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## **INTRODUCTION**

"Meivarutham Paarar Pasinokkar Kanthunjar  
Evvevar theemaiyum Merkollar – Sevvi  
Arumaiyum Paarar Avamathippum Kollar  
Karumame Kannayi naar."

- (Neethi Neri Vilakka Padal)

Individuals determined to achieve their goals and attain success won't be concerned about hardships; Hunger and sleep won't trouble them, nor will they be distracted by anything unnecessary. They'll stay focused on discharging their responsibilities, disregarding insults from others and recognising the value of time.

In tune with the ideologies expressed in this verse, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has been working tirelessly since assuming office with the sole aim of protecting the welfare of the people. The fruits of his hard work are ringing like bells of victory across the country. The people of Tamil Nadu are getting benefits through flourishing Agriculture, high quality education, rapid industrial growth and increase in employment opportunities across the State.

It is pertinent to mention that Tamil Nadu's per capita income is 1.64 times than the national average.

As per the recent data released by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Tamil Nadu's real economic growth rate of 9.69% for 2024-2025 marks the highest for any state in the country, besides being the highest for the state in the past 10 years.

Research scholars, newspapers, and the media testify these achievements. These achievements has been made possible by Tamilnadu through the dedicated and collective efforts of the Government, its administration and officials. The Dravidian Model Government remains committed to the welfare of the people, continuously introducing and implementing impactful initiatives day by day. These programs are executed seamlessly with the efficient functioning of Government administration and offices and ensure that benefits reach the people promptly without any obstacles. As the Government serves continuously as a chain process, we are witnessing the further undeterred growth of Tamil Nadu.

The Information and Public Relations Department of Government of Tamil Nadu is disseminating the information about the functioning and achievements of various Government departments to the public.

Since Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar assumed power in 1969, he has systematically structured the Department of Information and Public Relations, shaping its activities. Information and Public Relations Offices have been established in every district and the department tirelessly functions day and night, utilizing the appropriate modern technological equipments to make Government schemes reaches the public without any hindrance.

This department maintains harmonious relationship with newspapers, television networks, radio stations, websites, and social media, ensuring that the schemes of all Government departments effectively reach the public. Additionally, the Department of Information and Public Relations has been making a significant contribution by publishing the monthly magazine 'Tamilarasu' for nearly 55 years in both Tamil and English, providing official Government news and serving as an important record of Government initiatives.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu stated, "Upholding the trust that the people have placed in us, we are implementing projects that draw the keen attention of the entire nation. Schemes such as 'Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam,' 'Vidiyal Payana Thittam,' 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme,' 'Pudumai Penn Thittam,' 'Tamil Pudhalvan Thittam,' 'Illam Thedi Kalvi,' 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam,' 'Naan Mudhalvan,' 'Kalaingar Varumun Kaappom Thittam,' 'Innuyir Kaappom - Nammai Kaakum 48,' 'Kalaingar Kanavu Illam,' 'Annal Ambedkar Thozhil Munnodigal Thittam,' and 'Oottachchathai Urudhi Sei Thittam' have positively impacted all sections of society, including children, school and college students, youth, women, farmers, labourers, and entrepreneurs, leading them to proudly acknowledge that the government operates on the philosophy of 'Everything for Everyone'."

The functions of the various sections of the Department of Information and Public Relations continues seamlessly every day towards further elevating the pride and glory of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

# MEMORIALS

## **MANIMANDAPAMS, MEMORIALS, ARANGAMS, COMMEMORATIVE PILLARS, COMMEMORATIVE MONUMENTS AND COMMEMORATIVE ARCH ERECTED IN TAMIL NADU**

Information and Public Relations Department have constructed and maintaining 146 memorials, statues, busts, Arangangal, Commemorative Pillars, Commemorative monuments and Commemorative Arches have been erected across the state in remembrance of sacrifice and contribution of the Indian Freedom Fighters, Tamil Scholars who strove hard for the cause of Tamil, nobles, leaders and poets who toiled for social justice, and the Leaders of Tamilnadu who participated in the Freedom struggle and for the sake of younger generation. Region wise details are as follows:



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**MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS,  
NINAIVU ILLANGAL**

**CHENNAI REGION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>CHENNAI DISTRICT</b>		
1	Perarignar Anna Memorial and Museum	Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
2	Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar Memorial	Anna Memorial premises, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
3	Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Memorial	Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
4	Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa Memorial	Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
5	Gandhi Mandapam	Guindy, Chennai
6	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Memorial	Guindy, Chennai
7	Mootharignar Rajaji Ninaivalayam	Guindy, Chennai
8	Periyavar M.Bhakthavatchalam Memorial	Guindy, Chennai

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
9	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Chekku Mandapam	Guindy, Chennai
10	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Ninaivu Illam	Thulasinga Perumal Koil Street, Tiruvalliceni, Chennai
11	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Ninaivu Illam	Thirumalai Salai, Thiyagaraya Nagar, Chennai
12	Tamil Language Martyrs Manimandapam	Guindy, Chennai
13	Freedom Fighters Manimandapam	Guindy, Chennai
14	Dravidamani Diwanbahadur Rettaimalai Seenivasan Memorial	Guindy, Chennai
15	Kanniyathendral Quaid-e-Milleth Muhammad Ismail Manimandapam	Dams Road, Pudupet, Chennai

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
16	Sindhanai Sirpi Ma.Singaravelar and Suyamariyathai Sudaroli N.Jeevarathinam Manimandapam and Library	Royapuram, Chennai
17	Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan Manimandapam	Adyar, Chennai
18	Annal Ambedkar Manimandapam	Raja Annamalai Puram, Chennai
19	Dravida Peroli Ayothi Dasa Pandithar Manimandapam	Guindy, Chennai
<b>CHENGALPATTU DISTRICT</b>		
20	Dravidamani Diwanbahadur Rettaimalai Srinivasan Manimandapam	Acharapakkam Village, Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District
<b>KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT</b>		
21	Perarignar Anna Ninaivu Illam	Chinna Kancheepuram, Kancheepuram District
<b>VELLORE DISTRICT</b>		
22	Muthu Mandapam (in memory of Vikrama Raja Singan, the last Tamil King of Sri Lanka)	Vellore, Vellore District

**TIRUCHIRAPPALLI REGION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT</b>		
23	Va.Ve.Subramaniya Iyer Ninaivu Illam	Varahaneri, Tiruchirappalli District
24	Perarasar Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar Manimandapam	Ko – Abishegapuram Village, Tiruchirappalli District
25	Diamond Pillar of Justice Party Sir A.T.Panneer Selvam Manimandapam	
26	Ezhisai Mannar M.K. Thiyagaraja Bagavathar Manimandapam	
<b>VILUPPURAM DISTRICT</b>		
27	Former Chief Minister Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar Manimandapam	Omandur, Viluppuram District
28	Former Minister A. Govindasamy Arangam	Vazhuthareddy Village, Viluppuram District
<b>CUDDALORE DISTRICT</b>		
29	Swami Sagajanandha Manimandapam	Chidambaram, Cuddalore District
30	Ramasamy Padayatchiyar Ninaivu Mandapam	Manjakuppam, Cuddalore District

**MADURAI REGION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>MADURAI DISTRICT</b>		
31	Thiyaga Seelar Kakkan Manimandapam	Thumbaipatti, Madurai District
32	Thiyagi Viswanathadass Ninaivu Illam	Thirumangalam, Madurai District
33	Parithimar Kalaignar Ninaivu Illam	Vilacheri, Madurai District
34	Mozhignayiru Devaneyya Pavaanar Manimandapam	Sathamangalam, Madurai District
35	Perungamanallur Thiyagigal Ninaivu Mandapam	Usilampatti, Madurai District
<b>DINDIGUL DISTRICT</b>		
36	Freedom Fighter Gopal Naicker Manimandapam	Virupatchi, Dindigul District
37`	The Great Kings Hyder Ali, Thippu Sultan Manimandapam	Adiyanuthu Village, Dindigul District

## SIVAGANGAI REGION

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT</b>		
38	Kaviarasu Kannadasan Manimandapam	Karaikudi, Sivagangai District
39	Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar Manimandapam	Kundrakudi, Sivagangai District
40	Freedom Fighters Maruthupandiars Ninaivu Mandapam	Tirupathur, Sivagangai District
41	Veeramangai Velunachiyar Ninaivu Mandapam	Surakulam, Sivagangai District
<b>RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT</b>		
42	Theiveega Thirumaganar U.Muthuramalinga Thevar House in which he lived / Memorial / Arangam	Pasumpon Village, Ramanathapuram District

**THANJAVUR REGION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>THANJAVUR DISTRICT</b>		
43	Pattukkottai Kalyanasundaram Manimandapam	Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District
44	Pattukkottai Alagiriswamy Ninaivu mandapam	Avudaiyankulam, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District
<b>THIRUVARUR DISTRICT</b>		
45	Thamizh Thatha Dr.U.Ve.Saminatha Iyer Ninaivu Illam	Uthamathanapuram, Tiruvarur District
46	Thiyagi P.Srinivasa Rao Ninaivu Mandapam	Thiruthuraipoondi, Tiruvarur District
47	Mannar Manuneethi Chozhan Ninaivu Mandapam	Tiruvarur, Tiruvarur District
<b>MAYILADUTHURAI DISTRICT</b>		
48	Thillaiyadi Valliyammai Memorial	Thillaiyadi, Mayiladuthurai District



**TIRUNELVELI REGION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT</b>		
49	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Manimandapam	Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District
50	Tamil Scholar Robert Caldwell Ninaivu Illam	Idaiyangudi, Tirunelveli District
51	Freedom Fighter Ondi Veeran Manimandapam	Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District
<b>KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT</b>		
52	Pothuvudaimai Veerar P. Jeevanandam Manimandapam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
53	Annal Gandhi Adigal Ninaivu Mandapam	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District
54	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
55	Sathavathani Seiguthambi Pavalar Ninaivu Mandapam	Edalakudy, Kottar, Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
56	Marshal Nesamani Manimandapam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
<b>VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT</b>		
57	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar (Pirantha Illam) Ninaivu Illam	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
58	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Centenary Manimandapam	
59	Thiyagi Sankaralinganar Manimandapam	
<b>THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT</b>		
60	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Manimandapam	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
61	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Illam	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
62	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Ninaivu Illam	Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi District

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
63	Veeran Azhagumuthukone Manimandapam	Kattalangulam, Thoothukudi District
64	Freedom Fighter Veeran Sundaralingam Memorial	Gavarnagiri, Thoothukudi District
65	Freedom Fighter Veeran Vellayathevan Memorial	Vallanadu, Thoothukudi District
66	Amudhakavi Umaru Pulavar Memorial	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
67	Freedom Fighter Veerapandia Kattabomman Manimandapam	Kayathar, Thoothukudi District
68	Dr.B.Sivanthi Aditanar Manimandapam	Thiruchendur, Thoothukudi District
69	Karisal Ilakkiya Pithamagar Ki.Rajanarayanan Arangam	Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District
70	Father of Thoothukudi Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez Manimandapam	Roche Park, Meelavittan-2 Village, Thoothukudi District

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
71	Father of Tamil Dictionary Veeramamunivar Manimandapam	Kamanaickenpatti Village, Punitha Paraloga Madha Temple Campus, Thoothukudi District
<b>TENKASI DISTRICT</b>		
72	Thiyagi Vanchinathan Manimandapam	Sengottai, Tenkasi District
73	Maveeran Poolithevan Ninaivu Maaligai	Nerkattumseval, Tenkasi District

### **COIMBATORE REGION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>COIMBATORE DISTRICT</b>		
74	Uzhavar Perunthalaivar Narayanasami Naidu Manimandapam	Vaiyampalayam, Coimbatore District
<b>SALEM DISTRICT</b>		
75	Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai Monuments	Sankagiri, Salem District

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
76	Puratchithalaivar M.G.R and Puratchithalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa Ninaivu Mandapam	Salem, Salem District.
<b>NAMAKKAL DISTRICT</b>		
77	Namakkal Kavignar V.Ramalingam Pillai Ninaivu Illam	Namakkal, Namakkal District
78	Allala Elaya Nayakar Dome	Jedarpalayam, Namakkal District
<b>ERODE DISTRICT</b>		
79	Thanthai Periyar – Perarignar Anna Memorial	Erode, Erode District
80	Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai Manimandapam	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District
<b>DHARMAPURI DISTRICT</b>		
81	Vallal Adhiyaman Kottam	Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District
82	Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva Manimandapam	Pappalapatti, Dharmapuri District
83	Bharathamatha Ninaivaalayam	Pappalapatti, Dharmapuri District

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>MEMORIALS, MANIMANDAPAMS, NINAIVU ILLANGAL</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>TIRUPPUR DISTRICT</b>		
84	Kodi Kaatha Kumaran Memorial	Tiruppur, Tiruppur District
85	Pagutharivu Kavirayar Udumalai Narayanakavi Manimandapam	Udumalaipettai, Tiruppur District
<b>KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT</b>		
86	Mootharignar Rajaji (Pirantha Illam) Ninaivu Illam	Thorapalli, Krishnagiri District

#### **KERALA STATE**

87	Thanthai Periyar Memorial	Vaikom, Kottayam District, Kerala State
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#### **UTTAR PRADESH STATE**

88	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Memorial (House in which he lived)	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh State.
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## ARANGAMS

### CHENNAI REGION

SI. No	ARANGAMS	PLACE
1	Valluvar Kottam Designed by Muthamizharignar Kalaingar	Nungambakkam, Chennai
2	Mootharignar Rajaji Hall	Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai
3	Kalaivanar Arangam	Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai
4	Anna Kalaiarangam	Vellore, Vellore District

### TIRUCHIRAPPALLI REGION

SI.No	ARANGAMS	PLACE
<b>VILUPPURAM DISTRICT</b>		
5	21 Social Justice Activists Manimandapam	Vazhuthareddy Village, Viluppuram District

## THANJAVUR REGION

SI.No	ARANGAMS	PLACE
<b>MAYILADUTHURAI DISTRICT</b>		
6	Tamizhisai Moovar	Sirkazhi, Mayiladuthurai District
<b>THANJAVUR DISTRICT</b>		
7	Mahamagam Multipurpose Kalaiarangam	Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District

## COIMBATORE REGION

SI.No	ARANGAMS	PLACE
<b>ERODE DISTRICT</b>		
8	Uthama Thiyagi Ayya Eswaran Arangam	Mudukkandurai Village, Sathyamangalam Erode District
<b>TIRUPPUR DISTRICT</b>		
9	Thali Palayakkarar Malaiandi Vengidupathi Ethalappa Naicker Arangam	Thali, Tiruppur District



## FULL-SIZE STATUES

### CHENNAI REGION

<b>S. No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1	Veeran Azhagumuthukone	Chennai
2	Freedom Fighter Senbagaraman	Chennai
3	Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai	Chennai
4	Sindhanai Sirpi Ma. Singaravelar	Chennai
5	Karpukkarasi Kannagi	Chennai
6	Silambu Selvar Ma.Po. Sivagnanam	Chennai
7	Netaji Subash Chandra Bose	Chennai
8	Muthamizharignar Kalaignar	Chennai
9	Freedom fighter Veerapandiya Kattabomman	Chennai
10	Freedom fighters Marudhupandiyars	Chennai
11	Perasiriyar K.Anbazhaganar	Chennai
12	Former Chief Minister Dr. P.Subbarayan	Chennai
13	Bengal Poet Rabindranath Tagore	Chennai
14	Former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Chennai

<b>S. No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
15	Guardian of social justice V.P.Singh	Chennai
16	Former Director General of the Archaeological survey of India, Sir.John Hubert Marshall	Chennai
17	Uthamar Gandhiadigal	Chennai
18	Freedom fighter K.M. Annal Thango	Vellore
19	Tamil Scholar Dr.Mu.Varadharasanar	Ranipet

#### **TIRUCHIRAPPALLI REGION**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
20	Thiyagi Kizhapazhuvur Chinnasamy	Tiruchirappalli
21	Perarasar Perumpidugu Mutharaiyar	Tiruchirappalli
22	Freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal	Cuddalore

**COIMBATORE REGION**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
23	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar	Coimbatore
24	Thali Palayakkarar Malaiyandi Vengidupathi Ethalappa Nayakar	Tiruppur
25	Uthama Thiyagi Ayya Easwaran	Erode

**TIRUNELVELI REGION**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
26	Thiyagi Chidambaranathan	Kanniyakumari
27	Kavimani Desika Vinayagam Pillai	Kanniyakumari
28	Freedom fighter Vennikaladi	Tenkasi

**MADURAI REGION**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
29	Thiyaga Sealar Kakkan	Madurai
30	Playback singer Padma Shri T.M. Soundararajan	Madurai
31	Freedom fighter Veerathai Kuyili	Sivagangai

<b>S.No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
32	Maveeran Vaalukkuveli Ambalam	Sivagangai
33	Rebel Muthuramalinga Sethupathi	Ramanathapuram

### **THANJAVUR REGION**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>FULL-SIZE STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
34	Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar	Mayiladuthurai
35	Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Ammaiyar	Pudukkottai

## **BUST STATUES**

### **CHENNAI REGION**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>BUST STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1	Thiyagi Arya (a) Bhashyam	Chennai
2	Thiyagi Sankaralinganar	
3	Navalar R.Nedunchezhiyan	
4	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar	
5	Uthamar Gandhiadigal	

### **COIMBATORE REGION**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>BUST STATUES</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
6	Namakkal Kavignar V.Ramalingam Pillai	Namakkal

## COMMEMORATIVE PILLARS

### CHENNAI REGION

S.No	COMMEMORATIVE PILLARS	PLACE
1	"Quit India" Movement's Golden Jubilee Commemorative Pillar	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Salai, Gandhi Mandapam, Guindy, Chennai
2	Golden Jubilee of Republic Commemorative Pillar	Near Gandhi Statue, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
3	Sepoy Mutiny Commemorative Pillar	Vellore, Vellore District

### TIRUNELVELI REGION

S.No	COMMEMORATIVE PILLARS	PLACE
4	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Centenary Celebrations Commemorative Pillar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
5	Music Maestro Nallappaswami Commemorative Pillar	Vilathikulam, Thoothukudi District

## MONUMENTS

### CHENNAI REGION

SI.No	MONUMENTS	PLACE
1	Golden Jubilee of Indian Independence Commemorative Monument	Near War Memorial, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai

### MADURAI REGION

SI.No	MONUMENTS	PLACE
1	Freedom Fighter Veerathai Kuyili Monument	Surakulam, Sivagangai District

## COMMEMORATIVE ARCH

### CHENNAI REGION

SI.No	COMMEMORATIVE ARCH	PLACE
1	M.G.R Centenary Commemorative Arch	Marina Beach, Rajaji Salai, Chennai

**ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- A memorial honouring Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, spanning 2.21 acres and featuring modern pictorial illustrations and global standards was established within the Perarignar Anna Memorial premises at Marina Beach, Chennai, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on February 26, 2024. Till date, approximately 56 lakh people have visited the memorial.
  
- In the basement of the memorial premises, a "Kalaignar World Museum" has been established, showcasing the illustrious life history of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar through Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and visual display arrangements, offering an experience unparalleled anywhere else in India.



- This museum offers visitors a variety of state-of-the-art facilities, including a virtual journey on the Kalaignar Express Train to know about Kalaignar's achievements, a touch screen quiz section to test knowledge about Kalaignar, a photo opportunity with a virtual Kalaignar, and more such advanced arrangements which put the visitors in awe.
- To facilitate public to visit this place without difficulty, booking facilities have been provided through the official website at free of cost. In addition, the dedicated portal [www.kalaignarulagam.org](http://www.kalaignarulagam.org) has been created for this purpose, and till date, it has recorded approximately 5 lakh visits.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated a Manimandapam featuring a statue of 'Dravida Peroli' Ayothi Dasa Pandithar, in commemoration of his 175<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, at the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Guindy, Chennai, on 01.12.2023, at a cost of Rs.2,48,75,859/- (Rupees two crore forty-eight lakh seventy-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine only).

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- A Manimandapam was constructed at a cost of Rs.5,70,00,000/-(Rupees Five Crore Seventy Lakh only) in Vazhuthareddy village, Viluppuram district, in honour of the 21 social justice activists who lost their lives in police firing during the 1987 reservation protest, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.01.2025.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- A statue and a memorial with a library were established in honour of the eminent writer Thiru Ki. Rajanarayanan, revered as the father of Karisal literature who brought it to global recognition, at a cost of Rs. 2,07,14,127 (Rupees two crore seven lakh fourteen thousand one hundred and twenty-seven only) in Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi district, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 02.12.2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- In commemoration of the centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, the house in which he resided in Kasi, Uttar Pradesh, was renovated and a bust of the poet was erected by the Government of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.18,67,500 (Rupees eighteen lakh sixty-seven thousand five hundred only), and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 11.12.2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- A Dome with statue has constructed in memory of Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandes, revered as the father of modern Thoothukudi, at the Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Park in Thoothukudi district at a cost of Rs.77,87,000 (Rupees seventy-seven lakh eighty-seven thousand only), and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.11.2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- The Ninaivu Illam located in Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi district, where Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar once lived, has been renovated at a cost of Rs.2,50,000 (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only).

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- Renovation works and the installation of audio-visual systems depicting the life history of V.O. Chidambaranar at the Manimandapam in Tirunelveli have been carried out at a cost of Rs.73,20,000/- (Rupees seventy-three lakh twenty thousand only).

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- A statue of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar was erected at a cost of Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees forty lakh only) at the V.O.Chidambaranar Park in Coimbatore and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.05.2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- As a tribute to Colonel John Pennycuick, who dedicated his life for the construction of the Mullaperiyar Dam, a bust was erected in his birthplace at Camberley, England, at a cost of Rs.33,65,000/- (Rupees thirty three lakh sixty five thousand only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Cooperatives on 10.09.2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar memorial at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai, with the oil press pulled by him during his imprisonment in Coimbatore Jail, has been renovated at a cost of Rs.43,42,000/- (Rupees forty three lakh forty two thousand only) with a newly erected bust of the great leader was unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.02.2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

- A grand statue of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, a grand statue of him was installed in honour of his legacy at a cost of Rs.1,70,00,000/- (Rupees one crore seventy lakh only) within the premises of Omandurar Government Hospital, Government Estate, Anna Salai, Chennai, and was unveiled by the Hon'ble Former Vice President on 28.05.2022 in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

- A statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was erected at the Ambedkar Manimandapam, located at Dr.D.G.S. Dhinakaran Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.10.2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

- As a tribute to Perasiriyar K. Anbazhaganar, a statue was erected at a cost of Rs.37,20,000/- (Rupees thirty seven lakh twenty thousand only) within the premises of the Tamil Nadu Government School Education Department, Nungambakkam, Chennai, in the complex which was renamed in his honour, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.08.2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- The statue of the former Prime Minister of India and guardian of social justice, V.P.Singh, was erected on the campus of Presidency College, Chennai, at a cost of Rs. 52,20,000/- (Rupees fifty two lakh twenty thousand only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.11.2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- To commemorate the centenary of the Vaikom Struggle against untouchability, led by Thanthai Periyar in the town of Vaikom in the erstwhile Travancore province, the Thanthai Periyar Memorial in Vaikom, Kerala, was renovated at a cost of Rs.8,14,00,000/- (Rupees eight crore fourteen lakh only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 12.12.2024.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- Deiveega Thirumaganar U.Muthuramalinga Thevar Arangam was constructed at a cost of Rs.1,55,00,000/- (Rupees one crore fifty five lakh only) enabling public to pay tribute at the façade of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Memorial located at Pasumpon Village of Ramanathapuram district and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.10.2024.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU IN THE PAST 4 YEARS – WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

- On the occasion of the centenary of Rajagopala Thondaiman, the King of Pudukkottai, work is underway for the construction of a Manimandapam with a museum at an estimated cost of Rs.3,02,15,536/- (Rupees three crore two lakh fifteen thousand five hundred thirty-six only).

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

- In commemoration of the historic meeting between Uthamar Gandhi Adigal and Jeevanandham, a pioneer of the communist movement, at Siravayal during the freedom struggle, an Arangam at a cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore only) is being constructed in Siravayal village, Sivagangai district.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- In commemoration of the centenary celebration of Ayya Ilaya Perumal, who was not only a beacon of hope for the oppressed community but also a symbol of ethical politics, a memorial hall with a statue has been constructed in Chidambaram, Cuddalore District, at a cost of Rs.5,70,00,000/- (Rupees five crore seventy lakh only), and is now ready for the inauguration ceremony.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- Work is underway to construct a new memorial for Thanthai Periyar at an estimated cost of Rs.3,99,00,000/- (Rupees three crore ninety-nine lakh only) in Aarukkutti village, Alappuzha district, Kerala, the place where Thanthai Periyar was arrested and first imprisoned.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- Work is underway to erect a statue in memory of the late Lee Kuan Yew, the first Prime Minister of Singapore, at an estimated cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) in Mannargudi, Tiruvarur district.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- A Arangam with a statue of freedom fighter Thiyagi Emmanuel Sekaranar is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.3,02,59,416/- (Rupees three crore two lakh fifty-nine thousand four hundred and sixteen only) in Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram district.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025**

- A statue is being erected for S.K. Paramasivan Ayya, born in Chinniyampalayam, Erode district, fought for the country's independence, instrumental for White Revolution in Tamil Nadu through his tireless efforts.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(1)**

- The statue of Veerapandiya Kattabomman, the freedom fighter who bravely resisted British rule in Tamil Nadu and accepted the gallows with unwavering courage, was erected at the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Guindy, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees eighteen lakh only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.02.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(2)**

- A statue of the Marudhu Brothers, who valiantly ruled the Sivagangai region and fought resolutely against British colonial rule for the liberation of the motherland, was erected at a cost of Rs.34,00,000/- (Rupees thirty four lakh only) in the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Guindy, Chennai, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.02.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(3)**

- The statue of freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal, revered as the Jhansi Rani of South India, was erected at Corporation Gandhi Park, Cuddalore old town, Cuddalore district, at a cost of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh only), and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 02.11.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(5)**

- The statue of the former President of India, Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, an outstanding scientist and a hero of the youth and students, was erected at the Anna University campus, Chennai at a cost of Rs.21,95,799/- (Rupees twenty one lakh ninety five thousand seven hundred ninety nine only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.10.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(6)**

- The statue of Nobel Laureate and celebrated Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore, composer of India's National Anthem, was erected at the Queen Mary's College premises in Chennai at a

cost of Rs. 29,61,634/- (Rupees twenty nine lakh sixty one thousand six hundred thirty four only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 08.09.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(7)**

- The bust of Navalar R. Nedunchezhiyan, a pioneer founder of the Dravidian movement, a distinguished literary figure, and former Finance Minister, was erected at the State Guest House premises, Chepauk, Chennai, at a cost of Rs. 9,50,000/- (Rupees nine lakh fifty thousand only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 26.12.2021.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(8)**

- The statue of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar, a woman social reformer, writer, Devadasi abolitionist, and political trailblazer of the Dravidian movement, was erected at Varadachariyar Park, Mayiladuthurai Municipality, at a cost of Rs.15,97,699/- (Rupees fifteen lakh ninety-seven thousand six hundred ninety-nine only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.05.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(9)**

- The statue of Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Ammaiyar - the first woman legislator of India, the first President of the Indian Women's Association, the first woman doctor of Tamil Nadu, and a pioneering social reformer, was erected at the premises of the Tamil Nadu Government Medical College Hospital, Pudukkottai district, at a cost of Rs.9,84,650/- (Rupees nine lakh eighty-four thousand six hundred and fifty only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.05.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.1(10)**

- The dome with the statue of Dr. Mu.Varadarasanar, one of the renowned Tamil scholars of the twentieth century and a versatile intellectual, was constructed in Ranipet district at a cost of Rs.65,76,562/- (Rupees sixty five lakh seventy six thousand five hundred and sixty two only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024.

## **2021-2022 Announcement No.2**

- On the occasion of the seventy fifth Independence Day celebrations of our country, memorials of freedom fighters have been upgraded and audio visual systems have been installed at six memorials (Thiyagi Subramania Siva Manimandapam in Dharmapuri, Freedom Fighter Thiyagi Kodikatha Kumaran Memorial in Tiruppur, Veeramangai Velunachiyar Memorial Hall in Sivagangai, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Manimandapam in Thoothukudi, Ramasamy Padayatchiyar Manimandapam in Cuddalore, and Perunthalaivar Kamaraj Centenary Manimandapam in Virudhunagar) at a cost of Rs. 33,45,886 (Rupees thirty three lakh forty five thousand eight hundred eighty six only).

## **2021-2022 Announcement No.3**

- The Gandhi Museum, the Memorial of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, the Memorial of Periyavar M. Bhakthavatsalam, and the Memorial of Mudharingar Rajaji, located within the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Chennai, have been upgraded at a cost of Rs.3,36,82,544 (Rupees three crore thirty six lakh eighty two thousand five hundred and forty four only).



#### **2021-2022 Announcement No.4**

- The statue of freedom fighter Thali Palayakkarar Malaiyandi Vengidupathi Ethalappa Nayakkar was erected at the Udumalaipettai Municipality Office premises, Tiruppur District, along with the construction of an auditorium near the Thirumoorthy Dam, at a cost of Rs.2,53,26,974 (Rupees two crore fifty three lakh twenty six thousand nine hundred seventy four only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.10.2024.

#### **2021-2022 Announcement No.6**

- The statue of Dr. P. Subbarayan, former Chief Minister of the Madras Presidency, who worked tirelessly for the Tamil language and the people of Tamil Nadu, was erected at the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Chennai at a cost of Rs.17,50,000/- (Rupees seventeen lakh fifty thousand only), and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 05.09.2023.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.7**

- In memory of the freedom fighter Uthama Thiyagi Ayya Eswaran, who was the architect of the Kilbhavani Irrigation Project that irrigates approximately 2 lakh acres in the Kongu region, an Arangam in his honour has been constructed at Mudukandhurai village, Sathyamangalam Taluk, and his statue has been erected at the Bhavanisagar Dam Park in Erode district, at a cost of Rs.3,04,02,295/- (Rupees three crore four lakh two thousand two hundred and ninety-five only). Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Arangam and Statue on 20.12.2024.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.8**

- An Arangam with a statue of the A. Govindaswamy, a distinguished leader and former Minister who made significant contributions to the upliftment of the poor and the underprivileged, was constructed at a cost of Rs.4,00,00,000/- (Rupees four crore only) in Vazhudhareddy village, Viluppuram district, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.01.2025.

## **2022-2023 Announcement No.6**

- Basic amenities and infrastructures have been upgraded in the first phase at 10 Manimandapams, namely Thiyagi Subramania Siva Manimandapam (Dharmapuri), Mozhignayiru Devaneya Pavanar Manimandapam (Madurai), Tamilisai Moovar Manimandapam (Mayiladuthurai), Pattukottai Kalyanasundaram Manimandapam (Thanjavur), Tamil Thatha Dr.U.Ve.Saminatha Iyer Memorials (Tiruvarur), Mahakavi Bharathiyar Manimandapam (Thoothukudi), Kappalottiya Tamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Manimandapam (Tirunelveli), Ramasamy Padayatchiyar Manimandapam (Cuddalore), Rational Poet Udumalai Narayana Kavi Manimandapam (Udumalai Pettai, Tiruppur), and Swami Sahajananda Manimandapam (Chidambaram), at a total cost of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees one crore only) for the benefit of student community preparing for competitive examinations.

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.7**

- A 360 degree virtual viewing experience of the Manimandapams, memorials, and halls dedicated to freedom fighters, Tamil language martyrs, Tamil scholars, and important leaders has been made accessible through the internet. The installation of QR codes, display of biographies, photo albums, and books related to these leaders, along with wide-screen televisions in 15 Manimandapams for the broadcasting of short films, has been undertaken at a cost of Rs.1,25,24,447/- (Rupees one crore twenty five lakh twenty four thousand four hundred forty seven only).

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.5**

- The Vallal Adhiyaman Kottam in Dharmapuri district has been renovated in a contemporary manner at a cost of Rs.98,75,153/- (Rupees ninety-eight lakh seventy-five thousand one hundred and fifty-three only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.3**

- The statue of Vennikaladi, the chief commander of the Maveeran Poolithevan army and a freedom fighter, was erected at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) in

Nerkattumseval village, Tenkasi district and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.10.2024.

#### **2023-2024 Announcement No.4**

- The statue of Veerathai Kuyili, the freedom fighter who sacrificed her life by strapping explosives to herself to blow up the British arms depot and stood as a staunch supporter of freedom fighter Veeramangai Velunachiyar, was installed at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) in Surakkulam village, Sivagangai district, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.10.2024.

#### **2023-2024 Announcement No.5**

- The statue of the valiant hero "Vaalukkuveli Ambalam", who fought against the British alongside Veeramangai Velunachiyar and the Marudhu Brothers, was installed at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) in Nagarapatti village, Sivagangai district, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 22.01.2025.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.10**

- The statue of K.M. Annal Thango, a prominent freedom fighter known for his deep passion for the Tamil language and his contributions, including the translation of vernacular names in Tamil, was installed in Gudiyatham, Vellore District, at a cost of Rs.50,00,000 (Rupees fifty lakh) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.11**

- The bust of Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai, the first poet in the Tamil Nadu Government, a martyr of the national struggle, and the author of the of the Patriotic Song chanted during the march of the Salt Satyagraha movement, was installed at his memorial house in Namakkal at a cost of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees twenty lakh only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.02.2023.

## **2023-2024 Announcement No.12**

- On the occasion of the birth centenary of playback singer Padmashri T.M. Soundararajan, his statue was installed in Madurai at a cost of Rs.46,68,453/- (Rupees forty six lakh sixty eight thousand four hundred fifty three only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.08.2023.

## **2024-2025 Announcement No.4**

- The statue of Sir John Hubert Marshall, who served as the Director of the Department of Archaeology and played a key role in the discovery of the Indus Valley Civilization, was installed at the Egmore Museum premises in Chennai at a cost of Rs.49,84,869/- (Rupees forty nine lakh eighty four thousand eight hundred sixty nine only), and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 19.03.2025.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS – WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.5**

- The memorial for those who lost their lives in an unexpected accident during the Parambikulam Aliyar Irrigation Project (PAP) has been constructed at a cost of Rs.2,29,68,907/- (Rupees two crore twenty nine lakh sixty eight thousand nine hundred and seven only) in Aliyar village, Anaimalai taluk, Coimbatore district and is ready for the inauguration ceremony.
- Works are in progress to construct a two-storied building to facilitate the hosting of trainings, seminars, and other activities for farmers in the office complex of the Chief Engineer of the Water Resources Department at Pollachi, and to set up statues of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, former Minister Thiru C. Subramaniam, former Member of Legislative Assembly Thiru V.K. Palanisamy Gounder, and former Member of Legislative Assembly and industrialist Arutselvar Pollachi



N. Mahalingam, at a total cost of Rs.4,28,00,000/- (Rupees four crore twenty eight lakh only).

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.6**

- In memory of Dr. P. Subbarayan, the former Chief Minister of Madras State who worked tirelessly for Tamil and the people of Tamil Nadu, an Arangam is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.2,67,50,000/- (Rupees two crore sixty seven lakh fifty thousand only) in Navani Thotakkurpatti village, Puduchathiram, Namakkal district.

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.3**

- Work is underway to construct a hall with a statue of Mayuram Munsif Vedhanayagam, who wrote the first novel in Tamil, in Mayiladuthurai Town at an estimated cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.1**

- To commemorate the legacy of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar, the author of the universal literature Thirukkural, the Valluvar Kottam in

Chennai, originally established in 1976 through the visionary efforts of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, is being modernised with state-of-the-art advancements at a cost of Rs.80,00,00,000/- (Rupees eighty crore only), and the works are nearing completion.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.2**

- To honour the contributions, legacy, and achievements of Dravidian movement heroes such as Dr. C. Natesanar, Sir Pitti Theagaraya Chetty, and Dr. T.M. Nair, and to enable future generations to learn about them, the Monument of the Legends of Dravidian Movement is being constructed near the Anna Museum in Kamarajar Road, Chennai, at an estimated cost of Rs.2,65,00,000/- (Rupees two crore sixty five lakh only), as a historical symbol featuring significant events of the Dravidian Movement.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.7**

- Land in possession of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department in Chennimalai, Erode district, has been identified for the construction of Arangam with a statue

honouring the freedom fighter and martyr Kodikatha Kumaran, who fought against the British and attained martyrdom, at an estimated cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore only), and the work is currently underway.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.9**

- Work is underway to construct Arangam in Ariyalur district with a statue of Keelappazhuvur Chinnasamy, who possessed unwavering devotion to the Tamil language and was the first to sacrifice his life in the fight against Hindi imposition, at an estimated cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore only).

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.1**

- The statue of Veeramangai Velunachiyar, the queen of the Sivagangai region and a freedom fighter who defeated the British, has been erected at the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Chennai at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) and to be inaugurated.

## **2024-2025 Announcement No.2**

- Work is underway to install statues of the Marudhu brothers, who ruled the Sivagangai region and valiantly fought against the British for the freedom of the motherland, in Sivagangai district at a cost of Rs.1,06,90,000/- (Rupees one crore six lakh ninety thousand only)

## **2024-2025 Announcement No.3**

- Work is underway to construct a hall with a statue of Ziegenbalg, who established the first printing press in Tamil Nadu at Tharangambadi, Mayiladuthurai district, in 1717, thereby bringing pride to the Tamil language.

## **2024-2025 Announcement No.5**

- Work is underway in Coimbatore for the installation of a statue of scientist G.T. Naidu.

## **2024-2025 Announcement No.6**

- Work is underway to install a statue of the former President of India and Bharat Ratna Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, within the premises of the Tiruvallur District Collector's Office.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.7**

- Work is underway to identify a suitable location in Chennai for the erection of a statue of the former Prime Minister of India, Tmt. Indira Gandhi.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.8**

- Work is underway for the installation the statue of Thiyagi Pattukkottai V.Nadi Muthupillai, who participated in the Indian independence movement, endured imprisonment, and was popularly hailed as "The Southern Jawahar" during the struggle, at pattukottai, Thanjavur District

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.9**

- Work is underway to identify a suitable location in Pugalur taluk, Karur district to erect a statue of C.Muthusamy, a former Member of the Karur Parliamentary constituency, who fought for the interests of farmers.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.10**

- Steps are being taken to outsource service management tasks, including security and cleaning, in the 33 Manimandapams and

Arangams under the administrative control of the Department of Information and Public Relations.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.11**

- Steps are being taken to carry out the maintenance work of the Manimandapams / Arangams under the administrative control of the Department of Information and Public Relations at an estimated cost of Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees five crore only).

### **Details of previous Announcements that have been completed by the Information Department**

- Manimandapams with the statues of Perarasar Perumpidugu Mutharaiyar, Diamond Pillar of Justice Party's Sir A.T. Paneerselvam, and Ezhisaimannar M.K.Thiyagaraja Bhagavathar were constructed at a cost of Rs.4,03,00,000/- (Rupees four crore three lakh only) near the central bus stand of Tiruchirappalli and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024.

- The statue of Allala Ilayya Nayakar, who constructed a check-dam across the river Cauvery and a Rajavaikal at Jedarpalayam in Namakkal district, was installed and new dome has been constructed at a cost of Rs.21,80,000/- (Rupees twenty-one lakh eighty thousand only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development on 28.01.2023.
- To commemorate the centenary of 16 martyrs who were shot dead by the British in 1920 at Perungamanallur, Usilampatti, Madurai district, for their struggle against British colonial rule, a Martyrs' Memorial Hall was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.1,47,00,000/- (Rupees one crore forty seven lakh only) in Perungamanallur, Usilampatti, Madurai district, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.02.2023.
- In the Manimandapam built in memory of freedom fighter Sundaralingam at Kavarnagiri, Thoothukudi district, a new majestic statue depicting a warrior riding a horse was erected

at a cost of Rs.48,66,000/- (Rupees forty eight lakh sixty-six thousand only), replacing the existing bust statue installed at the temple and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024.

- The Manimandapam with the statue of Veeramamunivar, revered as the father of the Tamil Dictionary, was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees one crore only) within the premises of the St.Paralokamadha Temple, Kamanayakkanpatti Village, Thoothukudi District, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 22.01.2024.
- The Manimandapam with the statue of Dravidamani Diwan Bahadur Rettaimalai Sreenivasan was constructed at Acharapakkam, Chengalpattu District at an estimated cost of Rs.2,17,74,909/- (Rupees two crore seventeen lakh seventy four thousand nine hundred and nine only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024.



## **GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS**

The Government of Tamil Nadu celebrates the birth anniversaries and observes the death anniversaries of leaders who selflessly sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our motherland, India, those who worked for the betterment of Tamil Nadu, and Tamil savants who dedicated themselves to the growth of our mother tongue, which has attained classical language status, in order to honour their ideals, principles, and sacrifices and pass them on to the younger generation.

The Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Government officials and heirs of those leaders participate in these functions and pay respects to them by garlanding their statues and showering flower petals on their portraits. Accordingly 43 statues of leaders in Chennai and 90 statues of leaders in the other Districts are being garlanded, and paid due respects.

## STATE-LEVEL FUNCTIONS ORGANISED IN CHENNAI

SI.No	DATE	FUNCTIONS
1	January 17	Birth Anniversary of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R
2	January 23	Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
3	January 30	Death Anniversary of Annal Gandhiyadigal
4	February 18	Birth Anniversary of Sindhanai Sirpi Ma.Singaravelar
5	February 24	Birth Anniversary of Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa
6	April 14	Birth Anniversary of Annal Ambedkar – Equality Day
7	April 17	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai
8	April 27	Birth Anniversary of Velludai Vendar Sir.Pitti Thiyagarayar
9	April 29	Birth Anniversary of Paventhar Bharathidasan
10	Chithra Pournami Day	Garlanding the statue of Kannagi on Chithra Pournami Day
11	May 20	Birth Anniversary of Dravida Peroli Ayothi Dasa Pandithar

<b>SI.No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>
12	June 12 Last Friday of Chithirai	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Veera Pandiya Kattabomman
13	June 3	Birth Anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar
14	June 5	Birth Anniversary of Kanniya Thendral Quaid-e-Milleth Muhammad Ismail
15	June 24	Birth Anniversary of Kaviyarasu Kannadasan
16	June 25	Birth Anniversary of Former Prime Minister V.P.Singh
17	June 26	Birth Anniversary of Silambu Chelvar Ma.Po. Sivagnanam
18	July 7	Birth Anniversary of Dravidamani Diwan Bahadur Rettaimalai Sreenivasan
19	July 11	Birth Anniversary of Veeran Azhagumuthukone
20	July 15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar
21	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Arya (a) Bhashiyam

<b>SI.No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>
22	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Sankaralinganar
23	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Shenbagaraman
24	Aadi 18	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai
25	September 5	Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar
26	September 11	Birth Anniversary of former Chief Minister Dr.P.Subbarayan
27	September 11	Death Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar – Mahakavi Day
28	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna
29	September 16	Birth Anniversary of Ramasami Padayatchiyar
30	September 17	Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar – Social Justice Day
31	September 27	Birth Anniversary of Dr. Si. Pa. Adithanar
32	September 29	Birth Anniversary of Sivaraj, former Mayor of Chennai

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>
33	October 1	Birth Anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan
34	October 2	Birth Anniversary of Annal Gandhi Adigal
35	October 15	Birth Anniversary of former President of India Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam
36	October 24	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighters Marudhupandiyars
37	October 30	Birth Anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar
38	November 8	Birth Anniversary of Thamizharignar Veeramamunivar
39	November 14	Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
40	November 18	Death Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar – Day of Sacrifice
41	November 23	Birth Anniversary of Kavignar Suradha
42	December 10	Birth Anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji
43	December 11	Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

## **FUNCTIONS ORGANISED IN DISTRICTS**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
1	January 3	Birth Anniversary of Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar	Surakulam, Sivagangai District
2	January 15	Birth Anniversary of Colonel John Pennycuick	Lower Camp, Theni District
3	January 14 (or) 15 (Thai 1)	Birth Anniversary of Allala Ilaya Nayakkar	Namakkal District
4	January 17	Birth Anniversary of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R	Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
5	January 17	Birth Anniversary of Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R	Salem, Salem District
6	January 18 (Thai 5)	Celebrating the day of dedicating the Rajavaikal constructed by Kalingarayan to the Nation	Kalingarayan Dam, Erode District
7	January 26	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Sankaralinganar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
8	January 27	Birth Anniversary of Swamy Sagajanantha	Chidambaram, Cuddalore District

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9	February 1	Birth Anniversary of former Chief Minister Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar	Omandur, Viluppuram District
10	February 6	Birth Anniversary of Uzhavar Perunthalaivar Narayanasamy Naidu	Vaiyampalayam Coimbatore District
11	February 7	Birth Anniversary of Mozhignayiru Devaneya Pavaanar	Sathamangalam Madurai District
12	Thai Poosam	Birth Anniversary of Mannar Thirumalai Naicker	Madurai, Madurai District
13	February 18	Birth Anniversary of Sindhanai Sirpi Ma.Singaravelar	Royapuram, Chennai District
14	February 19	Birth Anniversary of Thamizh Thatha Dr.U.Ve. Saminadha Iyer	Uthamadhana puram Tiruvarur District
15	February 22	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Thillaiyadi Valliammai	Thillaiyadi, Mayiladuthurai District
16	February 24	Birth Anniversary of Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa	Salem, Salem District

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
17	March 1	Birth Anniversary of Ezhisaimannar M.K.Thiyagaraja Bagavathar	Tiruchirappalli District
18	March 30	Birth Anniversary of Rebel Muthuramalinga Sethupathi	Ramanatha puram District
19	April 2	Birth Anniversary of Va.Ve. Subramania Iyer	Varaganeri, Tiruchirappalli District
20	April 3	Death Anniversary of the 16 courageous Martyrs	Usilampatti, Perungama nallur, Madurai District
21	April 10	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi P.Seenivasa Rao	Thiruthurai poondi Tiruvarur District
22	April 12	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter K.M.Annal Thango	Vellore, Vellore District
23	April 13	Birth Anniversary of Pattukottai Kalyana Sundaram	Pattukottai, Thanjavur District
24	April 16	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Veeran Sundaralingam	Kavarnagiri, Thoothukudi District



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25	April 17	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District
26	Chithra Pournami	Birth Anniversary of Vallal Adhiyaman	Adhiyaman Kottai Dharmapuri District
27	April 25	Birth Anniversary of Tamil Scholar Dr.Mu. Varadharasanar	Ranipet District
28	May 7	Birth Anniversary of Tamil Scholar Robert Caldwell	Edayangudi, Tirunelveli District
29	Last Friday of Chithirai	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Veerapandia Kattabomman	Kayatharu, Thoothukudi District
30	Last Friday of Chithirai	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Veerapandia Kattabomman	Panchalan kurichi, Thoothukudi District
31	May 23	Birth Anniversary of Perumpidugu Mutharaiyar	Tiruchirappalli Tiruchirappalli District
32	May 31	Birth Anniversary of Freedom fighter Vellaiya Thevan	Vallanadu, Thoothukudi District

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33	June 1	Birth Anniversary of Freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal	Cuddalore District
34	June 1	Birth Anniversary of Diamond pillar of Justice Party's Sir.A.T Panneerselvam	Tiruchirappalli District
35	June 10	Birth Anniversary of Maveeran Valukku Veli Ambalam	Sivagangai District
36	June 12	Birth Anniversary of Marshal Nesamani	Nagercoil, Kannyakumari District
37	June 16	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Viswanathadass	Thirumangalam Madurai District
38	June 18	Birth Anniversary of Thiyaga Seelar Kakkan	Thumbaipatti, Near Melur, Madurai District
39	June 23	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Pattukottai Alagirisamy	Pattukottai, Thanjavur District
40	June 24	Birth Anniversary of Kaviyarasu Kannadasan	Karaikudi, Sivagangai District

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41	July 6	Birth Anniversary of Tamil scholar Parithimar kalaigarnar	Vilacheri, Madurai District
42	July 7	Birth Anniversary of Dravidamani Diwan Bahadur Rettaimalai Sreenivasan	Chengalpattu District
43	July 11	Birth Anniversary of Veeran Azhagumuthukone	Kattalankulam, Thoothukudi District
44	July 11	Birth Anniversary of Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar	Kundrakudi, Sivagangai District
45	July 15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District
46	July 15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
47	July 15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Thirumalai Salai, Thiyagaraya Nagar, Chennai District
48	July 17	Thiyagi Vanchinathan 'Thiyagigal Dhinam'	Sengottai, Tenkasi District

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49	July 30	Birth Anniversary of Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Ammaiyar	Pudukkottai District
50	July 31	Birth Anniversary of Sathavathani Seiguthambi Pavalalar	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
51	Aadi 17 & 18	Valvil Ori Celebrations	Kollimalai, Namakkal District
52	Aadi 18	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District
53	Aadi 18	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai	Sangagiri, Salem District
54	August 20	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Ondiveeran	Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District
55	August 21	Birth Anniversary of Pothuvudaimai Veerar Pa.Jeevanandam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District

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56	August 25	Birth Anniversary of Thirumuruga Kirubanantha Variyar Swamigal	Kangeyanallur, Katpadi Taluk, Vellore District
57	Avani 16	Birth Anniversary of Maveran Poolithevan	Nerkattumsevel Tenkasi District
58	September 5	Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar	Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi District
59	September 5	Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar	Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District
60	September 5	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Gopal Naicker	Virupatchi, Dindigul District
61	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna	Anna Square, Chennai District
62	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna	Chinna Kancheepuram, Kancheepuram District
63	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna	Erode, Erode District

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64	September 16	Birth Anniversary of Ramasami Padayatchiyar	Manjakuppam, Cuddalore District
65	September 16	Birth Anniversary of Karisal Ilakkiya Pithamagar Ki.Rajanarayanan	Thoothukudi District
66	September 17	Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar	Erode District
67	September 17	Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar	Vaikom, Kerala State
68	September 24	Birth Anniversary of Dr.Pa. Sivanthi Adithanaar	Tiruchendhur, Thoothukudi District
69	September 25	Birth Anniversary of Pakutharivu Kavirayar Udumalai Narayana Kavi	Udumalaipettai Tiruppur District
70	October 2	Birth Anniversary of Annal Gandhi Adigal	Kanniyakumari District
71	October 2	Birth Anniversary of Annal Gandhi Adigal	All Districts
72	October 4	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva	Papparasatti, Dharmapuri District

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73	October 4	Birth Anniversary of Tiruppur Kumaran	Tiruppur District
74	October 4	Birth Anniversary of Tiruppur Kumaran	Chennimalai, Erode District
75	October 7	Parambikulam Aliyar Irrigation Project Day	Coimbatore District
76	October 9	Birth Anniversary of Periyavar M.Bhaktha vatchalam	Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai District
77	October 9	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Immanuvel Sekaranar	Ramanatha puram District
78	October 10	Birth Anniversary of Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai	Namakkal, Namakkal District
79	October 23	Birth Anniversary of Amuthakavi Umaru Pulavar	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
80	October 24	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighters Marudhupandiyars	Tirupathur, Sivagangai District

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81	October 30	Birth Anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar	Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram District
82	November 1	Paying tributes to Marshal Nesamani on the day of merger of Kanniyakumari District with Tamil Nadu State	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
83	November 3	Birth Anniversary of Mamannar Rajaraja Chozhan	Thanjavur District
84	November 11	Birth Anniversary of Suyamariyadhai Sudaroli N.Jeevarathinam	Royapuram, Chennai District
85	November 15	Birth Anniversary of Father of modern Thoothukudi Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez	Thoothukudi, Thoothukudi District
86	December 10	Birth Anniversary of Moodharignar Rajaji	Thorappalli, Krishnagiri District



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87	December 11	Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
88	December 11	Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar	Tiruvallikeni, Chennai District
89	December 12	Athencottasan Celebration	Athencode, Kanniyakumari District
90	December 28	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Pollan, Commander of Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai's army	Modakurichi, Erode District

### **SPECIAL FUNCTIONS CELEBRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT**

Thiruvalluvar Thirunal and the Tamil Nadu Government Awards ceremony are being celebrated every year on Thiruvalluvar Day by the Tamil Development Department and by the Information Department. The Thiruvalluvar Award, Thanthai Periyar Award, Perarignar Anna Award, Annal Ambedkar Award, Perunthalaivar

Kamarajar Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award, Paavendhar Bharathidasan Award, Tamil Thendral Thiru Vi.Ka Award, and Muthamizh Kavalari Ki.Aa.Pe Viswanatham Award are presented to the Tamil scholars in recognition of their contributions to the Tamil language and its glory.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented these awards in the function held at the Secretariat on 15.01.2025.

### **TAMIL NADU DAY**

Several linguists and leaders strongly advocated for renaming the State from Madras Presidency to Tamil Nadu. Thiyagi Sankaralinganar, born in Virudhunagar District, who actively promoted Khadi and participated in the Dandi March with Mahatma Gandhi, undertook a 79-day hunger strike to emphasise this cause and ultimately sacrificed his life.

After being sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Perarignar Anna renamed the Madras Presidency as Tamil Nadu at the State Legislative Assembly on 18.07.1967. Since then, our State has been known as "Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced that Tamil Nadu Day would be celebrated every year on July 18. Following this announcement, on 18.07.2022, Tamil Nadu Day was celebrated at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu delivered a special address through video conferencing.

Also, on 18.07.2023, Tamil Nadu Day was celebrated at Presidency College, Chennai, where the Hon'ble Ministers participated and delivered special addresses. On 18.07.2024, Tamil Nadu Day was celebrated at Kanchipuram, where the Hon'ble Ministers participated and delivered special addresses.

### **OTHER FUNCTIONS**

Since 2022, birth anniversary of "Mamannar Rajaraja Chozhan" is being celebrated as an Government function at the district level every year, starting from 2022.

On the occasion of the Birth Centenary of renowned playback singer Padma Shri T.M.Soundararajan, a music concert exclusively featuring the songs sung by him was held at the Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, on 24.03.2023.

In honour of the bravery and memory of the hero "Vaalukkuveli Ambalam" who fought against the British, his birthday, June 10, has been declared as a Government function by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information and has been celebrated annually since 2023.

As per the advice of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, biographies, photo albums and books of great leaders were displayed in the Manimandapams, Memorials and Arangams dedicated to freedom fighters, Tamil language martyrs, Tamil scholars and prominent leaders by the Department of Information and Public Relations. A QR code was also created to enable access to these materials from home through computers and mobile phones. This was officially launched on 02.05.2023 by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

To celebrate the centenary of Muthamizharnagar Kalaingar in a vibrant manner that perpetuates his legacy and benefits the public and youth, twelve committees were formed under the leadership of the Hon'ble Ministers, comprising co-chairmen, member secretaries and

members, and necessary orders were issued. These committees organised state-level events across Tamil Nadu, including exhibitions on Kalaaignar Life History and achievements, art shows, stage performances, panel discussions, seminars, poetry forums and more. At the district level, various competitions such as speech, essay writing, quiz, painting competitions in schools, and team sports competitions such as kabaddi, football and volleyball were conducted for the youth.

Following the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu under Rule 110 of the Legislative Assembly on 20.05.2024, the birth anniversary of the Dravidian luminary Ayothi Dasa Pandithar, 20th May, is being celebrated as a Government function in Chennai every year starting from 2024.

The centenary valedictory celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaaignar were held on his birth anniversary, June 3, 2024, at the Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai, featuring a photo exhibition, short film, oratory forum, poetry forum, and book releases.

At the Kalaingar Centenary Commemorative Coin Release Ceremony held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, on 18.08.2024, which was presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Defence released the Muthamizharignar Kalaingar Centenary Commemorative Coin.

As part of the centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaingar, a logo was released in 2024 at a cost of Rs.41,04,000/- (Rupees forty one lakh four thousand only).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

- The Aadi Thiruvadhirai festival, the birth anniversary of the great king Rajendra Chola, is being celebrated as a government function at the Arulmigu Brihadeeswarar Temple in Gangaikonda Cholapuram, Ariyalur district.

**14 ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU DURING 2021-2022 TO HONOUR THE LEGACY OF MAHAKAVI BHARATHIYAR ON THE OCCASION OF HIS CENTENARY**

- 1) September 11 is being observed annually by the Government of Tamil Nadu as the Memorial Day of Mahakavi Bharathiyar.
- 2) Distribution of the book titled 'Manadhil Urudhi Vendum' to 37 lakh students of government and government-aided schools at a cost of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten crore only).
- 3) In memory of the late P. Duran, R.A.Padmanabhan, T.M.U.C. Raghunathan, and Ilasai Manian, who had done the appreciable researches on the life and works of Mahakavi Bharathi, the Government honoured their families with Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) each, along with an award and a certificate of appreciation. Also, the senior researcher Thiru S. Viswanathan and Professor Y. Manikandan were awarded with Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) each, along with an award and a certificate of appreciation

- 4) Selling the statues of Bharathi and artefacts inscribed with his figure which are to be produced by Poompuhar to the public at affordable prices.
- 5) His life story and his poems were published with illustrations. Bharathi's literary works and significant research publications on Bharathi were published in English.
- 6) Establishing a dedicated section titled Bharathism (Philosophy of Bharathi) at the Bharathiyar Memorial Houses in Ettayapuram and Thiruvallikeni, as well as at the Anna Centenary Library in Chennai and the Kalaingar Centenary Library in Madurai.
- 7) Events themed 'Parengum Bharathi' (Bharathi Everywhere) were organised in coordination with World Tamil Sangams to celebrate and spread the legacy of Bharathi.
- 8) A musical concert titled 'Thirayil Bharathi' (Bharathi on Screen) was held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai.
- 9) A series of programmes was conducted every week from October 2021 to August 2022 at the Mahakavi Bharathiyar Memorial Hall in Thiruvallikeni, Chennai.



- 10) A research chair in the name of Bharathiyar will be established at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.
- 11) The government provided financial assistance to maintain the house where Bharathiyar lived in Kashi, Uttar Pradesh.
- 12) Bharathiyar's works were made into short films and plays, staged in the districts of Chennai, Salem, Chengalpattu, Tiruchirappalli, and Tiruvannamalai, and were filmed and released through modern media platforms by the Tamil Nadu Films Division.
- 13) Bharathiyar's stirring poetic lines will be written, illustrate and display in schools, colleges and bus stands.
- 14) The Women's Self-Help Groups Livelihood Park was named 'Mahakavi Bharathiyar Livelihood Park' in his honour.

Of the 14 announcements, 4 were implemented by the Department of Tamil Development and Information, while the remaining 10 announcements are being carried out by other departments, collectively honouring the legacy of Mahakavi Bharathiyar through the initiatives of this government.

**14 Announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during 2021–2022 on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V. O. Chidambaranar:**

- 1) A bust of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar was unveiled at Gandhi Mandapam in Chennai.
- 2) In Thoothukudi, the city's main road, Melaperiya Cotton Road, was renamed "V.O.Chidambaranar Road".
- 3) A statue of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar was erected at V.O. Chidambaranar Park in Coimbatore.
- 4) The memorial where he lived in Thoothukudi district and his manimandapam in Tirunelveli were renovated, and an audio-visual presentation on his life was established.
- 5) The film depicting the life story of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar was released in a modern digital format.
- 6) A new research chair will be established in the name of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar at Manonmaniyam Sundaranar University in Tirunelveli.

- 7) All the books written by Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar were made available to the public at low prices through the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.
- 8) Additional classrooms, an auditorium, and a memorial arch were constructed at a cost of Rs.1,05,00,000/- (Rupees one crore five lakh only) at the school in Tirunelveli where Kappalottiya Thamizhan V. O. Chidambaranar and Mahakavi Bharathiar had studied.
- 9) The "Kappalottiya Thamizhan V. O. C. Award" is presented annually to a Tamilian who has made outstanding contributions in the fields of shipbuilding, technology, and transportation, and carries a cash prize of Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakh only) along with a certificate of appreciation.
- 10) November 18 is observed every year as the Day of Sacrifice in memory of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V. O. Chidambaranar.
- 11) From 05.09.2021 to 05.09.2022, a new classroom building at Gangaikondan Government High School in Chathirakudiyiruppu, Tirunelveli district, and a

new pesticide testing centre of the Agriculture Department in Thoothukudi district were named after Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar.

- 12) A photo exhibition depicting significant events from the life of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar was organised on a Transport Department bus and taken to schools and colleges.
- 13) A webinar on Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar was conducted by Tamil University.
- 14) The books and manuscripts written by Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar were digitized and published online through the Tamil Virtual Academy.

Of the above 14 announcements, 4 were implemented through the Department of Tamil Development and Information, while the remaining 10 announcements are being carried out by other departments, collectively honouring the legacy of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar through the initiatives of this government.

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024**

- To commemorate the centenary of the Vaikom Struggle, a special ceremony was held at the Nandambakkam Trade Centre, Chennai, on 28.12.2023, in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

**2021-2022 Announcement No.5**

- To instill awareness about the importance of water management among the younger generation, and to commemorate the inauguration of the Parambikulam Aliyar Irrigation Project by former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on October 7, 1961, the Government pays tribute annually on this day by garlanding the statues of V.K. Palaniswami Gounder, C. Subramaniam, and Pollachi N. Mahalingam.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.6**

- In honour of the bravery and legacy of Valukkuveli Ambalam, who fought against the British, his birth anniversary on June 10 is observed as a Government function.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.12**

- The birth anniversary of Dravidamani Diwan Bahadur Rettaimalai Srinivasan is celebrated annually on July 7 as a Government function in Chengalpattu District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.13**

- The birth anniversary of Anjalai Ammal is celebrated annually on June 1 as a Government function in Cuddalore District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.14**

- The memory of the 16 courageous martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the struggle against British rule is commemorated annually on April 3 in Madurai District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.15**

- The birth anniversary of freedom fighter Thiyagi Emmanuel Sekaranar, observed on October 9, is commemorated as a government function every year in the Ramanathapuram district.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.16**

- The birth anniversary of Allala Illaya Nayakar is celebrated every year as a Government function on 'Thai 1' in Namakkal District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.17**

- The birth anniversary of K.M. Annal Thango is celebrated annually on April 13 as a Government function in the Vellore District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.18**

- The birth anniversary of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. P. Subbarayan is celebrated annually on September 11 as a Government function in the Chennai District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.19**

- The birth anniversary of former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam is celebrated annually on October 15 as a Government function in the Chennai District.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.20**

- The birth anniversary of Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Ammaiyar is celebrated annually on July 7 as a Government function in the Pudukottai district.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.21**

- The birth anniversary of "Ezhisai Mannar" Thiyagaraja Bhagavathar is celebrated annually on March 1 as a Government function in the Tiruchirappalli district.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.22**

- The Birth Anniversary of the Diamond Pillar of Justice Party Sir A.T.Paneerselvam is celebrated annually on June 1 as a Government function in the Tiruchirappalli district.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.23**

- The Birth Anniversary of Tamil scholar Dr. M. Varadarasanar is celebrated annually on April 25 as a government function in the Ranipet district.

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.24**

- The Birth Anniversary of Writer Ki. Rajanarayanan, revered as the father of Karisal literature who brought it to global recognition, is celebrated annually on September 16 as a government function in the Thoothukudi district.



## **PRESS RELEASE SECTION**

The Press Release Section functions 24/7 and plays significant role in the Department of Information and Public Relations. Through its tireless dedication and seamless operations from the Secretariat, this section ensures that the important announcements, press notes, and press releases of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu reach the public effectively.

Press notes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Ministers, Press Releases of the Government, Announcements, Welfare schemes, Developmental works, Achievements, News or information regarding Government functions and programs, programme related photographs, video clippings are instantly sent by the Press Release Section to Tamil, English dailies, Television Channels, News agencies and periodicals. Other

State dailies and news portals numbering over 325 through their e-mail to reach the public. Further news have been sent immediately to all the district Information and public relation offices, also through e-mail and steps are being taken to release news and photos at the district level too.

All the work required to conduct the press meets of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers is being done by this section. Coordination works are being carried out through this section to provide all necessary assistance to reporters and television reporters to gather news related to Government functions attended by the Hon'ble Ministers, the Secretaries to Government departments and visits of important dignitaries.

Important announcements, Press Releases, information related to important events, video footages and photographs released by the Headquarters are uploaded immediately in the Information and Public Relations Department's

website [www.dipr.tn.gov.in](http://www.dipr.tn.gov.in) using modern technology and provisions have been made to make Tamils all over the world aware of it.

News and photographs about the Government functions, programmes and other events attended by the Hon'ble Minister in the districts have been obtained by the press release section of headquarters through the concerned district Information and Public Relation offices to make people aware of those events immediately and the work of bringing them to the public through newspapers, televisions and radios throughout Tamil Nadu is being carried out by the Press Release Section.

## **JOURNALIST WELFARE**

### **1) JOURNALIST PENSION**

The Journalists toils day and night, even during times of disasters such as rain and floods, to bring the news to the public and make Tamil Nadu an aware and educated state by bringing news / reports on the Government of Tamil Nadu's schemes, achievements, and activities to the people. The Government provides a monthly pension to retired journalists who have rendered 20 years of service and are in indigent condition, ensuring they do not face hardship after retirement.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the monthly pension for Journalists has been increased from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.12,000/- with effect from 14.06.2023.

In the past four years, the monthly pension has been provided to 123 Journalists. So far, a total of 355 Journalists have benefited.

## **2) FAMILY PENSION**

Taking into consideration the welfare of the families of deceased Journalists who have availed the pension, this scheme, launched by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in the year 1998 as the first of its kind in Tamil Nadu, has been providing family pensions to the families of Journalists.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu from 21.06.2023 the Journalist family pension has been increased from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.6,000/-.

In the past four years, Journalists monthly family pension has been provided to 23 families, and so far, 67 Journalist's families have benefited.

## **3) FAMILY BENEFIT FUND**

Taking into consideration the welfare of the families of Journalists who passed away while serving as Editor, Sub-Editor, Reporter, Photographer and Proofreader, the Journalist's Family Benefit Fund scheme was launched by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in the year 1997 as the first of its kind in Tamil Nadu.

In the past four years since the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu assumed office, the Journalists' Family Benefit Fund has been raised twice, with the details as follows:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>Before 2021 (Rs.)</b>	<b>From 2021(Rs.)</b>	<b>From 2024 (Rs.)</b>
1	5	75,000	1,25,000	2,50,000
2	10	1,50,000	2,50,000	5,00,000
3	15	2,25,000	3,75,000	7,50,000
4	20	3,00,000	5,00,000	10,00,000

In the past four years, the Journalists' Family Benefit Fund has been provided to 44 journalists' families, and to date, a total of 110 Journalists' families have benefited from it.

#### **4) JOURNALISTS WELFARE FUND**

Journalists are provided with medical assistances in case of serious illness during their service and undergoing medical treatment. For this, a sum of Rs. 1,00,00,000 (Rupees one crore only) has been allocated for the Journalists Welfare Fund as Corpus Fund and it has been deposited in the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. This fund is generated from the interest accumulated from the deposit of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees one crore only).

The medical assistance provided to Journalists has been increased from Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), to Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only) from 19.07.2022 as per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In the past four years, Journalist Welfare Fund Assistance worth Rs.25,11,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh and eleven thousand only) has been awarded to 13 Journalists and to date, a total of 15 Journalists have benefited from it.

#### **5) CORONA COMPENSATION AND INCENTIVE**

As the compensation amount was Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only) to the heirs of recognized media persons who died due to Corona virus infection, it has been ordered to increase it to Rs.10 lakh from 31.05.2021 and a total of Rs.2,45,00,000/- (Rupees two crore forty five lakh only) has been given as compensation to the heirs of 27 Journalists. Also, a total of Rs.2,89,10,000/- (Rupees two crore eighty nine lakh ten thousand only) has been given to 5,782 Journalists as a special Corona incentive.

## **6) GOVERNMENT RENTAL HOUSING**

Under the government's discretionary employment quota for Journalists, those residing in Chennai and other districts are eligible for concessional rent in the Tamil Nadu Housing Board flats.

## **7) HOUSE SITES**

Through the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, housing sites at concessional rates are being allocated to Journalists working in districts who do not own a house or housing site, with the approval of the District Collector and in accordance with regulations. Accordingly, government orders have been issued for the allocation of housing sites to 24 Journalists in Salem and 57 Journalists in Tiruchirappalli.

## **8) ACCREDITATION CARDS**

Accreditation cards are being issued to Journalists working in dailies, photographers, Journalists working in television channels and videographers to enable them to gather the news at the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government functions and the functions of important



dignitaries, on the recommendation of a committee set up for this purpose. In the current year, new and renewed accreditation cards have been issued to 569 Journalists in Chennai and 779 in other districts, totalling 1,348 Journalists.

### **9) PRESS PASS**

Press Pass is given to the Journalists of periodicals to enable them to gather news at Government functions and important places, upon recommendation by a designated committee. Press Passes have been issued to 404 Journalists in the current year.

### **10) BUS PASSES AT NO COST TO JOURNALISTS**

In the current year, those Journalists provided with Accreditation Cards are given bus passes to travel at no cost in buses of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations. 3,385 bus passes at no cost have been issued in total, that is, to 468 journalists working in the headquarters and to 2,917 Journalists in other districts with the recommendation of the District Collectors. In this way, approximately more than Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two crore only) is provided to Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations on behalf of this department every year.

## **11) PRESS ROOM**

On behalf of this government, which takes a keen interest in Journalists' welfare, the Press Room at the Secretariat has been enhanced with improved infrastructure at a cost of Rs.16,75,000/- (Rupees sixteen lakh seventy five thousand only). Facilities such as air conditioning, new computers, Xerox machines, seating, and safe drinking water have been provided.

## **KALAINAR EZHUTHUKOL AWARD**

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the announcement made by the Information Department in the Legislative Assembly, orders have been issued for awarding Kalaingar Ezhuthukol Virudhu every year with a prize amount of Rs.5,00,000/- ((Rupees five lakh only) and a certificate to a Journalist who contributes to the development of downtrodden people and for the social upliftment. This award will be presented every year on June 3 on the birth anniversary of Muthamizharingar Kalaingar.

An order has also been issued to constitute a committee for the selection of qualified awardee for the Kalaingar Ezhuthukol Award.

Every year for the selection of qualified awardees, applications are invited by publishing news in the newspapers and the qualified awardee is recommended to the Government based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

Accordingly, the award for the year 2021 was presented to senior Journalist Thiru. I. Shanmuganathan, the award for 2022 to senior Journalist Thiru. V. N. Swamy, and the award for 2023 to senior Journalist Thiru. Nakkeeran Gopal by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In addition to the above, On the occasion of the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, Tmt. Sugita Sarangaraj, female journalist was presented with Kalaignar Ezhuthukol Award by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu as a special honour.

## **JOURNALIST WELFARE BOARD**

As per the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, an announcement was made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, during the Assembly session 2021-2022 on 06.09.2021, on the establishment of Journalist Welfare Board to coordinate the 21 various welfare benefits given to journalists such as education, marriage, maternity, natural death, etc., Accordingly the Journalists Welfare Board was set up on 01.12.2021.

### **JOURNALIST WELFARE FUND**

Necessary orders have been issued by the Government for the release of 1% of Advertisement charges from various advertising agencies that publish government advertisements in the newspapers, and it is being credited to the government account. Welfare assistance are being sanctioned from this account.

## **TAMIL NADU JOURNALIST WELFARE BOARD**

A Journalists Welfare Board Committee has been constituted to review applications, select beneficiaries, and facilitate welfare assistance. Chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, the committee comprises:

- 7 official members (from Revenue, Finance, Labour Welfare, Housing, Land Administration, Information and Public Relations Departments)
- 6 non-official members representing television and news agencies.

Welfare assistance is provided based on the committee's recommendations.

### **MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

Membership Applications are issued through the Press Release Section at the Headquarters and District Information and Public Relations Offices. The filled-in Applications are being received and verified by the Journalists Welfare Board. So far, membership cards have been issued to 3,409 journalists. Based on the committee's recommendations, provisions are being made to enroll Journalists who have completed three years of service as members of the Welfare Board.

**DETAILS OF WELFARE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR THE FAMILIES OF JOURNALISTS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Welfare Assistance</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
I. Scholarship - For two children only		
1	Girl children studying Class 10	1,000
2	Students who passed Class 10	1,000
3	Girl children studying Class 11	1,000
4	Girl children studying Class 12	1,500
5	Students who passed Class 12	1,500
6	Undergraduate day scholars for each Academic Year	1,500
7	Undergraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	1,750
8	Postgraduate day scholars for each Academic Year	2,000
9	Postgraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	3,000
10	Technical Undergraduate Day scholars for each Academic Year	2,000
11	Technical Undergraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	4,000
12	Technical Postgraduate Day scholars for each Academic Year	4,000
13	Technical Postgraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	6,000
14	Day scholars studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year	1,000
15	Hostel Students studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year	1,200

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Welfare Assistance</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
II	Marriage Assistance	3,000
III	Maternity Assistance	6,000
IV	Abortion/Miscarriage Assistance	3,000
V	Spectacles Reimbursement (for members only)	500
VI	Financial Assistance for Natural Death	50,000
VII	Financial Assistance for Funeral	5,000

### **DETAILS OF WELFARE BOARD ASSISTANCE**

The guidelines for grant of welfare assistance in the Journalist Welfare Board and applications have been published and the application form for registration of membership has been uploaded on the department's website [www.dipr.tn.gov.in](http://www.dipr.tn.gov.in)

During the years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, 60 members of the Journalists Welfare Board have been given welfare assistance worth Rs.10,52,250/- (Rupees ten lakh fifty two thousand two hundred and fifty only) and the details are as follows:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Details of the assistance Provided</b>	<b>Total (Rs.)</b>
1	Scholarship (studying classes 10/11) each Rs.1,000 for 11 students	11,000
2	Scholarship (students who passed Class 12/ Undergraduate) each Rs.1,500 for 16 students	24,000
3	Scholarship (Undergraduate hostel students) each Rs.1,750 for 3 students	5,250
4	Scholarship (Postgraduate students) each Rs.2,000 for 10 students	20,000
5	Scholarship (Technical Undergraduate /Postgraduate students) each Rs.4,000 for 4 students	16,000
6	Marriage Assistance each Rs.3,000 for 4 persons	12,000
7	Assistance for Natural Death/Funeral each Rs.55,000 for 10 persons	5,50,000
8	Medical treatment (special case) for one person	3,00,000
9	Medical treatment (special case) for one person	1,14,000
Total		10,52,250

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU IN THE PAST 4 YEARS**

### **Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the year 2021-2022**

- The Corona compensation amount has been enhanced from Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only) to Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh only).



## **Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the year 2024-2025**

- The family benefit fund has been increased from Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only) to Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh only) within 24 hours of the receipt of representatives from the newly appointed members of the Journalists Welfare Association in 2024.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.9**

- For the first time in Tamil Nadu, a Journalists' Welfare Board has been formed and 3,409 journalists have been included as members so far.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.10**

- The Journalist Family Assistance provided from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the families of journalists who die due to natural causes during their service has been increased from Rs.3,00,000/- to 5,00,000/-.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.11**

- Journalists have been provided with proper training to improve their professional qualifications in their field and enhance their skills, including language skills and modern technology.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.13**

- Every year, the best journalists are awarded the Kalaignar Ezhuthukol Award with a cash prize of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only) and a certificate of appreciation.

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.1**

- Under the Journalist Pension Scheme, the ceiling for gratuity and annual income during service has been enhanced from Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) to Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees four lakh only).

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.2**

- The medical allowance provided by the Journalists' Family Welfare Fund has been enhanced from Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only) to Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.16**

- A computer, laptop, printer and photocopier have been purchased for the use of the Information and Public Relations Department at an estimated cost of Rs.22,00,000/- (Rupees twenty two lakh only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.17**

- The journalist's pension has been enhanced from Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) to Rs.12,000/- (Rupees twelve thousand only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.17**

- The journalist's family pension has been enhanced from Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) to Rs.6,000/- (Rupees six thousand only).

### **2024-2025 Announcement No.25**

- The Secretariat Press Room has been upgraded with basic facilities at an estimated cost of Rs.16,75,000/- (Rupees sixteen lakh seventy five thousand only).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

News updates are now widely disseminated through social media, ensuring that all sections of society, including the public, are promptly informed, thanks to the latest scientific revolutions.

Since May 2021, a dedicated Social Media Section has been established to coordinate social media activities. A Joint Director level officer has been heading the section. All sections of the public, including the youth are provided with instant updates on press releases, achievements, program-related news, and photographs of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu through Social Media platforms such as X, Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

Highlights of important posts of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu's social media posts, programs attended by him and Government of Tamil Nadu's Budget are designed as Social Media Cards and uploaded to X, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and YouTube for the public to access easily.

Besides, social media cards and videos are being screened on electronic boards under the control of other corporations, including the Greater Chennai Corporation and on LED screens in districts under the control of the Information and Public Relations Department.

The Social Media Section has been functioning on the second floor of Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai since 10.01.2024. In this section, news and announcements published by various departments, as well as positive pro-government news on television, are collected, designed as videos, cards, and reels, and then published on social media platforms.

Furthermore, the section collects information from department officials on government welfare schemes that reach the public and publishes them on social media. Videos, reels, cards and banners are published on social media to celebrate the government's schemes and achievements.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA**

Through the Social Media Section, a total of 5,824 videos, reels, and cards have been created for 37 departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu and uploaded to the social media handles of the Information Department to date. 7,088 news reports on the Government's events, achievements, and projects from 38 districts have been created as digital content and sent to the respective districts for uploading in the district's media.

In the past four years, especially when the Budget is presented in the Legislative Assembly and the Budget of the Agriculture Department, videos, reels, cards and banners on important announcements and achievements have been prepared promptly and uploaded on social media and the website. These have been very well received by the public.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES OF THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

The role of social media in the scientific revolution of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is immense. The news uploaded on it reaches lakhs of viewers instantly. In order to bring the achievements and schemes of the government to the people all over the world, the department has started accounts on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, X, WhatsApp and YouTube.

The number of followers and viewers who have benefited from the upload of Government programs, projects launched, and news related to various Government departments by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on social media is as follows.

<b>Social Media</b>		<b>No.of Viewers</b>	<b>No.of Followers</b>
Facebook	DIPR TN	2,71,80,420	90,000
Instagram	TNDIPR	1,53,97,137	65,637
X	TNDIPR NEWS	2,23,00,000	1,08,066
WhatsApp	TNDIPR	-	91,629
YouTube	TN DIPR	4,07,72,874	79,000

## **AWARENESS COMPETITIONS**

To encourage the audience and participants, various competitions and reels competitions including Drug-Free Tamil Nadu, Thirukkural Competitions, Pongal Festival and Heritage Competitions, LOVETN and others were conducted through the Social Media centre, in which 72,459 people participated. The 149 winners were felicitated with medals and certificates of appreciation on behalf of the department.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.15**

A specialized social media unit has been established to enhance public awareness and engagement with government initiatives and programs.



## **TAMIL NADU FILMS DIVISION**

The Tamil Nadu Films Division efficiently carries out video coverage of all functions attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, important dignitaries, the proceedings of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, and other Government programs. It compiles these videos and sends them to various media channels through the Media Centre at the Secretariat for broadcasting, ensuring they reach the public.

Tamil Nadu Films Division has undertaken the commendable work of filming and broadcasting the important Government functions headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, and the events attended by the Hon'ble Ministers and Government higher officials that are compiled as weekly news magazines and sent to all cinema theatres, Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV, all District Information and Public Relations offices to be screened on LED Video Van for public viewing.

Apart from this, important government programs attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, as well as significant events such as the presentation of the Budget Statement in the Legislative Assembly and the presentation of the Agriculture Department Budget Statement, are not only broadcast live through this section but also through video vehicles and LED walls set up in cities by the District Information and Public Relations Office, ensuring that people across the state are informed immediately.

Also, the various welfare schemes of the government, development works, achievements and awareness about ill effects of drug abuse, environment, road safety, women wellness and safety and during times of disaster or disease outbreaks are being produced in the form of 135 video news magazines, short films and jingles through the Tamil Nadu Films Division and are telecasted in cinema theatres across the state, on Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV and through LED video vans by the District Information and Public Relations Offices to create awareness among the Public.

Approximately 7,700 old videotapes, which are 30 years old and contain government functions attended by former Chief Ministers, documentaries on important leaders, significant events of the Legislative Assembly, and the Government of Tamil Nadu news magazines, have been digitized, along with 1,26,000 feet of film reels in 141 cans, which are 50 years old, and all of these are being stored and protected on 2 servers with a capacity of 600 Terabytes.

The Media centre operating in the Secretariat has been upgraded to incorporate today's modern technological facilities at a cost of Rs.14,00,000/- (Rupees fourteen lakh only).

In order to enable people worldwide to instantly watch the government programs of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, not only at the headquarters but also in all the districts, 3 live broadcasting devices, Live U 600 & 800, which can operate on both 4G and 5G bands, are being purchased and utilized through the Media centre operating at the Secretariat at a cost of Rs.60,00,000/- (Rupees sixty lakh only).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the new official YouTube channel of the Films Division named 'TN DIPR' was launched on 16.07.2021 and started immediate live telecasting the programmes attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the State Legislative Assembly proceedings. Further, programmes attended by the Hon'ble Ministers and all the Government programmes are uploaded as news packages.

In the past four years, 3,500 videos have been uploaded with 61,00,000 viewers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.10**

- New modern technological equipment has been purchased and upgraded for the Tamil Nadu Film Division's media centre at a cost of Rs.14,00,000/- (Rupees fourteen lakh only).

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.11**

- To establish a digital e-library in the Tamil Nadu Films Division, 3,700 videotapes have been digitized at a cost of Rs.32,60,354/- (Rupees thirty two lakh sixty thousand three hundred and fifty four only) in phase-II.

## **PHOTO SECTION**

Photographs are taken using modern photographic equipments in the headquarters and the Government Functions which were graced by the presence of the Hon'ble President of India, the Hon'ble Vice President of India, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the Hon'ble Ministers across Tamil Nadu by the Photo Section Photographers of the Information and Public Relations Department. The photographers in the District Information and Public Relations offices are working in coordination with the District Collectors and officers of all Departments.

The photographs taken by the Secretariat photographers are sent to the Media through the Press Release Section and also displayed for the public view at the Secretariat and the Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi.

Similarly, the photographs taken by district Public Relations offices are sent to the media within those districts and also displayed in the Collectorate Panel Boards and the mini photo exhibitions in important Government functions for public viewing. Also, in our Department's publication, i.e., Tamilarasu (Tamil and English) editions, photographs are published along with articles for the easy understanding of the readers.

In addition, photographs of the new schemes inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu are published in the Achievement book and archives for public awareness.

All the photographs taken by the department photographers are preserved for future reference in Hard Discs.

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.14**

- At a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only), black and white and colour photographic negative rolls taken at government functions have been digitally preserved and the photographs have been documented.

## **REFERENCE SECTION**

The Reference Section collects important news articles from all newspapers, periodicals and other State newspapers everyday, categorizes them and brings them to the notice of the concerned Government Departments as well.

The important news from morning and evening dailies, periodicals and other state newspapers are all consolidated by the Reference Section as news clippings and are submitted daily to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Similarly, news clippings are being sent to the Chief Secretary and Secretaries daily for them to take action.

In addition, complaints and adverse news published on various Government departments are scanned and sent to the respective Secretaries, Heads of Departments and the District Collectors through WhatsApp immediately. Furthermore, important newspapers are preserved as bound volumes for future reference.

Important Press clippings published in the newspapers are given immediately, even during the Legislative Assembly sessions, and a copy is sent to the offices of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers and Secretaries to Government, as per their request.

Important Press clippings such as announcements of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, speeches, press meets, Government schemes, achievements and welfare assistance and also the editorials of dailies, articles and critiques and the views of various political leaders published in newspapers are compiled under separate headings, computerized and preserved by the Reference Section.



## FIELD PUBLICITY

The Field Publicity section publicizes the schemes and achievements of the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu among the public.

### REGIONAL OFFICERS

After the Government took charge, all 38 districts in the State were divided into 6 zones for speedy coordination and execution of Government schemes in the districts, and the six Joint Directors posted in the Information and Public Relations Department were given additional charge to monitor the workings.

<b>S.No</b>	<b>REGION</b>	<b>District</b>
1	Chennai	Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Tirupathur, Ranipettai, and Tiruvannamalai
2	Coimbatore	Coimbatore, The Nilgiris, Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Dharmapuri, Tiruppur, and Krishnagiri

<b>S.No</b>	<b>REGION</b>	<b>District</b>
3	Tiruchirappalli	Tiruchirappalli, Viluppuram, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Karur and Kallakurichi
4	Madurai	Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanadhapuram and Sivagangai
5	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi and Tenkasi
6	Thanjavur	Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai and Pudukottai

### **PUBLICITY THROUGH LED SCREEN VAN**

High-tech LED screen vans with state-of-the-art technology have been provided to 32 Districts. During Government functions and in public places where people gather in large numbers, these vans screen awareness short films and video news magazines on Government schemes, achievements, policies and announcements of the Government and thus, field publicity works are being undertaken in such ways to create awareness and benefit the public.

## **PUBLICITY THROUGH LED TVS**

Field publicity is being carried out by screening the awareness short films and video news magazines produced by the Information and Public Relations Department on Government schemes and achievements using LED TVs, in places such as the District Collectorates in all 32 districts of the State and Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi, where people visit in large numbers.

## **LARGE-SCALE LED SCREENS**

It is planned to set up LED screens at major bus terminals where the public gathers in 21 Corporations and carry out publicity work to reach the Government's news and schemes to the public immediately. In the first phase, 16 feet wide x 10 feet high LED Screens have been installed at major bus stations of 10 Corporations namely Tambaram, Kancheepuram, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Cuddalore, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Kumbakonam and Dindigul. The videos related to the programs and functions attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu are being sent from the headquarters to these LED screens through the internet and publicized.

## **ADVERTISEMENT**

Advertisements on achievements, schemes, policies and social welfare works of the Government are released by the Information and Public Relations Department in dailies, periodicals, electronic media and social media for the awareness and benefit of the public at government fixed rate. Tenders and land acquisition related Advertisement for development works in Tamil Nadu are published in the news papers.

The Information and Public Relations Department does the work of releasing all the advertisements for Government Departments, Boards, Universities, and Government undertakings in dailies and periodicals.

The Advertisements are published in Newspapers based on their importance, the target area and the target audience as per the charges fixed by the Government.

## **TENDER ADVERTISEMENTS**

All tender advertisements are published through the National Information Centre (NIC) at [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in) using modern electronic technology facilities at no additional cost in order to access the advertisements by the public easily. Those who are in need can download the tender forms free of cost.

The transparent administration of the government has been ensured since the tender advertisements are published in newspapers at the rates fixed by the government and on the Internet free of cost. As a result, all the eligible persons have been facilitated to participate in the tenders sought by the Government of Tamil Nadu according to their merit without discrimination.

## **TENDER BULLETINS**

Based on the principle that all government activities should be transparent, the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act, 1998 and Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Rules 2000 have been enacted and based on them, district/state contract Bulletins are published every week on Thursday.

Details regarding the procurement estimates from Rs.25 lakh to Rs.50 lakh procurement estimates and the work estimates to the amount from Rs.50 lakh to Rs.75 lakh work estimates are released in District Tender Bulletins and the procurement estimates of the amount above Rs.50 lakh and work estimates to the amount above Rs.75 lakh are published in the State Tender Bulletin.

Decisions taken on the tenders are also published in these bulletins.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.16**

- Software is being developed and maintained at a cost of Rs.9,70,000/- (Nine lakh and seventy thousand only) so that all the tasks of uploading and publishing tenders and graphic advertisements, sending them to the media, and making payments can be done online with transparency in Government departments and Government-affiliated institutions.

## **2022-2023 Announcement No.8**

- Digital walls have been established at 10 major bus stands with more foot falls, in the first phase, and information about government schemes and programmes are being broadcasted promptly.

## **MEDIA CENTRE**

The Media Centre operates on the ground floor of the main building of the Secretariat, where announcements from the Hon'ble Chief Minister and government-related news, which are telecasted on 15 news channels, are recorded daily.

All press releases, press notes, and photographs issued from the Secretariat's Press Release section are promptly sent from the Media Centre to all media outlets in Chennai, with steps taken to forward them to all District Information and Public Relations Officers for publication in the district media as well.

The District Information and Public Relations Officers send the above news and media reports to the Media Centre at the Secretariat every day. Details of the press releases, press notes and photographs related to the events of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu are also received by email every day, compiled and monitored to ensure that they are published properly in the district newspapers.



## **EXHIBITION**

Government exhibitions are being organised so that all rural and urban people in Tamil Nadu cannot only get to know about the schemes, achievements and activities of all the departments of Tamil Nadu Government but at the same time spend their time purposefully.

Various departments of the Union and State Governments, public sector organizations and private institutions also participate in Government exhibitions. It is significant that these exhibitions not only provide entertainment to the people but also provide job opportunities to many people directly and indirectly. Also, in these exhibitions, opportunities are given to perform daily performances in government exhibitions so that the lives of indigent drama artists can be enriched, and Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) is being given as an honorarium for the awareness plays conducted in this way.

Every year, 10 Government Exhibitions are conducted wherein regular Government Exhibitions are conducted at the six districts of Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli and Vellore and other 4 Government Exhibitions are conducted in other districts for the benefit of people on a rotational basis. Totally, 5,57,755 visitors witnessed the government exhibitions held in the year 2024-2025. Through this, an amount of Rs. 81,64,000/- (Rupees eighty one lakh sixty four thousand only) has been earned by the government.

### **PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS**

Permission to conduct a private exhibition for more than five days in the districts is granted by the Information and Public Relations Department based on recommendations from the relevant District Collectors, safety and clearance certificates from other departments, and the submission of a cheque for the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund as prescribed by the government. For exhibitions lasting up to five days, the District Collectors grant permission upon receiving the cheques for the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund at the district level. Over the past four years, private exhibitions have

generated Rs.10,71,71,000/-(Rupees ten crore seventy one lakh seventy one thousand) which has been credited to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

### **FLOWER FESTIVAL IN NEW DELHI**

Every year, the Information and Public Relations Department represents the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Annual Flower Festival held in New Delhi to emphasize National Integration and Religious Harmony. The department received third prize in the year 2023-2024.

### **REPUBLIC DAY PAGEANTRY PROCESSION, NEW DELHI**

Every year, the southern states take part in the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi on a rotational basis. Accordingly on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Information and Public Relations Department participates in the pageantry floats at the Republic Day Celebrations in New Delhi by designing the tableaux according to the theme recommended by the High-Level Committee. It also participates in the cultural programme, with the talented artists receiving tremendous appreciation from the viewers and bringing laurels to Tamil Nadu.

In the Republic Day celebrations during the year 2023, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, a pageantry float themed on women's development and culture, spotlighting seven outstanding women achievers from the state, garnered everyone's attention.

It is noteworthy that Tamil Nadu Government, highlighting the Kudavolai system (a democratic procession) and got the third prize and the first prize for the artistic performance of the pageantry float for the 2024 Republic Day function.

### **REPUBLIC DAY PAGEANTRY PROCESSION, CHENNAI**

A tableaux accompanied by a troupe playing auspicious music to showcase the various schemes and achievements of the Tamil Nadu Government and another tableaux of the department took place, every year on the occasion of the Republic Day in Chennai.

The department also coordinates the designing of tableaux and the procession of the tableaux of various Departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

It is worth noting that the decorated float of the Department of Information and Public Relations was awarded the third prize at the Republic Day celebrations during the year 2023.

A model of the tableaux of the Kalaignar Centenary Bull Taming Hall inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at Madurai was designed in the pageantry float of the Information and Public Relations department during the Republic Day celebrations during the year 2024, which garnered much public attention.

At the Republic Day celebrations in the year 2025, the decorated float from the Department of Information and Public Relations captured widespread admiration by commemorating the silver jubilee of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of a 133 feet statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on January 1, 2000, at the centre of Kumari Sea. Additionally, floats modeled on the statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar and the reconstructed Thanthai Periyar Memorial and Library, celebrating one hundred years since the Vaikom struggle, drew extensive attention and appreciation.

The department's photo exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue in Kanniyakumari.

### **INDIA TOURIST AND INDUSTRIAL TRADE FAIR**

The Information and Public Relations Department participates in the India Tourist and Industrial Fair at Chennai every year and puts up a separate pavilion showcasing the policies, activities and achievements of the Government, depicting photographs and models to educate and create awareness among the public.

In 2023, at the 47<sup>th</sup> India Tourism and Industrial Exhibition held at Island Grounds, Chennai, the Department of Information and Public Relations presented a pavilion modeled after the memorial of Thiru Ki. Rajanarayanan, the father of Karisal literature who brought it to global recognition. This innovative pavilion won second prize for its creative design.

This year (2025), at the 49<sup>th</sup> India Tourism and Industry Expo held in Chennai, the Department of Information and Public Relations

designed a pavilion showcasing the government's plans and achievements, modeled after the 133-foot statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar at Kumari Point, installed by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on January 1, 2000, to commemorate the silver jubilee of its installation, a unique design that was widely appreciated by the public.

### **INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, NEW DELHI**

The Information and Public Relations Department also participates in the India International Trade Fair (I.I.T.F) held in Pragathi Maidan, Lal Chowk, New Delhi, from November 14 to 27 every year for 14 days. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Information and Public Relations Department has been participating in this exhibition in coordination with other government departments and Institutions.

During this fair, one day is earmarked for each State for celebrating it as their state day.

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Department of Information and Public Relations, celebrated the "Tamil Nadu Day" on 21.11.2024 in a fitting manner with performances by folk and village artists to showcase the state's

rich culture and traditions to people from other states, in the presence of myself as the Minister of the Department, the Special Representative of Delhi, Members of Parliament from Coimbatore and Pollachi, and senior officials.

Stalls are designed in such a way that people from all walks of life can know the welfare schemes, achievements and benefits of the Government of Tamil Nadu and the beneficiaries can get to know the methods of getting welfare assistance, Illustrative photographs and visual objects related to the achievements, projects, policy explanations and development works related to various departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu are arranged in such a way as to attract the viewers. Notably, the Tamil Nadu pavilion won the award for the Best Theme at the India International Trade Fair 2024, held in New Delhi.

As the Fair is conducted at the national level, the participating States will have the opportunity to learn about the schemes and achievements of the Government of Tamil Nadu. It also creates a national-level marketing opportunity for the products made by the women's Self Help Groups of our State.



## **OTHER PHOTO EXHIBITIONS**

On the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar, key events from his life were recreated for the first time on a specially designed bus, which was sent across all districts of Tamil Nadu for school and college students, as well as the public, to witness.

A sum of Rs. 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) was sanctioned every year to each of the 38 districts to conduct a photo exhibition on the Government's Achievements, at a total cost of Rs.3.80 lakh (Rupees three lakh eighty thousand only).

As a continuation of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations, a photo exhibition titled "Vidudhalai Poril Thamizhagam" was organized at the Koyambedu Suburban Bus Stand premises in Chennai from 01.11.2021 to 14.11.2021, at a cost of Rs.15.99 lakh, to commemorate and honour the bravery of the martyrs who participated in the Indian Liberation War.

A three-dimensional sound and light exhibition on freedom struggle leaders and martyrs was held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, for 18 days from 15.08.2022 to 01.09.2022, in honour of the noble individuals who served the nation.

A sum of Rs.3,80,00,000/- (Rupees three crore eighty lakh only) has been sanctioned for 38 districts Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh only) per district for organizing photo exhibitions and awareness art programs on the achievements and schemes of the government in the year 2022 all the districts under the theme "Oya Uzhaipin Orandu (A year of Tireless works)".

A collaborative effort with multiple departments was undertaken to organize photo exhibitions and awareness programs showcasing the government's achievements and projects in 2024 across 38 districts, with a total expenditure of Rs.1,14,00,000/- (Rupees one crore fourteen lakh only), allocated at Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) per district.

## **DISTRICT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICES**

All the District Information and Public Relations Offices across Tamil Nadu carry out field publicity work to promote the various development schemes, implementations, achievements and new announcements of the Government to the beneficiaries, i.e., to the public and all parts of the district through media such as district dailies, television, radio, etc.

District Information and Public Relations Offices are functioning with the Information and Public Relations Officer, Assistant Public Relations Officer (Information), Assistant Public Relations Officer (Publicity) and supporting staff structure. Subsequently, they are constantly doing a great job of bringing the achievements and new announcements to the public immediately.

Further, to make all the schemes of the government reach people from all walks of life, the field publicity work is also carried out constantly through newspapers, media, LED screen video van shows and photo exhibitions.

The performance of the District Information and Public Relations Officers and Assistant Public Relations Officers are evaluated monthly by awarding scores based on various activities, including organizing press tours led by the District Collector, publishing success stories of government schemes along with beneficiary interviews, compiled as articles under the title 'Niraindhadhu Manam' (Contented Heart) and taking steps to have them published in newspapers and the Tamilarasu magazine, conducting LED video van screenings, inspecting the screening of government video news magazines in theatres, organizing photo exhibitions, ensuring the reach of the 'Tamilarasu' magazine to the public, publishing district monthly magazines, managing social media, and other related tasks, with appropriate instructions provided accordingly.

## **STATE INFORMATION CENTRE CHENNAI**

The State Information Centre is functioning at Chennai Kalaivanar Arangam under the Information and Public Relations Department. A Library is functioning at the State Information Centre for the benefit of all.

This library is functioning on all working days from 9:45 am to 5:45 pm except government holidays. There are around 73,642 books in this library in Tamil and English on various subjects including Tamil and English Literature, Science, Research Articles, Law, Medicine, Psychology, Spirituality, Astrology, Physical Education, Yoga, History, Politics, Culture, Biographies of Leaders, Novels, Short Stories, Poems, educational books and books containing the notes required for all kinds of competitive examinations. These books are available in a well-maintained, calm and neat environment for the benefit of all including Scholars, Artists, Social Activists, Students and Professors.

Tamil and English Dailies, periodical magazines and weekly magazines are also available in this library.

School and College students visit this library at large to take notes for their studies and to take notes required to participate in the various literary competitions such as oratorical, essay writing, poetry writing and quiz competitions conducted in schools and colleges. It is also noteworthy that books for various competitive examinations are available exclusively in this library for the use of the students preparing for competitive examinations.

Two copies of the books published by various publishers have been obtained by this State Information Centre's Library for registration purposes and only the copyright-related information available in those books are duly recorded and maintained.

Also, under the scheme of establishing a digital library of the Government of Tamil Nadu to preserve such books for future generations, around 2,500 books from this library were selected through Anna Centenary Library on behalf of the Directorate of Public Library and were digitalized without subjecting to copyright issues.

## **INFORMATION CENTRES**

Information Centres are functioning effectively under the control of the Department of Information and Public Relations at Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Coimbatore and New Delhi.

Books, newspapers and periodicals on various topics including language, literature, history and science are kept in the information centres for the use of the public. Moreover, researchers, teachers, school and college students are benefiting from the books kept in these information centres.

# **TAMILARASU**

The Tamilarasu magazine, established on July 1, 1970, by the strenuous efforts of Muthamizharignar Kalaiginar, has been the Print Media of the Government of Tamil Nadu for the past 55 years by compiling all the welfare schemes and achievements of the Government. It is being published on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department by combining all the welfare schemes and achievements of various departments to make the public aware of all the public welfare schemes and government policies implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Tamilarasu magazine provides and publishes the Legislative Assembly speeches of the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Government functions presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu across the state, review meetings, field inspections, social welfare schemes, press notes, press releases, speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil



Nadu in various programs, announcements made under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly, schemes announced on behalf of all the departments, all department-related announcements, detailed articles on district development works, interviews and success stories of beneficiaries across the state who had benefited from the Government welfare schemes, short notes on freedom fighters, Tamil scholars and national leaders, a general genre such as literature, short stories, poems, essays and Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission practice questions and answers are published in this magazine so that people from all walks of life can read and benefit.

Also, the Government under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has completed four years, and during this period, a record-breaking achievement has been made with 54 special publications including 19 special issues published through the 'Tamilarasu' Press, like never before in its history.

## SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

1	Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to the debate on the Address of the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu (24.06.2021)
2	The 100 days achievement issue titled "Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam, Nootrandin Thisaiyil Nooru Natkal" (August 2021)
3	Department-wise announcements announced during the debate on demands for grants in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 13.08.2021 to 13.09.2021)
4	Announcements made under Rule 110 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 24.08.2021 to 13.09.2021)
5	Special Issue on Unveiling the Bust of Naavalalar Dr. R. Nedunchezhiyan on his birth Centenary (December 2021)
6	If the people need it, considering the people's interest, we will implement the announcements that were not implemented by the previous Government – Reply by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly (March 2022)
7	One year achievements Magazine titled "Niraivana Valarchiyil Nilayana Payanam" (Tamil) (07.05.2022)

8	One Year Achievements Magazine titled "Sustained Journey towards All-round Growth" (English) (07.05.2022)
9	"The first year began well, the second year will be an unparalleled one"- Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on completion of one year as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (07.05.2022)
10	Fulfilling the Dreams of every Tamil - Coffe of time (May 2022)
11	Dravidian Model Government – from the perspective of Scholars and eminent personalities (May 2022)
12	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs (from 13.05.2021 to 30.12.2021) Volume-1
13	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs (from 01.01.2022 to 05.05.2022) Volume-2
14	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 12.05.2021 to 10.05.2022) Volume-1
15	Announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under rule 110 (from 24.08.2021 to 09.05.2022)

16	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu (May 2022) Volume -1
17	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu (May 2022) Volume -2
18	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu (May 2022) Volume -3
19	Tamil Nadu Day July 18 (July 2022)
20	The Centenary of the Educational Revolution (15.09.2022)
21	V.O.C. 150 <sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Special Issue(18.11.2022)
22	Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue (11.12.2022)
23	Ilakkiya Malar 2023 (04.02.2023)
24	Edillaa Aatchi Eraandey Saatchi (Two years of Governance Unrivalled Excellence) (Tamil) - Achievement souvenir (06.05.2023)
25	Two years of Governance Unrivalled Excellence (English) - Achievement souvenir (06.05.2023)
26	Golden Words of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (06.05.2023)
27	Speeches delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various functions - Volume - 3 (from 11.05.2022 to 28.07.2022)

28	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume - 4) (29.07.2022 to 30.09.2022 )
29	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume - 5) (5.10.2022 to 09.02.2023 )
30	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume - 6) (18.2.2023 to 27.4.2023 )
31	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (18.10.2022 to 21.04.2023 )
32	Announcements made under Rule 110 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (24.08.2021 to 21.04.2023 )
33	The Journalist Kalaigarnar - (20.11.2023)
34	Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle (Tamil) (1.11.2023)
35	Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle (English) (01.11.2023)
36	Vaikom struggle (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (Tamil) (28.12.2023)
37	Vaikom struggle (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (Malayalam) (28.12.2023)
38	Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (English) (28.12.2023)

39	Kalaigñar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir - June - 2024, volume - 1 (03.06.2024)
40	Kalaigñar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir - June - 2024, volume - 2 (03.06.2024)
41	Kalaigñar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir - June - 2024, volume - 3 (03.06.2024)
42	Coffer of time - Collection of memorials - 2023
43	Three years achievements Magazine titled "Thalaisirandha Moondrandu Thalainimirndha Tamil Nadu" (Tamil) (14.08.2024)
44	Triumphant Three Years; Tamil Nadu rises high - Three year Achievement (English)
45	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume- 7) (08.05.2023 to 27.09.2023)
46	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume- 8) (02.10.2023 to 14.03.2024)
47	Announcements made under Rule 110 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly (24.08.2021 to 11.10.2023)
48	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly (08.10.2023 to 22.02.2024)
49	'Makkal Pottrum Magathana Thittangal' special issue

50	'Americavil Nam Mudhalvar Oivariya Uzhaippu... Oru Trillion Dollar Ilakku...'
51	Golden Words of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
52	Kalaignar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir – 2024 (Tamil)
53	Kalaignar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir – 2024 (English)
54	Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue Silver Jubilee Souvenir - 2025

**ESPECIALLY IN THE ABOVE SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS**

- (1) Publication of a special issue titled "Dravidian Model Government from the perspective of Scholars and eminent personalities".
- (2) Publication of "Tamil Nadu Day July 18 Special Souvenir" to celebrate the day on which a resolution was passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly by Perarignar Anna to rename the State as "Tamil Nadu".
- (3) Publication of a special issue titled 'The Centenary of the Educational Revolution', summarizing the importance of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, a grand scheme of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- (4) Following the announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that the life history of freedom fighters, especially those from Tamil Nadu will be published as a tribute to them, a book named "V.O.C. 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Special Issue" to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of "Kappalottiya Thamizhan" was published.
- (5) Publication of a book titled "Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue" to mark the death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar.
- (6) The first "Ilakkiya Malar" book was released by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in 1997. To follow the tradition and protect Tamil literature, to exemplify the traditional literature, culture and social development of Tamil Nadu and to encourage hundreds of Tamil Scholars, writers, historians, poets and artists, pieces of work were received from them and they were compiled as a special issue named "Ilakkiya Malar 2023", and the same was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 04.02.2023.



- (7) On the occasion of the centenary anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaighnar, a special Magazine named "Idhazhalar Kalaighnar" was released on 20.11.2023 in appreciation of his meritorious work in the field of journalism.
- (8) According to the announcement by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a special magazine was released on 01.11.2023 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu titled "Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle" in both Tamil and English.
- (9) Following the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, as a tribute to Thanthai Periyar, special articles on the centenary of the Vaikom struggle, in which he led and won, were collected from various scholars and compiled as 'Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir' in three languages (Tamil, Malayalam and English), which was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.12.2023.
- (10) On the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Muthamizharignar Kalaighnar, the following Volumes, along with articles by various leaders, were released on 03.06.2024, namely Kalaighnar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir – 2024 Volume -1, 2 & 3.

- (11) On the occasion of the completion of three years of the Tamil Nadu Government led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a three-year achievement publication titled "Thalaisirandha Moonrandu Thalainimirndha Tamil Nadu" was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 14.08.2024, compiling the achievements by department.
- (12) "Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue Silver Jubilee Souvenir – 2025" was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 31.12.2024, on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 133 feet Thiruvalluvar statue installed in the middle of the sea in Kanniyakumari by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.

## **PAMPHLETS**

The life history of Freedom fighters, Tamil Scholars and Political Leaders was brought out in the form of pamphlets and distributed to the public. The biographies of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar, Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar, Nadigar Thilagam Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan, as well as notes on the Valluvar Kottam, have been printed and sent to all the memorials for distribution to the visitors.

Furthermore, handbooks on the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute have been printed and distributed to the visitors of India International Trade Fair 2021 held in New Delhi and the 53<sup>rd</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India (Film Bazaar 2022 Goa) held in Goa.

### **POSTERS**

Five types of posters highlighting the Government's achievements, titled "Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam, Peru Sollum Nooru Natkal," were printed and distributed to all districts and displayed in prominent locations for public viewing.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Apart from the monthly magazine 'Tamilarasu', additional works include printing and distributing pamphlets, posters, application forms and a small telephone directory for other departments such as the Memorials Section, Exhibitions Section, Journalists Welfare Board, and Cine Workers Welfare Board.

Moreover, thirteen lakh twenty two thousand Aadhaar Enrolment/Correction/Update Forms have been printed and distributed on behalf of Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV corporation Limited.

Furthermore, the "Hindu Matha Inaippu Vilakkam", "Saivamum Vaishnavamum" Books were reprinted for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,

On behalf of the Tamil Virtual Academy, Development of Tamil Computing and Challenges Conference Research Papers Volume -1 and 2,

Pamphlets on the procedures related to the Cine Workers Welfare Board, Welfare Board membership cards, application forms for small screen and silver screen awards,

A mini telephone guide related to the 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad,

A mini telephone guide related to the G20 Education Summit 2023 has also been printed and distributed.

Furthermore, on behalf of the Tamil Virtual Academy, 2.50 lakh copies of higher education and employment guidance books have been printed and distributed to college students.

One lakh copy of the explanatory manual for the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam has been printed and distributed.

**'TAMILARASU' MONTHLY MAGAZINE FINDS ITS HOME IF YOU REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE AND AT GOVERNMENT E-SERVICE CENTRES**

'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine is read in large numbers by the public, Government offices, Government libraries, and political party figures. For new readers and to facilitate subscribers in renewing their subscriptions, a facility has been provided to register through the website [www.tamilarasu.org](http://www.tamilarasu.org) and Government e-service centres and receive the 'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine by post.

Furthermore, arrangements have been made to obtain the 'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine and special issues by sending a bank cheque or demand draft to the address "Joint Director (Publications), Tamilarasu Office, No.5, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Kanagam, Taramani, Chennai - 600 113" clearly mentioning the name, door number, street name, village/town, taluk, district, postal code and mobile number.

**'TAMILARASU' MONTHLY MAGAZINE FEE  
DETAILS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>'TAMILARASU' TAMIL AND ENGLISH MONTHLY MAGAZINES</b>	<b>Fee (in rupees)</b>
1	Tamil and English monthly magazine (separate issue)	30/-
2	Tamil and English monthly magazine (annual subscription)	360/-
3	Lifetime Subscription (10 years), (Tamil) (Concessional Fee)	3,200/-
4	Lifetime Subscription (10 years) (English)	3,600/-

**NEW MACHINE**

A new paper-cutting machine, a new folding machine and a digital production printer have been purchased at a cost of Rs.1,80,54,000/- (Rupees One crore eighty lakh fiftyfour thousand) for the TAMILARASU Printing Press in accordance with the latest technology and are being maintained and operated in a good manner.

**THE SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY OF THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE 'TAMILARASU'**

The monthly magazine 'Tamilarasu' (Tamil and English), which has been successfully published for 55 years on July 2025, has now reached the number of one lakh (1,00,000)

subscribers, which was 30,000 when the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu took charge on 07.05.2021. To celebrate this, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin presented the Tamilarasu magazine to the one lakh one-th subscriber of the magazine at a function held at the Anna Centenary Library, Kotturpuram, Chennai on 17.05.2023.

To mark the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tamilarasu Press and Office established by the Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, the work of installing a bust of the Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar at the Tamilarasu Press premises located in Taramani, and the work of installing a "Commemorative Arch" to mark the centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar is under progress at an estimated cost of Rs.25 lakh (Rupees twenty five lakh) and is nearing completion.

The Tamilarasu Office located in Taramani, Chennai was affected by Cyclone Michaung, causing damage to the western compound wall and other areas. The repair and the renovation work and painting works taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees twenty lakh only) is nearing completion.

Though there are subscription facilities available on the website created for the Tamilarasu magazine, [www.tamilarasu.org](http://www.tamilarasu.org), a facility will be introduced from this year for the public and subscribers to benefit from the Tamilarasu e-magazine (e-Book) format, so that Tamil people around the world can read the information about the projects and achievements implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

### **SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS OFFER PRICE DETAILS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Special publications</b>	<b>Fee (in rupees)</b>
1	Dravidian Model Government - from the perspective of Scholars and eminent personalities	220/-
2	Tamil Nadu Day July 18	280/-
3	The Centenary of the Educational Revolution	260/-
4	V.O.C. 150 <sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Issue	220/-
5	Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue	240/-

### **FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE 'TAMILARASU' SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS ARE ON SALE AT THE BOOK FAIR**

For the first time in the 55-year history of 'Tamilarasu' Press, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the first special publication sale at the 'Tamilarasu' stall, where he



participated in the book fair held in Chennai on 06.01.2023, with the aim of enabling everyone to buy and read the special publication compiled and published by 'Tamilarasu' Press at a concessional rate. The sale continues at the book fair every year.

In the coming times as well, 'Tamilarasu' Press continues to sell special publications at a concessional rate with the aim of increasing the ability of the younger generation to read further.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER'S INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS IN 2021**

A complete document on "Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Indian Freedom Struggle" was prepared in Tamil and English, and a special booklet titled "Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle" (Tamil and English) was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 01.11.2023.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.9**

In line with the latest technology, a new paper-cutting machine, a new folding machine, and a digital production printer have been purchased for the Tamilarasu Press at a cost of Rs. 1,80,54,000 (Rupees one crore eighty lakh and fifty four thousand only) and are in use.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER RULE 110 OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU FOR THE YEAR 2023- 2024**

A number of special articles on the centenary of the Vaikom Satyagraha, participated by Thanthai Periyar were compiled from various scholars and published in three languages (Tamil, English and Malayalam) as 'Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir' by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.12.2023.

**TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT  
M.G.R. FILM AND TELEVISION INSTITUTE**

The Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute functioning under the government of Tamil Nadu's department of Information and Public Relations have a long historical background.

This Institute was functioning as a part of the Central Polytechnic Institute from 1945 and from 1960 onwards, it emerged as a separate Training Institute. Thereafter, this Film Institute was called the "Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute" from 09.08.2021 onward and has been functioning effectively for more than 60 years.

In India for the first time, a three year diploma course in film technology was started in 1945. From the year 1960 onwards, this Institute began offering three-year diploma courses under the All India Council for Technical Education. In these 58 years, more than 4,600 students have graduated. Many of these graduates hold prestigious positions in the Indian film industry. Moreover, many students from this institution are excelling at various levels in the film industry.

From the academic year 2016-2017, the four-year undergraduate program in Visual Arts (Bachelor of Visual Arts) in six branches is being offered after getting accreditation from the Tamil Nadu Dr. J Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University. From the academic year 2019-2020 onwards, the Visual Arts degree is being awarded as "Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA)" to the students.

This Institute, sprawling over an area of 15.25 acres in Taramani, located at the centre of Chennai, provides a renovated shooting spot with modern facilities, Court, Prison and Roads available for film shooting at low costs.

Work for establishing 3 shooting locations with modern technologies in the premises at a cost of Rs.39.33 crore is under progress. It is noteworthy that, it will significantly benefits companies and workers in film and television industries based at chennai.

## **DEGREE COURSES**

In the academic year 2015-2016, six types of diploma courses were introduced. From the academic year 2016-2017 onwards, a four-year Bachelor of Visual Arts degree course consisting of six various specializations has been introduced.

1	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Cinematography)
2	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Digital Intermediate)
3	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Audiography)
4	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Direction and Screenplay Writing)
5	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Film Editing)
6	Bachelor of Visual Arts (Animation and Visual Effects)

## **STUDENTS ADMISSION**

In every academic year, 14 students are enrolled in each of the above six courses, and a total of 84 students have been enrolled for all the courses in this Institute. Tuition fees of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only), Special fees of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand only) and Development fees of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only) have been fixed. SC/ST students are fully exempted from tuition fees. Concession of Tuition fees will be offered to the differently-abled students.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FILMS PRODUCED BY STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE**

According to the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the government has enhanced the amount for the production of Documentary Films by the students of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute from Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) to Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) from the financial year 2023-2024 onward. In the Final academic year, the final year students from all 6 courses are grouped into 14 groups and inclusive training is given to each group to produce a short film, and 14 short films in total.

## **GOVERNMENT AWARD FOR SHORT FILMS BY STUDENTS**

"Short Film Award for students of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute" is presented to the awardees chosen by a selection committee under various categories such as Best Director, Best Cinematographer, Best Audio Editor, Best Editor, and Best Colourist for the short films produced by the students of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute. This award consists of One Sovereign Gold Medal, Cash Award of Rs.5,000/- and a Memento.

## **AWARDS FOR STUDENTS OF THE TRAINING INSTITUTE PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS**

To encourage students, short films made by them are screened at international film festivals in Goa, Chennai and Mumbai, with selected films being felicitated and awarded.

Over the past four years, more than 10 films have been screened annually at the International Film Festival in Chennai, with students receiving awards for short films such as 'Oomai Vizhi', 'The Last Heart', and 'Kayamai'.

## **CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY AND SHORT FILM FESTIVAL**

The Chennai International Documentary and Short Film Festival was held for the first time at this training institute in February 2025. Out of the 11 student short films screened, two short films, 'Kayamai' and 'Edhirmarai', were selected and awarded with mementos.

## **MODERN TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR STUDENTS**

In today's modern era, the use of modern equipment and technology has increased remarkably in the film industry. To ensure students stay updated and benefit from these developments, they are provided with continuous practical training (internships) at leading production companies in Chennai. Additionally, seminars and workshops featuring industry experts and technical specialists are regularly conducted to enhance their knowledge and skills.

## **NEW WEBSITE FOR THIS TRAINING INSTITUTE**

For the first time, a dedicated website, [www.filminstitute.tn.gov.in](http://www.filminstitute.tn.gov.in), has been developed at a cost of Rs.11,00,000/- (Rupees eleven lakh only) for the welfare of students and will be available soon. This platform will facilitate student admissions, allow current students to purchase essential software and modern technological equipment at discounted prices, and enable film industry professionals worldwide to interact with students from other states, enhancing their skills and knowledge.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2021-2022 Announcement No.17**

- The various training phases of the institute premises, including upgrading basic infrastructure facilities, repairing electrical batteries, installing high-rise lighting and providing sanitary facilities, have been completed at a cost of Rs.1,58,00,000/- (Rupees one crore fifty eight lakh only).

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.12**

- For the educational development of the students studying at this training institute, as per the recommendations of a sub-committee constituted by experienced experts in the film industry, the syllabus has been modified to suit current technology and is being taught from the academic year 2023-2024 with the approval of the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.13**

- Various infrastructure facilities, including a modern air-conditioned shooting range, court building, prison building, student hostel, etc., have been renovated at a cost of 5,09,00,000/- (Rupees five crore nine lakh only).

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.14**

- The dining hall for the students and staff of this training institute has been renovated at a cost of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.13**

- Based on a detailed project report to establish a state-of-the-art film city near Chennai through a public-private partnership, work is underway to establish a world-class film city on 152 acres of land in Poonamallee-Kuthambakkam, Tiruvallur district.

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.14**

- For the benefit of the students of this training institute and for the development of cutting-edge education in the film industry, work is underway to set up three shooting sets with technological facilities in this area at an estimated cost of Rs.39,33,00,000/- (Rupees thirty nine crore thirty three lakh only).

### **2023-2024 Announcement No.15**

- The short film shooting production expenses of the fourth year students provided to each group have been increased from Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) to Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only), and is being provided annually.

## **CINE WORKERS WELFARE BOARD**

While addressing the All India Cine Workers Conference on 09.10.2009, Muthamizharignar Kalaigunar announced that by accepting the request of the South Indian Artistes Association and Tamil film the Government of Tamil Nadu will set up a new Cine Workers Welfare Board for the Cine workers who toil every day at various levels, contributing to the growth and vitality of the Tamil film industry, to ensure their well-being, including that of small screen workers”.

According to the above announcement, the Cine Workers Welfare Board has been constituted with the Hon’ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity as the Chairman, the Director of Information and Public Relations Department as Member Secretary and Official and Nonofficial members have been appointed to the Cine Workers Welfare Board.

Tamil Nadu Film and Television Industries workers and technicians belonging to 39 associations have joined this board. At present, there are 27,283 members in this board.

Financial assistance has been provided to the members belonging to various associations who have participated and contributed to the film and Television Industries through 22 various welfare assistance.

**The details of the welfare schemes provided by the Cine workers Welfare board are as follows:**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Welfare Assistance</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
<b>I. Scholarship - For two children only</b>		
1	Girl children studying Class 10	1,000
2	Students who passed Class 10	1,000
3	Girl children studying Class 12	1,500
4	Students who passed Class 12	1,500
5	Undergraduate day scholars for each Academic Year	1,500
6	Undergraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	1,750
7	Postgraduate day scholars for each Academic Year	2,000
8	Postgraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	3,000
9	Technical Undergraduate Day scholars for each Academic Year	2,000
10	Technical Undergraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	4,000

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Welfare Assistance</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
11	Technical Postgraduate Day scholars for each Academic Year	4,000
12	Technical Postgraduate hostel students for each Academic Year	6,000
13	Day scholars studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year	1,000
14	Hostel Students studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year	1,200
II	Marriage Assistance	2,000
III	Maternity Assistance	6,000
IV	Abortion/Miscarriage Assistance	3,000
V	Spectacles Reimbursement	500
<b>VI. Accidental Insurance Scheme</b>		
1	Death due to accidents	1,00,000
2	Disability due to accident based on the nature of disability	10,000 to 1,00,000
3	Financial Assistance for Natural Death	15,000
4	Financial Assistance for Funeral	2,000

**DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME THROUGH THIS BOARD FROM 2010 TO 2024 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

S.No	Year	No.of beneficiaries	Amount (in Rs.)
1	2010	38	1,98,000
2	2011	426	11,25,000
3	2012	302	10,14,000
4	2013	303	8,00,000
5	2014	277	8,00,250
6	2015	259	9,41,500
7	2016	286	7,11,750
8	2017	163	6,49,500
9	2018	205	7,20,000
10	2019	141	5,28,500
11	2020	226	8,64,500
12	2021	222	12,06,250
13	2022	122	7,75,500
14	2023	155	8,15,000
15	2024	171	7,58,500
Total		3,296	1,19,08,250

47 applications have been received from 01.01.2025 to 31.03.2025 seeking welfare assistance, and steps are being taken to process and provide the welfare assistance to them.

Since 2023, to further enhance the financial resources of the Cine Workers Welfare Board, 50 percent of the film shooting fees have been allocated to the board.

**IN THE PAST 4 YEARS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE WELFARE OF THE CINE WORKERS WELFARE BOARD MEMBERS;**

- Steps have been taken to change the previously issued membership cards issued to all the members into smart cards.
- Steps are being taken to ensure that members receive treatment under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.
- In the first phase, steps are being taken to provide free full-body check-ups to 1,000 members in collaboration with the Health Department.
- Steps are also being taken to increase the welfare assistance currently provided to the families of members.
- For the benefit of members, steps are being taken to make membership registration, renewal, and application for welfare assistance available online in the future.



## **ALLOCATING LAND FOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS FOR FILM INDUSTRY AND SMALL SCREEN WORKERS.**

- In 2010, when Muthamizharignar Kalaingar was the Chief Minister, in response to the request made by various organizations for accommodation facilities for workers who have been working in various positions in the film and television industry for years, approximately 90 acres of land in Payyanur, Chengalpattu district was allotted to the following association members on a 99-year lease basis and Government orders was issued by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department.
- Accordingly, 65 acres of land were allotted to members of the South Indian Film Workers' Association, 10 acres to members of the Tamil Film Producers' Council, 8 acres to members of the Tamil Nadu Small Screen Artists' Association, and 7 acres to members of the South Indian Actors' Association, and Government orders were issued allowing them to build apartments within three years.

- After 14 years, accepting the request of all the association members and as per the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Government order extending the period was handed over to the association administrators by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 21.02.2025.

## **FILM AWARDS, SUBSIDY AND TELEVISION AWARDS**

### **FILM AWARDS**

Films are a powerful medium that can easily reach all sections of society. Recognizing this, the visionary Perarignar Perunthagai Anna, after assuming office as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, introduced a new scheme - a film award for outstanding films that convey meaningful ideas to society.

According to the scheme, since 1968, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been giving film awards to the best Tamil films, best actors, best actresses and best technicians to encourage them to produce quality Tamil films that reflect human sentiments with social ideals.

To select the awardees for the Tamil Nadu Government Film Awards, a selection committee is formed under the chairmanship of the retired Hon'ble Justice. The film awards are given in the

following categories to the best films and technicians recommended by this selection committee. The details are as follows:

**AWARDS FOR BEST TAMIL FILMS, ACTORS, ACTRESSES AND TECHNICIANS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>TITLE OF THE AWARD</b>	<b>AWARD DETAILS</b>
1	Best film - first prize	A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/-, along with a memento and certificate
2	Best film - second prize	A cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, along with a memento and certificate
3	Best film - third prize	A cash prize of Rs.75,000/-, along with a memento and certificate
4	Best film-special prize	A cash prize of Rs.75,000/-, along with a memento and certificate
5	A special prize was awarded to the film that portrays women highly	A cash prize of Rs.1,25,000/-, along with a memento and certificate

6	Best Actor	A five sovereign gold medal, a memento and a certificate are presented to each of the awardees
7	Best Actress	
8	Best Actor (Special Award)	
9	Best Actress (Special Award)	
10	Best Villain Actor	
11	Best Comedian(Male)	
12	Best Comedian(Female)	
13	Best Character Actor	
14	Best Character Actress	
15	Best Director	
16	Best Story Writer	
17	Best Dialogue Writer	
18	Best Music Director	
19	Best Lyricist	
20	Best Dubbing Artiste (Male)	
21	Best Dubbing Artiste (Female)	
22	Best Cinematographer	
23	Best Sound Editor	
24	Best Film Editor	
25	Best Art Director	
26	Best Stunt Master	
27	Best Choreographer	

28	Best Makeup Artiste	A five sovereign gold medal, a memento and a certificate are presented to each of the awardees
29	Best Costume Designer	
30	Best Child Artiste	
31	Best Dubbing Artiste (Male), Best Dubbing Artiste (Female)	

### **TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT FILM AWARD CEREMONY**

The film awards which had not been distributed during the years 2009 to 2014, according to the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Award ceremony was held on 04.09.2022 at Kalaivanar Arangam, 183 awardees for the year 2009-2014 were felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.

The Film Awards for the year 2015 were presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity,

the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments at a function held at Adyar Muthamil Peravai, Chennai, on 06.03.2024, where cheques were awarded to five producers of the best films, and 29 individuals received a gold medal of five sovereigns each, along with a memento and a certificate.

In order to award the Tamil Nadu Government Film Awards for the years 2016 to 2022, a selection committee has been formed with Hon'ble retired Justice K.P.K. Vasuki as the Chairman and the work of selecting the awardees is underway.

### **SMALL SCREEN AWARDS**

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Small Screen Awards are presented to actors, actresses, and technicians of television serials for their significant impact on homemakers' entertainment. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Small Screen Awards are presented to actors, actresses, and technicians of television serials, recognizing the significant role of small-screen mega serials in people's daily lives.

A selection committee, chaired by a retired Hon'ble Justice, has been constituted to select the awardees, and based on its recommendations, the Awards are presented to the best serials and technical artists under various categories.

<b>S.No</b>	<b>NAME OF THE AWARD</b>	<b>AWARD DETAILS</b>
1	Best serial-first prize	A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/-, along with a memento and a certificate
2	Best serial-second prize	A cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, along with a memento and a certificate
3	Best Achiever of the Year	A cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, along with a memento and a certificate
4	Best Lifetime Achiever	A cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, along with a memento and a certificate



5	Best Actor	A three sovereign gold medal, a memento and a certificate are presented to each of the awardees
6	Best Actress	
7	Best Character Actor	
8	Best Character Actress	
9	Best Villain Actor	
10	Best Villain Actress	
11	Best Child Artiste	
12	Best Director	
13	Best Story Writer	
14	Best Screenplay Writer	
15	Best Dialogue Writer	
16	Best Cinematographer	
17	Best Editor	
18	Best Background Music Director	
19	Best Dubbing Artiste (Male) Best Dubbing Artiste (Female)	
20	Best Special Effects technician	

Since 2009 to 2013, the Small Screen Awards have not been given even after the Government Order was issued in 2017. As per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and

Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments presented the awards to 101 small screen artistes in a ceremony held on 04.09.2022 at Kalaivanar Arangam.

A selection committee, chaired by Hon'ble retired Justice G. M. Akbar Ali, has been formed to select the awardees for the Government of Tamil Nadu Small Screen Awards for the years 2014 to 2022, and the selection process is currently underway.

### **TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT MGR FILM AND TELEVISION TRAINING INSTITUTE STUDENT AWARDS**

In the Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Training Institute, a selection committee chaired by a retired Hon'ble Justice has been constituted to evaluate short films produced by final-year students. The best student short films recommended by the committee are honoured with the Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Training Institute Student Award in various categories, along with a one-sovereign gold medal, a memento, and a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-. The details are as follows:

<b>S.No</b>	<b>NAME OF THE AWARD</b>	<b>AWARD DETAILS</b>
1	Best Director	One sovereign gold medal, a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-, a memento and a certificate are presented to each of the awardees.
2	Best Cinematographer	
3	Best Audio Editor	
4	Best Editor	
5	Best Colourist	

As per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments presented the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute Student Awards, which had not been given for six academic years from 2008-2009 to 2013-2014, at a ceremony held on 04.09.2022 at Kalaivanar Arangam.

Five students received the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute Student Awards for the academic year 2014-2015 and they were presented with 1 Sovereign Gold Medal, a Prize of Rs.5,000 (Rupees five thousand), a Memento and

a Certificate at the Film Awards during the function held at the Muthamizh Peravai in Adyar, Chennai on 06.03.2024. The awards were presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Work is underway for selection of awardees to present the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute Student Awards for the academic years 2015-2016 to 2021-2022 at the Tamil Nadu Government Film Awards ceremony.

### **KALAINAR NINAIVU KALAITHURAI VITHAGAR AWARD**

The 'Kalaigar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award' is conferred annually on June 3, the birth anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaigar, to a person with outstanding achievement in the Tamil film industry, carrying a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh (Rupees ten lakh only) and a certificate of appreciation.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the 2022 award to Thiru. Aroor Das, the 2023 award to poet Thiru. M. Mehta, and, in honour of the centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, a special award to playback singer Tmt. P. Susheela in 2023 to celebrate women.

### **GOVERNMENT FILM SUBSIDY**

To support low-budget filmmakers promoting meaningful messages and social awareness, the Government of Tamil Nadu provides subsidies to quality Tamil films produced and released on a low budget. A government-appointed selection committee identifies eligible films, granting each selected film a subsidy of Rs. 7,00,000/- (Rupees seven lakh only) under this scheme.

In order to award the Government film subsidy for the years 2015 to 2022, a selection committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Hon'ble retired Justice S.K. Krishnan and the work of selecting the films for Government subsidy is in progress.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

The Government of Tamil Nadu has given a grant of Rs.75,00,000/- (Rupees seventy five lakh only) for the year 2021, Rs.75,00,000/- (Rupees seventy five lakh only) for the year 2022, Rs.85,00,000/- (Rupees eighty five lakh only) for the year 2023 and Rs.85,00,000/- (Rupees eighty five lakh only) for the year 2024 for the International Film Festival held in Chennai.

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, a grant of Rs.12,00,000/- (Rupees twelve lakh only) for the year 2022, Rs.15,00,000/-(Rupees fifteen lakh only) for the year 2023 and Rs.15,00,000/-(Rupees fifteen lakh only) for the year 2024 were offered for the International Film Festival of India held in Goa by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST 4 YEARS - COMPLETED WORKS**

### **2022-2023 Announcement No.15**

- The Kalaigarnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vidhakar Award, instituted in honour of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, has been presented annually since 2022 to recognize lifetime achievement in the Tamil film industry.

## **CINEMA, VIDEO AND CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS**

In Cinema, Tamil Nadu is the State where socialism, secularism, equality, fraternity, self respect and social reforms are advocated strongly and followed by the people.

Cinema is the primary entertainment of common man in Tamil Nadu. The Cinema Industry in Tamil Nadu is one of the largest producers of Films in India. The Government generates considerable revenue from this industry. Cinema is a major platform for expression of creativity and is also source of livelihood to thousands of artists. In recent times, it has emerged as a big industry.

Cinema theatres play a vital role in screening films. Cinema Theatre is an important entertainment place for low and middle-income people to sit under one roof and watch film. Cinema theatres are functioning the following categories in Tamil Nadu:-



<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>CATEGORIES</b>	<b>No. of THEATRES</b>
1.	Permanent Cinema Theatres	1078
2.	Semi-Permanent Cinema Theatres	25
3.	Touring Cinema Theatres	7
4.	Open Air Cinema Theatre	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1111</b>

As per the provisions made in the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1955, the District Collectors of all the Districts, except Chennai District are designated as Competent Authority for granting of No Objection Certificate to construct cinema theatres and to issue 'C' Form licence for screening of movies in cinema theatres. In respect of Chennai, the Commissioner of Police is the competent authority for granting No Objection Certificate and for issuing 'C' Form licence in this regard. As per this Act, the Joint/ Additional Commissioner of Revenue Administration and the Government in Home Department are the Appellate and Revisional Authorities respectively for Renewal of Licence in Theatres. Further, in order to protect the welfare of the cinema viewing

public, the rates of admission to the cinema theatres in Tamil Nadu have been fixed as follows:-

- For Cinema Theatre with air-conditioned
- For Multiplex Theatres maximum Rs.150/- and minimum Rs.50/-
- For Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats Theatres maximum Rs.100/- and minimum Rs.40/-
- For Village Panchayats Theatres maximum Rs.75/- and minimum Rs.25/-
- For Cinema Theatre without air-conditioned
- For Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats Theatres maximum Rs.80/- and minimum Rs.30/-
- For Village Panchayats Theatres maximum Rs.50/- and minimum Rs.20/-

The Government is giving permission to conduct one special show to screen the film, to all cinema theatres all over Tamil Nadu based on request. The competent authorities have the power to suspend exhibition of films in case of

any breach of peace. Penalties shall be imposed on the owner or person in charge of the cinema theatres, in case of contravention of the provisions of the said Act or of the Rules. To reflect the evolving skill set required for operating modern digital cinema, the nomenclature of 'Cinema Operator' has been changed to 'Digital Projection Technician' in the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957.

During 2023, the Government issued orders for changing the validity period of renewal of Form "C" Licence, for Cinema Theatre buildings by amending the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957, and its details are as follows:-

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>TYPE OF STRUCTURE</b>	<b>AGE OF BUILDING</b>	<b>STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS CERTIFICATE (SSC) RENEWAL PERIOD</b>
1.	Framed Structures	0 to 35 years	Valid for 3 years
		Above 35 years	Valid for 2 years
2.	Load Bearing Structures	0 to 20 years	Valid for 3 years
		Above 20 years	Valid for 2 years

The Government vide G.O. (Ms) No.714, Home (Cinema) Department, Dated 24.12.2024 issued orders enhancing the maintenance charges, for non-air conditioned theatre from Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- and air conditioned theatre from Rs.4/- to Rs.6/- by amending the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957.

### **CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK SYSTEM**

The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (Central Act 7), regulates the Cable Television Network all over India. As per amended Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 2011 (No.21/2011), District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Magistrates and all Police Commissioners have been designated as Authorised Officers, in order to take action against offending Cable Television Operators for contravening sections 3, 4A, 5, 6, 8 & 9 (or) 10 of the said Act. In the State, the Commissioners of Police in concerned Cities and the Collectors of the Districts concerned in respect of other areas and the Sub-Divisional Officers in their respective local limits of Police jurisdiction are the authorised officers to take action against the violation of the said Act. Strict action is taken against the law-breakers who contravene the above Act.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>No. of OFFENCES COMMITTED BY THE CABLE TV OPERATORS BY VIOLATING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>
2021	08
2022	05
2023	02
2024	20
2025 (28.02.2025)	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

### **COPYRIGHT ACT**

The Central Act viz., the Copyright Act, 1957, states that Artist is the first owner of the artistic work. This Act makes it mandatory for broadcasters – both radio and television – to pay royalty to the owners of the copyright each time a work of art is broadcasted. Whereas, this Act exempts students from the copyright laws using such material for research and education purpose. The Copyright Act, 1957, empowers the Police Officers to curb the offences relating to violation of copy right, infringement pertaining to Cinematographic films, musical works etc.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT ENFORCEMENT CELL (IPREC)**

In order to control the menace of Video Piracy and to check violations relating to the Copyright Act, a separate cell namely Video Piracy Cell was constituted and it was headed by 1-Superintendent of Police with a supporting staff of 1-Deputy Superintendent of Police, 6-Inspectors, 2-Sub-Inspectors and 16-other ranks. Initially, 6 units were formed at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Trichy and Tirunelveli.

In view of the increased work load of collecting intelligence and successful prosecution, 6 more units were formed and each unit is headed by one Inspector of Police and the existing strength of units were augmented. The newly created six units are functioning at Chennai-II, Vellore, St. Thomas Mount, Cuddalore, Virudhunagar and Dindigul. During the October, 2017, the Government of Tamil Nadu has ordered to rename the Video Piracy Cell Unit as Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell to deal with the offences relating to Intellectual Property Right. Presently, 12 Units are functioning

all over the State with the sanctioned strength of 1-Superintendent of Police, 1-Deputy Superintendent of Police, 12-Inspectors, 14-Sub-Inspectors and 79-Other Ranks, totalling to 107 Personnel.

**SANCTIONED STRENGTH PARTICULARS OF  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT ENFORCEMENT  
CELL**

<b>UNIT</b>	<b>Superintendent of Police</b>	<b>Deputy Superintendent of Police</b>	<b>Inspectors</b>	<b>Sub-Inspectors</b>	<b>Other Ranks</b>	<b>Total</b>
Head Quarter	1	1	-	-	3	5
Chennai-I	-	-	1	2	8	11
Chennai-II	-	-	1	2	8	11
Mount	-	-	1	1	6	8
Salem	-	-	1	1	6	8
Vellore	-	-	1	1	6	8
Coimbatore	-	-	1	1	6	8
Cuddalore	-	-	1	1	6	8
Trichy	-	-	1	1	6	8
Madurai	-	-	1	1	6	8
Virudhunagar	-	-	1	1	6	8
Dindigul	-	-	1	1	6	8
Tirunelveli	-	-	1	1	6	8
<b>Total</b>	1	1	12	14	79	107

The details of cases registered by the Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell from the year 2021 to 2025 (up to February) are as follows:-



Year	No. of Cases registered by the Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell	No. of accused	Under Trail	Conviction	Acquittal and Other Disposal	Under Investigation	Value of properties seized by the Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell (Rs.)
2021	151	129	21	89	32	9	63,37,806
2022	87	88	13	63	4	7	73,75,104
2023	111	118	17	58	13	23	75,23,369
2024	119	125	37	08	04	70	1,62,28,104
2025 (28.02.25)	36	37	-	-	03	33	72,08,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>4,46,72,669</b>

## **CONCLUSION**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the inaugural ceremony of the 1,000 Mudhalvar Marundhagam scheme launched by the Government of Tamil Nadu on 24.02.2024, stated that:

*"Despite the challenges posed by the Union Government, we remain undeterred. Keeping the interests of Tamil Nadu at the forefront and placing our trust in its people, we continue to implement the welfare schemes of the Dravidian Model Government. We do so with the firm belief that serving the people is our foremost duty. In our pursuit of public welfare, we do not let financial constraints hold us back".*

Guided by the stirring words of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to serve the people of Tamil Nadu, the Tamil society, and the Tamil language, we continue to work tirelessly through various divisions of the Information and Public Relations Department such as the Press Release Section, Photo Section, Reference Section, Social Media Section, Field Publicity Section, Memorial Section, Exhibition Section,

Journalists Welfare Board, Cine Workers Welfare Board, State Information Centre, Tamilarasu Monthly Magazine, and District Information and Public Relations Offices, so that the people of Tamil Nadu will be benefited through the various schemes of the Dravidian Model Government.

This department, as per the lines of the revolutionary poet Bharathidasan, "You shall serve Tamil passionately in every field and in every sphere" and inspired by the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Dravidian Star will continue to serve the Tamil Community with vigour by fostering cordial and harmonious relationship and remain committed for ensuring the victorious march of the Government .

**M.P. Saminathan,**  
Minister for Tamil Development  
and Information

**ANNEXURE – I**  
**Budget Estimates 2024-2025** (Rupees in Thousands)

	<b>2023-2024 Accounts</b>	<b>2024-2025 Budget Estimate</b>	<b>2024-2025 Revised Estimate</b>	<b>2024-2025 Budget Estimate</b>
<b>2059 PUBLIC WORKS</b>	3,38,29	2,43,50	2,73,10	2,43,50
<b>2205 ART AND CULTURE</b>	11,97	11,83	13,02	13,50
<b>2220 INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY</b>	151,87,37	142,93,10	234,53,01	218,59,85
<b>2230 LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT</b>	58,69	45,00	41,42	45,00
<b>2235 SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE</b>	2,89,56	4,93,93	5,21,67	5,65,21
<b>2250 OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES</b>	16,82	15,39	18,62	19,80
<b>4202 CAPITAL OUTLAY ON EDUCATION, SPORTS, ART AND CULTURE</b>	....	1	1	1
<b>4202 CAPITAL OUTLAY ON INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY</b>	5,55	1	51	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159,08,25</b>	<b>151,02,77</b>	<b>243,21,36</b>	<b>227,46,88</b>



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K. Stalin** unveiled the statue of Sir. John Hubert Marshall, former Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during British rule, who first revealed the Indus Valley Civilization and advanced the hypothesis of a Dravidian Civilization (Egmore Museum premises, Chennai - 19.03.2025)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M. K. Stalin** presented the Kalaighnar Ezhuthukol Award for the year 2023 to Thiru. Nakkheeran Gopal and as a special honour in celebration of feminism on the birth centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaighnar to Tmt. Sugita Sarangaraj (Secretariat, Chennai - 06.03.2025)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M. K. Stalin** inaugurated an arangam with a statue of former Minister Thiru. A. Govindaswamy (Vazhudhareddy village, Viluppuram - 28.01.2025)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru **M.K. Stalin** unveiled the Manimandapam established in honour of 21 social justice activists, on behalf of the Tamil Development and Information Department (Vazhudhareddy Village, Viluppuram - 28.01.2025)





The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K.Stalin** paid floral tributes to the portrait of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar, placed beneath his statue, on the occasion of Thiruvalluvar Thirunal (Marina Beach, Chennai - 15.01.2025)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K.Stalin** presented the Muthamizharignar Kalaigñar Award to Thiru.Muthu Vavasi, on the occasion of Thiruvalluvar Thirunal (Secretariat, Chennai - 15.01.2025)



The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information  
Thiru. **M. P. Saminathan** presented certificates and medals to the winners of the cultural  
competitions held under the “Pongal – Uzhavum Marabum” programme,  
organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations.  
(Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai - 10.02.2025)



The Valluvar Kottam established through the visionary efforts of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, is being modernised.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru **M.K. Stalin** released the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue Silver Jubilee Special Souvenir 2025, prepared by the Department of Information and Public Relations, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Statue (Kanniyakumari - 31.12.2024)



The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information  
Thiru. **M. P. Saminathan** inaugurated the “Tamil Nadu Day” function of  
the India International Trade Fair 2024 and watched the cultural performances  
(New Delhi – 21.11.2024)





The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru **M.K. Stalin** presented the Kalaignar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award for the year 2023 to playback singer Tmt. P. Susheela, in recognition of her lifetime contributions to the Tamil film industry.

(Secretariat, Chennai - 04.10.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru **M.K. Stalin** unveiled the statues of Venni Kaladi, commander of Poolithevan, in Tenkasi district, freedom fighter Veerathai Kuyili in Sivagangai district, and the statue and arangam of Thali Palayakkarar Malaiyandi Vengidupathi Ethalappa Naicker in Tiruppur district, through video conferencing  
(Secretariat, Chennai - 09.10.2024)





The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information  
Thiru. **M.P.Saminathan** presented medical assistance to six journalists  
under the Journalists' Welfare Assistance Scheme  
(Secretariat, Chennai - 23.09.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar during the inauguration of the renovated memorial of Perarignar Anna and the newly constructed memorial of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar (Marina Beach, Chennai – 26.02.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K.Stalin** released the special issues titled 'Kalaigñar Centenary Valedictory Souvenir' prepared by the Department of Information and Public Relations on the occasion of the centenary of the Muthamizharignar Kalaigñar (Muthamizharignar Kalaigñar Memorial, Chennai - 03.06.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of Dravida Peroli Ayothi Dasa Pandithar at the Gandhi Mandapam premises. (Guindy, Chennai – 01.12.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K. Stalin** unveiled the statue of former Prime Minister of India and guardian of Social Justice V.P. Singh, in the presence of special guests — former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Thiru.Akhilesh Yadav, V.P. Singh's wife, Tmt.Sita Kumari, his son, Thiru.Ajaya Singh, and other family members (Presidency College premises, Chennai - 27.11.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru M.K. Stalin** unveiled the statue of freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal at Gandhi Park in Cuddalore through video conferencing (Secretariat, Chennai - 02.11.2023)





The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru **M.K. Stalin** unveiled the statues of V.O. Chidambaranar at V.O.C Park in Coimbatore, Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar at Mayiladuthurai, and Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Ammaiyar at Pudukkottai, through video conferencing. (Secretariat, Chennai – 10.05.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. **M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of playback singer “Padma Shri” T.M. Soundararajan, on the occasion of his centenary celebrations. (Munichalai Junction, Madurai - 16.08.2023)





The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. **Udhayanidhi Stalin** inaugurated for public view the facility to access 360 degree photos of memorials and statues of leaders through QR code.  
(Kamarajar Salai, Chennai – 02.05.2023)

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We are working with the people and  
toiling for the people.

That is why we continue to win.

I say this with confidence in you, the people,  
that we will make Tamil Nadu proud.

We will elevate Tamil Nadu as the  
pioneering state in all sectors.

– Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu  
Thiru. **M.K. Stalin**

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