbanization demand its immediate attention. It is the most probable site from whose symbols we can trace the origin of Tamili in the region, and study its soil layers and chronology.

First phase of excavation work started at Marungur

- Marungur is a small village located 32 km west of Cuddalore. On the northern side of the road from Marungur village to Keezhakollai, on the eastern side of the pond, there is an archaeological mound covering an area of about 4 acres.
- Light-grey Rouletted ware, and black and red pottery were collected in the centre of the mound. On the western side of the mound, there is a brick construction area.
- Bricks measuring 7 x 21 x 42 cm have been used for this construction. A lot of black and red pottery are found on the banks of the pond near the area where the brick construction is exposed.
- The purpose of this research project is to reveal archaeological sites, settlement plans, and archaeological features, as also locating the centre of the Iron Age culture and analyzing the evidence related to the early historic period of the region.

Publication of Perumbalai Excavation Report and Tamil Nadu Inscriptions Volume - XXVIII

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released two books, Perumbalai Excavation Report containing the report of the excavation carried out by the Department of Archaeology in the year 2022-2023 at the sites of Perumbalai,

Dharmapuri District and 'Tamil Nadu Inscriptions Volume - XXVIII' containing explanatory texts of 138 inscriptions in Chengalpattu District.

Congratulations to Padma Shri Awardee Selvi. Joshna Chinnappa

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, congratulated squash athlete Selvi. Joshna Chinappa, Deputy Director of Sports of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation on conferment of Padma Shri for the year 2024, at the Secretariat on 18.06.2024.

⊕ Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over Rs.75 lakh to Thiru. T. Mariyappan

- Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, congratulated Thiru.T.Mariyappan, who won gold medal in the high jump event in 2024 World Para Athletics Championship, held in Japan from May 17 to 25, by giving him a cheque of Rs.75 lakh as high incentive.
- In order to make Tamil Nadu the best State in India in the field of sports, the State Government has been taking various proactive measures such as providing appropriate training to sportsmen, high incentives to them, and establishing infrastructure facilities for sports so that sportsmen and women from Tamil Nadu can participate and win in various sports competitions held at the all-India level and internationally.
- Moreover, various projects are being implemented such as creating state of- the-art sports infrastructure facilities by receiving donations from corporates and individual donors and creating the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, providing the necessary infrastructure facilities to host International Sports Competitions in Tamil Nadu.

⊕ Paralympic high jump gold medallist Thiru. T. Mariyappan to be given high incentive

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on 11.06.2024, congratulated the Tamil Nadu athlete Thiru. T. Mariyappan, who won the gold medal in the 2024 World Para Athletics Championship held in Kobe, Japan. It is to be noted that earlier, Thiru. T. Mariyappan had received a cheque of Rs. 30 lakh for winning a bronze medal at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, a cheque of Rs. 2 crore for winning a silver medal at the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, a cheque of Rs.30 lakh for winning a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Para Games in China, and a cheque of Rs.5 lakh for winning a gold medal in the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation competition held in Thailand. He has now been given Rs.75 lakh as high incentive.

Hon'ble Youth Welfare and Sports Minister launches POCSO portal, apps for welfare of girl children, women

- The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, at his Chennai Camp Office, on 18.06.2024 launched the exclusive website for POCSO - <https://www.pocsoportal.tn.gov.in>. Separate apps for Individual Care Plan and Inspection and Monitoring of Child Care Homes were also launched. A mobile application for the membership of widows and destitute Women Welfare Board was also launched on the occasion.

POCSO Portal

- Through the POCSO Portal, the police, POCSO Court / Women's Court and Child Welfare and Special Services Departments can instantly register the **details of the child sex-offence cases**. Senior officers of the Department can keep an eye on the cases from the stage of registration till the final judgement in court, and can monitor the progress of the cases and even speeden them.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Ungalaithedi Ungal Ooril Scheme 'has come to us as a ray of great hope'

- Many innovative schemes have been conceived and implemented by the Dravidian Model Government, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, with the focus on people's welfare.
- In this connection 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar', 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam', 'Naan Mudhalvan', 'Innuyir Kaappom Nammai Kaakkum 48', 'Pudhumai Penn', 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme', 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai' and 'Chief Minister on field visit', schemes are all focused on the welfare of the people.
- These schemes are being implemented in such a manner that their benefits reach people in the margins of society. By implementing these schemes, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made Tamil Nadu a premier State in the country.
- To ensure that the Government schemes reach the people quickly and easily, the District Collectors, along with their subordinate staff, are doing their work with dedication.
- To ensure that all the welfare schemes of the Government reach the last man in society without any hassles, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the '**Ungal Ooril, Ungalai Thedi**' scheme on **23.11.2023**. It was launched on **31.01.2024**.

August 2024

Expansion of Breakfast Scheme for Primary School Children Across the State: 2,23,536 Children to Benefit

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin sat alongside the children, served them breakfast, and ate with them at St.Anne's Government Aided Primary School, Keezhacheri, Thiruvallur District, on 15.07.2024, the birth anniversary of the former Chief Minister Perunthalaivar K. Kamarajar, marks the expansion of the Government's flagship scheme to the primary school children from classes 1 to 5 in Government aided private schools.

⊕ Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme:

- The pioneering scheme was announced on 07.05.2022; on the occasion of stepping into the second year of governance, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced under rule 110

⊕ Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme -Objectives:

- Satisfying the hunger of school-going children, reduce malnutrition among students Improving nutrition among school children, Boosting the attendance rate among the school children, reducing the burden among working mothers.

⊕ The Beginning

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme at Adhimoolam Corporation Primary School, Madurai on 15.09.2022. He marked the launch by serving breakfast to the school children and eating alongside them.
- Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS) mobile app on 28.02.2023. The Hon'ble Chief Minister further expanded the scheme in an event at Thirukkuvalai, Nagapattinam District on 25.08.2023.

⊕ Reception from Parents and Students

- In addition to receiving widespread appreciation from parents and students, the availability of nutritious meals has also catered to improved attendance rates among school going children.
- Working mothers have extended their gratitude and happiness upon a shorter meal-preparing time, lower expenses, and increased well-being, happiness, and learning abilities among their children.

⊕ Outcomes

- The scheme has recorded increased engagement in learning, enhanced learning abilities, better attention span and punctuality, and improved regular attendance among the students.

 **Expansion of the scheme across all state-aided primary schools**

- The 2024-2025 annual financial statement stated that the expansion of the Chief Minister's breakfast scheme would cover 2.50 lakh children studying in classes 1 to 5 across the Government-aided primary schools in Tamil Nadu from the upcoming academic year.
- 15th July 2024, commemorating the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister, Perunthalaivar K.Kamarajar, which also marks the 'educational development day' in Tamil Nadu.
- He said the scheme aims to amplify education, delight the learning process, and satisfy school children's hunger. He added that the inauguration will take place in Tiruvallur District.
- As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister participated in the inaugural scheme at St. Anne's Government-aided Primary School, Keezhacheri, Tiruvallur District. He served breakfast to the school children and launched the flagship scheme benefitting 2,23,536 students from classes 1 to 5 in 3,995 state-aided primary schools across Tamil Nadu.

 **Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin at the event:**

- Henceforth, more than 2,23,000 students from government-aided schools will have breakfast. In total, more than 2,73,000 children eat a nutritious, delicious breakfast every day.
- The Sangam literature sources cite that a local chieftain was hailed as 'Pasippini Maruthuvan' (The one who heals the malignity of hunger). I highlight its contemporary relevance: it is the Government's responsibility to eliminate the malignity of hunger! By providing nutritious meals to underprivileged children, we raise them as a healthy, prosperous, and insightful community of people, as they are the future assets of our state.
- When our Government officials labelled the amount required for the scheme as an 'expense', I stood firm and corrected them, it was not an expense but an investment for the future generation. This scheme increases confidence among the students, alleviates the financial burden of the parents, increases the enrollment rates and reduces the drop-out rates in schools.

I found great satisfaction in alleviating the hunger of the students

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin announced that the pioneering Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme will be implemented in all

government aided schools in rural areas from classes 1 to 5, 2,23,536 students, in the birth anniversary celebrations of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, held at St. Anne's Government Aided Primary School, Tiruvallur District, Keezhacheri, on 15.07.2024.

- A social media post by the Hon'ble Chief Minister published in connection with the expansion of the scheme.
- "After the expansion of Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, I was able to monitor how many children were fed across Tamil Nadu through the Chief Minister's Dash Board and felt satisfied that the hunger of the students was eradicated."
- Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin regarding the launch of Chief Minister's breakfast scheme for rural areas on 15.07.2024.

'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' Scheme: Interaction with the People from Nagapattinam, Vellore, Tiruppur, Thoothukudi and Madurai Districts

- The 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' scheme focuses on enhancing the functioning and transparency of the services provided by Government officials to the people. This scheme also focuses on faster and easier dispersal of services to the people. This scheme is under the direct purview of the Department of 'Mudhalvarin Mugavari'.
- The first phase has identified thirteen of the most sought-after Departments by the people.
- The petitions from these Departments are later integrated under one roof and further resolved. This scheme was implemented in all the Corporations, Municipalities, Town Panchayats, and Village Panchayats closer to urban pockets.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated this scheme on 18.12.2023 in the Coimbatore District and later expanded to other Districts across the state.
- 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' scheme in urban areas, it was expanded to rural areas. The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the expansion of the scheme on 11.07.2024 at Palayampudhur Panchayat, Dharmapuri District.
- The fifteen most sought-after Departments involved in the faster redressal of petitions by the public in rural areas are listed here.

The Role of the Revenue Department in People's Welfare

- The Department of Revenue was created during the British period. The Department was earlier assigned to collect land taxes. Currently, the Department manages general administration and the overall welfare of the people.
- The Department provides services such as furnishing certificates and pensions, administering social welfare schemes, grievance camps, disaster management activities,

distributing relief materials and funds, providing land patta to the owners, allotting land for Government projects, protecting the Government land from illegal occupation, administering land reform acts, leasing the Government land to private players, and measuring the field for real estate activities.

- The Revenue Department also conducts elections and protects law and order.

 **Hon'ble Chief Minister Handed Over Free Patta to Poor**

 **Chief Minister's Engirundhum Eppodhum Scheme**

- The Hon'ble **Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** inaugurated the '**Engirundhum Eppodhum**' scheme on **23.09.2022**. This scheme enables **people to transfer land documents (patta) online**.

 **Online Field Measurement Book of Cities**

- The computerised **filed measurement book (FMB)** of 179 out of 186 cities has been **uploaded online**.

 **Online Application for Measuring F-Line**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated an online scheme on **20.11.2023**. This scheme helps the landowners apply online to measure the f-line of their lands.

 **Archiving the handwritten records**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has instructed the preservation of the handwritten records. Tamil Nadu State Archives and Central Survey Office have scanned and preserved 9,40,725 papers in three years.

 **Provision of Certificates**

- In **1999**, **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** ordered that the students of classes **10 and 12** would receive their **residence, income, and caste certificates** at their **school premises**.
- Following his footsteps, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered **twenty-six varieties** of certificates to be uploaded online for the public.

 **Old Age Pension**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has increased the Old-Age pension to **Rs.1,200**.

 **Grievance Redressal Mechanisms**

- Under the 'Chief Minister in Field Visit' project, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered all the District collectors to go on field visits every third Wednesday of the Month.
- The District collector would visit the field at 09:00 am and examine the villages at the time mentioned above frame. They would receive petitions from the people until 09:00 am the following day. This scheme is implemented across all the Districts.

❖ Free Sarees and Dhoti Scheme

- In 1989, **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** crafted the free sarees and dhoti plan. Through this scheme, the Government distributed free sarees and dhotis to people below the poverty line. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is continuing this scheme.

❖ Disaster Management

- Several floods and cyclones have affected the state in the past three years. **Tauktae and Yaas cyclones affected Tamil Nadu in 2021.**
- 2022 saw cyclone Mandous and a torrential downpour in the Mayiladuthurai District, followed by flooding in the river Cauvery.

❖ Land Survey Department

- Such sincere reforms in the past three years and schemes like **Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar** (Chief Minister in your constituency), **Mudhalvarin Mugavari**, Chief Minister in Field visit, **Makkaludan Mudhalvar**, and **Neengal Nalama** schemes are used to resolve the issues within fifteen days from the petition is received.

Online-based Single Window System for Housing Permissions

❖ Funds worth Rs.3.29 crore distributed at Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board

- On 23.07.2024, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin presided over the committee meeting of the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board at the Secretariat.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar pioneered this initiative and established the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board in 1989.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, is the Board's Chairperson. The Hon'ble Commercial Taxes Minister is the Vice-Chairperson of this board.

- When Muthamizharignar Kalaignar constituted this board, he appointed twenty non-official administrative members.
- Keeping the growing trade affairs across the state, the Hon'ble Chief Minister released a Government order on 07.07.2023, which increased the number of non-official administrative members from twenty to thirty.
- In 1989, two crore rupees were allotted as the corpus fund for various welfare activities and administrative expenses.
- Later, this fund was increased by five crore rupees in 2012. It was further increased to ten crore rupees. The balance of Rs 4.05 crore is left in the corpus fund.

Marriage Assistance

- **The members received a sum of Rs. 5,000 as wedding assistance.** After this Government came to power, as per the G.O., dated 16.11.2021, for the weddings of the members, children of the members, and in case the daughter of the member is a widow, then for her remarriage, the marriage assistance amount has been increased to Rs. 10,000.

Educational assistance

- For the children of members of the Tamil Nadu Traders Welfare Board, within the member's lifetime, one of his ward's higher education, a sum of Rs.5000 is provided for every academic year.
- If the student is pursuing a professional education, Rs.10,000 is provided. Under this scheme so far, a sum of Rs.3.26 lakh is provided to 94 members.
- **On 25 September 1989, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar established this board thirty-five years ago.**
- This board is running efficiently, and it has the Chief Minister as the Chairperson and the commercial taxes Minister as the Vice Chairperson.
- Warm greetings to everyone. Before the Assembly elections, I met people across the state, and I named that initiative '*Ungal Thoguthiyil Stalin*'.
- **I promised the people that whatever schemes could be initiated and issues resolved within 100 days would be handled in the first phase.** We preserved that box at Anna Arivalayam.
- After assuming power, I created a new Department to care for people's petitions. We named the Department as '*Ungal Thogudhiyil Mudhalamaichar*' (Chief Minister in your constituency); through this Department we segregated the petitions collected during the campaign.

- Various organs under a Department called Mudhalvarin Mugavari.
- **Still, we have** also initiated another scheme called '**Makkaludan Mudhalvar**'. **Government officials from the 13 most important Government Departments** will visit towns and villages and collect petitions from the people, which **will be resolved within the next 30 days**.

Amendment of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act

✚ According to the Prohibition Act 1937

Best Transgender Award to Ms. Sandhiya Devi

- On 29th July 2024, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** gave away the best transgender award to **Ms. Sandhiya Devi** from **Kanniyakumari District**. **She has worked for the upliftment of the transgender community**. This award is given by the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment.

✚ Welfare Schemes for Transgender

- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar **replaced the term 'third gender'** with the more dignified term '**transgender**' in Tamil Nadu. He also constituted the **Transgender Welfare Board in 2008** for the provision of **social and economic support to the transgender community**.
- This board provides welfare measures such as scholarship for higher education, **entrepreneurship training** and loans, a monthly pension of **rupees thousand five hundred** for abandoned transgenders **over the age of forty**, and a special scheme for the **transgender's higher education**.
- The Government **has provided the transgender ID card for 9080 transgenders through this board**. In addition, 617 transgenders were provided with loan for business, monthly pension for 1,599 transgenders, and transgenders facilitates 29.74 lakh trips under **Vidiyal Payanam Scheme**.

✚ Best Transgender Award

- **Since 2021, the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment** constitutes a committee under the minister to choose a transgender for award for exceptional social service and an example for the transgender community.
- The Department has been giving this award since 2021 on every transgender day - **April 15**. The awardee will be given a cheque of **rupees one lakh** and a certificate of **appreciation**.
- Transgender **Ms. Sandhiya Devi**, resident of **Thovalai, Kanniyakumari** is a flower vendor. She was interested in **Villisai**, a folk art form of Tamil Nadu. She

learnt the art form and conducted nearly thousand **villisai events** based on the **Hindu Mythology in Tamil Nadu and Kerala**.

- In addition, she had conducted villisai shows based on **COVID-19 awareness, social welfare schemes, prevention of dowry, and prevention of atrocities against women act**.
- Thus, Transgender Sandhiya Devi from Kanniakumari District, who has been a role model for the Transgender community and has created awareness and provided services for their welfare through her Bow Music, has been selected for the 'Best Transgender Award' for the year 2024.

Thiyagigal Dhinam

- **Paid homage to the portraits of Thiyagi Senbagaraman, Thiyagi Arya @ Bashyam, and Thiyagi Sankaralinganaar at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai, on 17.07.2024.**

Cash Award for Sportspersons

Address of the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development

- People across the globe are discussing the Olympics, which began two days ago. Of the 117-member Indian contingency, 17 members, including 6 **paralympic contestants**, are from Tamil Nadu. Our state has sent the most number of candidates after Punjab and Haryana.
- I am sharing this **dais** with Ms. Indhumathi, who has won the AIFF's **Player of the Year award**. She is also the captain of the Indian football team.

Tamil Nadu is the front runner in protecting the interests of Adi-Dravidars

- Especially, in 1974, he provided concrete houses under the **Adi-Dravidar Free Housing Scheme**. Through the **TAHDCO**, he organised training programs, and accessible loans. In addition, he also provided free education until post-graduation.
- In 1971, Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi raised the **Adi-Dravidar reservation of 16 per cent to 18 per cent**. In 2000, he provided 3 per cent for the **Arunthathiyan caste** within the 18 per cent SC quota.
- He had also built **Swami Sagajanandha Auditorium, Thiyaga Seelar Kakkan Manimandapam, Dr. Ambedkar Manimandapam, and Kattabomman's army commander Veeran Sundaralingam Manimandapam**. In addition, he built a law university in the name of Dr. Ambedkar.
- His efforts are pivotal in appointing the first **Adi Dravidar Judge of Hon'ble Madras Highcourt, Justice A. Varadharajan, after the court's establishment 112 years ago**. It is remarkable that Justice A. Varadharajan later became a judge at the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Muthamizharignar Kalaignar also appointed Adi Dravidar

representatives for the posts of Chairperson of TNPSC, Head of Police Department, Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, and Secretary to the Chief Minister.

- In the path of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu built statues for Dr. Ambedkar, Ayothee Dasa Pandithar, and Statue and Memorial for **Diwan Bahadur Dravidamani Rettaimalai Srinivasan**. He has also began a series of initiatives for the betterment of the **Adi-Dravidar community**.

❖ **Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme**

- **This scheme was inaugurated in 2023-2024, estimated at hundred crore.** This schemes aims towards bringing out entrepreneurs from the SC and ST communities. In this scheme, 35 per cent of the investment and 65 per cent of the bank amount's 6 per cent are managed by the Government.

❖ **Ayothee Dasa Pandithar Residential Development Scheme**

- **This scheme aims at improving the residences in urban pockets at an annual budget of Rs.200 crore, altogether Rs.1,000 crore in five years will be allotted.**

❖ **Commission for the Welfare of Adi Dravidar and Tribals**

- **This commission is constituted by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.** It aims at protecting the legal rights, finding solutions for pressing issues. This commission also has a certain degree of agency of its own.

❖ **Prizes for pioneering, casteless villages**

- The Government has allotted Rs.3.70 crore. This amount is given to villages from 37 Districts, where **non-discriminatory cremation is followed**.

❖ **75.27 per cent of the Departmental budget for educational development**

- The total amount allotted to the Adi Dravidar welfare Department in the year 2024-2025 is Rs.2,992.57 crore.
- Out of this amount, Rs.2,252.51 crore is allotted towards the educational development of the students, which makes up for **75.27 per cent for Adi Dravidar students and 43.23 per cent for tribal students**.
- For the **improvement of sanitation workers, a loan of Rs.1.09 crore is released to 587 sanitation workers and their families, collaborating with the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation**.

❖ **“Tamil Nadu Day Celebrations” at Kancheepuram District**

- On 18th July 2024, the Department of Tamil Development, Information and Publicity conducted the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations at AKG Wedding Hall, Kancheepuram.
- Our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced that July 18th will be celebrated as Tamil Nadu Day by the Department of Tamil Development, Information and Publicity every year.
- On 18th July 1967, Perarignar Anna announced his resolution in the Assembly to rename Madras Presidency as Tamil Nadu, following the linguistic reorganisation of the states.



September 2024

'Leader of the Tamil race' Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Birth Centenary Commemorative Coin Release Event

- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar for a year, starting on 3rd June 2023.

❖ A Legendary Figure of Indian Politics

- Friends, India has celebrated its 78th Independence Day this week. Not many people know that before 1973, only the Governor used to hoist the National flag on Independence Day and Republic Day in the state.
- Thiru. Karunanidhi raised his voice against this and demanded that the Chief Ministers should be allowed to hoist the Tricolour on National Days. His voice had an impact and it was decided that only the Chief Minister would hoist the flag on Independence Day. In this way, Karunanidhi also became the first Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who hoisted the flag on **15th August 1974**.

❖ Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation

- There was one such event when the WTO Seattle conference was **being held in 1999**.

❖ Women Self-Help Groups

- His Government enacted **legislation providing 33 percent reservation** for women in local bodies and he was instrumental in forming Women Self Help Groups, first in Dharmapuri during his regime in **1989**.

❖ Manu Needhi Scheme - 15 - September - 1969

- Friends, he was an able administrator. He started a programme called 'Manu Needhi Thittam'. Under this initiative, he had ordered the district officials to reserve one day every week, only to listen to the problems of the people. Establishing a direct and deep connection with people is something that every politician should learn from him.

❖ Enhancing Security

- The decision of the Government of India to establish **Defence Industrial Corridors both in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu** is a case in point. These corridors are aimed at boosting the domestic defence manufacturing sector and reducing reliance on imports. These corridors are designed to attract investment, foster innovation and create a robust ecosystem for defence **production in India**.

❖ Integration of Heritage

- Since I belong to the ancient city of Kashi, or the modern day Varanasi or Banaras, I also want to highlight the **initiative of Kashi Tamil Sangamam**. Towards the cultural integration of India, PM Modi inaugurated the Kashi Tamil Sangamam, a significant initiative aimed at rediscovering, re-affirming and celebrating the enduring connections between Tamil people and Kashi, that have spanned centuries.
- Building on the success of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam, the Government has extended its commitment to **cultural integration by launching the Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam**. This initiative seeks to celebrate the **cultural integration** between **West India and South India**.

'Naanayam' (coin) is an apt remembrance of the leader with 'Naa-Nayam' (eloquence)

- Kalaignar Centenary Multi-speciality Hospital at Guindy
- Kalaignar Centenary Library at Madurai
- Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam, paying monthly one thousand rupees for one crore fifteen lakh women.
- Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminal at Kilambakkam
- He renovated this 'Balar Arangam' and renamed it as 'Kalaivanar Arangam' .
- He obtained the 'Classical Language' status for Tamil.
- He renamed Madras as Chennai.
- He established several schemes like Tamil Nadu Water Supply Drainage Board and Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (now TNUHDB).
- He was responsible for forty-four dams and various colleges and universities.
- In 1971, the **state assembly declared condemnation against Pakistan** during the external aggression.
- During the Indo Pakistan war in 1972, Kalaignar gave a relief amount of rupees **six crore** and lands for the soldiers' families to the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
- ❖ During the **1999 Kargil War**, Kalaignar Karunanidhi gave the **highest amount of Rs.50 crore** in three instalments to our former **Prime Minister Vajpayee**.

Memoranda of Understanding with Six Companies

Investments worth Rs.900 crore signed during the investors conclave at San Francisco, USA

- Tamil Nadu is now the second biggest economy of India.

✚ Even and Decentralised Development

- Now Tamil Nadu is expanding as the **second largest economy in India**. 48 per cent of the state is urbanised, which is the highest count in any large state in India.
- Our state also stands first in applying the Sustainable Development Goals in our country.
- 20 per cent of the country's higher education institutions are located in our state. Our Gross Enrollment Ratio is 48 per cent, which is twice higher than the **national average**.
- 45 per cent of the national industrial **women workforce** is from Tamil Nadu. We are also pioneers in Health Tourism in South Asia.
- I come from Chennai, the Gateway of Asia. Tamil Nadu is one of the fastest growing economies across the globe, featuring 39,000 industries and a workforce of nearly 2.6 million, **making it the most industrialised state of India**.
- Tamil Nadu shares a great part in the GDP of our nation. We also lead in the exports in electronics, motor vehicles, motor vehicle spare parts, textiles and clothes.
- The state also **stands first in the export readiness index and second in services export**. To improve the cognitive resources, we have also opened **India's first AI centre at Chennai**.

✚ Our Vision

- We aim to make our state a **trillion dollar economy by 2030**.
- As a part of our initiative, we conducted **global investor's** conclave on the **7th and 8th of January, 2024** in Chennai. Investors, representatives and renowned companies from more than **thirty-five countries participated in the event**.

✚ Increased Employment

- The conclave saw significant American representation. We **inked 631 MoUs and attracted a total investment worth eighty billion US dollars**. This will generate direct employment for **1.4 million** people and indirect employment for **1.2 million** people.

✚ The Sacrifices of Tamil Nadu Freedom Fighters

- Freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu joined hands with Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose when he formed the Indian National Army with the help of foreign nations.

⊕ **In 2021, in the regime of your Dravidian Model Government headed by me:**

- A statue for Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranaar at Coimbatore;
- A statue for freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal at Cuddalore;
- A statue for the freedom fighter Kuyili at Sivagangai District;
- A statue and memorial for Tiruppur Kumaran at Erode District and
- The **Vidiyal free bus travel** scheme for women has increased their **social participation and financial independence**.

⊕ **Schemes for People's Welfare**

- **The Chief Minister's breakfast** scheme is a pioneering scheme in our Nation, providing free breakfast for **20,73,000 students**. Our students are fed hot and nutritious breakfast every day, **ensuring better attendance and continuous learning**.
- '**Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam**' scheme, which delivers health-oriented services for the **rural people** at their doorstep.
- '**Innuyir Kaapom - Nammai Kaakum 48**' scheme directed at saving lives and families.
- My dream project – **Naan Mudhalvan Scheme**, which helps the youth to fine-tune their knowledge, skills and individual talents.
- **Kalloori Kanavu** scheme, helping students to navigate opportunities in higher education.

⊕ **Tamil Nadu's Industrial Resources**

- A 56-acre Fintech City at Nandambakkam
- Mini Tidel Parks at Viluppuram, Tiruppur, Vellore, Tanjore, Thoothukudi, Salem and Sivagangai Districts,
- A new international airport handling a hundred million passengers annually at Parandur, Kancheepuram.
- **Space technology facility and solid fuel facility at ISRO, Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi.**

⊕ **Mudhalvar Pharmacy - 24 February - 2025**

- As a remedy, the Government will inaugurate 'Mudhalvar Marundhagam', where generic drugs and other medicines will be made available at affordable rates.
- First phase, 1,000 such pharmacies will be opened.

Mudhalvarin Kaakum Karangal

- For the retired **military personnel** who spent their career defending our country, to improve their living standards, we are announcing 'Mudhalvarin Kakkum Karangal' scheme.
- Through this scheme, we will help retired military personnel to get loans from the banks upto **rupees one crore to start a new business; 30 per cent of the capital and 3 per cent of the interest will be subsidised**.
- The Government will also provide skill training and entrepreneurial development training. The **family members** of military personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty can also benefit through this scheme.

Pension for Freedom Fighters

- The monthly pension is revised as rupees **twenty one thousand from twenty thousand rupees**.

Prominent Literary Personality Dr. Kumari Anandan receives 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' award - 2024

- On 15.08.2024, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.M.K.Stalin gave away the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' award to the literary personality Dr. Kumari Anandhan for his contribution to Tamil Nadu and development of Tamil people.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister gave this award during the flaghoisting ceremony at Fort St.George.
- The award was created following the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in 2021. This award honours people who have rendered exemplary service for the betterment of Tamil society. So far, the recipients of this award are Thiru. Sankaraiah, Thiru.R. Nallakannu and Aasiriyan Thiru.K. Veeramani.
- He was also awarded the state's Mahakavi Bharathiya Award and Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award.
- He requested a memorial for Veera Vanchinathan at Sengottai. He observed a fast to name the co-operative handloom facility at Ettayapuram after Mahakavi Bharathiya.
- He was awarded a cheque of rupees ten lakh and a certificate of appreciation by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Monthly Rs. 1,000 for boys who take up higher education after 6th to 12th classes in Tamil medium

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme at a Government function in Coimbatore on **09.08.2024** by giving away Debit Cards for the students.
- The scheme provides a **monthly scholarship** of thousand rupees for boy students who have studied in **state-run and state-aided** schools (with Tamil medium of education) from **classes 6-12, and take up higher education**.
- **This scheme was rolled out on 05.09.2022 and further expanded to girl students who studied in state-aided schools with Tamil medium of education.**
- 3.28 lakh girl students have benefited from this scheme, enrolling in arts, sciences, engineering, medicine and vocational education courses. There is also a **34 per cent rise in higher education** enrolment after the inauguration of the **scheme**.
- **"The Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Pudhumai Penn** Scheme has improved the participation of women in **higher education**. Similarly, to create an impact among boy students who study in state-run schools and to make them successful, 'Tamil Pudhalvan' scheme will be implemented from the upcoming financial year.
- Under the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme, the boy students who have studied in classes 6 - 12 at state-run / state-aided schools (medium of instruction in tamil) and enrol themselves in Government of India/Government of Tamil Nadu/UGC-recognised institutions will receive a **monthly stipend** of thousand rupees.
- **This scheme will benefit** students taking up arts and science courses, professional courses, para medical courses, diploma, vocational education, **integrated masters** (upto **first three years**) and vocational education courses following middle school and **high school**.
- This scheme also includes students who have studied in state-run / state-aided schools (Tamil medium of instruction) and further pursue higher education in institutes of excellence such as IITs, NITs and IISER.
- This pioneering scheme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Government Arts College at Coimbatore.
- When you consider economic independence, we have initiated the Vidiyal bus scheme, which grants free bus rides for women. As promised, it was my **first signature** after **assuming power**. So far, women have **commuted 518 crore times under this scheme**.
- 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam' provides empowerment to women, by providing monthly assistance of thousand rupees to one crore and fifteen lakh women.

- For educational rights, we have spearheaded the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme', which is feeding nutritious breakfast to **20,73,000** students.

Athikadavu-Avinashi Project to benefit 24,468 acres of farming land, at an estimate of Rs.1,916.41 crore

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the **Athikadavu- Avinashi scheme** via video **conferencing on 17.08.2024**. The event took place at the Chief Secretariat, on behalf of the Department of Water Resources. This scheme will benefit **24,468 acres** of farm land in **Erode, Tiruppur and Coimbatore Districts at a budget of Rs.1,916.41 crore**.
- In **1972**, Kalaignar Karunanidhi took efforts to make the Athikadavu-Avinashi dream come true for the farmers in the Coimbatore region.
- This scheme will draw 1.50 TMC surplus water in a year from the downstream of Kalingarayan anaicut in the Bhavani river at the rate of 250 cusecs for 70 days. This will be done through 1,065 km-long underground pipelines to the drought-hit farmlands in Erode, Tiruppur and Coimbatore Districts, covering 24,468 acres.

September 5: Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Patriot and Tamil savant

- He set sail a ship posing a challenge to the English and went to prison and drew an oil-press because of his role in the freedom struggle – such is the poignant history of V.O.Chidambaranar.
- Apart from these unmatchable sacrifices, he was also a lawyer, writer, translator and an author of commentaries. He was a **pioneering trade union leader**. He was a **Tamil savant who published classical Tamil works like Tholkappiyan and Thirukkural**.
- It is with the view of taking to the people the manifold dimensions of such a magnificent personality, that we of the Dravidian Model Government have published the books including '**V.O.C. Pannool Thirattu**' (anthology of his writings) and '**V.O.C. Thirukkural Urai**' (Thirukkural commentary) in commemoration of his **150th birth anniversary**.

Welfare Schemes hailed by the People

“Kannoli Scheme”

- It was in this context that Muthamizharignar Kalaignar inaugurated the 'Kannoli Vazhangum Seeriya Thittam' on 03.06.1972 in Chennai, for the benefit of countless poor and downtrodden people.

Thamizh Pudhalvan Scheme

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme, targeting students who have studied from classes 6 - 12 in state-run schools or in state-aided schools (Tamil medium of instruction) and pursue higher education, especially in Government arts and science colleges, institutions under the Government of India / Tamil Nadu / other UGC recognized institutions.
- A monthly scholarship of thousand rupees will be provided to such students, benefiting approximately 3.38 lakh students. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated this scheme in Coimbatore on 09.08.2024.

'It is the Government's duty to protect the Police Force that protects the people'

- Kalaignar Karunanidhi spearheaded the medal distribution ceremony for police personnel in 1969, when he was the Chief Minister. He distributed the first batch of 'Anna Medals' on 21.08.1969 and it has been fifty-five years since its inauguration.
- Thalaivar Kalaignar established the first police committee for the modernisation of the police force. The second and third police committees were also established by Kalaignar.
- The fifth police committee has been established by this Dravidian Model Government under retired Judge C.T. Selvam. It is the Government's responsibility to protect the police personnel who protect the public.

Distribution of Itinerary Kits to 100 Tamil Diaspora Youth from 15 countries on Cultural Visit under 'Vergalai Thedi' Scheme

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin gave away the itinerary kits to Tamil Diaspora youth on their cultural visit to India on 01.08.2024, at the Secretariat.
- The 'Vergalai Thedi' scheme had invited Tamil diaspora youth from 15 countries such as South Africa, Uganda, Guadeloupe (region of France), Martinique (French West Indies), Fiji, Indonesia, Mauritius, Australia, Maldives, Canada, Myanmar, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, France and Germany. The Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away the kits containing clothes, travel journal, guidebook, identity card etc.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the 'Vergalai Thedi' scheme on 24.05.2023 at a Tamil Cultural Programme in Singapore.
- Youth within the age group **18-30** are selected by the Government and taken on a cultural visit and to historically significant locations to enable them to understand the legacy of the Tamils.

International Muthamizh Murugan Conference in Palani

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the World Murugan Conference in Palani conducted by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, through video conferencing, on 24.08.2024.

Hon'ble Chief Minister gives boost to researchers through monthly grant

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Chief Minister's Research Fellowship scheme at the Secretariat on 22.08.2024**. This will be implemented through the Department of Higher Education for encouraging students pursuing research to improve their research skills and to encourage them to come up with **innovations**. A monthly stipend of Rs.25,000 will be provided to 120 students.

Under Green Tamil Nadu Mission

Seventy-five parks in twenty-nine Districts

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, on 14.08.2024 at the Secretariat, inaugurated **Maragadha Pooncholai** on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, the **Yelagiri – Jalagamparai** community-based **eco-tourism corridor** in Tirupattur District
- Eco-tourism is improving the economy of smaller villages including that of tribal people. Awareness is also created among the tourists about need to protect forests and wildlife.
- The Government has announced preservation and eco-tourism schemes at Mannar through social groups with the **Gulf of Mannar** Biosphere Reserve Trust at Ramanathapuram at an estimate of Rs.15 crore; **night sky park** at Rs.one crore at **Kollimalai, Namakkal**;
- **Tamil Nadu is seeing a new high in ecotourism** under the **Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project (TBGP)**.

Opening the Yelagiri-Jalagamparai Ecotourism

- Jalagamparai Falls is located at the Nagaluthu reserve forest in **Tirupathur**. **Located in the Eastern Ghats**, it is easily accessible from **Tirupathur**. More than one lakh tourists visit this spot annually.

Integrated Environment Monitoring Studio

- In the 2021-2022 annual demand for grants, it has been stated that an Integrated Environment Monitoring Studio (IEMS) will be set up at the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
- The IEMS will be the central monitoring facility of the TNPCB and will monitor industrial effluents and quality of air and water. It will have real-time monitoring of the transport of hazardous medical wastes. It will also feature the

live monitoring of the effluents from industries, air pollution from industries, functioning of recycling facilities etc.

Release of “Integrated Elephant Census 2024”

- Integrated elephant census was conducted from 23.05.2024 to 25.05.2024 in the border districts of **South Indian states in Andhra, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu**.
- In 2017, **2,761** elephants were present. Under the Hon’ble Chief Minister’s **administration** for the protection of **wildlife**, the number has increased **to 2,961 in 2023; and 3,063 in 2024**.

‘Three years of great performance, Boost to Tamil Nadu’s confidence’

Three-year achievements souvenir released

- Tamil Nadu stands first in enrolment in higher education, development of industries, export of ready-made garments, textiles, medicines, women empowerment, healthcare for pregnant women, population control, postnatal care, agriculture production, export of leather products, electronics and 50 special economic zones establishment, **while it stands second in export of engineering goods**.
- In addition, the Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme is now followed in **Telangana State and in Canada**.

‘Tamil Nadu stands first among states in implementing RTE Act’

- We have started the **Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation for the first time in India**.
- **The RTE Act reserves 25 per cent seats for children from poor backgrounds in private schools.**

October 2024

Hon'ble Chief Minister's US visit for One Trillion \$ Economy

MoUs worth Rs. 7,616 crore signed with 19 Companies

- **Tamil Nadu is one of the fastest growing economies of the world. The state also stands first at the national level with more than 39,000 industries and more than 2.6 million workers working in those industries.**
- **Ohmium company designs and manufactures green hydrogen.**
- Indian students are the second-largest group among international students in the U.S. Past year, among those who gained American citizenship, Mexicans were 12.7 percent and Indians were the second-largest group. This shows how attractive the United States of America is to Indians.

Social Justice

- When civilisations could not see beyond local culture and space, our literature proclaimed that every country is mine and people all over the globe are my kith and kin.
- Our recent Keeladi excavations prove the existence of literacy and urban civilization four thousand years ago. We are the proud descendants of such a civilization.

Welfare Board for Non-resident Tamils

- We have created a **welfare board for nonresident Tamils**. Every 12th January is celebrated as **Non-Resident Tamils Day**. So far, the welfare board has conducted three conferences, namely, 'Thamizhaal Inaivom', 'Ulagengum Thamizh' and 'Thamizh Vellum'.
- 'Enadhu Graamam', through which Non Resident Tamils can support the development projects in their native villages.
- We are felicitating **non-resident Tamils** with 'Kaniyan Poongundranaar' Award!

Three main demands to safeguard Tamil Nadu's welfare

Chennai Metro Rail Phase Two: A fifty-fifty equity contribution from the Union and State Governments

- The **Chennai Metro Rail Limited** is a joint venture with **50 percent equity holding by state and centre**.

- The first phase of Chennai Metro Rail project featured two corridors and a total length of 54.1 km.

❖ Release of Samagrahiksha funds

- The Samagrahiksha scheme has been successfully implemented in Tamil Nadu since 2018. This scheme extends from pre-primary stage to higher secondary education. The Department of School Education is undertaking initiatives under this scheme.
- The Union Government's project approval board releases the annual fund for this scheme, where the Union Government and the State Government share the funding in a **60:40 arrangement**.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to reconsider the three-language policy in the National Education Policy 2020.
- Furthermore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted the constitutional protection given to the State while making necessary amendments to the PM Shri Schools Scheme, so that the State can accommodate these aspects in the MoU in this regard.

Tata Motor's new vehicle manufacturing facility in Ranipet with Rs.9,000 crore investment, employment for 5,000 people

- Participating in an event conducted by the Department of Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, laid the foundation stone on 28.09.2024, for a new manufacturing unit of Tata motors at Panapakkam SIPCOT, Ranipet.

❖ Capital of Vehicle Manufacturing

- I would like to share another bit of news here. Thalaivar Kalaignar inaugurated the first SIPCOT in Ranipet in 1973. To see these many companies after 50 years gives me immense pride.
- Tamil Nadu is India's Vehicle Manufacturing Capital! It is also the E-Vehicle capital!
- An additional fact. Tamil Nadu manufactures forty percent of the e-vehicles that are sold in India. Tamil Nadu is the largest exporter of electronics in India!
- Tamil Nadu also stands first in the Export Readiness index as released by NITI Aayog!
- Tamil Nadu plays a huge role in India's development. Tamil Nadu is the **second largest economy in India**.

Target of Rs. 35,000 crore credit linkages for women self-help groups

❖ New Self Help Groups

- More than four lakh and seventy-three thousand self-help groups are functioning under the Tamil Nadu Rural Livelihoods Mission and Urban Livelihoods Mission.
- Apart from the credit linkages, the previous Government did not give away the Manimegalai awards for ten years. After the Dravidian Model Government came to power, we have restarted giving awards under this scheme.
- We have provided 50 percent reservation in the local body elections for women after our Dravidian Model Government assumed power.

❖ Manimegalai Awards

- Women should excel in sports. We should see a high number of women entrepreneurs. Our Government has been taking several initiatives for the development of women.

❖ A historic first for South Asia Formula 4 Car Racing comes to Chennai

- The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) conducted Chennai Formula 4 racing circuit competition, Indian Racing League Auto Racing Championship on August 31 and September 1 as night street circuit races. Chennai became the first South Asian city to conduct the night-time Formula 4 street racing.
- Appreciation for the Government of Tamil Nadu from India's first Formula One Racer, Thiru. Narain Karthikeyan
- The 3.5 km perimeter circuit covered Island Grounds, War Memorial, Napier Bridge, Swami Sivananda Salai and Mount Road. Hence, it became the longest street circuit in South Asia.
- The race began at Island grounds and covered the War Memorial, Napier Bridge, Swami Sivananda Salai, Anna Salai and ended in the Island grounds, covering 3.5 km.
- Australian Racer **Hugh Barter** finished first in the qualifying sessions after covering the racing track in 19:42.952 seconds.
- India's **Ruhaan Alva finished second**, completing the race in 19:50.251 seconds. **Abhay Mohan** from the Bengaluru Speedsters team finished third.

- India's first Formula 1 racer, Thiru.Narain Karthikeyan, who has participated in numerous races worldwide, praised the event.

❖ Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar

- On the occasion of the **153rd** birth anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V. O. Chidambaranar on **05.09.2024**.
- On the memorial Day of Mahakavi Bharathiyan on **11.09.2024**, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers and high Government officials paid floral tribute to a portrait of the poet kept near his statue at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai.

❖ Rajendra Chola the first's 'Gangaikonda Cholan' - Coin

- The Cholas became the dominant power in peninsular India following the fall of the Pallavas and the Rashtrakutas. They reigned for three centuries. During the reign of the Cholas, Tamil Nadu reached its zenith in areas such as administration, art, temple architecture and maritime mastery.
- Several beautiful and magnificent temples were built during this era. **First Rajaraja Chola** laid the foundation for temples with large gopurams above the sanctum. He also has many stone inscriptions about all his endowments to temples. His son Rajendra Chola followed in his father's steps in all the aspects of administration, including land and sea warfare.
- **The Cholas issued gold, silver and copper coins. Their gold coins are rarer than the usual copper and silver coins.** The Chola coins display a tiger in a sitting posture on them. Numerous copper coins from the first Rajarajan's period are found today.
- The Chola king's name or reigning special names are also found on the coins. These **coins are useful** in tracing the socio-economic status during the Chola administration. In **Chola numismatics, the coins of Rajaraja I and Rajendran I** hold a significant position.
- **Rajendra Chola I conquered Sri Lanka** and brought the **Pandya's crown** back (The Pandya's gave their crown to Eelam kings for preservation). When he gathered such crowns after his conquests, he gave himself the title, '**Mudikonda Cholan**' and also released gold coins with the same name.
- The coin showcased here proclaims the victory of the first **Rajendra Chola** over the **Ganges region**.
- One side features a bow, arrow, a tiger seated under the royal canopy, a pair of fishes, a lamp stand and the title - Gangaikonda Cholan. These details are replicated on the other side of the coin as well.

- This victory coin features the symbols of the 'Muvendhars' of Tamil Nadu. (Bow and Arrow of Cheras, Tiger of the Cholas and Pair of Fish of the Pandyas).
- These coins are in the coinage metals of gold, silver and copper
- These coins commemorate the victory of the Rajendra Chola I in the Ganges plains.

Welfare Schemes for Adi-Draavidar and Scheduled Tribes (TAHDCO SCHEMES)

Welfare Schemes

- Scheme to buy land.
- Scheme to upgrade land.
- **Fast Track Power Supply (FTPS) Scheme.**
- Skill Development Scheme.
- Entrepreneurship development programme.
- Self-Employment scheme for the youth.
- Special Employment schemes for the youth.
- Credit schemes for Women Self Help Groups.

Scheme to buy land

- The aim of this scheme is to increase the land assets of the Adi Dravidar community, based on the guidelines and eligibility standards mentioned below:

Eligibility

- Priority for the women from the Adi Dravidar community. For families without a women representative, the husband or son will be selected.
- Age limit 18 - 65 years.
- Annual income of the family should be less than Rs. 3 lakh.
- The applicant's profession should be agriculture; can be a farm worker.
- The applicant or his/her relatives should not have received any subsidy from TAHDCO so far.

- An applicant is eligible for subsidy only once. The applicant cannot exercise any other financial benefits from TAHDCO once this benefit is received.

Conditions

- The following conditions are to be followed while buying land.
 - The applicant should choose the land.
 - The seller should not belong to the Adi Dravidar or Scheduled Tribes community.
 - The maximum limit for nanjai land is 2.5 acres and for punjai land, 5 acres.
 - The land under the name of applicant and the applicant's family members, along with the planned land to be bought can be within 2.5 acres of nanjai land or five acres of punjai land.
 - The land, as per its market value should be bought through the sub-registrar (department of registration's) website.
 - The value of land will be decided through the above-mentioned evaluation process.
 - The land will be registered under the name of the women applicant / husband / son.
 - The land bought under this scheme would be given a hundred percent exemption from stamp duty and registration fees.
 - The land bought by the applicant should not be sold for ten years; after the land is bought the District TAHDCO Manager's should contact the Sub Registrar and raise an objection to the land being sold in the next ten years.

Land Development Scheme (LDS)

- This scheme employs the development of land, establishing bore wells and open wells, pump set, pipes through monetary assistance provision for the Adi Dravidar and the Scheduled Tribe Communities.

Eligibility

- The applicant should belong to Adi Dravidar or Scheduled Tribes community.

- The land limit of the applicant should be within 2.5 acres nanjai / 5 acres of punjai.
- Age limit 18 - 65 years.
- Annual income of the family should be less than Rs.3 lakh.
- Should practice agriculture as a profession.
- Unmarried applicant and their family members should not have received any assistance so far from TAHDCO scheme.
- Married applicant is considered as a separate family unit with their family members. In such cases, the applicant and their family members should not have received any assistance from the TAHDCO scheme.

FTPS Scheme for faster electricity connection

- For eligible applicants from Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe community, for free electricity, deposit amount should be paid.
- Based on Horsepower, 5 HP - Rs.2.50 lakh., 7.5 HP - Rs.2.75 lakh, 10 HP - Rs.3 lakh, 15 HP - Rs.4 lakh, as decided by TANGEDCO.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu directly sends 90 per cent of the share to TANGEDCO, from which it is shared to the farmers from Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe Communities for FTPS scheme.

Eligibility

- The applicant should be an Adi Dravidar /Scheduled tribe farmer.
- No age limit.
- The annual income of the family should not exceed Rs. 3 lakh.

November 2024

“Chief Minister’s Trophy – 2024” High spirits reign as Hon’ble Chief Minister and Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister celebrate the triumph of sportsmanship

- The Hon’ble Chief Minister had ordered the conduct of competitions for **36 types of sports** including our traditional **sports Kabaddi and Silambam** in the Chief Minister’s Trophy Games for school and college students, differently-abled general category and Government employees.

Tamil Nadu shines

- **Thambi Mariappan Thangavelu and Tulasimathi Murugesan – Nityashree Sivan – Manisha Ramadoss have done Tamil Nadu proud by winning medals in this year’s Paralympics!** I saw the interview given by Tulasimathi’s father Murugesan at that time.
- He says, “My daughter, who is studying veterinary medicine, practiced intermittently, went to the Paralympics, and won a silver medal in the **badminton women’s singles category**, It is the full effort of the State Sports Development Authority

International and National-level competitions

- Our Hon’ble Chief Minister announced the ‘Dr. Kalaignar Sports Kit’ scheme to encourage sports achievers at the grassroots level, that is, at the village level.
- In view of Kalaignar’s centenary celebrations, we have launched ‘Dr. Kalaignar’s Sports Kit’ scheme. We are procuring 33 types of sports kit equipment and distributing to all 12,525 panchayats in Tamil Nadu at a cost of 86 crore rupees.

Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation

- Our Hon’ble Chief Minister started the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation in 2023

Hon’ble Chief Minister unveils statues of Venni Kaladi, Kuyilithai and Ethalappar Naicker

- The Hon’ble Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin, after taking over power in May 2021.

Statue of freedom fighter Venni Kaladi

- “Ask me for charity, I shall give. But I would not spare a grain if you ask for tax,” said Venni Kaladi, the hero who was the main commander of Pulithevan, who ruled over Nelkattan Seval. He defeated the British and died on the lap of Pulithevan.

- It was announced that the statue of freedom fighter Venni Kaladi would be installed in his native District Tenkasi.

 **A statue for freedom fighter Kuyili**

- When Sivagangai king Muthu Vaduganathar was killed by the British by deceit and his kingdom annexed, his wife Velu Nachiyar sought refuge with Gopal Naicker of Dindigul and sought his help to recover Sivagangai.
- With Kuyili as her army commander, and with the help of Marudhu Pandiyar and Tipu Sultan, she assembled an army to recover Sivagangai, defeated all the enemies on the way and attacked the whites at Sivagangai.
- When Velu Nachiyar faced defeat because of the advanced weapons of white forces, **Kuyili doused herself** with oil and jumped into the **enemy's armory and destroyed it**. She became a **sacrificial flame and paved the way for the recovery of Sivagangai**.
- It was announced that the statue of the freedom fighter would be installed in the memorial hall of Velu Nachiyar, located at **Raginipatti in Sivagangai District**.

 **Statue and Hall of Freedom Fighter Thali Palayakarar Malayandi Venkidupathi Ethalappar Naicker**

- He took revenge by hanging an English general who came to collect taxes from him.

Tamil Nadu Trekking Project

- The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin launched the '**Trek Tamil Nadu**' Project comprising **40 scenic trekking routes**.
- **The project is a joint initiative of the Tamil Nadu Wilderness Experiences Corporation (TNWEC)** and the Tamil Nadu Forest Department (TNFD) and aims to promote sustainable trekking in the forest and wildlife areas of Tamil Nadu.
- The '**Trek Tamil Nadu**' Project is designed to create awareness among the public about nature conservation and a sustainable livelihood for the local people living adjacent to the forest area. Another important aim is to protect the forests and wild life.
- Tamil Nadu, **the premier state of India**, has opened **40 selected trekking routes for the public**. **Tamil Nadu is the pioneer state of the country in tourism**. Much admired by nature lovers, Tamil Nadu has a total of **five tiger reserves, five national parks, 18 wildlife sanctuaries, 17 bird sanctuaries and three biosphere reserves**.

 **Students Day – 15.10.2024**

Another welfare scheme for women

Pink Autos to ensure safety

- Through this scheme, 250 autos with female drivers will be operated in Chennai City for the safe travel of women and children.
- Each pink auto is fitted with GPS linked to police helpline numbers for the safety of women, to ensure swift action by the police once a complaint is received in case of emergency.
- The scheme will encourage women to excel in self-employment and raise the livelihoods of women with driving licences.

❖ Eligibility requirements for women to availing themselves of this scheme:

- Only women can apply.
- Preference will be given to widows and destitute women.
- Should be between 25 years to 45 years.
- Must have passed 10th standard.
- Must have driving license.
- Must reside in Chennai

- For this, the Government of Tamil Nadu will provide a subsidy of Rs.1 lakh each to 250 women in Chennai to buy CNG/Hybrid autos. Banks will be linked for the balance required to purchase the auto.

❖ Schemes for the economic uplift of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes

November 8: Birth Anniversary of Tamil savant Veeramamunivar

Pioneer in the field of lexicography

- “Italy is a country that is rich in mountains, fields, forests and water, along with many other glories. **It is the motherland of Veeramamunivar.**
- He was born **in Castiglione delle Stiviere in Mantua District, Venezuela State, Italy.** **Constanzo** is an Italian word meaning **courage and bravery.**
- The Tamil people had many ‘Nikandus’ similar to a dictionary. **However, no one in Tamil Nadu got the title of ‘Father of Dictionary’ except Veeramamunivar.** This shows what a scholar he was. If people of Tamil Nadu celebrate a person who was different from them in country, language and religion and affectionately called him **‘Father of Tamil Dictionary’**, what a great person he must have been! The Tamil people also called him Veeramamunivar.

Thanks: From the book written by **Pulavar A. Marimuthu**

November 23 : Birth anniversary of Kavignar Suradha

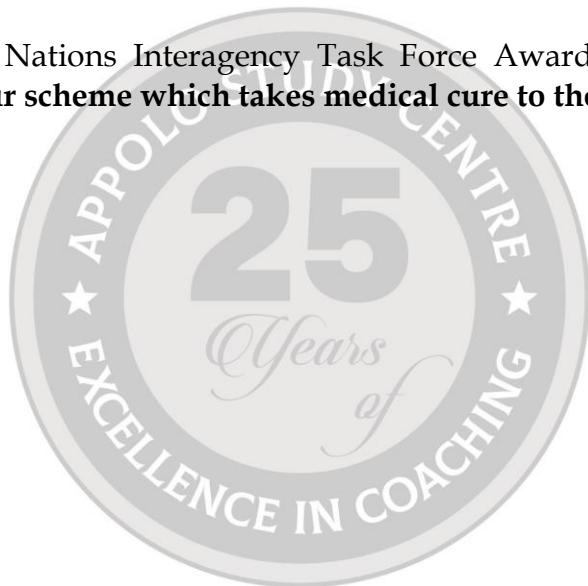
Thai Mozhi (Mother Tongue)

*The language that we call our mother
The language in which we dream
is the language worthy of worship
It is the language fit for the gods!
Sambandar and Abhirami Bhattachar
Worshipped in their mother tongue of Tamil
Has the Lord ever told anyone
Not to worship in the mother tongue?*

- Kavignar Suradha

◆ United Nations Interagency Task Force Award 2024 Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam scheme gets global recognition

- The United Nations Interagency Task Force Award 2024 is a symbol of the **impact of our scheme which takes medical cure to the doorsteps of the people.**



December 2024

Hon'ble Chief Minister Visits Areas Affected by Cyclone Fengal

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin, visited the State Emergency Operations Centre located at Ezhilagam in Chepauk, Chennai on 30.11.2024 and conducted a review meeting with District Collectors of Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Ranipet through video conferencing on the precautionary measures being taken due to heavy rains in Chennai and its surrounding Districts due to Cyclone Fengal.

❖ Gale winds and heavy rains warning

- On 30.11.2024, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the State Emergency Operations Centre following the Indian Meteorological Department's Warning that Cyclone Fengal, which had formed in the Bay of Bengal, may cross the shore between Karaikal and Mamallapuram this evening with a wind speed of 70 to 90 km per hour.

❖ State Emergency Operation Centre Ezhilagam

- In particular, in Viluppuram District, Mailam.

❖ Rescue Force

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for slew of facilities 'Mudhalvar Padaippagam', a co-working space and learning centre, opened at Kolathur

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated, in areas under the Kolathur Assembly Constituency on 04.11.2024, 'Mudhalvar Padaippagam', a co-working space and learning centre, at a cost of Rs. 2.85 crore.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the 'Mudhalvar Padaippagam', a co-working space and learning centre, jointly built by the Greater Chennai Corporation and the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, at a cost of Rs.2.85 crore, under the North Chennai Development Project on Jagannathan Street, Agaram in Kolathur, Chennai.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Thanthai Periyar library and science centre in Coimbatore

- In the budget estimate of the Government of Tamil Nadu for the financial year 2024-2025, it was announced that a huge **library and science** centre would be set up in Coimbatore to further stimulate the thirst for knowledge among the people of Coimbatore, especially the younger generation.

- The library, would not only have world-class books, journals, magazines and internet resources, but also have facilities in various science and engineering subjects like space research, engineering, virtual reality and natural sciences.

❖ Huge library in Madurai

- We celebrated the centenary of Muthamizharignar Dr. Kalaignar. In commemoration, we built a huge library in Madurai.
- Periyar's name came to my mind. In Chennai, there is an Anna Centenary Library! There is the Kalaignar Centenary Library in Madurai! Therefore, it is only fitting that a library and a science centre should be established in Coimbatore in the name of the Thanthai Periyar.

❖ Technical Building

- Kalaignar Centenary Super Specialty Hospital, Chennai providing high quality treatment!
- World Class Madurai Kalaignar Centenary Library!
- A magnificent arena for the heroic sport of Jallikattu
- The Keeladi Museum that highlights our history to the world!

❖ Gold Jewellery Factory

- Coimbatore, which is an important centre for the production of gold jewellery in the world, will have an industrial complex' at the cost of Rs. 126 crore in the industrial park in Kurichi!
- We set up India's first Agricultural University in Coimbatore!

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited and inspected the construction work of the workers' hostel at Kurichi SIDCO Industrial Estate

- The hostel building is being constructed on 1.49 acres of land, with a built-up area of 98,812 sq. feet at Kurichi SIDCO Industrial Estate, Coimbatore and is being constructed with three floors

❖ Pillur Water Supply Improvement Scheme

- The third phase of the Pillur drinking water project has been completed at a cost of Rs.780 crore and we have provided a total of 178 MLD of drinking water per day.

❖ Modern Elephant Proof security fences

- Third announcement - To prevent human-animal conflicts caused by the movement of elephants in the **Thondamuthur area**, modern **elephant-proof** security fences will be constructed.
- Fifty years ago, see how a northern state and Tamil Nadu looked like! Today, compare Tamil Nadu again with the same northern state! You will understand it. Tamil Nadu is India's second largest economic state!
- The most urbanized state in India! The first state to implement the UN's Sustainable Development Goals! Almost 20 per cent of India's leading higher education institutions are located in Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu has a 48 percentage in total factories registration. Tamil Nadu is the leading state in South Asia in tourism!

Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil award presented to Tamil scholar Dr. M. Selvarasan

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the Secretariat on 08.11.2024, handed over the **Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award** to the former Madras University Tamil Professor, **Dr.M. Selvarasan**.
- The award consists of a prize money of Rs. 10 lakh, citation plaque and a bronze statue of **Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi**.
- For the first time in India, Tamil was declared as a classical language due to the efforts of **Muthamizharignar M. Kalaignar**.
- On the basis of Muthamizharignar's continuous insistence upon the Union Government to fulfil his dream that an institution should be started with a distinctive character for classical Tamil, in **2006**, the Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil Studies was established as a part of the Central Institute for Indian Languages.
- Later in 2008, it the Central Institute of Classical Tamil was set up as an autonomous institution in **Chennai** with the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu as its chairman**.

Certificate of appreciation and cash prize

- This award is the highest in India with the highest prize money of Rs. 10 lakh and a citation plaque. It also contains a statue of Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi.
- The first award for the year 2009 after Foundation's inception was the Finnish Scholar Professor Asko Parpola. The award was presented by the then President at the World Tamil Classical Conference held in Coimbatore on June 23, 2010.

Award for Tamil Nadu State's Pavilion at New Delhi Trade Fair

- The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P. Saminathan called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin at the Secretariat, on 29.11.2024 and showed him the award bagged by Tamil Nadu Pavilion for the best presentation of the exhibition themed 'Viksit Bharat @2047' in the 43rd India International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- Virudhunagar! The heroic martyr Sankaralinganar is the one who comes to the mind of every Tamilian when one mentions this name! It was Sankaralinganar who sacrificed his life to name our motherland called Madras State as Tamil Nadu! Sankaralinganar and Perarignar Anna are the reason why we can proudly say speak today of Tamil Nadu! The land of Tamil Nadu has given birth to many leaders and martyrs!
- Kamarajar's Secretary Vairavan was given employment and provided a house. Financial assistance from the **Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund** was made available to **Kamarajar's sister Nagammal**.
- **In Virudhunagar District, I have presented the 'Chief Minister's Good Governance' Award** to the District Collector of Virudhunagar for implementing various schemes of the School Education Department and for enrolling more than 95 per cent of students who have completed **12th standard in higher education** under the '**Naan Mudhalvan**' scheme.
- Similarly, in the 2023 District Collector's Conference, the **Best District Collector Award** was also given for the best performance of the **School Education Department**.
- Apart from that, the District Collector of **Virudhunagar** has also been awarded the **Best District Head of Government Award** for the year 2024 for his excellent work, such as providing a large number of free house site pattas to the differently-abled, implementing welfare schemes for the differently-abled and establishing employment camps.

Kudos to Government officials, doctors and staffs

- **To enable the District Collector to win Good Governance Award for the year 2024 for increasing the enrolment of students in higher education in Virudhunagar District.**
- On behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, **Virudhunagar District** was awarded as a **District with no maternal mortality**.

- At a cost of Rs. 1.70 crore, development work **will be undertaken at the Shasta temple waterfall area, a tourist destination in the foothills of the Western Ghats.**
- '**Chief Minister in your constituency**'. Most of the petitions are dealt with within **100 days** and we have taken action accordingly.

- The Dravidian movement is not only a social reform movement but also has the principle of **Samadharma**. That is what Periyar mentioned as 'Self-Respect Samadharma'.

❖ Dr. Ambedkar Award

- Many for the betterment of the **lives of Scheduled Tribes** in Tamil Nadu Rare volunteers are coming. The Government of Tamil Nadu honours a person from Tamil Nadu by awarding the Dr. Ambedkar Award every year in consideration of the rare charity they are doing by joining themselves for the betterment of **Scheduled Tribes**.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 26.11.2024, at the Secretariat, on behalf of Tourism Department, opened the upgraded facilities at the Hogenakkal Waterfalls, Kolli Hills andipalayam lake, Vathalmalai, Muttom Beach, Anthiyur lake and Mannargudi Haridranadhi tank
- Kolli Hills – Namakkal District
- Andipalayam lake – Tiruppur District
- Muttom Beach – Kanniyanakumari District
- Anthiyur Lake – Erode District
- Haridranadhi temple - Mannargudi

❖ Special Economic Zone

- Our leader Dr. Kalaignar had implemented many, projects for Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts.
- He also gave schemes like Special Economic Zone to **Perambalur** District. In the last three years, in our Dravidian model regime, to add fame to **Rajendra Chola** we announced that '**Adi Thiruvadhirai Day**' would be celebrated as a **state festival**.
- New Museum in Gangaikonda Cholapuram! A Shoe Manufacturing Factory at Jayankondam for which the foundation stone was laid today.
- Nariyanur Combined Water Supply Scheme in Ariyalur District, Vetriyur combined Drinking Water Project, Jayankondam and Udayarpalayam Combined Drinking Water Projects
- **When I inquired about it**, it came to my attention that the birth of such malnourished children was increasing. On **21.05.2022**, I started a programme to ensure nutrition for children at **Muthorai Children's Centre in the Nilgiris District** so that our Tamil Nadu children are strong,

- 76,705 malnourished children **under 6 months** of age and nursing mothers were given **nutrition boxes**. I would like to share with you the happy news that **77.3 percent of children identified as severely malnourished have come to normal**.

 **Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates giant Tidel Park at Pattabiram**

- Inauguration of **Giant Tidel Park**, built up over an area of **11.41 acres** in **Pattabiram, Tiruvallur District**.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister lays foundation stone for new works Welfare assistance worth Rs.154 crore distributed to 14,525 beneficiaries in Thanjavur District

 **Globally hailed Scheme**

- It is an additional pride for us that our Tamil Nadu is the State in India where 42 percent of women go to work. Our Chief Minister's dream scheme 'Naan Mudhalvan' is being praised not only in India but all over the world.
- In addition to all this, with the objective that industrial development should spread to the delta areas and the youth here should get employment, our **Hon'ble Chief Minister** announced the **establishment of Tidel Neo Technology Park in 2023**.
- **Thanjavur District has the first technology park to be set up outside Chennai.**

Tamil Nadu Day celebrated at India International Trade Fair

- The annual India International Trade Fair is held for 14 days from November 14 to 27 at the Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. In this exhibition, various states of India, Union Territories of India, Government- owned companies, private companies and foreign companies are participating and exhibiting their government's development plans, achievements, policies, etc. and foreign companies are marketing the important products manufactured in their country.

Rs.3,500 crore allotted for one lakh houses under Kalaignar Kanavu Illam Scheme

- An allocation of **Rs.3,500 crore** at the rate of **Rs.3,50,000/- per house** has been sanctioned for the construction of one lakh new concrete houses in the year 2024-2025 under **Kalaignar Kanavu Illam Scheme**.
- The amount is **released directly** to the beneficiaries through **Single Nodal Account (SNA) in four instalments as per the construction of the house** i.e., floor level, window level, roofing level and after completion of the work.

Kalaignar Veettu Vasadhi Thittam(KVVT)

- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who through his governance acted as the roof that

provides **shelter to the poor and needy**, had the vision of retrieving the **downtrodden people** from their huts by providing them with **concrete houses**. Based on this concept of bringing light into the lives of the marginalised sections of society in this manner, Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar brought forward the '**Kalaignar Veettu Vasadhi Thittam**' (KWT) to replace **the thatched huts of the poor** with concrete buildings and inaugurated it on **03.03.2010 at Tiruchirappalli**.

New Scheme of Single Window Building Permission

- To totally obviate the need for the public to go to Government offices to get new **building permit**, with maximum transparency and by simplifying the existing regulations, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin on **22.07.2024** at the Secretariat, Chennai, inaugurated an **innovative single window** system for the economically weaker sections and middle classes for quick approval through self-certification, of building plans for residential structures with a built-up area of up to **3,500 sq. ft.** and a plot size of **up to 2,500 sq. ft.**

Rajaji - a statesman whose views were eagerly sought by political thinkers

- His leadership in the historic **Salt Satyagraha** held at Vedaranyam was a daring episode in the freedom struggle. Mootharignar Rajaji had the ability to convey the views he believed to be right without fear or favour. If he considered the views and plans he had formulated to be wrong, he would not fail to revise them. For example, it is a well-known fact that his views on the language issue in 1938 were very different and he later revised them.
- His meeting with US President Kennedy to stop nuclear tests and establish international peace was an event of great importance on the world stage. Political thinkers would be eager to know what Mootharignar Rajaji had to say about various political changes taking place in the world. At such times, he would express his views very clearly.
- Today's event is not a question of gathering and disbursing, but through it we learn the lesson that we should respect those who have a political heritage.
- It is a great event for Tamil Nadu to inaugurate the memorial of a great man who fought for the liberation of this land - another great man who accepted terrible oppression for the freedom of this land.

From the speech delivered by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on 05.05.1975 at the inauguration ceremony of Mootharignar Rajaji memorial.

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- With a series of great schemes including, Tamil Pudhalvan, Chief Minister with people in rural areas, Neengal Nalama?, Kalaignar's Sports Kit Scheme, Expansion of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme. Expansion of Pudhumai Penn Scheme for students studying in Government-aided, schools also. Kalaignar's Kaiyinai Scheme Phase II of "Ootachathai Urudhi. Sei" scheme. Makkalai Thedi Maruthnvam Scheme crossing two crore beneficiaries, Magalir Vidiyal Payanam Scheme where more than 500 crore free trips have been made, 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme which is getting accolades across India, our Dravidian Model Government's journey of continuous achievements in 2024 has shown new strides in the expansion of Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme to an additional 1.48 lakh persons towards economic self-sufficiency of women, and Athikadavu-Avinashi Project in 2024.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K. Stalin inaugurated the 'Fibre glass bridge' erected at a cost of Rs. 37 crore, at Kanniyanakumari, connecting the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue with Vivekananda Rock, at the silver Jubilee ceremony of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue at Kumari Munai surrounded by three seas at Kanniyanakumari.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who considered it his unique duty to spread the knowledge of Thirukkural, gave an explanation to each Kural through his 'Kuraloviyam', set up Valluvar Kottam in Chennai, and had Kural written in Government offices and buses and there by took the Kural to the common people.
- On January 1, 2000, a 133-feet tall statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar was erected in the middle of the Kumari Kadal by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.
- Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister went to the place where Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue is located by boat and inaugurated the 'Statue of Wisdom' arch placed under Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue.
- The construction design of this bridge has received the approval of the Ocean Engineering Department of the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai and the approval of the Coastal Regulation Zone clearance.
- The structure is a 77-metre-long and 10-metre-wide Bowstring Arch Bridge.
- The statue also was not erected in any ordinary way. There is a history to it. On 31.12.1975.

- Work on the statue was started in 1990. But obstacles continued. In the year 1997, the work started rapidly and this statue was erected.
- Thiru. Ganapathi Sthapathi is the man who gave life to Kalaignar's dream. He was the one who built Valluvar Kottam, Poompuhar Kottam and Panchalankurichi Fort. It was his father who built the Gandhi Mandapam in Chennai.
- Speaking of this statue, it is 133 feet tall, symbolizing the 133 chapters of Thirukkural. The base is 38 feet wide to represent the 38 chapters of virtue (Arathuppal), the first of the three books of the Kural. On the basis of virtue, rise the 95 chapters on material and pleasure as idolized in the statue.
- While the knotted hair rises like a crown, there is a silken garment over the waist and an upper cloth. The three fingers of the right hand signify the three divisions of the Thirukkural, while the left hand holds the palm leaves of the Kural. This is how the statue has been visualised by Thiru. Ganapathi Sthapathi.
- The statue weighs 7,000 tonnes and has 3,681 stones. A statue can be made with so many stones. But the pride of this statue is that it is held up on a rock.
- Thiru. Ganapathi Sthapathi belonged to the dynasty of Kunjaramallan, who designed the Great Temple of Thanjavur.
- The first boat is named after the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar who laid the foundation for Tamil Nadu and was the embodiment of sacrifice and the birthplace of service. The second boat is named after Marshal Nesamani, the achiever who fought to unite Kanniyakumari with Tamil Nadu, and for the third boat, the name of G.U. Pope, who, although born in Canada, nurtured Tamil, translated the Thirukkural in other languages, wrote a book on Tamil grammar and contributed immortal works.
- Plans will be made to continue the 'Thirukkural Tiruppanigal'. For this, three lakh rupees will be given per district every year.
- Every year, the last week of December will be celebrated as 'Kural Week'.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates extension of Pudhumai Penn Scheme

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the expansion of the Pudhumai Penn Scheme which provides a monthly stipend of Rs. 1,000 to female students who pursue higher education, after completing their education in Tamil medium from classes 6 to 12 in Government-aided schools.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, in a Government function held at Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi, on 30.12.2024, awarded monthly assistance of Rs. 1,000/- to female students studying higher education in Tamil medium in Government- aided schools from classes 6 to 12.

Pudhumai Penn Scheme

- Under the Pudhumai Penn Scheme. Rs. 1,000 per month was given to all female students who studied in Government schools from classes 6 to 12 and enrolled in higher education, until they complete their graduation, diploma and vocational courses without dropping out. Since the inception of this scheme, about 4.25 lakh female students of arts and science colleges, including those studying in engineering, vocational and medical colleges, have benefited.

Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme

- Tamil Nadu, the Government launched a scheme called 'Tamil Pudhalvan' to encourage the higher education enrolment of male students of Government schools, studying in Tamil medium of education from class 6 in Government school and Government-aided schools. The aim of the scheme is to improve the educational development of youth and opportunities for them to get higher education in Tamil Nadu. The scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in Coimbatore District on 09.08.2024 All the students studying up to class 12 and enrolled in higher education, are given an incentive of Rs. 1,000/- per month under the scheme.

Expansion of Pudhumai Penn Scheme

- As an extension of the Government of Tamil Nadu's ongoing Pudhumai Penn Scheme for higher education students, a monthly stipend of Rs. 1,000/- will be given to female students taking up higher education after classes 6 to 12 in Tamil medium in Government-aided schools.
- Integrated Degree courses (first 3 years only) are eligible under this scheme.
- Similarly, students studying in educational institutes of excellence like IITs, NITs, IISCs operating under the union Government, after having studied in Government schools and in Tamil Medium in Government – aided schools will also benefit from this scheme.
- An additional advantage is that there is no income ceiling and there is eligibility even if they are availing themselves of other educational assistance schemes (BC/SC/ST/ Minority Scholarship) and even if there is more than one student in the same family.
- Under this scheme, knowledge gained through higher education and economic independence will increase the self-confidence of female students, encourage them to

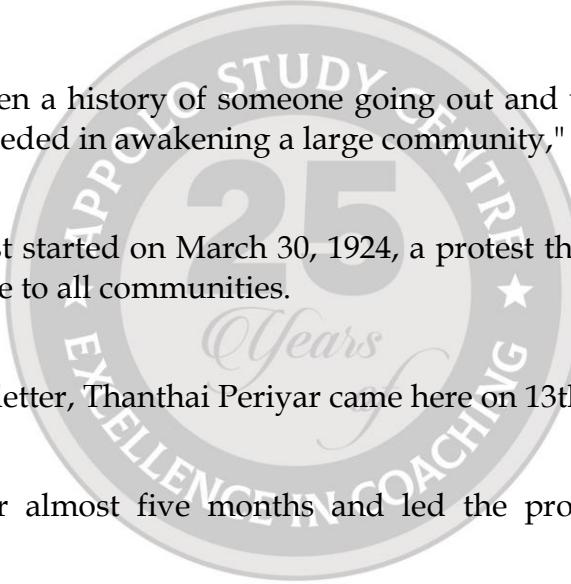
seek new opportunities in their lives and ensure women's participation at all levels of society.

- It was the Justice Party Government that opened the educational dream to everyone.
- The Justice Party Government issued an ordinance on 09.03.1923 and accordingly made it a law to provide compulsory education to all people. The Justice Party regime was the first to legislate education for all in the Indian sub-continent.
- Many initiatives for education were taken during the Justice Party regime. Free education for girls up to eighth grade! A secondary school and a teacher training school were started for girls and they were given scholarships! The list is long.
- That is why Tamil Nadu is number one in the ratio of doctors to population in India.
- I inaugurated the first phase on 05.09.2022 at Bharathi Women's college, North Chennai and the second phase on 08.02.2023 at Hindu College, Pattabiram, Thiruvallur.
- Most importantly, there will be gender equality. Child marriages will decrease. Women will be empowered. By educating women, their generation will be saved.
- "Women without education are a wasteland," said revolutionary poet Bharathidasan.

Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala Join together in Historic Vaikom event

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 12.12.2024.
- There was a strict ban on the Ezhava, Thiyya and Pulaya people coming to the streets around the Mahadevar Temple at Vaikom, as well as the street opposite the temple.
- The Vaikom Satyagraha was held in 1924 demanding the removal of the ban. Vaikom was a town attached to the princely state of Travancore.
- Madhavan, a lawyer belonging to the Ezhava community, was 'untouchable' and so he could not enter the court, Advocate Madhavan, Kesava Menon, T.K. Madhavan, Barrister George Joseph and others fought against this ban.
- Barrister George Joseph and Kesava Menon were the last to be arrested and jailed. At that time, Thanthai Periyar was the president of the Tamil Nadu Congress Party. A letter was written to him, requesting him to lead the Vaikom Satyagraha and seek victory. After receiving the letter, the agitation became intense after the arrival of Thanthai Periyar to Vaikom on 13.04.1924.

- After that, the Vaikom Award for the year 2024 was given to the writer and social activist Devanur Mahadeva of Mysuru District in Karnataka, along with a cheque of five lakh rupees, a certificate of appreciation and a medal by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- On 6th March past year, the 200th anniversary celebration of 'Thol Seelai' agitation was held in Nagercoil.
- As a part of the announcements, we have awarded the first 'Vaikom Award' to Thiru. Devanur Mahadeva, who has many achievements Kannada literature of arousing the language consciousness of people and rights of the oppressed people.
- Here, I would like to recall what the Perarignar Anna mentioned about the merits of Thanthai Periyar.



- There has never been a history of someone going out and working tirelessly, working fearlessly and succeeded in awakening a large community," he said.
- This Vaikom protest started on March 30, 1924, a protest that threw open the streets of the Mahadev temple to all communities.
- After receiving the letter, Thanthai Periyar came here on 13th April.
- He stayed here for almost five months and led the protest. He was arrested and imprisoned twice.
- In the prison, he. was mistreated and was not given the respect that is due to political prisoners. One of the leaders of Kerala, K.P. Kesava Menon, has recorded this in his book 'Bandhanathil ninnu'.
- Gurur Neelakandan Namhoothiri from prison and the restraining order issued against E.V. Ramasamy Naikkar has been withdrawn," wrote Gandhi in 'Young India' magazine.
- Thanthai Periyar was with Mahatma Gandhi when the negotiations to end the agitation took place.
- Thus, Thanthai Periyar fought till the end.
- After consulting with Periyar, Mahatma Gandhi met the Queen of Travancore.

- The streets on three sides of the temple were first opened.
- When the Vaikom struggle victory ceremony was held on 29.11.1925, Periyar and Nagammaiyar were invited to participate in it.
- Two unforgettable women in this heroic battle were Periyar's wife Ammaiyan Nagammal and his younger sister Kannammal Ammaiyan.
- Everyone praised Thanthai Periyar who won the Vaikom struggle.
- Djamil Thendral Thiru. Vi.Ka. hailed Periyar as "Vaikom warrior".
- Mootharignar Rajaji wrote, "Tamil Nadu adores the Dheerar".
- More important than all this is what the revolutionary leader Ambedkar wrote. "Against this social system, the effort of the untouchables in the State of Travancore in 1924 to get the right to use public roads was crucial", noted revolutionary leader Ambedkar. It was after this that revolutionary leader Ambedkar started the Mahad Satyagraha.
- Social change is the first priority for India" revolutionary leader Ambedkar praised in 1928.
- If revolutionary Ambedkar's efforts are responsible for Amaravati temple entrance, Parvati temple entrance, and Kalaram temple entrance in Nashik.
- Thanthai Periyar and the self-respect movement were the reason for the entry into Suchindram temple in Tamil Nadu, Madurai Meenakshi Amman temple, Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar temple, Trichy Rock fort temple, Mayiladuthurai temple, Chennai Thiruvallikeni Parthasarathy temple and Erode Eswaran temple
- Ever since the entry into the Eswaran temple at Erode in 1929.
- A woman from Vaikom said, "A hundred years ago, Thanthai Periyar, Narayana Guru.
- 1939, guaranteeing that 'the Government will protect all those who enter the temple'.
- Kerala social reformers like T.K. Madhavan, K.P. Kesava Menon, K. Kelappan, Mannathu Padmanabhan, George Joseph, Dr. Palpu Padmanabhan and Tamil Nadu

social reformers like Thanthai Periyar, Kovai Ayyamuthu, Eniperumal Naidu, Thangaperumal, Nagammal, Kannammal, etc., together.

- Thiru. D. Gukesh, World Chess Champion for his resounding victory in the FIDE World.
- He has achieved his dream of becoming the world's youngest chess champion with his talent and hard work. He entered training at the age of seven, won the title of 'Candidate Master' at the age of 9, won the title of 'Grand Master' at the age of 12, and is now a World Chess Champion.
- Thiru. Viswanathan Anand won the World Chess Champion in 2001.
- When Viswanathan Anand won the title of World Chess Champion for the second time in 2007.
- Tamil Nadu! To highlight only a few of them, our Government's first big success in the field of sports was achieved by successfully conducting the 44th Chess Olympiad.
- Apart from that, we 'hosted' numerous tournaments like World Women's Tennis Championship, Squash World Cup, Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy, World Surfing League, HCL Cyclothon, Chennai Grand Masters - and have earned everyone's appreciation.
- 'Champions Kit' for athletes in 12,525 gram panchayats of Tamil Nadu, under Dr. Kalaignar sports equipment scheme
- 'Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation' implementing many programmes, now the youth are taking up Sports as their career and notching victories.
- To be specific, the CII has selected Tamil Nadu as the 'Best State to Promote Sports Development).
- Tamil Nadu has been awarded the "Best Sports" in Promoting Sports" award for the year 2023 at The Hindu 'Sport Star Aces' Awards.
- Tamil Nadu has a great history of chess. Among the 85 Grand Masters of India, 31 are from Tamil Nadu.

Schemes to promote higher education

- I am happy to announce that through the Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority, a special academy called 'Home of Chess' will be created for the game of chess.
- The whole of India and Tamil Nadu are proud of their younger brother Gukesh, who, at the age of 18, is standing tall as the 18th world chess champion.
- Chief Minister's Comprehensive Medical Insurance Cards to 100 sanitation workers and orders to build houses for 30 'Narikuravas' on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.
- Following this, work orders dated 27.12.2023 were issued to provide modern machinery to a total of 213 persons with priority given to Adi Dravidars / Tribals below poverty line, 39 persons who are heirs of workers who died during sanitation work, 48 sanitation workers and 126 below poverty-line workers in Chennai Water Board areas, Municipalities and town panchayats.
- The Adi Dravidars and Tribals are, given 50 per cent subsidy under the Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme for getting such modern sewage treatment machines.

Disbursement of loans under Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme

- Tamil Nadu, which has been a pioneer state in implementing initiatives for social justice and equitable development, formulated the Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme in 2023 with an allocation of Rs. 100 crore for the upliftment of the oppressed community.
- The Annal Ambedkar Entrepreneurship Scheme is a noble scheme for entrepreneurship among the Adi Dravidar and tribal youth. 35 percent of the industrial for this scheme as subsidy and 6 per cent of the bank loan interest amounting to 65 per cent as interest subsidy.

Issuance of Chief Minister's comprehensive health insurance cards to sanitation workers

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister gave insurance cards to 5 sanitation workers as a symbol of providing comprehensive medical insurance cards to 100 sanitation workers on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu so that sanitation workers can get free medical treatment.
- What did our intellectual leader Thanthai Periyar say about the revolutionary leader Ambedkar? He said that no one in India could be an equal to Dr. Ambedkar. He has spoken all our thoughts.

- In 1972, India's first Government College was named after Annal Ambedkar. In 1989, Chennai Law College was named after Annal Ambedkar.
- In 1997, he named the law university in Chennai as the Dr. Ambedkar Law University.
- 14th April, Annal Ambedkar's birth anniversary, as 'Equality Day'.
- Thiru. A.Raja, to translate into Tamil the selected works of Annal Ambedkar and soon a Government order will be issued.
- This the first industrial scheme in independent India for the scheduled classes and tribes.
- Rs. 100 crore for the economic upliftment of the oppressed people.
- Under the scheme, a subsidy is given for 35 per cent of the investment.
- Of the bank interest for the remaining 65 per cent, 6 per cent is given as interest subsidy.
- Rs. 1,000 crore for the Iyothee Thass Pancfithar. Habitation development scheme to improve basic amenities in tribal habitations.
- Under the Chief Minister's 'CM Arise' scheme to improve their socio-economic development, so far initiatives worth Rs. 470 crore have been taken benefiting 78,955 people.
- Nannilam scheme to convert Adi Dravida women agriculture labourers into owners of the land.
- Scheme to reorganize tribal boarding schools.
- 1,000 crore rupees for the 'Tholkudi' scheme to improve basic facilities in tribal settlements, Rs. 250 crore per year.
- Scholarships to Adi Dravida tribal students to study abroad Increase in tuition fees for their doctoral studies.

- Increase in prize money for best writers of Adi Dravidar and Tribal, translation of best works on Adi Dravidar and Tribal, 'Samathuvam Kanbom' training with a community perspective to police and revenue department officials to reach out to victims of violence, Special Exhibition and Seminar for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Entrepreneurs.
- A first-ever Adi Dravidar and Tribal cultural event called 'Adi Kalaikol Festival'.
- The Sanitation Workers Welfare Board was started by our Dravidian Model Government for the welfare of sanitation workers. Only 18 thousand 225 members had registered till the year 2021 from the inception of that board.

Liberating India from British rule was his only goal

- Netaji expanded the Indian National Army and mobilized hundreds of thousands of soldiers and developed friendly relations with the leaders of East Asian countries, waiting to invade India and attack the British army. On March 18, 1944, the Indian National Army set foot on Indian soil to fight against the British forces.
- On 21.10.1943 he had established the provisional Government of Independent India in Singapore. He himself became the Prime Minister of that independent state. He also served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian National Army. India should be free. India's slavery must be broken. His aim was to end the domination of foreign forces in India. He pointed out that India's liberation was his only goal.
- which had been performed by the 'Earthquake of Erode', Thanthai Periyar.
- Special Centre for Turmeric at Erode.
- Similarly, Maveeran Pollan, who fought against the British in the 18th century, worked as a commander in the army and spy group of Dheeran Chinnamalai was shot dead by the British. Today, I laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Manimandapam for Maveeran Pollan by allocating Rs. 1.82 crore and to build an arena with a life size statue of Maveeran Pollan at Jayaramapuram.

Beneficiaries under Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme cross the two-crore mark

- When the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, came to Erode on 19.12.2024 to attend a Government function, he visited the house of the two crore-th beneficiary under the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' Scheme, Tmt. Sundarambal of Nanjanapura, and handed over a medical kit to her and enquired about her health. Subsequently, he also visited the house of Tmt. Vasantha, the two crore-and-one-th beneficiary under the scheme and enquired about the physiotherapy treatment being offered to her.

- Thiru. M.K.Stalin handed over a medical kit to the two crore-th beneficiary- 19.12.2024.

Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme

- The scheme includes direct visits to people's homes, including testing for non-infectious diseases, dispensing necessary medications, routine care, palliative care for infirm patients, and supportive care.
- The scheme, a noble one of providing medical services to the people, was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister by providing a medical kit to the first beneficiary. Tmt. Sarojammal in Samanapally Village, Krishnagiri District on 05.08.2021.
- Under this scheme, people aged 45 years and above who are suffering from high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases are being treated at their homes, by providing the necessary medicines, disease support services. (Palliative Care), Physiotherapy and self-dialysis (CAPP) bags to kidney patients delivered at beneficiaries' homes, through field workers.
- Women Health Volunteers, Intermediate Health Nurses, Health Inspectors and Asha workers are providing these services under the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' Scheme. In specially designed vehicles for the scheme, a team of one paramedic and one palliative nurse is providing, services in villages and urban areas across Tamil Nadu.
- Tmt. Meenakshi, who is the one crore and one-th beneficiary of this scheme, a resident of Sannasipatti Village, Manikandam Panchayat Union, Tiruchirappalli District, was given a medical kit by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 29.12.2022.

United Nations Award for Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme

- It is noteworthy that the United Nations Inter-agency Task Force Award 2024 was awarded at the global level during the 79th United Nations General Assembly held on 25.09.2024 in New York City, USA, for starting the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' Scheme and implementing it.

A great scheme that brings ray of light into the lives of poor people

- 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' is a great revolution in the diagnosis and treatment of non- infectious diseases like diabetes and blood pressure. As part of this scheme which has been awarded by the United Nations, I have given medicines to the two crore and one-th patient benefiting from the scheme.
- My thanks to all the 14,000 medical workers because of whom the scheme is a success. These medical workers who are quietly creating a life-enhancing achievement by providing 'physiotherapy' to countless people who do not have the means to go to hospitals or bring doctors to their homes.
- Under the Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme, today the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu personally visited the two crore-th beneficiary under the scheme, Tmt. Sundaramba.1 from Nanjanapuram in Erode District and handed over a medical kit to

her. Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the house of Tmt. Vasuntha, the two crore and one-th beneficiary under the scheme. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inquired about the details of physiotherapy treatment being offered to her.

- On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, on the occasion of the 146th birth anniversary of Moodharignar Rajaji, the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramaniyan, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Thiru. P.K.Sekar Babu, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R. Priya, Director of Information and Public Relations Dr. R. Vaithinathan I.A.S., Additional Directors of Information and Public Relations Thiru. M.P. Anbuchozhan and Thiru. S.Selvaraj, paid floral tribute to a portrait of Moodharignar Rajaji kept near his statue on the campus of the Madras High Court, Chennai on 10.12.2024.

Cleanliness Project

- A Socially Revolutionary Scheme, known as 'Cleanliness Chennai 2000' was inaugurated by Dr. Kalaignar in Chennai on 04.03.2000. While having the lofty aim of making Chennai a clean city, the first in India in a modern way, by the removal of tonnes of garbage and thus making roads and streets clean and beautiful, it had the effect of preventing diseases from spreading.

Conservancy Staff Development Programme

- Sanitation workers are at the forefront of keeping our cities clean and healthy.
- In order to improve the social and economic development and life of sanitation workers, this Government gives a lot of importance to the health of sanitation workers who work tirelessly every day to keep the city clean. To improve their lives and ensure their safety, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin launched 'Cleaning Staff Development Programme' in Madurai Corporation office premises on 09.12.2022.
- Muthamizharignar Kalaignar started the Tamil Virtual Academy on 17.02.2001. One of the primary objectives of the Academy was to take the Tamil language to Tamils and Tamil enthusiasts, all over the world through the Internet.
- As a part of this, the Academy embarked on an effort to digitize books in 2002 with the aim of making knowledge public.
- Among these works, the work of setting up the e-library website (<https://www.tamildigitallibrary.in>) was also carried out and on 11th October 2017, the Tamil e-library was opened for public use. 'Dravida Nadu', 'Nam Naadu', 'Thennagam', 'Porvaal' and 'Manram' are also featured in this library.

FEBRUARY 2025

Republic Day Celebrated with Patriotic Fervour

★ Anna Medal for Gallantry 2025

- **Thiru. K. Vettrivel**, Leading Fireman 7578 working in the Marina Rescue Team, who rescued three persons struggling for life in the Adyar river, was awarded the Anna Medal for Gallantry.

★ Kottai Amir Communal Harmony Award 2025

- Thiru. S.A. Ameer Amsa of Adupukara Street, Velipattinam, Ramanathapuram District.

★ Thiru. C. Narayanasamy Naidu Paddy Productivity Award

- Special Award by the Department of Agriculture to the Farmer who obtained the highest yield in the State under the **Rice Intensification Method for Cultivation of Paddy**, Thiru. R. Murugavel from **Vadugapatti village, Periyakulam taluk, Theni District** was awarded the Thiru. C. Narayanasamy Naidu Special Award for Rice Production for the year 2024.

★ Chief Minister's Trophies for the Best Police Stations

- Hon'ble Chief Minister's Trophy for the Best Police Station in the State has been awarded to C3 SS Colony Police Station of Madurai City.
- The Second best Police Station in the State has been awarded to Tiruppur North Police Station of Tiruppur City. Thiru N. Udhayakumar, Inspector of Police received the Trophy.
- The Third best Police Station in the State has been awarded to Tiruttani Police Station of Tiruvallur District.

'Tamil Nadu's progress, a testament to the success of Dravidian ideals'

- Today, **Tamil Nadu stands as the second largest economy in our nation**, propelled by robust infrastructure and progressive development policies. The State is seen as a symbol of progress and inclusivity, one that seamlessly blends tradition with modernity.
- It is a testament to the success of the ideals of Dravidian movement that our **State's share in National GDP has increased from 5.4 per cent to 9.21 per cent in the last four decades**. To further progress on this development, the State has embarked on an ambitious target of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by **2030**.

- **The Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam** - stands as a hallmark of economic empowerment of women.
- Under Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam, the Government provides a monthly entitlement of Rs. 1,000 to 1.15 crore families, significantly reducing poverty, enhancing the dignity and empowerment of women and strengthening their balance of power within the households.
- Under the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, this Government is also the forerunner in the country in introducing the **Magalir Vidiyal Payanam Thittam**, a transformative initiative providing free bus travel to women for their daily needs.
- Since its inception, this scheme has facilitated over **571 crore trips**, enhancing women's mobility across the State.
- This empowerment is evident in the substantial increase in daily female ridership, rising from **32 lakh in 2021 to 57 lakh at present**.
- Further, this scheme has resulted in an average household saving of Rs.888 per month and has further improved the workforce participation of women, as per the study commissioned by State Planning Commission.
- The much celebrated and globally acclaimed Mid-Day Meal Scheme was introduced over a century ago by the Justice Party by providing meals to students of the then Madras Municipal Corporation School at Thousand Lights in Chennai.
- **In 1962, this initiative was expanded statewide by Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, aiming to increase school enrolment and reduce dropout rates.** Makkal Thilagam M.G.Ramachandran transformed it to the **Nutritious Meal Programme** in **1982 to combat malnutrition**.
- In **1989**, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar enhanced the scheme by **introducing eggs** along with meals, improving the nutritional value of the food provided to children.
- **'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme'** This flagship initiative provides hot, nutritious breakfast to all Government primary school children, leading to a significant increase in attendance and enhancing children's nutritional outcomes and attentiveness in class.
- Building on its success, the scheme has been extended to **3,995 Government-aided primary schools in rural areas** in the previous year. In total, breakfast is served to **17.53 lakh students in 34,987 primary schools statewide**, reflecting the Government's unwavering commitment and concern towards child welfare and education.
- In its commitment to providing equal access to higher educational opportunities, **the Government of Tamil Nadu has implemented 7.5 per cent reservation for Government school students in all professional courses** including medical, engineering and agriculture Under this initiative, the entire educational expense

including tuition, hostel and transportation fees for these students is **borne by the Government.**

- Another flagship scheme of the Government, the **Moovalur Ramamirtham Aminaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, also known as the Pudhumai Penn Thittam**, has been introduced to increase the enrolment of girls from poor families in higher education institutions.
- Under this scheme, girls who have studied from classes 6 to 12 in Government schools receive financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 per month throughout their undergraduate education.
- Since its inception, the scheme has benefited **4.25 lakh students** and contributed significantly to improving the Gross Enrolment Ratio in **higher education**.
- This year, our Government has further extended this scheme to girl students **who have studied in Government-aided schools in Tamil Medium**.
- The '**Tamil Pudhalvan**' scheme to provide monthly assistance of Rs. 1,000 to all boy students pursuing higher education, who have studied in Government and Government-aided schools from **Classes 6 to 12 in Tamil medium**. This scheme has benefited 3.52 lakh students in the current academic year alone.
- The Government's '**Naan Mudhalvan**' scheme, which is the visionary initiative of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, stands as a transformative skilling initiative. With the ambitious goal of nurturing over **10 lakh students annually and transforming them into an industry-ready talent pool**, this initiative has positioned Tamil Nadu as the **skill capital of India**.
- In 2023-2024, this scheme was extended to polytechnic colleges and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and is now covering 14.68 lakh students across 2,085 institutions.
- The State is also witnessing a remarkable revolution in its sporting culture under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- The successful hosting of marquee sporting events such as the **International Chess Olympiad, distribution of sports kits in every village under Dr.Kalaignar Sports Kit Distribution scheme**, unprecedented cash incentives to sportspersons, appointment of sportspersons under the **3 per cent reservation quota in Government jobs**, among others, reflects our fullest commitment in fostering a vibrant environment for sportspersons.
- Tamil Nadu has also emerged as a frontrunner in health and family welfare. Our state boasts of a robust public healthcare infrastructure, with over 36 Government medical colleges, reflecting the **highest doctor-to- population ratio of 25:1000, comparable to that of many developed countries**.

- These efforts have improved health indicators and positioned Tamil Nadu as **the capital of medical tourism**, reflecting its status as a hub for advanced medical care, thereby attracting over **15 lakh persons** annually from around the **world for medical diagnosis and treatment**.
- Recognizing the efforts of the Government, the **United Nations has recently awarded** the State with the **United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force Award 2024** for its initiative of '**Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam**' to provide free healthcare services to people at their doorsteps.
- Under this scheme, 2 crore people have benefited so far. In another pioneering effort that stands as a model for the country, the State Government is implementing the '**Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kakkum 48**' to provide free and assured treatment in the critical period of the **first 48 hours after accident**.
- Recently, the ceiling for cashless treatment per individual has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh.
- We have enacted the Tamil Nadu Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 2024. This landmark legislation establishes a robust institutional framework for the preparation, approval, implementation and monitoring of development plans for these communities.
- **The Iyothee Thassa Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme** has been launched to improve **Adi Dravidar** habitations by providing essential amenities such as drinking water supply, street lighting and road infrastructure. Similarly, the **Tholkudi Scheme** has been launched to provide basic **amenities in tribal habitations**.
- The **Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme** has been launched to provide **capital subsidy** and interest subvention for **starting businesses**.
- In a transformative move to empower sanitary workers, our Hon'ble Chief Minister had launched a revolutionary scheme, allocating Rs.60 crore as subsidy to provide 213 advanced desilting vehicles to the legal heirs of deceased sanitary workers, their family members on a priority basis.
- Further, the Chief Minister's **Adi Dravidar and Tribal Socio-Economic Development Scheme (CM-ARISE)** has been introduced to enhance the socio-economic and educational indicators of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal communities by providing loan assistance for entrepreneurial activities.
- This Government has **doubled** the scholarship provided to **differently-abled persons pursuing education till post-graduate level**.
- Under the **TN-RIGHTS project**, the State has also ventured to set up **One-Stop Centres (OSC)** for differently-abled persons called '**Vizhuthugal**'.

- The first such centre was inaugurated at **Sholinganallur** and more such centres will be opened across the State to support differently-abled persons.
- To promote traditional handicrafts and trades in the State, the Government has introduced the '**Kalaignar Kaivinai Thittam**'. This initiative focuses on supporting distinct artisanal trades and occupations **by providing financial assistance** through concessional loans with subsidy, ensuring easy access to capital for artisans and other service providers.
- The Government is taking various steps to promote and sustain the handlooms sector. The Government has recently sanctioned the **construction of Unity Mall**, spanning 4.5 lakh sq.ft., in **Egmore in Chennai**.
- The **Unity Mall** seeks to preserve and promote the **State's rich cultural history and legacy at the national level**.
- The Government has introduced the '**Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam**' in 2024-2025 to provide 8 lakh concrete rural homes over a period of six years, with a unit cost of Rs.3.50 lakh per house.
- Tamil Nadu's journey toward creating a hut-free state began with the '**Kalaignar Veedu Vazhangum Thittam**' in **2010**, which started with a modest cost of **Rs.60,000 per unit**. Over the past 14 years, this amount has increased six fold, now reaching Rs.3.50 lakh per unit, a reflection of the State's commitment to improving the lives of its poor.
- In contrast, the **unit cost of Union Government's Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Grameen (PMAY-G) scheme**, set at Rs. 1.20 lakh in 2016, has not been revised in the past eight years, highlighting the difference in approach. Notably, **Tamil Nadu stands as the only State in the nation to provide PMAY-G beneficiaries** with a unit cost of **Rs.2.82 lakh**, with the State contributing **Rs. 1.72 lakh, or 60 per cent of the total cost**.
- '**Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam**' has been introduced. The scheme has now been extended for a further period of two years to strengthen the road network by another 10,000 km in the rural areas.
- The **recent NITI Aayog's report** on **Multi-dimensional Poverty Index** based NFHS-5 (2019-2021) has identified only **2.2 per cent of the State's population** as poor. This is far lower than the national average of **14.96 per cent**.
- However, to launch a final assault on poverty over the **next two years**, the State has launched the '**Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Thittam**'.
- In its **first phase**, this scheme aims to uplift **5 lakh of the poorest families** by providing **integrated support in health, housing and education**. It will focus on the **most vulnerable groups**, including **destitutes, the elderly, orphaned children, single-parent families, people with disabilities, mentally challenged persons and families with children requiring special care**.

- Our Government is committed to protecting and conserving the agricultural landscape of our State. To achieve this, we have taken pioneering steps, including introducing a separate budget for the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department.
- Initiatives such as the **Kalaignar All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Program** have transformed fallow lands into cultivable fields, measures like incentives over and above Minimum Support Prices for paddy and sugarcane farmers and free electricity connections have significantly enhanced farmers' income.
- Further, in order to facilitate the farmers to sell their agricultural produce across the country, **157 Regulated Markets in the State have been integrated under e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)**.
- This has made **Tamil Nadu a frontrunner in the overall transactions under e-NAM across the country**.
- With a view to increasing the production of millets in the **State, the Government Jias launched the Tamil Nadu Millets Mission**. Further, several schemes are being implemented **to encourage the cultivation of less water intensive crops such as millets, pulses and oilseeds as alternate crops in Kuruvai season**.
- To preserve soil microbiome and fertility, our **Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the 'Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaapom Thittam'**, with an allocation of Rs.206 crore.
- With the objective of increasing the income of farmers and milk producers in the State, this Government has been providing an incentive of Rs.3 per litre of cow and buffalo milk procured from the farmers.
- Most recently, the **Athikadavu-Avinashi Scheme**, with an investment of **Rs. 1,916 crore**, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. This project aims to benefit **24,468 acres of land by replenishing 1,045 lakes and ponds across the Districts of Erode, Coimbatore and Tiruppur by diverting 1.5 TMC of surplus water from the Bhavani River**.
- Tamil Nadu has a unique opportunity to harness the immense potential of the blue economy.
- Under the '**Tamil Nadu Sustainably Harnessing Ocean Resources and Blue Economy' (TN-SHORE) -Project**, the Government has taken continuous efforts towards coastal biodiversity, coastal protection, livelihood improvement, pollution abatement at a cost of Rs. 1,675 crore over the next five years.
- This project will yield significant results in leveraging our blue economy and promoting **sustainable development in coastal regions**.
- This Government accords foremost priority to grievance redressal in a bid to ensure an efficient and responsive administration. Towards this, the initiative of '**Makkaludan**

Mudhalvar' was launched in 2023 with the aim to deliver essential Government services to the public at their doorstep within 30 days of receiving the petition.

- In the first phase, 2,058 camps were conducted in **urban areas**. Building on the overwhelming success of the scheme in urban areas, it was expanded to rural regions covering **12,525 Village Panchayats through 2,344 camps**.
- These camps integrated the services of **15 Departments** to deliver **44 essential public services** such as patta transfers, old age pensions, among others.
- **As a result, notably, 41 per cent of all working women in factories in India are employed in the State.** Further, the peace and stability in our State have made it a preferred destination for industrial investments in the country.
- Our Government has been steadfast in its efforts to attract investments across all regions of the State, ensuring balanced and inclusive development.
- Today, foreign investments in the employment intensive footwear sector are transforming industrially backward Districts like Perambalur, Ariyalur, Viluppuram, Kallakurichi and Ranipet.
- In the South, **Thoothukudi** is fast becoming a hub for **Green Hydrogen projects**, while Tirunelveli is home to **significant solar cell and module investment**.
- The western region, particularly **Coimbatore and Hosur**, is emerging as a hub for **IT, aerospace and defence, electronics and electric vehicles**.
- Meanwhile, the northern region continues its leadership position as the **automobile manufacturing capital of the country**.
- India's **largest Government promoted industrial workers' housing project**, featuring 18,720 beds and built at a cost of Rs.706 crore in **Vallam Vadagal in Kancheepuram District**.
- Additionally, **under the 'Thozhi'**, the Tamil Nadu Working Women Hostels Corporation Limited is establishing new hostels for working women, ensuring safe and comfortable accommodation for women across the State.
- It was the visionary initiative of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar to establish a **Tidel Park** in Rajiv Gandhi Salai in Chennai in the year **2000** that triggered the IT revolution in the State.
- Walking in those footsteps our Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated Tidel Parks at **Pattabiram in Tiruvallur District**, mini Tidel parks in **Thanjavur, Salem, Viluppuram and Thoothukudi** and **ELCOT IT Parks in Trichy and Coimbatore** to spur such development in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

- In this regard, the **Government has launched the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Mission** with a focus on sectors like education, employment, industry, research and medicine.
- The mission **will position the State as one of the leading AI hubs in the next five years.**
- This Government recognizes the vital role of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in driving employment in the state.
- To address the pressing needs of this sector post-COVID, the Government launched the '**Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme**', providing financial institutions with guarantees to **enhance credit flow**.
- The State's commitment to fostering a **vibrant startup and innovation ecosystem** has made the State the home to **one of the largest number of startups in the country**.
- This success highlights the Government's proactive initiatives, including the **TANSEED Emerging Sector Seed Fund**, the **SC/ST Startup Fund** and the **Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy**.
- This is a steep task which the State has been ably handling with efforts in improving amenities, civic infrastructure and service delivery through the schemes of **Kalaignar Nagarpura Membattu Thittam, Singara Chennai 2.0**, Nagarpura Salai Membattu Thittam and **Seawater Desalination Plant**, among others.
- '**Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam**'. This scheme seeks to develop the lesser developed regions with the aim of integrating them with the overall developmental trajectory of the city.
- **96 acres of land in Perungudi dump yard** in Chennai has been **reclaimed through the bio-mining process**.
- Tamil Nadu incorporating best management in practices across the world, the State Government has notified the formation of the **Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority (TANSHA)**. These initiatives will help in safe and faster mobility across the State.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the past three years, the Union Government has approved the **long-pending** demand of providing 50:50 equity share in the **Chennai Metro Rail Phase - II**.
- In order to expeditiously and effectively provide the necessary services to electricity consumers, the customer call centre '**Minnagam**' **had been launched in 2021**.
- **The 16th Finance Commission, led by Dr. Arvind Panagariya**, visited the state and was presented with a compelling case on our demands.

- These included increasing the vertical devolution to 50 per cent, adopting a more equitable formula for horizontal devolution that rewards states for their performance rather than penalizing them under the guise of redistribution and allocating resources to address specific challenges such as a rapidly growing urban population, frequent natural disasters and an ageing demography.
- The State Government has introduced a system of permanent minorities status certificates for all minority educational institutions.
- Additionally, the Government has launched a web portal for such institutions in order to simplify the procedure for the issuance of such certificates.
- Further, the Government has demonstrated its commitment to preserving the cultural and religious heritage of minority communities by allocating significant funds for the repair and renovation of places of worship.
- The Keeladi museum, inaugurated by our Hon'ble Chief Minister has received widespread acclaim and appreciation, attracting over 6 lakh visitors from across the globe to experience the cultural history of our State.
- Building on this success, it is planned to globally showcase the rich and timeless heritage of Tamil culture through the establishment of a world-class 'Porunai Museum' in Tirunelveli, featuring antiquities discovered during the Adichanallur, Sivagalai and Korkai excavations.
- A museum commemorating the indomitable Rajendra Cholan's conquests and international trade relations is also being set up at Gangaikondacholapuram.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's reply to debate on Governor's Address

'History will record Dravidian Model regime as the golden age of governance'

Ootachathai Urudhi Sei

- We have started a scheme called 'Ootachathai Urudhi Sei'. Under this scheme, malnourished children are provided with ready-to-use therapeutic food. Of these, 773 percent of children diagnosed as severely malnourished have recovered. 76,705 malnourished infants below 6 months of age were identified and nutrition kits were distributed to their nursing mothers at their homes. Because of this, children have grown up healthy.
- Tamil Nadu is the second most economically developed state in India. Tamil Nadu's share in the national GDP has increased from 5.4 percent to 9.21 percent in the last 40 years.
- Tamil Nadu has achieved growth in all economic indices. India's average percentage of poverty indices is 14.96 while Tamil Nadu's average is 2.2 per cent.

- Tamil Nadu is in the list of hunger-free states Tamil Nadu accounts for 41 percent of the total female workforce in India. Private investment projects worth over 10 lakh crore rupees have been confirmed in the last three years.
- Tamil Nadu has been ranked first in the number of industrial companies in India. The Union Government has given the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Company with the first prize for registering the highest number of warehouses under the National Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority in Delhi.

❖ Tamil Nadu ranks number one in job creation

- There are 39 thousand 666 factories in Tamil Nadu.
- According to the statistics published by the Reserve Bank of India, Tamil Nadu has been ranked first in India in providing more employment opportunities to workers with 8 lakh 42 thousand 720 man-days.
- Under the Union Government's Prime Minister Urban Housing Scheme, the amount of one and a half lakh rupees subsidy has been provided since 2016.
- On the other hand, is the state Government grant of 3 lakh 53 thousand rupees under the 'Kalaignar Kanavu Illam' project implemented by our Government. This is 5 times more than the subsidy given to the scheme by the Union Government.

Welfare assistance worth Rs. 161.11 crore to 53,039 beneficiaries in Sivagangai District

❖ Inspection of Sri Lankan Tamils rehabilitation camp, Okkur

- Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camp in Okkur, Sivagangai District and inquired about the facilities provided to the Sri Lankan Tamils staying there and their needs.

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens advanced research facility for livestock and animal sciences

- Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated on 13.01.2025, an Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences.
- Set up with modern technological facilities at a cost of Rs.564.44 crore on an area of 1102.25 acres in Thalaivasal Koot Road area, Salem District.

❖ Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences which has been set up with modern technological facilities at a cost of Rs. 564.44 crore on an area of 1,102.25 acres in the Thalaivasal Koot Road area of Salem District.

- The infrastructure work for this research centre has been carried out with a loan of Rs. 447.05 crore from agricultural and rural (NABARD).

Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured Tamil savants

- **15.01.2025, on the occasion of Thiruvalluvar Thirunal**, presented ten awards to Tamil savants who had contributed to the development of Tamil language, literature and the upliftment of Tamil society.
- The awards presented on behalf of the Tamil Development Department were the **Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Award** for the year 2025, Perarignar Anna Award for the year 2024, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyan Award, Pavendar Bharathidasan Award, Tamil Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award, Muthamizh Kavalar K.A.P.Viswanatham Award and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Award.
- On behalf of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, he presented the Thanthai Periyar Award on behalf of the Adi Dravidar.
- In order to honour Tamil poets and scholars, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, ordered the observance of the second day of Tamil month Thai as Thiruvalluvar Thirunal.
- Due to the great efforts of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the ancient and literary rich Tamil language was declared a classical language by the **Union Government in 2004**.
- Thiru. M.K.Stalin has announced and implemented that the 11th of September, the memorial day of Mahakavi Bharathiyan, will be observed as 'Mahakavi Day' every year on behalf of the Government in order to honour Tamil scholars and Tamil luminaries.
- In order to encourage and honour Tamil writers, a new award called '**Ilakkiya Mamani Award**' has been instituted and implemented, to provide dream homes to writers who have received national awards such as the **Jnanpith**, Sahitya Akademi and state literary awards, in the Districts they reside or in the District of their choices through the Government of Tamil Nadu and nationalization of the books of Tamil scholars.
- Thiruvalluvar Award for the year 2025 to the great Tamil Scholar, '**Senthamizh Semmal'**
- **Thiru. M. Padikkaramu, the Perarignar Anna' Award** for the year 2024 to **Thiru. L. Ganesan**
- **The Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award** to former President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee and former Union Minister, **Thiru. K.V.Thangabalu**
- The **Mahakavi Bharathiyan Award** to poet **Kabilan**,
- The **Pavendar Bharathidasan Award** to the poet **Thiru. Pon. Selvaganapathy**
- The **Tamil Thendral Thiru. Vi.Ka. Award** to **Dr. G.R.Ravindranath**

- The **Muthamizh Kavalar K.A.P. Viswanatham Award** to Thiru. V.M.Pothiyaverpan.
- The **Thanthai Periyar Award** for the year 2024 to Thiru. Viduthalai Rajendran, on behalf of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department and the **Annal Ambedkar Award** for the year 2024 to Thiru. T. Ravikumar, Member of Parliament, on behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department.

❖ **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Award**

- In appreciation of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's contribution to Tamil, the '**Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Award**' was established in **2024** to be conferred on those who have contributed to Tamil.
- For the **first time**, this award was presented to Thiru. Muthu Vavasi. Along with the award a **cash prize of ten lakh rupees**, a **sovereign gold medal** and a citation, along with a shawl by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Memorial, statue for former Minister A.Govindasami

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens Manimandapam for 21 Social Justice Activists

❖ **Manimandapam for 21 Social Justice Activists**

- The **1987 struggle for 20 percent reservation in North Tamil Nadu** is significant in the series of struggles for social justice.
- The Government led by **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar**, in 1989, for the **first time in India**, created a category called **Most-Backward Classes**, providing them with **20 percent reservation** and creating equal opportunities in education and employment for them.
- The separate reservation for the community paved the way for the advancement of the Most Backward Classes.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister, under Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rule 110, announced on 02.09.2021 that "A memorial will be constructed in Villupuram District in a manner that honours the sacrifice of the 21 social justice activists who were killed in police firing during the **1987 reservation protest**."

❖ **Memorial with statue for the former Minister A. Govindasami**

- He served as the **Minister of Agriculture in the cabinet of Perarignar Anna in 1967 and in the cabinet of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in 1969**.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announces Rs. 10 crore worth new headquarters for Bharat Scouts and Guides

- The Scout Movement is one of the world-class youth movements and one of the world's great movements.
- Thiru. Baden Powell created this movement. This jamboree of the scout movement is held once in every four years in every country.
- When the golden jubilee mass of the scouts movement was held in Tamil Nadu in the year 2000, the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thalaivar Kalaignar, conducted it on that day. Now, when we are celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, I am the Chief Minister.

Cycle Rickshaw Distribution Scheme

- Only those who have humanity in their hearts can appreciate the fact that man should respect man. Based on that, in order to eliminate the inhumane practice of man pulling man (in hand-rickshaws) for almost a century in Tamil Nadu, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar launched the 'Cycle Rickshaw Distribution Scheme' on 05.06.1973 at Rajaji Mandapam Ground, Chennai. In exchange for hand rickshaws, hand rickshaw pullers received cycle rickshaws free of charge!

"Vidiyal Payanam Scheme"

- To alleviate the suffering of women, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, Upon assuming charge as the Chief Minister on 07.05.2021, signed for the Vidiyal Payanam Thittam and launched it to bring about a huge change for the women community. Under this scheme, women can travel in ordinary Government transport corporation buses free of charge. In the past three years, 514.23 crore cost-free journeys have been undertaken by women.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister inaugurates Diamond Jubilee jamboree of Bharat Scouts Movement, Kalaignar Centenary Commemoration jamboree

- The 50th Golden Jubilee of Bharat Scouts and Guides was celebrated in the year 2000 during the rule of the Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.
- Thiru. Robert Baden Powell, who founded the Scout Movement, also had the same aim.
- After Independence in India, the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement was started in 1950.
- 'Empowered Youth and Developed India', highlights the vital need to nurture disciplined, educated and self-oriented youth to build a brighter and more developed country.

Dravidian Model Government is ensuring that lack of resources does not balk sportspersons

- In particular, younger sister Thulasimathi Murugesan, who has won gold in the Paralympics and has been selected for the Arjuna Award, is also here. Similarly, my brother Sathyan, who has notched many achievements at the international and national levels in table tennis, is also here. He is also an Arjuna Award winner.

 **Jobs for sportspersons through reservation**

- About 50 years ago, in the year 1975, Thiru. Pele, who was the best football player in the world.



March 2025

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens 1,000 Mudhalvar Marundhagam to sell medicines at lower cost to the public

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin launched 1,000 Mudhalvar Marundhagam initiative through video conferencing at an event organized by the Department of Co-operation in the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai - 24.02.2025.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, on **24.02.2025**, at a function held on behalf of the Department of Cooperation at the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, inaugurated 1,000 pharmacies across Tamil Nadu through video conferencing under a new scheme called 'Mudhalvar Marundhagam' to make available generic medicines and other medicines to the public at low prices.
- In his Independence Day speech delivered on **15.08.2024**, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the public who go to private hospitals have to pay high prices for their medicines and have to constantly buy medicines for ailments like diabetes and blood pressure, which are causing high expenses.
- As per the notification, 1,000 applications have been received from B.Pharm / D.Pharm certificate holders, or, with their consent, from entrepreneurs and co-operative societies from Tamil Nadu, showing willingness to set up pharmacies for the benefit of the public; **Rs 3 lakh each to entrepreneurs and Rs.2 lakh each to co-operative societies** have been given as subsidy and medicines for setting up pharmacies

Central Pharmaceutical Warehouse

- Generic drugs are procured through the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation and branded drugs, surgical, nutraceutical and Indian drugs are procured from TAMPCOL and IMPCOPS and supplied through Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation.
- For this **purpose, a central drug warehouse** has been set up by Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation at Saligramam, Chennai.
- District drug warehouses have been set up in 38 Districts to enable the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation and Tamil Nadu Consumer Co-operative Federation to stock the drugs procured and supplied in all the Districts.

Generic Medicines

- Up to **25 percent discount will be given to the public** in Mudhalvar Marundhagam. Through this, the public who go to private hospitals/pharmacies can avail the benefits of medicines for diseases like diabetes and blood pressure at low prices from Mudhalvar Marundhagangal.

- Further, he provided **loans to the third gender under the Siragugal scheme and loans to the Jasmine Tribal Women's Self-Help Groups.**

❖ **Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation**

- When we came to power, only 8.09 percent of the eligible people had received the first dose of the vaccine and 2.84 percent had received the second dose. But, with our serious efforts, this situation was changed in seven months and 86.95 percent of the people had received the first dose of the vaccine and 60.71 percent had received the second dose of the vaccine, that is, 8.55 crore people were vaccinated! Within a year, everyone had received two doses of the vaccine and a booster vaccine! We save the people in this manner.
- **"Let's protect our feet", "Let's protect the heart", "Innuyir Kaappom, Nammai Kaakkum 48"** and are protecting the lives and health of a large number of people!
- Tamil Nadu excels in all indicators such as **poverty eradication**, hunger eradication, quality education, gender equality, **clean drinking** water at affordable prices, employment, economic indicators, industrial infrastructure, equal opportunities, peace, healthcare, people's wellbeing, consumption and manufacture.

Welfare assistance to 75,151 beneficiaries in Tirunelveli District Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Tata subsidiary's 4.3 GW Solar Cell and Module manufacturing plant

Investment of Rs.3,800 crore, jobs for 4,000 people

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, in two separate events held on 06.02.2025 at the Gangaikondan SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Tirunelveli District, first inaugurated the **4.3 GW Solar Cell** and Module manufacturing plant, set up by Tata Power Solar, a subsidiary of the Tata Group.

❖ **Details of completed projects**

- **Tamirabarani, Karumeniyaru and Nambiar Surplus River Water Linkage Canal Project**, which costs Rs. 1,060.76 crore, was launched on **21.02.2009** by **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** at an estimated cost of **Rs.369 crore**. Out of the total 75.175 km of this project, 67.075 km of work has been carried out in **Tirunelveli District** and **6.455 km** of work has been carried out in **Thoothukudi District** out of 8.10 km.
- The total length of this project is **75.175 km**.

❖ **Benefits of the Tamirabarani, Karumenivar and Nambiar Surplus River Water Linkage Project**

- It is noteworthy that when the **northeast monsoon rains** fell heavily in the southern Districts, water was released in the Kannadiyan Canal from 13.12.2024 to 19.12.2024 and water reached the Karumeniyar Thiruppu Dam, Suviseshapuram Pond, Idayankudi Supply Canal and Nambiar Link Canal areas through the flood water canal.

Mega Food Park

- A mega food park, spread over an area of 50 acres has been set up under the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with the help of funds from the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana 2021-2022** scheme, NABARD bank funds, state Government subsidy and Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board's share capital.

Welfare assistance to beneficiaries in Tirunelveli District

- On behalf of the **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department**, welfare assistance to 6,807 beneficiaries under various schemes including **Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Scheme**, **Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme**, **State Agriculture Development Scheme**, Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project, Agricultural Mechanization Scheme, Subsidiary Loan, Tamil Nadu Irrigation Management Scheme for Entrepreneurship Promotion, Micro Irrigation Scheme, State Horticulture Development Scheme, Palm Oil Development Scheme

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on this occasion

- I am very happy to meet you all by participating in the Government function held in the famous Nellai border. Be it the Pandya rule, the Chola rule, the Vijayanagar rule, the British rule, or any other rule, our Tirunelveli was the most important city in it!
- One of the most important symbols of **Nellai** is the Nellaiappar Temple, built in the **seventh century** by "**Nirrasir Nedumara Pandiyar**". It was our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Kalaignar, who renovated this traditional temple after **700 years**.
- The **Archaeological excavations at Keeladi** have provided conclusive evidence that **Urban civilization** and literacy existed in Tamil Nadu from **atleast the 6th century BC**.
- A few weeks ago, **we announced to the world that the antiquity of iron technology is 5,300 years**.
- We have revealed through the results of the excavations that rice **was cultivated** on the banks of the **Porunai river** in this District 3,200 years ago.
- The Porunai museum work is also being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 33 crore.

- They expressed gratitude and submitted a petition for the launch of the surplus river water linking project in Tirunelveli.

 **Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, on the occasion**

- The District where the compassionate Vallalar went around! This Cuddalore District is the birthplace of A. Subbarayalu Reddiar of the Justice Party, who marked the beginning of the new history of Tamil Nadu!

 **Tenth announcement**

- Today is International Mother Language Day.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Periyar Government Hospital at Kolathur

- Further, on behalf of the Department of Welfare of the Differently-abled Persons, he inaugurated the 'Vizhudhugal' Integrated Service Centres, set up at a cost of Rs. 10.82 crore in Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Tenkasi and Tiruchirappalli Districts, flagged off 4 'Vizhuthugal' Integrated Service Centre vehicles and provided retrofitted petrol scooters to 72 differently-abled persons.

Vizhuthugal Service Centres

- Appropriate amendments will be made in the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 and the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 in the coming legislative session to provide proper representation to the differently-abled persons in the local bodies through nomination.

'Parents are the first teachers, teachers are the second parents'

- Further, he launched the 234/77 (Orumaikann) app the Tamil Nadu Parent-Teachers Association's Appa' app and released the Tamil Nadu Parent-Teachers Association Conference Special Souvenir.

 **Tamil Nadu State Parent-Teachers Association**

- The Tamil Nadu State Parent-Teachers Association, which was started in 1964.
- Anaithu Palli Parent Teachers Association.

 **Launch of 234/77 (Orumaikann) App**

- The 234/77 'Orumaikann' App is an e-book containing information and reports on the inspection of Government schools under the 234/77 scheme by the Minister of School Education under 77 heads in all the 234 Legislative Assembly constituencies of Tamil Nadu.

❖ Launch of APPA app

- Developed by the Tamil Nadu State Parent- Teacher Association, this app is built on the latest platform and technology and is designed to bridge the **communication gap between parents, teachers and administrators**, thereby improving the **overall educational experience**. The app was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- This app facilitates the administrators of the Parent-Teacher Association, parents and teachers to share daily information and stay up-to-date with Government news related to the school education sector. It also contains all the orders related to the **school education** sector.
- Around 46,000 Government schools and around 12,000 private schools belonging to all Matric, CBSE and other boards will benefit from this platform.

❖ Economic Survey

- **The Parent-Teachers Association should continue to do these works.** Our Government has two eyes, education and healthcare. This year **alone, 44,000 crore rupees** have been allocated for the school education sector and 8,200 crore rupees for the higher education sector.
- From this, you can clearly understand how much importance we are giving to the education sector. That is why Tamil Nadu is in second place in India in providing **quality education**.

❖ Illam Thedi Kalvi Scheme

- With the goal of education for all and keeping in mind the **learning gap and deficiency during the Corona period**, the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme was created. **30 lakh** students have benefited from 1 lakh **8 thousand** volunteers in **38 Districts**. 200 crore rupees was allocated for this scheme.
- **80,138 education centres** have been started.
- The '**Ennum Ezhuthum Thittam**' has been started to benefit **16 lakh students** studying in schools. Model schools have been started in educationally backward Districts.

❖ Three-Language Policy

❖ Naan Mudhalvan Scheme

Kalaignar Centenary Boxing Academy at Gopalapuram

- In the budget demand of the Department of Youth Welfare and Sports Development for the financial year 2022-2023, it was announced that a boxing academy would be set up in Chennai, to revive the sport of boxing.

Facilities to accommodate 12,000 IT professionals

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Tidel Parks in Trichy and Madurai

- In this regard, mini Tidel Parks have been set up in Viluppuram, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi and Salem Districts and have been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin. Further, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the giant Tidel Park, built at a cost of Rs.330 crore with ground and 21 floors and state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities at Pattabiram, Tiruvallur District,

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister inaugurates an Aviary in Tiruchirappalli District

- The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated and inspected the Trichy Aviary Park, established at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.63 crore under the Namakku Naame scheme in the Ayyalamman Padithurai area of Kambarasampettai Panchayat in Andanallur Panchayat Union, Tiruchirappalli District.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister takes action to enthuse para sportspersons

Differently-Abled Sportspersons who won medals in national-level competitions get special incentives

- 23rd National Para Athletics Championships held in Chennai from 17.02.2025 to 20.02.2025, in the 22nd National Para Athletics Championship held in Goa and the National Boccia Championship (for athletes with cerebral palsy), including sub-junior, junior and senior categories, held in Madhya Pradesh.

Job reservation

- Mission International Medals Scheme (MIMS) project.
- Government of Tamil Nadu today on the basis of 3 per cent reservation.
- Sahana is ranked 16th in the world by the International Table Tennis Federation in the category of the differently-abled.

On behalf of Information and Public Relations Department LoveTN Competitions

- The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, which was launched for the first time in India, is working well. It is noteworthy that UNESCO has praised this scheme and it is a matter of pride for Tamil Nadu that a foreign country, Canada, is following this scheme

✚ A great scheme that people admire

○ Samathuvapuram Scheme

- In order to fulfil the wish of the Father of the Nation. Annal Gandhi Adigal, that untouchability must be eradicated, the wish of Thanthai Periyar that caste and religious differences must be eliminated and the wish of the Perarignar Anna that God must be seen in the happiness of the poor, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar conceived of the "**Samathuvapuram Scheme**" with the intention that people belonging to different castes and religions should live in **one place and as one Tamil community and inaugurated the first Samathuvapuram Scheme on 17.08.1998 at Melakottai, Thirumanealam, Madurai.**

○ Naan Mudhalvan Scheme

- To enable students who step into engineering, arts and science colleges for higher education, learn the modern skills required by today's industries and succeed in their fields and with the main objective of improving the education, knowledge, thinking, ability and skills of one million youth every year, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K. Stalin inaugurated his dream scheme, "**Naan Mudhalvan**" at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 01.03.2022.

