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Under the dynamic leadership of
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Puratchi Thalaivi **AMMA**



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INTRODUCTION

Under the dynamic leadership of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma**, Tamil Nadu is blessed with peace, progress and prosperity. Tamil Nadu, deep-rooted in cultural traditions and history, has pioneered number of schemes in several spheres, especially, in education, health, information technology, industry, rural development, urban development, transport, etc.

There has been a paradigm shift in the ideology, governance and infrastructure during the last four years of the Government. Tamil Nadu has seen a lot of push in e-governance to introduce process transparency.

Tamil Nadu is India's second largest economy with Gross State Domestic Product (of US \$ 80.1 billion), Per capita income (of US \$ 1,872). It is the second largest contributor to India's GDP, at 8.4%.

The long term strategic plan for 'Infrastructure Development - Vision 2023' launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has given a momentum to all vital sectors.

This volume, "Tamil Nadu in the Forefront" presents comprehensive information on vital areas of development in Tamil Nadu under the dynamic leadership of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma**.

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OVERALL

BIG STATE | Tamil Nadu

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8% growth in Gross State Domestic Product in 2013-14, far above the growth rate of 3 per cent in 2012-13.

10% increase in the number of registered doctors between 2010-11 and 2011-12, as against a marginal decline nationally.

1:19 teacher-student ratio in the state in 2011-12, down from 27 students per teacher in 2010-11.



CHENNAI METRO RAIL DURING A TRIAL RUN

Photograph by JAISON G

THE COMEBACK STATE: REINVENTION OF TAMIL NADU

Gainers and Losers

Tamil Nadu makes it to the top slot with an impressive growth story

STATE	RANK				INDEX VALUE		CHANGE
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2013	2014	
▲ Tamil Nadu	1	1	1	1	4.74	5.78	1.04
▲ Punjab	2	2	2	2	4.55	5.53	0.98
▼ Kerala	3	3	3	3	4.61	5.40	0.79
▲ Uttarakhand	4	4	4	4	3.61	4.29	0.68
▼ Andhra Pradesh	5	5	5	5	3.47	4.02	0.55
▼ Gujarat	6	6	6	6	4.23	4.75	0.52
▲ Madhya Pradesh	7	7	7	7	2.28	2.73	0.45
▼ Haryana	8	8	8	8	4.39	4.84	0.45
▲ Karnataka	9	9	9	9	3.83	4.27	0.44
▲ Jharkhand	10	10	10	10	1.77	2.14	0.37
▼ Rajasthan	11	11	11	11	2.32	2.69	0.37
▲ Jammu & Kashmir	12	12	12	12	3.37	3.69	0.32
▲ West Bengal	13	13	13	13	2.30	2.60	0.29
▼ Maharashtra	14	14	14	14	4.23	4.52	0.29
▼ Himachal Pradesh	15	15	15	15	4.96	5.25	0.29
▲ Odisha	16	16	16	16	2.12	2.41	0.29
▼ Chhattisgarh	17	17	17	17	2.29	2.57	0.28
▼ Uttar Pradesh	18	18	18	18	1.76	1.98	0.22
▼ Assam	19	19	19	19	1.91	2.10	0.19
▼ Bihar	20	20	20	20	1.35	1.51	0.16

The remarkable growth in Tamil Nadu's gross state domestic product (GSDP) from 2012-13 to 2013-14 from 3 per cent to an impressive 8 per cent is just a statistical throw-up of its success story. A big catalyst has been its agriculture that had bounced back from a negative growth rate of -13 per cent in 2012-13 to 8 per cent in 2013-14.

Although the state expects a fiscal deficit of Rs 25,714 crore, which is 2.73 per cent of its GSDP in 2014-15, the deficit GSDP is likely to be 2.70 per cent in 2015-16 and will be scaled down to 2.67 per cent the next fiscal.

With an estimated 2,500 MW power shortfall, wooing investments to the state has been a big problem. But the government has promised 2,430 MW power in addition to the 560 MW it hopes to tap from the Kudankulam nuclear plant. However, it has been a front-runner in medical education and healthcare access with 45 medical colleges and 80,000 doctors registered with the Tamil Nadu Medical Council. As far as education is concerned, the state had allocated 1.5 per cent of its GSDP for higher education, compared to the national allocation of 1 per cent. This is the highest among all states.

By R. Ramasubramanian

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growth recorded by the state in agriculture during 2013-14, to go with the impressive 13 per cent growth recorded during the previous year.

8.9%

32%



growth in the state's foodgrain production in 2012-13, which is three times the growth in other large states except Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

REAPING THE HARVEST OF SMART POLICIES

As in the previous year, scant rainfall troubled Tamil Nadu in 2013-2014 as well. However, the government's efforts—part of its goal to start a second Green Revolution—ensured the state produced a healthy 110.65 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrain.

The state has launched a slew of measures to increase foodgrain production—weather-proofing cultivated areas for different monsoon scenarios, crop diversification, enrichment of soil fertility, management of water resources, promotion of precision farming, micro irrigation, introduction of crop-specific technologies and farm-based interventions. The state has rolled out a three-year plan to make available new seed varieties that promise short-duration maturing, abiotic and biotic stress tol-

erance, less nutrient uptake and market preference.

In 2013-14, Tamil Nadu brought 100 acres of fallow land into cultivation at a cost of Rs 5.6 lakh. The state is water-scarce, with a cultivated area of 4.95 million hectares, and suffered one of its worst droughts in 2012-2013. To offset this, the state drafted an ingenious strategy. "Farm ponds were identified as cost-effective structures with the ability to support poor farmers during lean rainfall periods. The government bore the expenses to build them. Some 23,772 have been built so far and more than 40,000 farmers have benefited," says a senior agriculture department official. "It is like rainwater harvesting. The water stored in ponds is used in a crisis to save the crops."

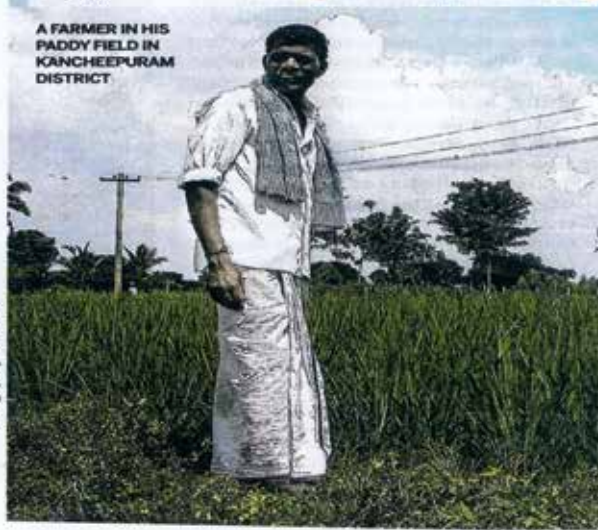
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Gainers and losers

Tamil Nadu has jumped by leaps and bounds while Bihar has regressed

STATE	RANK			
	2014	2013	2012	2011
Tamil Nadu	1	2	3	4
Punjab	2	3	4	5
Haryana	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	4	5	6	7
Kerala	5	6	7	8
Uttarakhand	6	7	8	9
Gujarat	7	8	9	10
Karnataka	8	9	10	11
Madhya Pradesh	9	10	11	12
Rajasthan	10	11	12	13
Maharashtra	11	12	13	14
West Bengal	12	13	14	15
Jharkhand	13	14	15	16
Himachal Pradesh	14	15	16	17
Jammu & Kashmir	15	16	17	18
Uttar Pradesh	16	17	18	19
Assam	17	18	19	20
Odisha	18	19	20	21
Chhattisgarh	19	20	21	22
Bihar	20	21	22	23

A FARMER IN HIS PADDY FIELD IN KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT



Photograph by JASON G



Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare

The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken several initiatives for improving the socio-economic condition of Adi Dravidar and Tribal people thereby bringing them on par with the general population of Tamil Nadu.

Education is the effective instrument to bring about this change. The Government of Tamil Nadu has formulated several welfare measures in this direction. These include Girl child Incentive Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarships, Pre-Matric Scholarships and Free Education till Under Graduate level for boys

and up to Post Graduate level for girls. As a result of these, the literacy level of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has increased considerably in the past decade. In addition to the Educational Institutions run by the Education Department, the Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare has several schools in its administrative control. It runs 1,125 Adi Dravidar Welfare schools and 305 Government Tribal Residential Schools with special focus on the children of the deprived classes.

Children coming from these deprived classes face pressure from society. The Government of Tamil Nadu is sensitive to this reality and has provided hostel facilities to the children from the Scheduled communities. The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department runs several hostels for them to stay in a conducive environment and study.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is implementing several landmark schemes for the welfare of Adi Dravidars and Tribals.

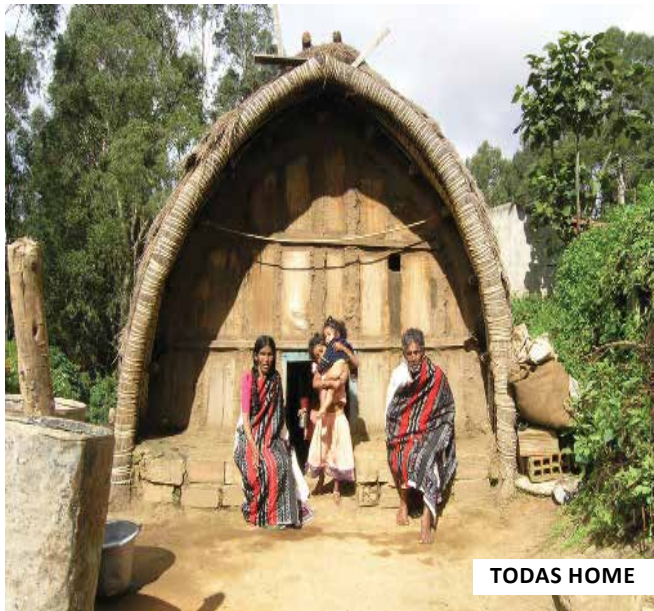




Post - Matric Scholarship

Post - Matric Scholarship scheme is awarded to students belonging to Adi Dravidar, Tribal and “Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity” if they continue their studies beyond Xth standard. Eligibility criteria for this scholarship is, income of the parents or guardians of such students who belong to Adi Dravidar / Tribal and Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity must not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh and Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum respectively. Under this scheme, students are provided with a maintenance allowance and the State Government reimburses all compulsory non-refundable fees payable by them.

From the year 2011-12 onwards, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has announced that all SC and ST students studying in self-financing educational institutions in Tamil Nadu, including those admitted under payment seats category, would have their compulsory fees, including tuition fees, paid by Government. Every year approximately 4.50 lakh students benefit from this generous measure.



TODAS HOME



TODA TRIBES

Girl Child Incentive Scheme

The Hon’ble Chief Minister introduced an incentive scheme for girls as early as 1994-95 to encourage girls studying in standards III to V in Adi Dravidar Welfare schools to ensure 100 per cent enrolment at the elementary level. A sum of Rs. 500/- per annum is given to each SC/ST girl child. Similarly, a sum of Rs. 1,000/- per annum is given to each SC/ST girl child studying in VI standard to reduce the dropout rates. Until 2010-11, this scheme was implemented only in 16 districts. In 2011-2012, the Hon’ble Chief Minister extended this scheme to all girl children studying in all Government / Government-aided schools in all districts.

From the year 2013-14, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has extended this scheme to VII and VIII standard girl children. A sum of Rs. 1,500/- per annum is given to them.

Construction of Hostel Buildings

In order to provide a conducive environment well-suited for learning, it has been announced by the Hon’ble Chief Minister that the hostels for SC and



ST students functioning in rented buildings will be accommodated in own buildings in due course. Orders have been issued for the construction of 42 hostels in 2011-12, 44 in 2012-13 and 27 in 2013-14. The remaining 27 hostels will be taken up for construction in 2015-16. By 2015 – 2016, this announcement by the Hon'ble Chief Minister will be a reality and all hostels will be functioning in their own buildings.

Overseas Scholarship for higher studies

SC and ST students who aspire to pursue higher studies abroad in Engineering, Technology and other science disciplines are provided overseas scholarship. To avail this scholarship, the income limit for parents/guardians is Rs. 3 lakh per annum.

Financial assistance to Ph.D. students

SC/ST students who pursue full time Ph.D. in recognized Universities are sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.50,000/- per year. To be eligible for this the income limit for parents / guardians must be under Rs. 2 lakh per annum. For the year 2014-15, a sum of Rs. 350 lakh has been allocated for this scheme.

Construction of Toilet Blocks in Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools

Recognizing the importance of sanitation and cleanliness, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of 779 toilet blocks in Adi Dravidar Welfare schools at a total cost of Rs 38.95 crore.

Economic Development schemes for Adi Dravidar entrepreneurs

For the economic development of Adi Dravidars, the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) is implementing a number of schemes by arranging loan with subsidy through Banks. Some of them are as follows:

1. Self-Employment Programme for Youth
2. Revolving fund to Self Help Groups
3. Economic Assistance to Self Help Groups
4. Financial Assistance to candidates who have passed Civil Services & TNPSC Group-I Preliminary Examination
5. Financial Assistance to CA, ICWA and Law Graduates to set up their profession.



TODA TRIBES

For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that the quantum of subsidy for self-employment has been increased from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 2.25 lakh.

Tmt K Kanagamani, who belongs to the SC community from Nilgiris district, is an example to be cited. Under the Self Employment Programme for Youth, she received assistance for the purchase of a Mahindra XYLO under TAHDCO's Self Employment Programme for Youth.

While the project cost is Rs. 8,00,000/- the subsidy element is Rs. 2,25,000/- and the rest is a loan provided by a bank. Tmt Kanagamani and her husband Kumar belong to the SC community from the Nilgiris district.

Tribal Welfare Scheme

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned order for Rs. 50 crore every year for the Comprehensive

Tribal Development Programme (CTDP). The aim is to create infrastructure facilities in Scheduled Tribe habitations and implement income generating programmes for the development of Scheduled Tribes. During 2012-13, Rs. 10 crore was sanctioned to TAHDCO for income generating activities. The quantum of subsidy is 50 per cent of the project cost subject to maximum of Rs. 3.75 lakh.

During a video conference arranged by TAHDCO, the Hon'ble Chief Minister approved providing of financial assistance to Thiru. Pilthey Kuttan, son of Palani Kuttan, a Tribal.

Under Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme, he received assistance for the purchase of Suzuki Swift Desire. Out of the total cost of Rs. 7,09,033/-, a subsidy of Rs. 3,54,516/- was provided and the balance amount was availed as a bank loan.



Agriculture

Second Green Revolution

“Doubling Production and tripling the farmer’s Income” are the visionary phrases of our Hon’ble Chief Minister to usher in the Second Green Revolution in Tamil Nadu to uplift the livelihood of farmers of the State.

Food grain Mission

“Food grain Mission will be implemented for Paddy, Millets and Pulses Crops through an Express plan approach to reach the goal of Food grain surplus”. This announcement was made by the Hon’ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 6.5.2013, bringing in a paradigm shift from Food security to Food surplus. The Food grain Mission consists of

- 1) Paddy Mission
- 2) Millet Mission
- 3) Pulses Mission

implemented under the Chairmanship of District Collectors at an outlay of Rs.114.20 crore during 2012-13 and Rs. 112.30 crore during 2013-14. This approach integrates frontier technologies to bridge the yield gaps at Village, Block and District levels to achieve a quantum jump in food grain production. After the introduction of food grain mission, food grain production was pegged at 110.03 Lakh Metric Ton (L.M.T.) during 2013-14 and food grain production of Tamil Nadu reached record production of 101.52 L.M.T. in the year 2011-12. For this highest food grain production, the State has received Krishikarman award from Government of India.

Crop Based Technology Initiatives

System of Rice Intensification (SRI) as a Whole village concept

SRI technology is advocated in all districts to increase rice production. Water Use Efficiency and better pest management reduce the cost of production and increase farmer’s income. The whole village concept of raising SRI-paddy, introduced by meticulously following 12 critical steps, showcases the efficacy of SRI Technology. Around 8800 SRI villages have been organised in the last 4 years to demonstrate the impact



Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu awarding Rs. 5 lakh cash award to Thiru N. Parameswaran, Erode District farmer for attaining highest productivity (15275 kg/ Ha) in paddy by adopting SRI Technology, during Republic Day.

of SRI. This resulted in 50% of total area under SRI. The State also encourages Farmers to adopt SRI technology by extending cash award of Rs.5 Lakhs.





Whole Village on SRI			
Year	SRI Area (L.Ha)	Whole Villages (Nos)	SRI Paddy Impact Area Coverage (Ha)
2011-12	10.011	1880	1,74,605
2012-13	6.853	2000	1,96,066
2013-14	7.992	2000	1,96,809
2014-15	9.482	3000	2,60,786

Whole Village on SPI					
Year	No. of villages covered		Area covered (Ha)		Number of beneficiaries
	Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved	
2011-12	1695	1695	1,00,000	94,957	95,000
2012-13	1695	1695	1,00,000	95,691	1,37,710
2013-14	1695	1712	1,00,000	1,09,362	1,09,500
2014-15	2000	2038	1,25,000	1,18,476	1,41,165

The rice productivity of 3918 kg/ha, 2713 kg/ha and 4123 kg/ha was achieved in the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

System of Pulses Intensification (SPI) is implemented in a mission mode approach involving seven important production technology interventions, for increase in area, productivity and production of pulses. Pulse crop is cultivated as a remunerative crop introduced as whole village. The focus is also on increasing rice-fallow pulse production **Paddy Community Nursery raised in Trays** The area under pulses crop has increased from 6.360 L.ha to 8.158 L.ha and the total pulses production has increased from 2.452 L.M.T to 6.14 L.M.T

Transplantation in Redgram

This new technique is popularized among farmers to achieve maximum yield under irrigated condition and to bridge the yield gap by using reduced seed rate of 2.5 kg/ha. Red gram productivity has gone up

from 1,500 to 2,000 kg/ha as against conventional red gram cultivation of 700-859 kg/ha. The Micro Irrigation technology-Drip Irrigation has been introduced in 11,428 acres under transplanted red gram to ensure good yield.



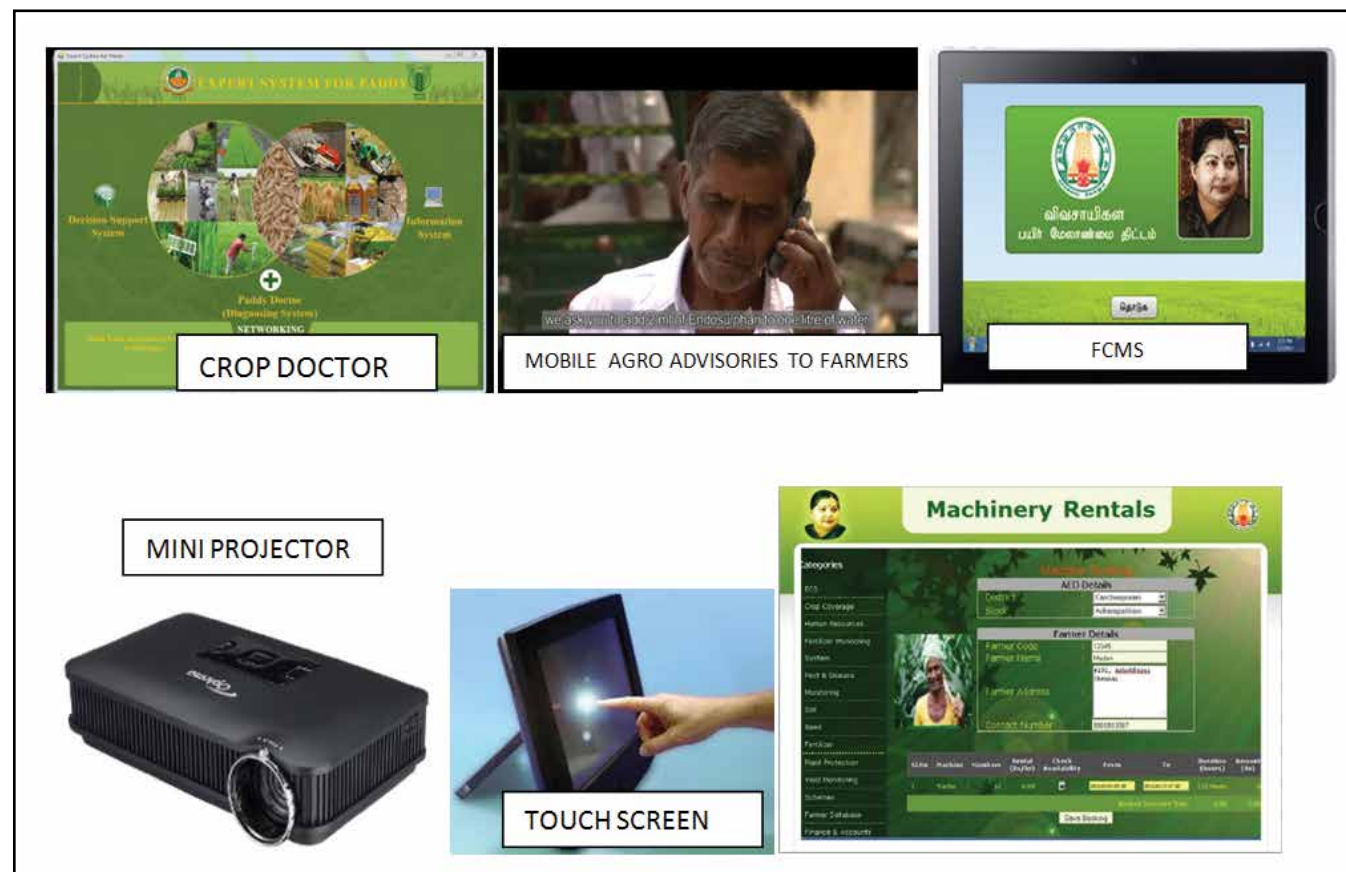
ICT Initiatives in Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, for effective farm level planning, management of inputs and speedy transfer of extension activities on AGRISNET platform, has launched new initiatives. These are Farm Crop Management System (FCMS), Touch Screen Kiosks, software modules - such as farmers database collection through mobile application, agro advisory service, farmers data updation through Interactive Voice Response (IVR), scheme benefit tracking system and online booking of farm machinery hiring system. To implement these, 2319 field functionaries have been provided with Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) enabled

with GPRS, GIS & GPS and 74 Pico Mini projectors have been distributed in all the districts. Touch Screen Kiosks have been established at block and sub block level in 125 places.

Farmers' Integrated Hand Book

The organic matter content of the soil which was 1.26% in 1980s has come down to 0.68%. Hence restoring soil health through need-based application of macro and micro nutrients is need of the hour. To attain this, the State Government have resolved to provide Farmers Integrated Hand Book (FIHB) to all farm holdings. FIHB contains information on soil test



results and need based nutrient recommendation. Soil samples from 67.46 lakh farm holdings have been collected and analyzed for macro and micro nutrients with recommendations for various profitable cropping patterns. The data is being digitalized and linked to AGRISNET Portal for easy retrieval. So far, 45.62 lakh FIHB cards have been distributed.

Uzhavar Peruvizha

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, under Rule 110 has made an announcement on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Assembly "Uzhavar Peruvizha, a village-level Mass contact programme will be conducted from Tamil New Year Day continuously for 30 days in 16,564 revenue villages of Tamil Nadu" to usher Second Green Revolution.

The purpose is to bridge the knowledge gap of the farming community at revenue village level and to sensitize farmers on various innovative agricultural practices so as to increase farm output and farmers income.

'Uzhavar Peruvizha', was conducted on campaign mode, involving Mobile Extension van, Distribution of Inputs, Mini Exhibitions, Farmers and scientists interaction, Method Demonstrations, Cultural programmes, Form-1 Data Collection, Audio and Video display, Demonstration with Touch Screen kiosks, Sumptuous Meals to participating Farmers, besides conduct of Animal Health camps and selection of scheme beneficiaries.



During 2012-13 and 2013-14, the campaign was conducted in 16,313 revenue villages and 16,329 villages respectively. Totally, 80.86 lakh farmers participated in the Uzhavar Peruvizha conducted during 2012-13 and 2013-14 and a total amount of Rs. 79.88 crore was spent.


Judicious use of Water

Understanding the fact that, Irrigation is a powerful tool which ensures food security and to ensure more crop per drop of water, the State Government promotes Micro Irrigation. Considering the importance of Micro irrigation and to encourage farmers, first time in India, the State Government is providing Micro Irrigation System with 100% subsidy for Small Farmer (SF) / Medium Farmer (MF) and 75% for other farmers. So far 1,33,353 Farmers benefited and Rs.725.68 crore subsidy was extended.



Promotion and Popularisation of Traditional Agro – Products

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made an announcement under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, on 2.11.2012 while launching of an awareness Programme on Traditional Agro-Products with an outlay of Rs. 10 crore for popularizing and creating awareness among the public about the value and importance of Tender Coconut, Shikakai, Cotton and other Traditional Agro products such as minor millets.



The objective is to bring back the consumption and use of Traditional Agro products those have Nutritional and Medicinal values and are environment friendly. This scheme also envisages increased revenue for farmers who produce traditional agro products.

Block level Rallies and Block, District and State level Seminars were conducted. Hoardings were erected in all the 385 blocks and prominent places of all the Corporations. Diaries and Calendars highlighting the value and benefits of traditional agro products were distributed to stake holders at Block level.

All India Radio broadcasted jingles on the subject. Documentary films on Tender Coconut, Shikakai, Cotton and Minor millets were also produced. Advertisement was made through Doordarshan (DD).

Awards And Prizes - Krishi Karman Award

The total food grain production achieved during 2011-12 was 101.52 LMT, an all time high in the last 10 years. The State Government was awarded with KRISHI KARMAN AWARD by GOI with citation, Trophy and cash award of Rs. 2 crore. Besides, 2 progressive farmers of the State who got highest productivity were awarded the KRISHI KARMAN AWARD along with Prashasthi Patra and a cash award of Rs.1 lakh each. During 2013-14, the State has been again awarded with KRISHI KARMAN AWARD for Pulses Production of 6.14 L.M.T.



Initiatives to ensure Quality input supply

For assured and timely supply of quality inputs to the farmers under the various Agricultural and Horticultural schemes, a Special Purpose Vehicle - SPV with a revolving fund of Rs.50 Crores has been created in Horticulture Department. For increasing the production of quality Certified Seeds through a comprehensive Seed action plan "Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency(TANSEDA)" was established.

Boosting Vegetable production through Pandal cultivation

Tamil Nadu contributes 6 % to our country's total vegetable production. Keeping in view the demand for pandal vegetables and additional burden on the farmer in erection cost of permanent pandal structure, a special scheme was introduced for encouraging pandal vegetable cultivation. 50% subsidy assistance to the tune of Rs. 2 lakh per hectare is provided for the erection of permanent pandal structure. A total of 1160 Ha has been brought under Gourds cultivation with permanent Pandal structures at a budget outlay of Rs. 20.54 crore.





'Do It Yourself' Kit for Roof Top Vegetable Garden

The Government has initiated an innovative scheme called "Urban Horticulture Development Scheme" in "Do It Yourself" mode for promoting cultivation of vegetables in the roof-tops of residential houses in the metros of Chennai and Coimbatore. The scheme is implemented as a pilot project at a cost of Rs. 4.68 crore to meet the day-to-day requirement



of vegetables in a household and to maintain the nutritional security of the people. A gardening kit containing grow-bags, coco peat media, seeds, bio-fertilizer, rose-can, hand trowel, hand sprayer and bio-pesticide are distributed at subsidised cost. So far, 15,565 "Do It Yourself" kits have been distributed urban people of Chennai and Coimbatore Metros.

Massive Farm Mechanisation

To help the farmers to carry out timely farm operations and to supplement the available farm power, a mission mode approach was taken to intensify the use of machinery / implements in Agricultural Operations through massive farm Mechanization Programmes. Under Agricultural Mechanization 1,68,206 Agricultural Machineries and Implements were distributed at a subsidised cost of Rs.195.64 Crores. The aim is to create a highly professional and motivated group of farmers dedicated to betterment of Agriculture and to reduce labour shortage by providing labour and machinery to ensure timely farm operations. To promote seed to seed farm operation, 109 groups have been formed. 889 numbers of Machinery have been purchased for farmer groups at a cost of Rs. 752.46 lakh. Training



programmes have been conducted at a cost of Rs.28.57 lakh for the farmers groups. To increase human resources in promoting agricultural mechanization, an Agriculture Skill Development Centre is established in Tamil Nadu to offer one year certificate course to 10,000 rural youth over a period of ten years.

Green Energy in Agriculture

Tamil Nadu is endowed with abundant sunshine. Utilizing the Solar Power for agriculture is highly reliable, low on maintenance and easy to install and operate. They are also eco friendly and reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. Hence Government promotes use of Solar Energy in agriculture. Under this programme



424 nos. of 5 Hp AC Solar Powered Pumping Systems (Fixed Type) to identified farmers in Delta districts and 1045 nos. of Solar Powered Pumping system (Tracking Type) linked with appropriate Micro Irrigation system (Drip / Micro / Mini Sprinklers) under NADP have been erected in various places of Tamil Nadu.

Post harvest technology

“Solar revolution in the farming community”

To reduce the time taken for drying agriculture produce like Chillies, Drumstick, Tomato and Banana and to get improved quality produce without impairing colour, so that farmers can get more income from the produce. 21 Solar Dryers were constructed at a cost of Rs.40.56 lakh.





Going green for greater earnings

Farmers are encouraged to set up scientific onion storage system and to minimise storage losses and quality deterioration of onions arising in conventional storage. This fetches them better prices for their produce. In 2013-14, the Scheme was implemented in major onion growing districts for 27 onion storage structures of total capacity 250 MT capacity at a cost of Rs.10 lakh. The storage structure can be used for small and big onion.

Post-Harvest Management

Infrastructure

Post harvest loss of food grains and perishables is substantial. Because of this, post-harvest management activities are considered an integral part of the agricultural production system. Equipping farmers to handle their marketable surplus by creating appropriate infrastructure would increase economic benefits for them. The State Government has constructed 88 Modern storage godowns with the total capacity of 2.40 Lakh MT and 70 cold storage units with the total capacity of 1,750 MT to minimize post-harvest losses as well as to increase the shelf-life of farm produce. Farmers benefit by storing their produce in the godowns during glut season and also by availing pledge loan.

Empowerment through Information

Dissemination of Market price information and intelligence advisories increases the bargaining power of farmers and helps them make informed decisions. The State Government has established an Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre (AMI & BPC), at Tiruchi to disseminate crop advisory and Market information like commodity price, price forecasting and export opportunities. So far, 22.5 lakh farmers and other stakeholders of agriculture sector who registered under Farm Crop management System (FCMS) have been disseminated Text and Voice SMS. Apart from Market Advisory services, Daily Price information on Agricultural and Horticultural commodities of different markets is also disseminated through text SMS.

Market linkage

Commodity Group Formation/Clusterisation of Growers of lead commodities and linking Commodity Groups with Traders through MoU are the need of the hour for realisation of better income by farmers. Agri BusinessCentresplayamajorroleinempoweringfarmers with economic support, promoting infrastructure. Through Market linkage, 3,200 Commodity Groups covering 15 major commodities were formed and 2,457 MoUs made between Farmers and Traders. By utilizing



the infrastructure facilities created under Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water Bodies Restoration and Management (TN-IAMWARM), 28 Agri Business Centres, 109-Storage Sheds, 200-Drying Yards 21-Collection Centers, 8 Goods Auto and 1 Mini-Lorry, about 1.44 lakh Commodity Group Farmers earned an additional income of Rs.7,292 lakh with the Commodity transaction of 3.73 lakh MT.

Value Addition and Food Processing

In order to promote Food Processing in the State has approved 47 projects at a total project cost of Rs.104 crore with the grant-in aid request of Rs.17.44 crore under National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP).

These include Processing of milk products, tea, cashew, moringa leaf and herbal food products, manufacturing of corn flakes, ultra refined papain powder, fruit drinks, bakery products, potato chips and masala powder and Development of Cold Chain Infrastructure for milk and milk products, eggs and culled birds.

Further, to encourage private entrepreneurs in food processing sector by imparting skills and techniques through hands on training and capacity building activities, exclusive Food Processing Incubation Cum Training Centres are being established in Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore Districts.

Holistic development of agriculture and rural sector in Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University's activities cover Education, Research, Extension Education, Agri Business Development, Agricultural Policy support and Open and Distance learning to enable rural youth to develop skills in farming and related activities besides farm business ventures to increase production and farm income.

Inclusive Agricultural Education for technology-based production

To make agricultural education inclusive, particularly for women empowerment, for the first time in India the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Horticultural College and Research Institute exclusively for Women in Srirangam Taluk of Tiruchirappalli district in July, 2011 at a total budget outlay of Rs.40 crore. World class classrooms, laboratories and hostel facilities have been created at a cost of Rs. 14.55 crore. The college and hostel buildings were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 30.06.2014. A total of 171 women students have been admitted during the past four years.



Research and extension for food and nutritional security

Millets, which are gaining importance as health food do not require much water and are suited for semi-dry conditions. They also bolster food security by contributing to the food grain kitty. To strengthen research on millets, a Centre of Excellence for Millets has been established at Athiyandal Village in Tiruvannamalai district in October 2013.

Watershed Greening Project

Convergence is the pivot around which this unique project revolves. All possible Government schemes are converged in these watersheds for wholesome development through continued and effective inter-departmental coordination.

Under this programme, the water and soil conservation structures already created under the Watershed programmes are being put to optimal use to increase the production followed by value addition and provision of marketing facilities. Under this project, agriculture would be made more economically viable to the farmers by integrating them in a cluster mode in a village and fulfilling their needs right from Seeds to Sale of their produce.

These clusters will act as standing models to make agriculture economically viable. This project is in operation in 4 clusters each in Nattarpatti Watershed in Tiruchi district and Thumberi Watershed in Vellore district.

DNA Finger Print Laboratory in Seed Quality Control

Genetically pure seeds play a major role in enhancing crop productivity. The Genetic purity of seeds is analyzed by the Grow Out Test, which normally takes a minimum time of 70 days and extends up to the maximum duration of crop growth.

To shorten the period of analysis to 3 to 4 days and to augment seed supply chain at a faster pace,

the State Government has established a “Hi-tech DNA Finger Print Laboratory” in the Directorate of Seed Certification and Organic Certification, Coimbatore, which is the first of its kind in the state. So far, Single Sequence Repeats (SSR) Primers have been identified and standardized for 13 notified paddy varieties viz., ADT- 36, ADT-37, ADT-38, ADT-39,ADT(R)-45, ADT-43, ASD-16, BPT5204, CO-43, CR-1009, IR-20, IR-50 and IW PONNI. This modern Seed testing facility helps the farming community to obtain seeds of good quality in time.

Coimbatore Seed Testing Laboratory IN16 – The only Public Sector ISTA Accredited Laboratory in India

Seed Testing Labs ensure Quality seed production by various seed standards such as germination, physical purity, moisture, seed health and other distinguishable varieties. The seed industry in India is in need of public sector undertaking seed testing laboratories on par with international standards to support and encourage seed exports.

The State Govt took initiative and the Coimbatore seed testing laboratory of Seed Certification department has got accreditation of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). This is an exclusive and unique achievement which has not been achieved by any other public sector undertaking in the country. The ISTA accreditation paves the way for the Coimbatore STL to issue Orange International Seed Lot Certificates as well as Blue International Seed Sample Certificates to clients exporting seeds from Tamil Nadu as well as from India.





AWARDS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA


KRISH KARMAN AWARD

- During 2011-12, for record production of 101.52 L.M.T. food grain, the State has received KRISHIKARMAN AWARD from Government of India on 15.02.2013. The award carries Rs. 2 crore, a Trophy and a Citation.
- During 2013-14, for record Production of 6.14 lakh Metric Tonnes Pulses the State has received KRISHIKARMAN AWARD from Government of India on 19.02.2015. The award carries Rs. 2 crore, a Trophy and a Citation.

BEST PRACTICES INNOVATIVE AWARD

- The “Best Practices Innovative Award” was awarded to Tamilnadu Watershed Development Agency on 19.02.2015 at New Delhi for implementing the system of “Online Management Information System (MIS)” for effectively monitoring the various developmental works carried out in the watersheds.

NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE GOLD AWARD

- During 2014-15, for Incremental Farm Crop Management System the State has received National e-Governance Gold Award on 30.01.15. The Award carries a citation, a trophy and a prize amount of Rs. 2 lakh.
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Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries

The Tamil Nadu Government gives special emphasis to the Animal Husbandry sector to transform the lives of the rural poor. The State has successfully launched a scheme whereby milch cows, goats and sheep are given to needy families in rural areas, free of cost. In the words of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, "this scheme has supplemented rural incomes, especially of the poor and has promoted an integrated approach to agriculture and animal husbandry."

The Animal Husbandry Department plays a major role in providing Veterinary health services and increasing the production potential of the livestock and poultry in the State, which stands in the forefront in milk and egg



production in India. Several Veterinary Institutions spread across the State provide valuable services to the farming community. With the implementation of cross breeding programmes by the department, livestock farming has become economically viable and remunerative to a large number of rural households.

The country's largest scheme for free distribution of milch animals benefits over 48,000 people provided with milch cow spread across 21 districts. While the scheme cost the State exchequer Rs.168.33 crore, it created wealth for the farmers and society as these cows have given birth to 43,370 calves and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation is procuring about 80,000 litres of milk per day from the beneficiaries valued at over Rs.65 crore per annum.

Similarly, free distribution of goats and sheep has been undertaken in 31 districts and 5,50,000 beneficiaries have been provided with 4 goats / sheep each, totally costing Rs.701.86 crore. These animals have given birth to 29.92 lakh kids / lambs.

High yielding fodder crops

Under State Fodder Development Scheme 44,000 acres of farmers own holdings were brought under green fodder production in irrigated condition at an out lay of Rs.42.56 crore. Under rainfed condition 56,000 acres of lands were brought under fodder sorghum and cow pea with a financial allocation of Rs.13.92 crore. Through this, approximately 49.60 lakh MT of green fodder have been produced in addition to regular production. 4178 No's chaff cutters and 2500 grass cutters were distributed to farmers at 75% and 50% subsidy respectively at a allocation of Rs.7.11 crore. 7397 rain guns were installed in farmers field at 75% subsidy with financial expenditure of Rs.14.30 crore. 10,000 azola units were established across the state at an outlay of Rs.1.60 crore.

Under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP), 31 New Mobile Veterinary Hospitals at a cost of Rs.2.05 crore were set up enabling



Distribution of Free Goats

doorstep veterinary services for the farmers. 6,636 Farmers' Fest Camps (Uzhavar Peruvizha) at a cost of Rs.1.51 crore were conducted and 38,39,550 animals were treated. This massive exercise has benefited 8,91,356 farmers. Veterinary facilities across the state are being continuously upgraded to ensure that farmers have access to world class, state - of - the - art veterinary services even in remote villages. Besides these 185 Fodder Depots were established at a total cost of Rs.18.5 Crore and 28,855 M.T. Dry fodder was distributed to 2,67,169 farmers in a subsidized rate of Rs.2/Kg. There by 11,23,258 no. of animals were benefited.

The success of the poultry business in Namakkal and neighbouring districts is well known. In order to replicate this and to improve income and encourage entrepreneurship a "Scheme for Poultry Development" was launched during 2012-13. A sum of Rs.72.35 crore has been allotted. So far, 1,749 broiler farms and 5,946 Native Chicken Farms have been established.

Under Drought Mitigation Schemes Rs.39.65 crore were allotted of which Rs.18.36 crore was utilized in Animal Husbandry Dept. for cultivating green fodder in 32360 Acres of land belonging for 38,202 beneficiaries, 1.525 lakh Metric Tons of green fodder was produced



and of which 41,825 Metric Tons of a fodder was distributed to Aavin beneficiaries at 50% subsidy.

Veterinary University at the forefront

The Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, popularly abbreviated as TANUVAS is the first veterinary university in Asia, founded in 1989 at Chennai. It was conferred with “Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award” in the year 2011 for its performance in education, research and extension in agricultural sciences including veterinary, animal and fisheries sciences. The university has developed eight improved sheep, pig and avian varieties; 21 vaccines and diagnostic kits for prevalent emerging and re-emerging economically important diseases affecting livestock, poultry and fisheries; 21 post-production technologies and more than 100 livestock, poultry and fish farm management technologies.

To cite a few: TANUVAS Oral Pellet Vaccine helps to eradicate the dreaded Newcastle disease in Desi birds; TANUVAS GRAND supplement increases milk production.

New initiatives

Twenty additional seats were created in Madras Veterinary College. Two new courses viz. Ph.D. in Food Processing technology and MBA in Food and Livestock Business Management were started. TANUVAS started 21 PG Diploma course under Distance Education-online mode to update the knowledge of veterinarians in the latest technologies. To target practicing farmers, school dropouts and unemployed personnel TANUVAS started 15 skill development courses.

To promote self-employment, 10 new courses in various livestock activities were started by TANUVAS. Under distance education certificate courses programme, TANUVAS started 22 courses for farmers and two courses namely, Management of infertility in Bovines, and Recent trends in disease diagnosis and treatment of ruminants for field veterinarians.

For the first time in the country, Stem Cell Research Centre for animals has been established at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai at a cost of Rs.6.48 crore.

TANUVAS established two Veterinary University Disease Diagnostic laboratories at- VC&RI, Orathanadu and VC&RI, Tirunelveli at a cost of Rs.185.06 Lakhs. Two Feed Testing Laboratories at Orathanadu and Kattupakkam was strengthened under Centrally sponsored fodder and feed development scheme at a cost of Rs. 154 lakh.

“To revitalise health of free milch cows provided, TANUVAS SMART mineral mixture will be supplied to 24000 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs. 150 lakh to the poor family in rural areas”. This will enhance the productive and reproductive performance of the cows leading to more profit to the beneficiaries.

Two Veterinary College and Research Centres are established in Orathanadu and Tirunelveli during 2012-2013. College of Poultry Production and Management was established at Hosur.

Started six Veterinary University Training and Research Centre at Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai,

Krishnagiri, Ramanathapuram, Nagapattinam and Perambalur at a total cost of Rs. 5.10 crore.

TANUVAS established “Regional Dairy Entrepreneurs Training Facility” at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu, Thanjavur at a cost of Rs.171.50 lakhs; “Regional Feed Processing and Demonstration Unit” at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu, Thanjavur at a cost of Rs.184.00 Lakhs; “Nanotechnology facility to augment farm animal production and Health” at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 120.00 lakhs and also implements the scheme on “Water conserving Hydroponic Green Forage Production for livestock farming” at University Research Farm, TANUVAS, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 28.85 lakhs under National Agricultural Development Programme.

TANUVAS implements three schemes on “Establishment of Modernised Piggery breeding farm” at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu; “Farmers field school” at Veterinary University Training and Research Centre, Karur and “Establishment of feed testing labs” in two centres at Hosur and Tirunelveli with a total budget outlay of Rs. 128.20 lakh under National Livestock Mission.

TANUVAS has established “Animal Feed Analytical and Quality Assurance Laboratory” at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu with a budget outlay of Rs. 115 lakh.

Establishment of Bargur Cattle Research Station at Bargur, Erode District with a budget outlay of Rs. 6 crore to conserve Bargur breed of cattle from extinction.

Establishment of fodder production units in Meikkal Poroamboke Lands at Vellore and Villupuram districts with a budget outlay of Rs. 110.00 lakh.

Joint Education and Research ventures with National and Overseas Universities

The University signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with Ghent University, Belgium



on 6.6.2012; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on 21.03.2013; Universitat Autònoma De Barcelona, Spain on 08.10.2013; Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California, USA on 02.12.2013; University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK on 11.12.13 and University of Nottingham, UK on 06.01.2014 for various joint research ventures and also to have teacher and student exchange programme. MoU has been signed with Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Chennai on 23.07.2013 to promote and popularize entrepreneurial spirit among the youth of Tamil Nadu.

Dairying towards the Second White Revolution

The Dairy Development Department, through the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers’ Federation Limited, formed on the Anand model, implements dairy development programmes through a network of cooperatives under the brand name ‘Aavin’. The department ensures that remunerative prices are paid to the milk producers and ensures availability of feed and fodder as well as veterinary inputs and health care. It works towards bringing the unorganized dairy sector into the organized sector so that the Second White Revolution envisaged by the Hon’ble Chief Minister



can be achieved. Aavin achieved a record procurement of 30.04 lakh litres of milk on 28.04.2015. Regular payments are critical for dairy farmers to ensure that they have the funds to take care of their animal and feed them a balanced diet.

Keeping this in mind, an advance of Rs.192.14 crore was made to clear the outstanding payment to milk producers. Furthermore, in the interest of milk producers, the procurement price of cow's milk was raised from Rs.23/- to Rs.28/- from 1.11.2014 and that of buffalo's milk from Rs.31/- to Rs.35/- from 1.11.2014. The Government in the last 4 years has increased the purchase price of Cow milk by Rs.10/- per litre and Buffalo milk by Rs.9/- per litre. Over and above these widely appreciated steps, Rs.57.29 crore was paid as bonus, dividend and incentive to 1.09 lakh members of Primary Milk Producers Co-operative Societies that functions profitably.

About 3.48 lakh milk producers benefited due to the additional incentive given by the District Cooperative Milk Producers Unions of Coimbatore, Tiruchi, Vellore,

Erode, Madurai, Salem and Kanniyakumari to the tune of Rs.157.22 crore from out of their profits.

The process of mobilizing dairy farmers to strengthen the cooperative movement has been taken afresh under the guidance provided by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 4177 new milk producers' Co-operative Societies were formed.

Consumers are also benefiting from the expansion and modernization being undertaken. Smart Card system was introduced to eliminate bogus cards by ascertaining genuineness of consumers. Aavin consumers were given the facility of renewing their monthly milk cards through the website www.aavinmilk.com. Supplying Chennai city with a dairy average of 11.50 lakh litres, Aavin has registered a record sale of 11.67 lakh litres on 09.03.2015, under the stewardship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Aavin products are the first choice amongst the people and they enjoy a high degree of trust. In response to growing consumer demand, Aavin has added new flavours to its ice cream and flavoured milk range, apart from delicious products



like Aavin Chocolate, Mango Milkshake, Milk Peda, Srikand, Milk Bread, Milk Cake and Milk shake in seven different tastes. To provide consumers with easy access, 100 new Aavin milk parlours have been started at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore. In an innovative marketing move, three Mobile Aavin milk kiosks have been introduced.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated sale of new "Ooty Tea" in Aavin Milk depots on 4.1.2013.

Thanks to the efficient management and evolving to the changing needs of the consumers, the annual turnover of Aavin has shown a robust growth from Rs.2,369 crore to Rs.3,881 crore. To enable Aavin to continue on its growth path and meet the growing need of the consumer for fresh, high quality milk, Government have given a big boost to investment for infrastructure from Rs.97 crore to Rs.409.94 crore.

Fisheries – spreading the net for optimum catch

Tamil Nadu is showing steady increase in fish production. Fishing activity in the state is a commercial enterprise that contributes significantly to the State and National economy, livelihoods, nutritional security, rural employment and foreign exchange.

The Tamil Nadu Government is committed to protecting the fishing rights of its fishermen, providing infrastructure by constructing fishing harbours, fish landing centres, marketing infrastructure, implementing schemes like conversion/ purchase of mechanized fishing vessels for Tuna fishing, establishing fish processing parks in coastal districts, deploying artificial reefs and providing the fishermen seamless communication facilities. In recognition of the crucial role played by this sector, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given an impetus to fisheries by doubling the size of the Fisheries budget from Rs.193.32 crore in 2010-2011 to Rs.728.68 crore in 2015-16.

The fishing ban period relief assistance has been doubled from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.2,000/- with total of Rs.124.07 crore disbursed to 6,20,425 families.



Distribution of fishing ban period relief assistance

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Under the special relief programme offered during the lean season of fishing, Rs.4,000/- per family was disbursed to 1,59,564 fishermen families in 2011-2012 totalling Rs.63.83 crore. Further Rs.64.40 crore to 1,61,012 families was disbursed in 2012-13 and Rs.65.81 crore for 1,64,530 families during 2013-14. For the year 2014-15, an amount of Rs. 56.57 crore was disbursed to 1,41,434 fisheries families so far. For the year 2015-16 an amount of Rs. 33.50 crore was sanctioned for disbursement of relief amount to 1,67,500 fishermen families. Disbursement is in progress. This demonstrates the Hon'ble Chief Ministers' commitment to the fishing community.

Disbursement of Special allowance for fishing lean season

To encourage deep-sea fishing and to reduce the fishing pressure on coastal area the Government has introduced a scheme under which fishermen can convert their mechanized fishing boats



Distribution of relief assistance to deceased fisherman's family

into Tuna long-liners. Of the Rs. 5 crore allotted for the scheme, 149 fishermen have availed Rs.3.44 crore as subsidy so far. Moreover, sanction accorded to raise the subsidy for purchase of new tuna long-

liners from 25% to 50% subject to a maximum of Rs.30 lakh for building a tuna liner costing Rs.60 lakh. Rs.11.48 crore has been sanctioned towards this subsidy.



To further provide economic security to the fishermen, under the National fishermen Savings cum Relief Scheme for fishermen, Rs.23.67 crore was disbursed to 1,98,021 beneficiaries in 2011-2012, Rs.23.65 crore to 1,98,449 beneficiaries in 2012-2013 and Rs.23.94 crore to 2,00,177 fishermen in 2013-2014 . Government has enhanced the relief contribution from Rs 1,200/- to Rs 1,800/-. A sum of Rs. 34.98 crore was disbursed to 1,94,362 beneficiaries. The amount has been disbursed to beneficiaries in 13 coastal districts.

Under State saving cum Relief scheme for fisherwomen during 2011-12 an amount of Rs.19.04 crore to 1,58,919 fisherwomen, during 2012-13 an amount of Rs. 19.94 crore to 1,66,673 fisherwomen during 2013-14 and an amount of Rs 21.57 crore to 1,79,945 fishermen was disbursed. Further the Government

enhanced the contribution amount from Rs 1,200/- to Rs.1800/- for fisherwomen also from 2014-15 onwards and an amount of Rs. 31.80 crore was disbursed to 1,76,721 fisherwomen.

For motorization of traditional crafts, Rs. 6.46 crore was released to 2,450 beneficiaries in 2011-2012. In 2012-2013, Rs. 4.00 crore was disbursed to 1,398 beneficiaries. Further for the year 2014-15 Rs. 1.90 crore has been sanctioned for 633 beneficiaries.

As a part of restoration of existing water bodies, the Chetpet lake in Chennai is being redeveloped into 'Sports Fishing cum Eco Park' at a cost of Rs 42.00 crore. Hon'ble Chief Minister laid Foundation stone for the project on 27.06.2014 and work is in progress.

For augmenting the productivity of marine eco-system, artificial reefs are being installed in 17 places at a cost of Rs. 2.63 crore.



Upgradation of Chennai Fishing Harbour

Under the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme, modernization of Chennai Fishing harbour has been taken up at a cost of Rs.17.63 crore.

Upgradation of Chennai fishing harbour

For the expansion of Colachel, Thengaipattinam and Chinnamuttam fishing harbours in Kanniyakumari district, Rs.258.67 crore has been allotted and work is in progress.

Stone laid for Poompuhar fishing harbour

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation for a fishing harbour at Poompuhar, Nagapattinam district with assistance from Central and State Governments Rs. 148.00 crore has been sanctioned. Rs.10.34 crore has been sanctioned under NFDB assistance for improvement of Cuddalore fishing harbour and work has been completed.

Solar Guide Lights for fishermen

Solar Hybrid Guide lights have been installed at 10 places at a cost of Rs. 1.03 crore to help traditional fishermen.

Along with the modernization of fishing harbours at Nagapattinam and Pazhayaar and Fish Landing centres at Nagore and Annankovil under the Emergency Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme at a revised estimated cost of Rs. 132.35 crore, works of stabilization of barmouths (of rivers) have also been taken up. Under the National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP), 10 fish seed production centres have been set up at a cost of Rs.50 lakh (with a subsidy content of 50%) for the benefit of inland fishermen. The Tamil Nadu Government took a decision to lease out fishing rights in 53 reservoirs under the control of the Fisheries department. So far, in 37 reservoirs fishing rights have been leased out for Rs.12.10 crore. Work on setting up an Integrated Model Farm for Coastal Aquaculture at a cost of Rs.1.35 crore at Parangipettai has been completed and



1,300 marine fishermen have been provided capacity-building training through exposure visit to other States at a cost of Rs. 85.85 lakh.

Rs.4.43 crore was allotted under NADP in 2013-14 for programmes like fish rearing in multi-purpose farm ponds, improving production of fish and shrimps through improved culture technology and improving fishing efficiency etc. Out of which 3674 multi purpose farm ponds has been stocked with 20.37 lakh fish seeds and 384.50 tonnes of fish harvested. Infrastructure facilities in Thoothukudi harbour are being improved at a cost of Rs. 12.05 crore, with financial assistance from NFDB.

Fish Farmers Development Agency released Rs. 66.66 lakh for development of fisheries in 2012- 2013. Rs. 3.33 crore was sanctioned through Brackish Water Fish Farmers' Development Agency in 2011-2012 to provide subsidy to shrimp growers and

Rs. 73 lakh was released to beneficiaries. 90 Brackish water fish farmers in Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Ramanathapuram districts have benefited from this largesse.

In another innovative marketing initiative, twenty-one mobile fish retail outlets have been deployed. Set up at a cost of Rs.1.83 crore with the assistance of NADP and NFDB, these mobile fish retail outlets make the produce easily available to the consumers in addition, during the year 2014-2015, five more mobile fish retail outlets at cost of Rs. 50 lakh has been deployed. Through NADP hygienic fish-handling equipment has been installed at a cost of Rs. 7.70 lakh in the modern fish stalls.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation (TNFDC) established a fish handling centre at Santhome, Chennai, at cost of Rs. 93 lakh. Due to resounding success of TNFDC, a maiden dividend of Rs. 44.55 lakh was handed over to Tamil Nadu Government by TNFDC.

Fisheries University at Nagapattinam

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University is the State funded university professional fisheries university announced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 19.06.2012.

First convocation of Tamil Nadu Fisheries University was held on 19.02.2015 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University is also started B.F.Sc degree programme from 2014 at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University is introducing B.E. in Fisheries Engineering at College of Fisheries Engineering, Nagapattinam from the academic year of 2015.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Govt. of India, New Delhi has sanctioned an



Systems & SMPs” at the TNFU Madavaram Campus, Chennai under the Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives (TANII) of State Planning Commission at a cost of Rs. 10.30 crore.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University is establishing Tilapia Research Centre under National Agricultural Development Programme at the cost of 121.04 lakh at Barur, Krishnagiri district

A high level delegation led by the Vice-President, Prof. Zhu Jianzhen from the Guangdong Ocean University (GDOU), China visited the TNFU campus,

amount of Rs. 3.056 crore towards the establishment of Niche Area of Excellence programme in ‘Fish Safety and Quality Assurance’ at the Department of Fish Quality Assurance and Management, Fish Quality Monitoring and Certification Centre, Fisheries College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Thoothukudi.

TNFU is establishing an “Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park with innovative inland aquaculture



Thoothukudi from 15.10.2014 to 16.10.2014 and held discussion with the Vice-Chancellor and other Officers of TNFU to have academic and research cooperation between GDOU, China and TNFU, India.

Tamil Nadu Fisheries University is establishing a Centre for Marine Finfish Culture under National Agricultural Development Programme at the cost of 184.50 lakh at Mandapam, Ramanathapuram District.



Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare

Tamil Nadu is the pioneer among the states to implement welfare schemes for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and De-notified Communities. Several such schemes have been formulated over the years, putting Tamil Nadu at the forefront of creating an equitable society free of inequalities. Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in implementation of the policy of reservation. Tamil Nadu has slew of schemes for the social, educational and economical development of the Backward, Most Backward Classes and Minorities. Such initiatives not only help the backward classes realize their potential, but also pave the way for India emerging as an economic super power.



Scholarship for BCs, MBCs and DNCs

Knowing that increasing educational opportunities for the Backward Classes is the only effective way for inclusive development, the Government has consistently ensured such opportunities are provided for the backward and allied classes.

The annual income limit for the students availing scholarships has been enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh from 2013-14. Special fee and tuition fee is sanctioned in full as fixed by educational institutions, from 2012-13, involving an additional expenditure of Rs.16.44 crore annually to the Government. From the year 2011-12 to 2014-15, the Government has sanctioned Rs.602.70 crore worth of scholarships for 23 lakh 75 thousand BC, MBC and DNC students to pursue their studies.

Incentive for MBC and DNC girls from rural areas

To curb the phenomenon of dropouts, the allocation for incentives for MBC and DNC girls from rural areas has been doubled from Rs.7 crore to Rs.14.34 crore from the year 2012-13. The MBC and DNC girl students studying from Third to the Fifth standard are given Rs.500/- a year and those from Sixth Standard are given Rs.1,000/- a year.

In order to facilitate students of economically Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities continue their studies, hostel facilities are provided free of cost. The monthly food charges for school hostel boarders was hiked from Rs.450/- to Rs.755/- per boarder and that for college hostel boarders from Rs.550/- to Rs.875/-.

Massive programme for hostels

The Government took up construction of buildings of 218 hostels at a cost of Rs.216.38 crore from 2011-12 to 2014-15. These hostels are fully equipped,

having Book-Shelves, Wet Grinders, Library Books, Electric Insect Destroyers, Inverters, Reference Books, Two-Tier Bunk Beds, Multi-Purpose Fire Extinguishers, Computers, Solar Photo Voltaic power plants and Solar Water Heaters.

Bicycles to 17,63,841 students from 2011-12 to 2014-15

The scheme of supply of bicycles to Higher secondary students was initially introduced by the Tamil Nadu Government in the year 2001-2002. Subsequently, this scheme was extended and now bicycles are being supplied to all community students studying in 11th standard in all the Government, Government-Aided and partly-aided schools throughout the State. From the year 2011-12 to 2014-15, 17,63,841 bicycles were supplied to BC, MBC, DNC students at a cost of Rs.564.34 crore.

Chief Minister's Awards to motivate students

To motivate 10th and 12th standard students belonging to BC, MBC and DNC categories various prizes are awarded at the State and District Level. The Chief Minister's Merit Award Scheme' has been introduced from 2012-2013.





Distribution of Free Bicycle



Thousand students (500 boys and 500 Girls) securing higher marks in 12th standard Public Examination at the State Level are awarded Rs. 3000/- every year till the completion of their higher studies for a maximum period of 5 years. District Level awards are given to BC, MBC & Minority boys and girls who secure I, II & III marks in the districts in 10th and 12th Public Examinations.

TABCEDCO loans at low interest

Loans through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation (TABCEDCO) for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities are provided at lower rates of interest for establishing trades and business for economic upliftment. A general term loan of Rs.2 lakh is provided at the rate of interest of 6 per cent per annum. Under Mahila Samridhi Yojana, Rs.50,000/- is given for each member of a self-help group at

4 per cent interest. Under New Swarnima Scheme, Rs.1 lakh is sanctioned to woman beneficiaries at 5 per cent interest. Rs.60,000/- is allotted for purchase of two milch cows at 6 per cent interest per annum. From 2011-12 to 2014-15, TABCEDCO provided loans of Rs.217.81 crore to 86,258 beneficiaries.

Scholarship for minority students

The State Government is implementing various welfare schemes effectively to improve the living standard of Minorities. From 2011-12 to 2014-15, 15,09,625 pre-matric minority students were given pre-matric scholarship. Post-matric scholarship (11th to Ph.D. level) given to 2,07,860 students and Merit-cum-means based scholarship for professional and technical courses was given to 17,017 minority students. Matching grant (equivalent to the amount of donation collected by the Society) to Muslim Women Aid societies was doubled in 2012-13 and grant at the



rate of 1:2 ratio up to Rs.20 lakh per annum per society. Matching grant of Rs.3.41 crore has been sanctioned by the Government during the last four years.

Jerusalem Pilgrimage

A new scheme of providing financial assistance for Jerusalem Pilgrimage for all sects of Christians in Tamil Nadu was initiated in 2011-12. Financial assistance is provided to 500 beneficiaries every year at the rate of Rs.20,000/- per beneficiary. So far 1,220 Christians have undertaken the pilgrimage and Rs.2.44 crore has been spent.

Economic development of Minorities through TAMCO

Loans to Minorities through Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation (TAMCO) are provided at lower rate of interest for establishing trade or business. General term loan up to Rs.30 lakh is sanctioned to the Minorities at 5 to 8% interest rate per annum. Under Micro Finance to Self Help Groups (Male or Female) maximum of Rs.1.5 lakh per beneficiary is sanctioned at 7 to 10% interest rate. Under Education loans, up to Rs.6 lakh per annum (including studies in abroad) is sanctioned to Minority students at 3 to 8% interest rate. From the year 2011-12 to 2014-15, TAMCO provided loan of Rs.84.80 crore to 29,908 minority beneficiaries.

Wakf Board and Hajj

Ulema pension scheme was introduced in 1981. Monthly Ulema pension of Rs.1000 was sanctioned to 2600 Ulema pensioners (Pesh Imam, Moazzin, Arabic Teacher). Ulema pension was enhanced from Rs.750/- p.m. to Rs.1000/- p.m. and the number of pensioners increased from 2400 to 2600 in 2011-12. Wakf Institutions Development Fund” was constituted


BACKWARD CLASSES
MOST BACKWARD CLASSES
AND MINORITIES
WELFARE DEPARTMENT

HOSTEL FACILITIES


In order to facilitate economically Backward, Most Backward, Denotified Communities and Minorities to continue their studies hostel facilities are provided free of cost.

Monthly food charges enhanced since 2012.


School Hostel Boarders	from Rs.450 to Rs.755 p.m
College Hostel Boarders	from Rs.550 to Rs.875 p.m



HOSTEL WITH SOLAR SYSTEM



HOSTEL WITH KITCHEN



HOSTEL WITH TOILET & BATH ROOM

and Rs.3 crore sanctioned to the fund to carry out repairs and renovation of Wakf institutions like mosques, Dargahs and Madarasas.

Hajj Committee

To facilitate Hajj Pilgrimage for pilgrims from Tamil Nadu, subsidy has been announced. 14,341 pilgrims from the State have performed Hajj through Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee from 2011-12 to 2014-15.



Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection

This Government has prioritized the welfare schemes which have a direct impact on the common public. Public Distribution System (PDS) is one among the prioritized activities of this Government.

Public Distribution System

Universal Public Distribution System followed in the State has been extremely effective in providing food security to all as it does not classify beneficiaries as Above Poverty Line (APL) or the Below Poverty Line (BPL)



categories. The inclusive nature of the system is illustrated by the fact that even homeless platform dwellers, nomads and transgenders are covered under Public Distribution System. Co-operatives play an vital role in running the Fair Price shops which provide essential commodities at highly subsidized prices to the rural and urban poor. Tamil Nadu has the distinction of implementing the Hon'ble Chief Minister's benevolent scheme to distribute "rice at no cost" to eligible rice cardholders as per their entitlement. It is the matter of pride that Tamil Nadu is the first State in India which supplies a maximum of 20 kg of rice per month per cardholder at no cost.

The Public Distribution System is implemented through 34,228 fair price shops inclusive of 8,776 part-time shops,

which distribute rice and other essential commodities to a total of 1.97 crore cardholders. Of the total number of fair price shops, 32,119 fair price shops are run by the Co-operatives, 1,431 fair price shops are run by the TNCSC, 530 shops are run by the Women Self-help Groups and another 148 shops are run by other co-operatives. One important factor is that 859 new part-time Fair Price Shops have been opened in remote and far-flung hilly areas to serve the people dwelling in those areas. Fair Price Shops in the State are run by Co-operatives and Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. This Government has encouraged the participation of Women Self Help Groups in running a limited number of Fair Price Shops. In our State, no private entrepreneur is permitted to run Fair Price Shops under Public Distribution System.

Under the Special Public Distribution System, Toor Dhall, Urid Dhall and Palmolein Oil are sold at subsidized rates as a measure to protect the public from price rise.

The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, plays a pivotal role in procurement, storage at 313 godowns and distribution of food grains to the public through Fair Price Shops. Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation procures rice and other essentials from the Food Corporation of India and through tenders.

Co-operatives

Tamil Nadu, a pioneer in the cooperative movement in India, has a strong cooperative set up which plays a prominent role. The cooperatives is a facilitator to the farming community and is a catalyst in improving the agricultural production by providing crop loans to the farmers and by supplying agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and insecticides. Cooperatives provide storage facilities to the agricultural produce and help in marketing the same.



Farm Fresh Outlets to Curb Vegetable Price Rise

To control the price of vegetables, the Government has taken the effective step of directly linking vegetable growers with consumers by opening 'Farm Fresh Outlets'. As on date 58 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets (FFCOS) including 2 Mobile Outlets are functioning in Chennai city and its urban areas, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi, Madurai, Tiruvannamalai. Under this arrangement, vegetables worth Rs. 22.37 crore (7,869 Tonnes) have been sold upto 31.03.2015. The scheme has proved to be a success in controlling price rise of vegetables in the open market, particularly big onion, small onion and tomatoes.

Branding Tribal Products

To ensure that tribals get the right price for their produce of millets like saamai and varagu and honey and tamarind collected by them, a new scheme of Packing and Marketing their produce under a common brand name has been commenced. For this purpose, Saamai Processing Machine at a cost of Rs.1,50,000/- and Honey Packaging Machine at a cost of Rs.2,95,525/- were installed. Through this initiative, upto 31.03.2015, 4,877 kg Honey worth Rs. 12,87,484/-, 27,804 kg Tamarind worth Rs. 19,19,340/-, 22,805 kg Saamai worth Rs. 10,54,497/- and 6,575 kg Varagu worth Rs. 4,22,333/- were sold.

Welfare of Women, Differently Abled, SC/STs

The vision of Hon'ble Chief Minister to bring a change in the lives of the differently abled persons is implemented by providing loans to the differently abled for making them self supportive. The orthopedically disabled, who are given loans by the Cooperatives to set up provision stores have made the enterprise a success story. The visually impaired have made a profitable start by making wire baskets. Similarly, the women folk and persons belonging to marginalized groups are provided with loans by the Cooperatives for business initiatives.

Common Services Centres

Common Service Centres were established to make all public services accessible through e-Governance to all including the poor people in the locality. People in rural areas are availing the services like sending and receiving e-mails, taking extract of land records, birth and death certificates, e-ticketing and digital photographs through web-technology. Internet facilities were made available to Public through 4,007 Common Service Centres.



CO-OPERATIVE FARM FRESH VEGETABLES



MOBILE CO-OPERATIVE FARM FRESH VEGETABLES

Nurturing Agricultural Growth

The Cooperation Department is mainly concerned with providing agricultural credit, marketing of agricultural produce, distribution of fertilizers and essential commodities to the public. Upto March 2015, Rs. 17345.93 crore was given as crop loan to 40,20,217 farmers. Since 01.04.2011, Medium Agriculture Investment loan of Rs. 1133.18 crore was given to 2,52,594 farmers. In Delta areas upto 31.03.2015, Rs. 517.98 crore to 3,48,681 farmers and in non-delta areas Rs.766.60 crore to 15,96,887 farmers was given as Drought Relief. On the whole, Rs. 1284.58 crore was disbursed to 19,45,568 farmers in the State as 'Drought Relief' measure. A sum of Rs.25.60 crore was given as subsidy to establish Agro Service Centres and to procure Tractor, Mini tractor, Power Tiller, Winnowing Machine and other agricultural implements at the cost of Rs.54.18 crore in order to rent them to farmers at lower rates. To provide required quantity of DAP at the right time to farmers all over the State, interest free advance provided to Tamil Nadu Cooperative Marketing Federation (TANFED) by the Government was enhanced to Rs.150 crore from Rs.130.50 crore. 25 Solar Copra Drying Yards at a cost of Rs.147.25 lakh were established to benefit the coconut growing farmers by converting the coconut into quality copra in a short time.

More Cooperative Banks, More Facilities

To provide additional Banking services, 39 Branches were opened by Central Cooperative Banks. To provide modern infrastructure facilities and customer friendly services, 200 branches of Central Cooperative Banks and



Urban Cooperative Banks were modernized at a cost of Rs.27.47 crore. Core Banking Solution (CBS) facility was implemented in all 783 branches of Central Cooperative Banks at a cost of Rs.8.80 crore.

Housing Loans, Jewel Loans and Cooperative Pharmacies

Cooperative Institutions have lent Rs. 1144.38 crore as housing loan to 53,416 customers. Cooperative Institutions have distributed an amount of Rs. 1,21,673.33 crore as jewel loan to 3,27,98,441 individuals. To ensure quality medicines at a lesser cost, Cooperative Institutions have opened 210 Cooperative Pharmacies to sell pharmaceutical products at 10% discount. In addition out of 100 new Amma Marundhagam announced for the year 2014-2015, 83 Amma Marundhagam are functioning as on 31.03.2015.

Infrastructure Development

Co-operative Department, under RIDF XVII (2011-12) Scheme, has constructed 1165 Godowns with 1,55,200 MT additional storage capacity. Under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) XVIII (2012-13) Scheme, 1104 Godowns were constructed with 1,29,400 MT additional storage capacity. Thus, the storage capacity has been increased by 2,84,600 MT. During 2014-15, the Cooperatives provided Produce Pledge Loans to the tune of Rs.995.29 crore and 1,06,719 farmers have benefited. Of the total Produce Pledge Loans, a sum of Rs. 91.20 crore was pledged in the RIDF Godowns and 8522 farmers benefited. Further, 14 Godowns have been accredited and registered by the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA), New Delhi. Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation under RIDF XVII (2011-12) Scheme, 65 Godowns are being constructed with 1,14,200 MT additional storage capacity and under RIDF XVIII (2012-13) Scheme, 37 Godowns are being constructed with a total capacity of 1,46,500 MTs.

Solar Power

As a measure of providing uninterrupted power supply to the Cooperative Societies functioning in rural areas, Solar Power panels were installed in 118 Society buildings in Vellore, Karur, Dindigul, Nagapattinam and Sivagangai districts in capacities ranging from 1 KW to 5 KW at a cost of Rs.228.70 lakh. The installed Solar power panels offer uninterrupted power supply with a huge saving on the electricity bills of the Cooperative Societies and are an attractive replacement for green energy.

Elections to Cooperatives

Elections to Co-operative Societies were stalled for 14 years. Under the able guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, during 2013, the Government constituted an Election Commission for Co-operative Societies and smoothly and successfully conducted the elections for 23,003 societies and 2,26,453 persons have been elected as Board of Directors. Reservation for women (30 per cent) and SC/STs (18 per cent) paved the way for 57,258 women and 29,241 SC/ST members to get elected as Directors in the Co-operatives.

Performance Highlights

The Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank received the Second Prize for 'Overall Performance' at the National Level, and First Prize for 'All India Mutual Arrangement Scheme' (for Demand Drafts). All the District Central Cooperative Banks in Tamil Nadu have obtained Banking License from the Reserve Bank of India. Tamil Nadu is the



second state in the country to achieve this. During the National Colloquium on Cooperative Training conducted by National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT) at New Delhi on 18.02.2014, the Agricultural Cooperative Staff Training Institute (ACSTI), an Institute run by TNSC Bank, was awarded the Second Best Performing ACSTI Award". At the All India Level, the warehouses of Theni, Avinashi, Arani, Rajapalayam and Sankarankovil have bagged first, second, third and consolation prizes for issuing more number of Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (NWR).

AWARDS RECEIVED FROM WDRA

For the year 2013-2014, the WDRA selected the following Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation, Warehouses in all India level on the basis of the following yardsticks and Prizes are awarded by Hon'ble Minister, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India at New Delhi during the Foundation Day Function of the WDRA on 20.11.2014.

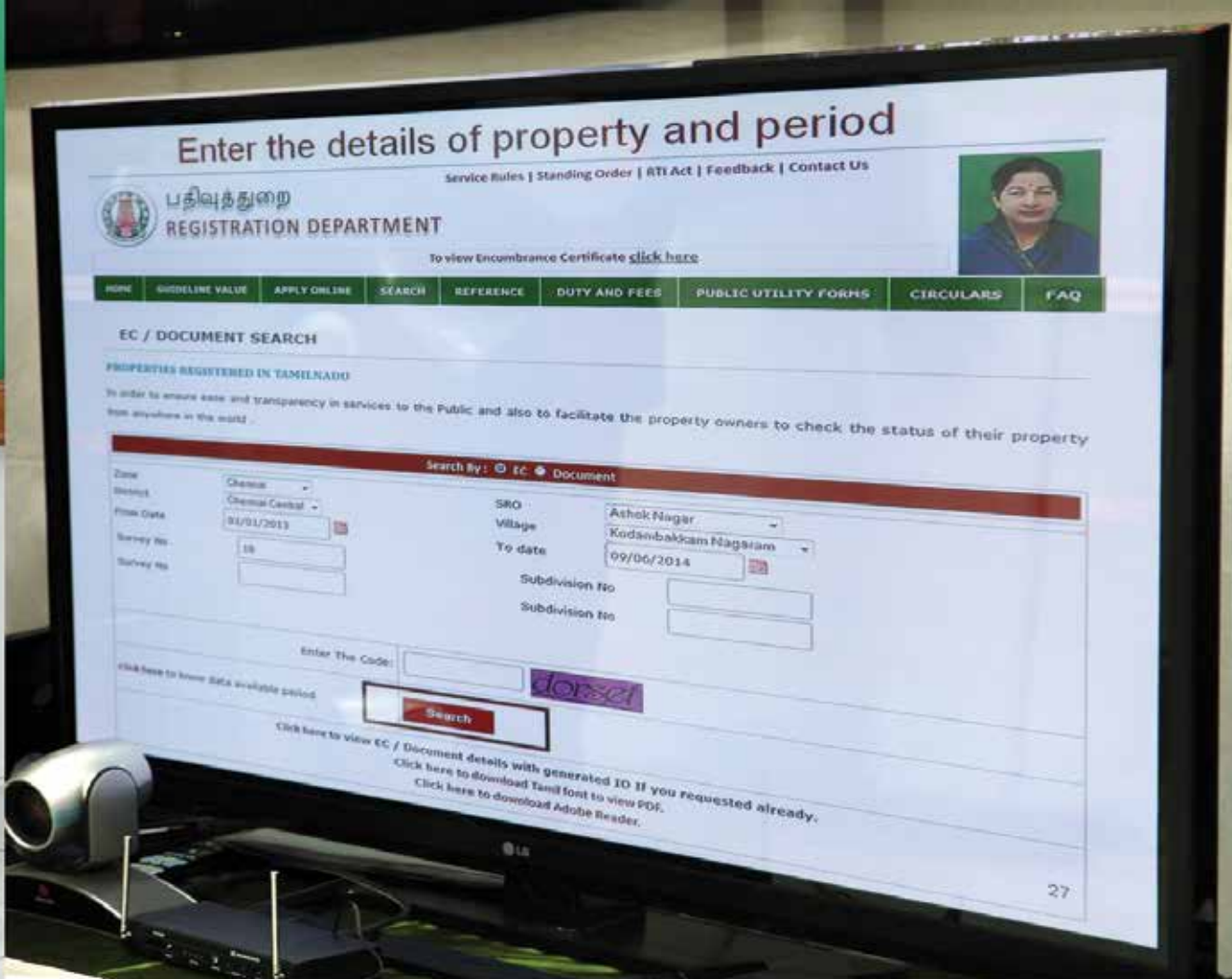
1. Number and value of the NWRs issued by the Warehouse Managers during the year 2013-2014.
2. Amount of loan and number of Negotiable Warehouse Receipts financed by the various bank.
3. Maximum quality of agricultural produce deposited by the farmers in the registered warehouses of Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation.



Warehouse Location	Capacity (in MT)	Value of stock (Rs. in crore)	No. of Warehouse Receipts issued	No. of Warehouse Receipts pledged	Loan availed (Rs. in crore)
First Prize					
Theni	9,000	23.00	512	398	15.00
Second Prize					
Avinashi	11,000	58.00	288	218	32.40
Third Prize					
Arani	12,400	11.31	209	209	10.40
Consolation Prize					
Rajapalayam	7,400	13.36	104	104	10.50
Sankarankoil	3,000	4.51	86	69	1.82

National Level Accolades won by Co-operative Societies of Tamil Nadu

Name of the Institution	Award Issued by	Nature of Award	Prize/ Award Details	Year
Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank, Chennai	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of Government of India	Best State Channelising Agency in India for issuing loans to Differently abled persons	Best State in India. Award received by the Hon'ble Minister (Cooperation)	2013-2014



Commercial Taxes and Registration

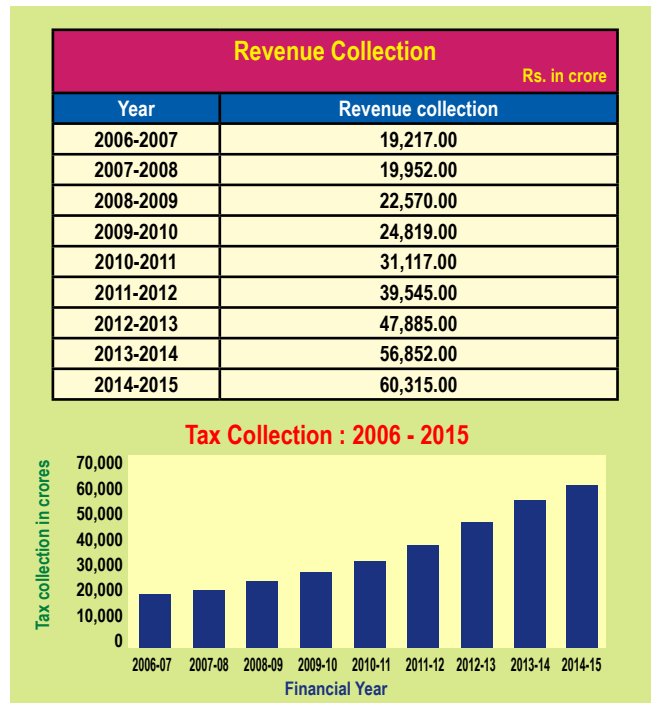
COMMERCIAL TAXES

The Commercial Taxes Department earns the highest tax revenue for the State Government. It mobilizes and contributes almost two-thirds of the State's own tax revenue. Close monitoring and a concerted effort contribute to yearly rise in the tax revenue. The Department mobilized its share of revenue of Rs. 60,315 crore during 2014-2015.

Better tax administration in the State

Tax administration in Tamil Nadu has been traditionally more efficient than in other States and this has been further strengthened in the recent years. It is reflected in higher tax collection as a proportion of its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). Gross Commercial Taxes collection in Tamil Nadu stood at 6.79 per cent of its GSDP during 2011-12, 6.93 per cent of GSDP for 2012-2013, 7.02 per cent of GSDP for 2013-14 and 6.04 per cent of GSDP for 2014-2015.

The revenue growth is high from 2011-12 onwards when compared to the initial five years after implementation of Value Added Tax in the State. The measures undertaken broadly cover improvements to the tax regime, increased transparency, increased participation and awareness and simplification of procedures.



Total Solution Project for Department

End-to-End Computerization of Commercial Taxes Department was envisaged at a cost of Rs.230.96 crore, during 2011-12. Software development, hardware supply and maintenance are in progress. The project is expected to be rolled out in 2015-16. Redundant Network Connectivity in all Commercial Tax Offices was made during 2011-12 at a cost of Rs.3.58 crore.

Human Resources Development

During 2011-12, 1,325 vacant posts in various cadres were filled up by candidates selected through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

Out of 4,500 posts that were temporary for many years, more than 3375 posts were made permanent. An additional fund of Rs.10 lakh has been allocated for every year to impart training to Commercial Tax personnel.

Tax benefits extended

LPG for domestic use has been totally exempt from tax with effect from 01.07.2011. During 2012-13, wheat, oats, handmade locks, insulin, helmets, feeding bottles and nipples were completely exempt from VAT. VAT was reduced from 14.5% to 5% on electrically operated two wheelers (e-bikes), Compact Fluorescent Lamps and Compact Fluorescent Tubes, splints and veneers, sanitary napkins and diapers.

During 2013-14, VAT was reduced from 14.5% to 5% for Gensets on par with Generators. Exemption limit for payment of Luxury Tax in hotels for accommodation was increased from Rs.200/- to Rs.500/-

During 2015-16, Fishing accessories like fishing ropes, fishing floats, fishnet twine, fishing lamps and fishing swivels and Mosquito nets of all kinds were exempted from VAT. VAT was reduced from 14.5% to 5% on LED lamps of all kinds, air compressors, pump sets upto 10 hp and their parts thereof and cellular telephones (mobile phones).



Procedural facilities extended

As a progressive tax measure, during 2011-12, registered dealers who opted for compounding rate of payment, were enabled to pay the tax at the scheduled rates, only on the turnover of taxable goods exceeding the threshold of Rs.50 lakh.

Deemed assessment procedure has been brought in with effect from 19.06.2012 and from 2011-2012, all such assessments shall be deemed to have been completed as on 31st October every year, provided the returns filed are correct and complete.

The small dealers who fall short of the general threshold of turnover were also enabled to avail the input tax credit before giving up the tax collected by them to Government.

Input Tax Credit reversal imposed at the rate of 3 per cent on the inter-state sale of goods has been withdrawn with effect from 01.04.2015 to make the manufacturing industries in Tamil Nadu more competitive with their counterparts in the neighbouring States. With effect from 01.04.2015, dealers have been provided with the facility to avail Input Tax Credit on the inter-state sale of goods without 'C' form.

Taxation Awareness Campaign

During 2013-14, annual allocation of Rs.20 lakh was made for conducting Taxation Awareness Campaign at the Division level. Accordingly, awareness campaigns are organized in every division to enlighten dealers on the various changes taking place in the Department and various amendments being made under the Acts administered by the Department.

Traders Welfare Board

Traders Welfare Board is extending many beneficial schemes to financially weak dealers under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. During 2011-12, the life membership fee was reduced from Rs.500/- to Rs.100/- to enable small dealers to enroll in the Traders Welfare Board. The

corpus fund of Traders Welfare Board was enhanced from Rs.2 crore to Rs.5 crore.

Pre-Budget Meeting

Every year, prior to preparation of the budget, a pre-budget meeting is convened by the Department with the Representatives of Trade and Industry Associations and Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The purpose is to elicit their view on matters relating to taxation to benefit the trade and industry either with exemption or reduction in rates of tax and to redress the procedural hardships faced by the traders.

REGISTRATION

Web-based Software

To provide speedy and transparent service to the Registrant Public, Rs. 176.44 crore was sanctioned for production and implementation of web based software.

Samadhan Scheme, Reduction of Stamp duty

Implementation of 'Samadhan' scheme for 3 months from 01.11.2011 to 31.01.2012 resulted in the return of 23,804 documents to the public and realization of locked revenue of Rs.140.83 crore to Government.

Stamp duty on Registration of sale deeds was reduced from 6% to 5% with effect from 01.04.2012 and ceiling limit for availing stamp duty and Registration fee exemption was increased from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.25,000/-.

IP Cameras, Generators and Fire extinguishers in Sub-Registrar Offices

For installing IP Cameras in all Sub-Registrar Offices, Rs.3.50 crore was sanctioned. Rs.3.50 lakh



was sanctioned for distribution of 627 digital signature certificates to department officials. To ensure uninterrupted power supply in Sub-Registrar Offices, Rs. 9.32 crore was sanctioned for provision of 300 Generators.

To install fire-extinguishers in all Department offices, Rs.4.78 crore was allotted. To improve the

existing training facilities in Training Centre, Rs. 30 lakh was sanctioned as annual grant.

Online fixing of appointments

The facility of online reservation of dates with Sub Registrar for registration of documents on particular dates has been introduced.



Differently Abled Persons Welfare

Tamil Nadu is at the forefront in implementing schemes for the welfare of Differently Abled persons. A separate Directorate for the Rehabilitation of differently abled persons was formed in 1993 by bifurcating the Directorate of Social Welfare. A comprehensive State Policy for the Welfare of the differently abled persons was released for the first time in 1994. The Government provides a range of concessions for their education, employment and training, maintenance, marriage, bus travel as well as free aids and appliances. Awareness is being spread among public to accept the differently abled as natural partners of growth and provide them access to various services and equal participation in social life.



Panel to monitor 3 per cent jobs

Government is committed to ensuring 3 per cent reservation of vacancies for differently abled persons in Government Department/Government undertakings and other Government Agencies. A committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government with Secretaries of various departments as Members to oversee the implementation of 3 per cent reservation of vacancies in all Government Department/Government Undertakings/Government Agencies. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the extension of the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme to all the family members without income ceiling, if one family member is differently abled.

Nutrition for Differently Abled Children

As a new initiative from 2013-2014, Nutritious Weaning Food and Noon Meal are being provided to 3,047 Differently Abled Children coming to the 87 Early Intervention Centres at an estimated cost of Rs. 46.64 lakh, under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS). 'Behind the ear' hearing aids have been given to 1,000 children with hearing impairment at a cost of Rs.1 crore. Early detection diagnostic centres have been established in 10 districts at a cost of Rs. 1.98 crore for the hearing impaired so that hearing loss among children can be detected and treated between 0-6 years.

Cash prizes for Rank Holders in Public Examinations

To encourage the visually impaired and hearing impaired students who are studying 10th and 12th standard in Tamil medium, cash awards are awarded to those securing top three ranks in Government public examinations at the state and district level.

During the year 2012-2013, the cash prizes to first three State rank holders with Visual and Hearing Impairment have been enhanced. The first three rank holders are selected at both State and District level and awarded with a package of Cash Prizes to pursue higher education, to purchase books and to meet out hostel expenses. A sum of Rs.96.21 lakh spent for Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired for the year 2013-2014.

Cash Incentives are provided to the differently abled students studying in 10th Standard and 12th Standard in Government and Government aided special schools to motivate them to continue their studies and to prevent drop-outs. 1329 students benefited under this scheme during the year 2013-2014. During the last 3 years 1056 Lap-Top Computers were provided to the Differently Abled Students.

A sum of Rs.2.00 crore allocated for construction of new multipurpose student hostel, modulation of kitchen and to meet out the expenses for repair of Braille Printing Machine in Government Higher Secondary School for Blind, Poonamallee. At a cost of Rs.15.00 lakh Solar Water Heaters were installed in 23 Government Special Schools.

Motorized Sewing Machines and Modular Artificial Limbs

Motorized Sewing Machines were provided to the Locomotor differently abled and hearing impaired persons free of cost in 2013-2014; 1869 differently abled persons benefited at a cost of Rs. 72 lakh.

Plastic artificial limbs are generally provided to the beneficiaries through District Differently Abled Welfare Offices. The latest Modular Functional Artificial Limbs (Modular Transtibial Prosthesis/Modular Trans Femoral/Modular Below-Elbow) were provided in 2013-2014 to amputee students free of cost to facilitate their mobility.



Retrofitted Petrol Scooters

From 2011-2012, instead of battery operated scooters, petrol scooters with retro-fitment are being distributed free of cost to differently abled students/employees whose lower limbs (both) are affected. 370 petrol scooters with retro-fitment were distributed to differently abled persons at a total cost of Rs. 2 crore. The scheme was extended to benefit 985 persons at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.5 crore for 2013-2014.

Marriage Assistance Scheme

The Marriage Assistance schemes are implemented to encourage normal people to marry the differently abled. The Marriage Assistance includes a financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- and 4 grams of gold coin for making 'Thirumangalyam'. In 2012-2013, this sum was enhanced to Rs. 50,000/- and 4 grams of gold coin for making 'Thirumangalyam' and was given as marriage assistances to differently



abled persons who have completed graduation/diploma. There is no ceiling for the number of beneficiaries. In 2011-2015, 4804 persons benefited at a cost of Rs. 20.71 crore.

AWARDS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- National Award for the Empowerment of PWDS, 2013 under the category "Best State in promoting Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities" Award received on 03.12.2013.



Energy

Tamil Nadu is fast moving towards a power surplus State, from the State with despite power deficit continuously increasing demand. This turnaround has been achieved by herculean efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister towards expeditious capacity addition and procurement of power under long term agreement. Projects in the pipeline meet the future demand too. The all-time high peak demand of 13,775 MW was met on 24.06.14 and energy consumption of 293.97 MU was met on 20.06.14.

The Vision 2023 document profiles projects for an additional 20,000 MW of power generating capacity. The Plan lays emphasis on development of incremental generation capacity of 15,000 MW of green power.



Significant investment in transmission sector for creating evacuation capacity proportionate to the increase in power generation capacity has also been envisaged. The energy sector in the State is the prime mover of the economy. Growth in manufacturing was aided by sufficient availability of power. Till 2008, the State was surplus in Power. The deficit in power availability over the last few years is now becoming a rare phenomena of the Government.

Quality power to the people

The Tamil Nadu Government accords top most priority for providing quality, reliable power to the people of the State. As on 31.01.2015, 258.11 lakh consumers are connected to the electricity grid. The electricity network covers all the villages and towns across the State. The per capita consumption of electricity in the State is estimated at 1196 units per annum for 2013-14, which is much higher than the national average of 914 units per annum.

More power for growth

Totally, 4,991.5 MW capacity of power generation capacity has been added to Tamil Nadu's electricity grid in last 3 years. Of this 2,850 MW capacity has come from the first 3 units of TNEB-NTPC Joint Venture project (3x500 MW) (1050 MW share), Mettur Thermal Power Station Stage III (1x600 MW) and Unit 1 & 2 of 600 MW of North Chennai Thermal Power Station Stage-II. To meet the ever increasing demand, the power generation and distribution arm of TANGEDCO is taking all efforts on a war footing to commission more projects. These include the Ennore Expansion Project (1x660 MW), Udangudi Project (2X660 MW), Ennore SEZ (2x660 MW), Uppur Project (2x800 MW), Udangudi expansion (2X660 MW) and Ennore Replacement (1x 660 MW).

Nuclear Energy

Unit 1 of Kudankulam Atomic Power Station reached the power generating capacity of 1,000 MW on 07.06.14 and commercial operation declared on 31.12.2014. Tamil Nadu's share from this unit is 463 MW. In addition, 100 MW has been allocated by Government of India from the unallocated share due to the efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Unit 2 of this project is expected to be synchronized by September 2015. The share of the State from this unit is 462 MW.



**TANGEDCO-NTPC Joint
Venture Project
(3 x 500 MW)
at Vallur, Unit 3**



TANGEDCO - NLC JV Project at Tuticorin (2x500 MW)



Leader in renewable energy

With a total renewable energy installed capacity of 8580.36 MW as on 31.03.2015, Tamil Nadu is an undisputed leader in use of renewable energy in India. This capacity accounts for 23.98% of the total installed renewable energy Capacity of 35776.96 MW in the Country. The installed capacity of renewable energy is 37.19 per cent of the total installed capacity in the State. The contribution of renewable energy to the State energy is 14.07 per cent. This is higher than the contribution of renewable energy in the country which is 9.28 per cent. Wind constitutes the highest component of the renewable energy in Tamil Nadu.



Strategy for wind power

Tamil Nadu, which is endowed with high wind potential, had an installed capacity of 7438.105 MW as on 31.03.2015. This is 31.73% of the country's total installed capacity of wind power generation as estimated by Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency, the Government's nodal agency for encouraging use of new and renewable sources of energy.

Co-Generation projects

TANGEDCO has taken up establishment of 12 Co-generation Plants in Co-operative and Public Sector Sugar Mills along with Sugar Mill Modernization at a total cost of Rs 1,241.15 crore. The total capacity of co-generation projects is 183 MW. These projects are expected to be commissioned during the year 2015-16.

Sun, the bright alternative

The State came up with an ambitious solar energy policy in 2012, with the goal of 3000 MW of solar power in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu has reasonably high solar insolation, (5.6-6.0 kWh/sq.m), about 300 sunny days in a year. Since 2011, 136.9 MW capacity of solar power has been created. With the announcement of tariff of Rs.7.01 per unit of solar energy by TNERC on 12.09.2014, large number of solar projects are expected in the State.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision is to make generation and use of solar energy a people's movement as in the case of rain water harvesting. To implement this effectively, as a first step, roof top solar power plant of 60 KW are being installed in many Government offices. Innovative programmes for promotion of solar generation at the place of consumption are being implemented by many departments. Execution of projects for installation of solar rooftop generation has also been included in the guidelines of MLA Constituency Development Fund.



The Government has mandated the installation of solar roof tops in all new Government buildings and local body buildings. It has also provided for conversion of existing buildings to solar rooftops in a phased manner.

Sun-lit green houses

The Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green Houses Scheme is India's largest scheme for installation of Solar Roof top panels for self consumption. Under the scheme, every year 60,000 green houses are constructed with solar panels on the roof top to meet the energy needs of the households. The solar pv system is used to power a set of five lights in the house. Installation and commissioning has been completed for 1,33,583 houses upto 31.3.2015.

Sunlight for streets at night

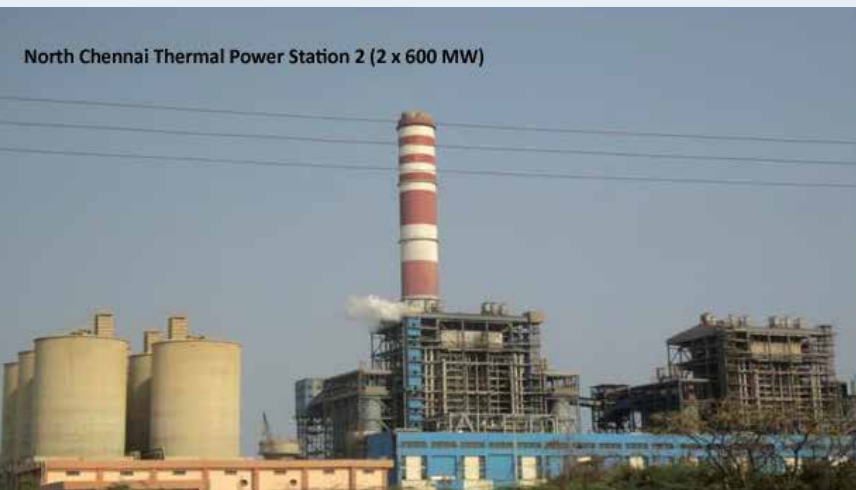
The Solar Street Lights Scheme for rural areas launched in 2011-12 envisages conversion of 1,00,000 street lights to solar powered energy efficient street lights. Under the scheme every year 20,000 existing street-lights fittings are being replaced with energy efficient 20 watt LED lamps. The lights are energized through solar power.

Chief Minister's Solar Rooftop Capital Incentive Scheme

Under the Chief Minister's Solar Rooftop Capital Incentive scheme, an incentive of Rs. 20,000/- is being provided for installation of Grid-tied Battery-less Solar Photo Voltaic Rooftop plants of 1 KW capacity for domestic consumers. The generated solar power can be consumed within the house or fed into the Grid through net-metering arrangement. This incentive is in addition to the 30 per cent subsidy for solar plant under other schemes. The scheme envisages public participation with Government support and is poised for steady growth in capacity addition, in addition to awareness creation. In order to evacuate solar power, a 400 kV substation at Kamudi in Ramanathapuram district and another 230 kV substation at Muthuramalingapuram in Virudhunagar district will be established.

From generation to substation

TANTRANSCO, TNEB Ltd's transmission subsidiary has planned to develop the transmission infrastructure to effectively evacuate power from the existing and new power stations. It has commissioned 207 substations (upto 31.03.2015) to provide reliable power supply to consumers. The transmission infrastructure in the State, and especially in Chennai is being strengthened at a project cost of Rs. 5,000 crore with a loan assistance of Rs. 3,573 crore from Japan International Cooperation Agency.



North Chennai Thermal Power Station 2 (2 x 600 MW)



Anthiyur 230/110 kV substation, Erode District



Work has been completed in Thiruvalem 400 kV substation along with transmission lines at a cost of Rs. 993.43 crore to transmit more power from other States. Thiruvalem 400 kV substation was commissioned on 27.7.2014. For harnessing more wind power, 400 kV stations and associated transmission lines have been taken up at Thappagundu, Anaikkadavu and Rasipalayam at Rs. 1306.25 crore.

New power connections

From May 2011 to 28.02.2015, 37.68 lakh new connections have been given. The distribution network has been strengthened by energising 13,998 km of High tension and Low tension lines during 2014-15.



AWARDS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA		
NAME OF THE AWARD	ACHIEVEMENT	ISSUED BY
Solar Thermal Award 2013	Maximum Solar Water Heater Installations among state Nodal Agencies during the year 2012-13 (3rd Position)	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India.
Solar Thermal Award 2013	Solar Water Heater Installations % increase in 2012-13 among state Nodal Agencies (3rd Position)	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India.
Best Performing State in Renewable Energy Addition	Highest installed capacity of 8487 MW in Renewable Energy sector and adjudged as the best performing state in Renewable Energy addition.	Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 15.2.2015 in the Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet.
The Best Employer Award	Outstanding engagement of more number of apprentices during the year 2013-14 in Southern Region.	Southern Region, (BOAT-SR), Government of India.



Environment and Forests

The Department of Environment was created in 1995 as the Nodal Department for dealing with environmental issues. It is responsible for planning, promotion, coordination and overseeing the implementation of all the aspects of environment. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is the statutory Board set up for the effective implementation of all schemes and projects devised and formulated by this Department.

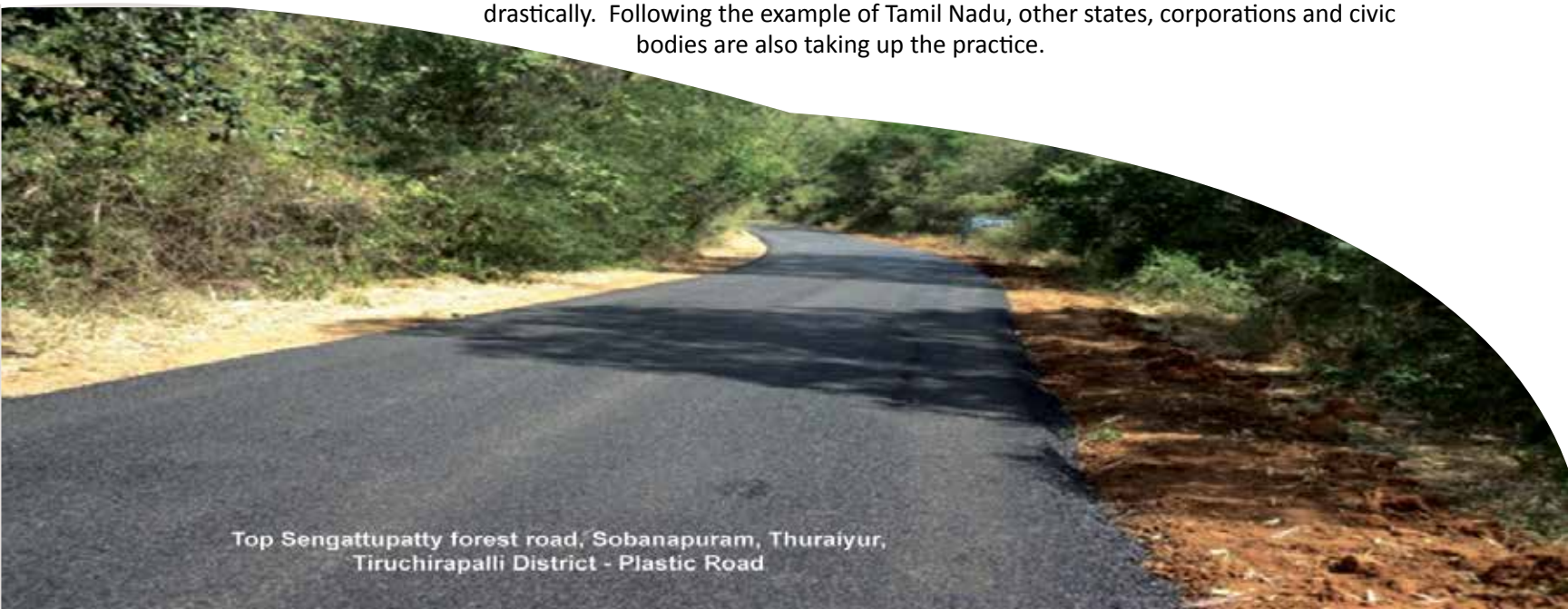




Recycled Plastic for laying roads

The use of plastic is so widespread that plastic waste piles up everywhere in spite of the Central Government notifying Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, banning plastic bags with less than 40 micron thickness. The disposal of used plastic products poses a problem as the material degrades very slowly. It causes severe air pollution when burned, and poses a health hazard if not disposed properly.

That was why the experiment for recycling plastic waste to lay roads was tried out. Following its success, plastic roads were laid from the year 2011-12 to 2014-15 to a length of 1596 kms, using approximately 1596 MT of plastic waste. As a result of this project, accumulation of plastic waste in common places has been reduced drastically. Following the example of Tamil Nadu, other states, corporations and civic bodies are also taking up the practice.



Top Sengattupatty forest road, Sobanapuram, Thuraiyur,
Tiruchirapalli District - Plastic Road

Awards for Plastic free villages, schools

In consonance with the idea of making Tamil Nadu a state free from plastic waste, there are incentive schemes in place to support the three best plastic free villages, the three best self-help groups and the best plastic free, green & clean schools in the State. While the villages should be plastic-free and committed to fighting plastic waste, self-help groups should work towards the cause and schools should maintain a plastic-free campus.

These awards with cash incentives of Rs.5 lakh, Rs.3 lakh & Rs.2 lakh towards First, Second & Third prizes respectively were instituted in 2012. Nine awards worth Rs.30 lakh are distributed.

Environmental Awareness Programme

Creating environmental awareness is one of the main objectives of the Environment Department. Awareness activities are carried out through National Green Corps/Eco Clubs on important days like World Environment Day (June 5), Ozone Day (September 16), Earth Day (April 22) and during Bhogi and Deepavali festivals. As a result of these activities, considerable reduction in air and noise pollution was recorded in Chennai.

National Green Corps (NGC)

In order to strengthen environmental consciousness and to sensitise students about environment related issues National Green Corps Programme was launched in the State. The primary objective of the programme is to involve students in environment-related action-oriented programmes such as tree-planting, Awareness Rallies, vermi-composting, Enviro-expo, Enviro competitions, Anti-plastic campaign, cultural programmes, Nature Camp and celebration of at least six green days.

Eco Clubs

Apart from NGC Eco clubs, Eco-clubs in schools have been established. Tamil Nadu is one of the first States to introduce Eco-clubs in Government schools. The students of Eco-clubs, like NGC students, engage in various environmental awareness programmes.

A sum of Rs.5,000/- each is allocated to Corporation Schools and Government-aided schools to conduct these activities. There are special events for special environmental days. Teacher Coordinators and District Coordinators supervise the activities like water auditing and waste segregation. At present Eco-clubs are functioning in 11,469 schools.

Environmental Awards

The State Government honours every year the best Non-Government Organizations, experts and individuals who make an excellent contribution in the field of environment education and awareness, environment protection and management.

Environment Information Dissemination Centres

To disseminate environmental information to school children and the general public on pollution, climate change, global warming and their impact on every man's life, 'Environmental Information Dissemination Centres' have been formed in 37 education districts of the State. These Centres are centrally located and are open to the public and all other school students in the district. They have a library containing books on environment, display charts, and blow-ups (both in English and Tamil) highlighting issues related to pollution hotspots, climate change and global warming. Audio visual equipment are also used. During 2014-15, twenty Environmental Information Dissemination Centres have been established in 20 education districts at a cost of Rs.40.00 lakh.

Environment Message on Wheels

Plastic awareness activities were carried out at a cost of Rs.64 lakh through 'Message on Wheels'. In 2014-2015, plastic awareness activities were carried out in all 32 districts of Tamil Nadu through NGOs, District Coordinators, Self-help Groups, etc. The activities include creating awareness programme on environmental issues by means of folk songs, street plays, dramas, cultural programmes, etc., through mobile vans. This programme has reached the interior areas of all the districts.

Environmental Information System (ENVIS)

The Environmental Information System Centre sponsored by the Government of India is functioning in the Department of Environment from October 2002. ENVIS collects and disseminates information on various aspects about environmental issues in Tamil Nadu through the website www.tnenvis.nic.in. Publication of newsletters, creation of web-based database, answering environmental queries and conducting training programmes are some of the activities covered by ENVIS.

FORESTS

Tamil Nadu is endowed with a wide range of forests and wildlife resources extending over an area of 22,877 sq. kms. Of the 16 major forest type groups in the country, 9 are present in Tamil Nadu. The State has 36 forest sub types, highest among all the Southern States. Western Ghats range is one of the mega endemic centres and one of the 25 global bio-diversity hotspots. A number of other micro centres of endemism are located in the State. Out of the 17,672 flowering plants recorded in India, Tamil Nadu alone accounts for 5,640. Having the highest number of flowering plants among all the states, the Forest Department has the responsibility of conserving this wealth of nature.

The forests of Tamil Nadu are very rich in medicinal plants and wild relatives of cultivated plants which are very important from the conservation point of view. All the 14 endemic mammals of Western Ghats and all the five primates of peninsular India are found in the state. Tamil Nadu also has a



considerable population of elephants and tigers, the National Heritage animals; their numbers are showing an increasing trend.

Environment protection themes

Preserving and improving the quality of environment in the State is one of the ten major themes of 'Vision Tamil Nadu 2023' unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Increasing green cover, bio-diversity conservation, wetlands conservation, water conservation and protection of coastal zones and fragile eco-systems have been identified as crucial to protect the environment.

Tree planting drives in a big way

A "Massive Tree Planting Programme" to increase green cover has been sanctioned for implementation in the State from the year 2011-12 to 2015-16 for planting 2.62 crore seedlings at an out lay of Rs. 175.89 crore. Totally 1.95 crore seedlings have been planted so far in the 32 districts throughout the State. Shade-giving trees that can withstand dry climate have been planted. Forest Corporation, local bodies, industrial establishments and other institutions sponsored tree guards to protect plants along roads. Under the Tamil Nadu Bio-diversity Conservation and Greening Project, tree planting has been undertaken outside forest areas for preservation of the environment and harmonious socio-economic development of the State. Nearly 3.80 crore of seedlings have been planted in private lands of farmers in 3000 villages.

Wildlife Sanctuaries

Tamil Nadu created history by declaring four forest areas as Wildlife Sanctuaries in 2013-14. They are Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and Point Colimere Wildlife Sanctuary Block "A" at Thanjavur and Tiruvarur District and Block "B" at Nagapattinam District. During the year 2014-15 Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary was notified.



A bright future for Tigers

The tiger population of Tamil Nadu made big strides by rising to at least 229, as evidenced by wildlife census figures. The addition of Satyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary, spread over a vast expanse of over 1,400 km as the fourth Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu, to the Anamalai, Mudumalai, and Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserves came as an impetus to tiger conservation. Key activities in Project Tiger areas include tiger habitat conservation, ecological development, protection, forest-fire control measures, moisture conservation, eco-tourism, human-beast conflict resolution and infrastructure development.



Annual Rejuvenation Camp for elephants


In a unique gesture unparalleled anywhere, Tamil Nadu introduced the annual elephant rejuvenation camp in 2003-2004. In order to improve the health of captive elephants, nutritious and dietary foods besides Ayurvedic medicines were provided to them. On an average, 80 elephants belonging to Forest Department, various temples, mutts and individuals are treated at the Rejuvenation camp every year. All the elephants are transported back to their original place safely after completion of the rejuvenation camp.

Man vs Animal Conflict

To prevent wild animals from moving out of the Reserve Forests into agricultural fields and human habitats, Elephant Proof Trenches to a length of 1445.88 kms were dug up under various schemes at an outlay of Rs. 52.50 crore. Mitigation measures were undertaken at an outlay of Rs.40.88 crore under the Scheme “Asian elephant depredation and its mitigation measures” during the year 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Operation Malai for rampaging elephants

The first-ever operation in India involving tranquillising and translocating in 60 hours, a herd of six rampaging elephants in six districts was carried out in August 2013. Termed ‘Operation Malai’ (Operation Hill), it involved



367 staff and officers and 5 Kumki (trained) elephants. The captured elephants were sent to Mudumalai and Anamalai camps for rehabilitation.

Conservation Reserve

The Suchindram, Theroor-Manakudy lake area in Kanniyakumari District is declared as second Conservation Reserve during the year 2014-15.

Improvement of Zoos

A sum of Rs. 5 crore was sanctioned for improvement of Amrithi Zoo at Vellore and Trichy Zoo at Trichy during 2013-14.

Birds Sanctuaries

The sprawling Sakkarakottai Tank in Ramanathapuram District has been formed into a Bird Sanctuary by deepening it at 6 spots and building mounts and planting saplings to attract more birds by providing them nesting, breeding and roosting facilities.

Conservation of Pallikaranai Marshland

Pallikaranai marshland in the outskirts of Chennai is home to 112 species of birds, 21 species of reptiles, 9 species of amphibians, 46 species of fishes and 7 species of butterflies. The Tamil Nadu Government has opted for prevention of urban development in the sensitive eco system. A sum of Rs.15.75 crore has been sanctioned for 5 years from 2011-12 to 2015-16 under state fund for the ecological restoration and conservation of the marshland.


Butterfly Park and Nakshatra Vanam

In 2012-13, a sum of Rs.7.35 crore was sanctioned for establishment of Butterfly Park and Nakshatravanam near Upper Anaicut Reserve Forest of Tiruchirappalli Forest division over an extent of 10 hectares.

The Butterfly Park is an indoor conservatory for breeding butterflies. NakshatraVanam is an outdoor conservatory for trees related to the zodiac signs and stars of Indian astrology. The scheme to conserve butterfly species and trees will attract tourists and pilgrims. Works are on in full swing and the park is proposed to be inaugurated shortly.

Making the most of Water Resources

Tamil Nadu is a water deficient state. Despite growing urbanization, it has a predominantly agriculture-based



economy and is dependent upon monsoons to meet its basic needs of water. Unfortunately, this resource is under enormous threat. Realizing the gravity of the problem, catchment areas have been treated with apposite afforestation and soil and moisture conservation measures to help recharge both the surface and ground water resources. Rs. 50 crore has been spent for extensive water harvesting works within and around the forest areas covering 50,000 hectares with funding assistance from NABARD. Rs. 22.50 crore was spent for construction of 500 check dams and 500 percolation ponds under Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project Phase-II.

Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in compulsory rain water harvesting, the movement having been launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in 2001. It had a tremendous impact in recharging groundwater all over Tamil Nadu and was a resounding success.

Coastal Zone Conservation

Thane cyclone, that hit the coastal districts of Cuddalore and Villupuram on 30.12.2011, uprooted a large number of trees. To restore the areas that have suffered less of trees, Rs.14.96 crore was sanctioned towards planting 37.25 lakh seedlings of tree species like teak, casuarina, and eucalyptus over a period of four years from 2012-13 to 2015-16. Totally a sum of Rs. 11.11 crore was incurred upto 2013-14 under this scheme. During 2014-15, this scheme was implemented at an outlay of 2.17 crore.

Steps towards a green environment

In 2013-2014, 645.30 hectares were notified as Reserve Forests and 1498.81 hectares as Reserve Lands; during 2014-15, 513.730 hectares were notified as Reserve Forests and 1276.475 hectares were notified as reserve land. Rs.9.75 crore was sanctioned for raising teak plantations over an area of 6300 hectares; Rs.50 lakh was sanctioned for restoration and reclamation of Shola forests in the Nilgiris for a period of five years from 2013-14.

Watchdog of the Environment

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) functions with the objective of controlling, preventing and abating pollution of streams, wells, land and atmosphere in the State. It aims to protect the environment from degradation by effective monitoring and implementation of pollution control legislations. In short, it functions as a watchdog of the environment.



Award for Handicrafts

Handlooms Handicrafts Textiles and Khadi

The Handloom sector provides employment to about 3.19 lakh persons. Considering its pivotal role, the Tamil Nadu Government seeks to revamp the sector by rejuvenating handloom co-operatives, training weavers to produce exportable, modern apparels and ornamental products, establishing apparel parks and setting up a handloom export organisation in public-private partnership to encourage exports.

Handloom weaving is a complicated activity involving drudgery. The Government has decided to provide 6,000 mechanised pedal looms over a period of 3 years, at a total cost of Rs.24 crore. With the mechanised pedal loom, the handloom weaver can produce three times higher quantity per day and earn wages of Rs.160/- against the usual Rs. 82.55 every day, thereby improving their economic condition.

As part of the implementation of welfare measures, free power supply of up to 100 units for handloom weavers and up to 500 units for power-loom weavers is being provided. At present, 1.35 lakh handloom weavers and 1.02 lakh power-loom weavers are benefiting under this scheme.

The Government is implementing the Chief Minister's Green House Scheme, the first of its kind, by providing a subsidy of Rs.2.60 lakh per house (Rs.2.30 lakh for construction and Rs.0.30 lakh for solar power light). Ten thousand Green Houses are to be constructed for handloom weavers at an allocation of Rs.260 crore.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister has passed several orders to protect the livelihood of handloom weavers including procurement of handloom items like dhotis and sarees throughout the year and payment of dues on a weekly basis. Payment for procurement lists received from handloom weavers' cooperative societies are made on the same day the procurement list is received. Earlier, payment would be released a fortnight after the receipt of the procurement list.

The Co-operative Handloom Weavers Old Age Pension Scheme is being implemented for the weavers in the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. The pension has been enhanced to Rs.1000/- per month from Rs.400/- with effect from 01.01.2012. At present, 20,456 handloom weavers benefit from this.

Export earnings with environmental protection

Tiruppur, the knitwear and hosiery capital of the country with more than 700 dyeing units achieved the highest ever export turnover of more than Rs.20,000 crore in 2014-15. At a cost of Rs. 742.93 crore, 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants are being established to treat the effluents. Interest-free loan of Rs.179.34 crore and subsidy of Rs.112.50 crore has been sanctioned by Government of Tamil Nadu for the Tiruppur CETPs.

For the silken sheen

Tamil Nadu is traditionally famous for its finest silk sarees from Kanchipuram, and attractive silk sarees from Kumbakonam, Arni, Rasipuram and other places. To supply the raw material to the centres, the Government lays emphasis on sericulture as an agro-based labour intensive rural industry with a high potential for providing large-scale employment to the rural labour force. The State stands first in the country

in average productivity of 73.9 Kg of cocoon per 100 silkworm layings, distribution of 52 per cent of layings as chawkie worms to farmers and production of 75.34 per cent of total silk as Bivoltine silk. The Department of Sericulture promotes mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing, marketing of cocoons, silk reeling, twisting and upgradation of looms.

Helping hand to handicrafts

From exquisite bronze icons to richly decorated Thanjavur paintings, from jewels shining with traditional allure to granite and soapstone carved into elegant figures of subtle beauty, Tamil Nadu has a stunning range of handicrafts created by extremely talented craftsmen. 'The Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited', which runs its business under the famous trade name 'Poompuhar' plays a pivotal role in selling and promoting handicrafts in the State.

Marketing is through its 14 showrooms in India, and exhibitions held in India and abroad – it also imparts training to artisans to upgrade their skills to improve the productivity and quality of the handicrafts





produced. It is the only state handicrafts development corporation in India which has its own production centres. The State Government offers highest number of awards in the Country as a great recognition of the talent of the State's artisans.

Khadi & Village Industries

The Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board is promoting, organizing and improving Khadi and Village Industries in rural areas. The Khadi sector

employs 20,000 artisans, of whom 12,500 are rural women. Production of Khadi silk is another major activity undertaken by the Board – today the Khadi silk saree is a couture statement in itself.

These and other village industry products like handmade paper, furniture, leather goods, handmade soap, honey, pottery and native medicinal products are sold in the 106 Khadi Kraft outlets throughout the State. A showroom in Chennai even offers traditional therapies like mud bath, steam bath and spine bath.

AWARDS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- Co-optex won National Award for the 'Outstanding Contribution to Handlooms'.
- Co-optex won National Award for the 'Largest Producer of Handloom in India at Textile conclave 2013'.



Health and Family Welfare

Tamil Nadu is cited as a success model State in health administration. Its performance outstrips all other states in key indicators of maternal and child health care; it has already achieved the National Rural Health Mission/Reproductive Child Health goals. The Tamil Nadu Government is committed to making quality medicare available to every citizen in the State. According to objective assessment, Tamil Nadu is better organized than most Indian States to manage public health threats.



With the vision and guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the State is implementing several landmark initiatives to ensure universal health care. Some of the notable achievements include

- The incorporation of the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation in 1994 to distribute drugs to Government hospitals.
- 7 x 24-hour services at PHCs.
- Starting of 30-bed PHCs in every block.
- Provision of adequate blood banks.
- Facilities for night caesarian.
- Opening of neo-natal stabilization and intensive care units.
- Upgradation of comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care (CEmONC).
- Universal immunization.

The modified Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme and the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme are successful schemes

being implemented. Expensive procedures like liver and renal transplant have been brought under the Insurance scheme. The State has effectively responded to the challenge of vector-borne diseases like dengue which showed increased incidence worldwide.

With 19 medical colleges, 43 medical college hospitals attached to them, 31 district headquarters hospitals and a network of primary, secondary and tertiary hospitals, as well as a plethora of intervening health programmes and initiatives, the department is fully involved in the two-pronged strategy of prevention and cure.

Multi Super Specialty Hospital for the poor

The Tamil Nadu Government Multi-Super Specialty Hospital is a Rs.143.14 crore, 400-bed Government-owned super-specialty hospital in Chennai, aimed at delivering quality medical services to the poor. It is located in a sprawling building in the Omandurar Government Estate and was opened in February 2014 as a referral hospital, similar to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi.

Nine critical super specialties, cardiology, cardio thoracic surgery, hand and reconstructive microsurgery, medical oncology, surgical oncology, neurology, neuro surgery, vascular surgery and post-operative care and an ICU with sophisticated equipment are located in the hospital. Till now, 97,105 outpatients and 13,923 in-patients have been treated.

Opening of new medical colleges in districts

The Government is establishing in phased manner, new Government





Medical Colleges in the districts where there is no medical college. Two new Government Medical Colleges were opened with 100 MBBS seats each at Sivagangai (Rs. 97 crore) from 2012-13 and at Tiruvannamalai (Rs. 147.70 crore) from 2013-14. The Medical Council of India approval has been obtained for an additional 410 MBBS seats in seven Government Medical Colleges.

Maternity wards of Medical Colleges are being strengthened and infrastructure created in the Government Hospitals and PHCs. In budget session 2014 - 15, it was announced that a new medical college will be opened at Karur. It was also announced that a new medical college will be opened at Omandurar Government Estate with an annual intake of 100 MBBS Seats.

Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

The Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme was launched on January 11, 2012 to achieve the objective of universal health care. Applicable to families whose annual income is below Rs. 72,000/-, the sum assured is Rs. 4 lakh for a family in 4 years. The insurance provides for paying up to Rs. 1.5 lakh per year per family for a specified 77 procedures.

The Scheme covers 1,016 procedures including 23 important diagnostic procedures. Including all Government Medical College Hospitals and District Headquarters Hospitals, 783 hospitals have been approved for providing treatment. So far, 10.55 lakh persons have benefited to an amount of Rs. 2213.32 crore. A corpus fund of Rs. 10 crore has been created to meet the expenditure of high-end



Madras Medical College Annexe Building

surgeries which cost more than Rs. 1.5 lakh. Till now, 2,192 persons have benefited through this fund.

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme

This scheme provides financial assistance of Rs. 12,000/- to pregnant women for two deliveries in Government institutions, from June 1, 2011. The amount is disbursed in 3 instalments to the beneficiaries' bank account by e-Transfer. The support is meant to compensate wage loss and to meet expenses on nutritious diet. So far, Rs. 2477.95 crore has been distributed to 26.72 lakh beneficiaries. Under this scheme, free laptops were given to 9,397 village health nurses at a cost of Rs. 19.17 crore, to computerize the details of pregnant women and infant/delivered mother on a daily basis.

CEmONC care for mothers and the newborn

Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (CEmONC) Centres have been established in 125 Government Hospitals to provide round-the-clock services. These Centres are equipped with life-saving equipment and Blood Bank, and have 10 Specialist doctors and para medical staff in



Mobile Ambulance

attendance. In 2013–14, there were 1,69,980 deliveries and 2,89,605 maternity admissions and in 2014-2015, there were 1,79,955 deliveries and 2,95,964 Maternity admissions in CEMONC Centres. Orders have been issued to set up Reproductive and Child Health Centres of Excellence in Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital, Salem and in Government Medical College Hospital Madurai at a cost of Rs.100 crore each.

Menstrual Hygiene Programme

Launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister in March

2012, this programme promotes Menstrual Hygiene among rural adolescent girls and post natal mothers. At an annual cost of Rs. 55 lakh, every year 32.79 lakh rural adolescent girls and 7.25 lakh post natal mothers are provided sanitary napkins.

The girls are protected from infections, their attendance in school improves and their social behaviour is more confident. Mentally ill women in institute of mental health and women in prisons are also covered under the programme.



Medical Services Recruitment Board

For the first time in the country, a separate Medical Services Recruitment Board has been established in the State. So far, 5,544 doctors and 1,374 non-medical personnel have been selected through the Board.

Food Safety and Drug Control Administration

A new department called Food Safety and Drug Control Administration has been created at an expenditure of Rs. 86.35 crore to monitor the implementation of food and drug related legislation. Six food sample laboratories have been established at Guindy, Thanjavur, Madurai, Salem, Palayamkottai and Coimbatore.

Nurses Training College in Theni

A new Nursing college at Periyakulam in Theni district has been established at a cost of Rs.12.30 crore.

Super Specialty Hospital for Tiruchi

Orders have been issued to upgrade the Tiruchi Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government hospital as a super specialty hospital at a cost of Rs. 100 crore. In the first phase, Rs.53. 97 crore has been sanctioned for construction and Rs. 1.03 crore for a trauma centre.

Cancer Centres, Dialysis Units, X – Ray Equipment, Expansions

Regional Cancer Centres have been set up in the Madurai Rajaji Government Hospital (Rs. 14.26 crore), Coimbatore Medical College Hospital (Rs. 14.73 crore), Thanjavur Medical College Hospital (Rs. 15 crore) and Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital (Rs. 15.06 crore).

Government hospitals are upgraded at a cost of Rs. 74. 85 crore. Operation theatres in the Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Thanjavur and Chengalpattu Government

medical college hospitals have been modernized at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. Dialysis Units have been set up in 16 district headquarters hospitals and one medical college hospital at a cost of Rs. 2.3 crore. Digital X-ray equipment has been provided to 23 district headquarters hospitals and 7 medical college hospitals at a cost of Rs. 31.60 crore. MRI scan facility has been provided in Kanniyakumari, Thoothukudi, Theni, Tiruvarur and Sivagangai medical college hospitals in the PPP mode. CT Scan equipment has been supplied to 4 Government district headquarters hospitals at a cost of Rs. 7 crore.

The Srirangam Government general hospital is being expanded at a cost of Rs. 3.92 crore. Tele-medicine facilities have been set up at a cost of Rs. 5 crore in selected Primary Health Centres.

Call '104', round-the-clock health helpline

Medical advice is only a call away with '104' health helpline inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.12.2013. This is a PPP initiative launched to provide 24 x 7 health guidance. 9,89,210 effective calls have been answered. Calls are answered in Tamil, Telugu and English.

Dial '108' for Emergency Ambulance Services

In order to remove the barriers of affordability in accessing ambulance services, the Tamil Nadu Government fully funds Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI), to run the Emergency Ambulance Service under PPP mode. The 24x7 service can be availed by anyone facing a medical emergency by dialing '108'. At present, 703 Ambulances including 37 Neonatal and 58 Advance life-support ambulances are under operation. So far, 36.06 lakh persons have used the Emergency service. By launching all these initiatives, Tamil Nadu is at the forefront of the healthcare and family welfare.



AWARDS

Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project under Health and Family Welfare Department received Awards for the implementation of the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme and Health Management Information System from the year 2011.

Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

1. e-India award in the form of certificate for the year 2012 for the best use of IC and T in Health Insurance from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. e-India award in the form of certificate for the year 2013 for the best use of IC and T in Health Insurance from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Health Management Information System

1. Finalist CSI-Nihilent e-governance awards 2011-12 received from CSI Nihilent, Hyderabad.
2. Winner of 15th National e-governance award-Gold 2011-12 under category of "Exemplary reuse of ICT based solutions" received from Government of India, at Bhubaneshwar.
3. South Asia Pacific Manthan Juror's award for the year 2013 received from Digital Inclusion for Development, New Delhi.
4. E-India award for the year 2013-14 received from e-lets, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. South Asia Pacific Manthan Special Mention Award for the year 2014 received from Digital Inclusion for Development, New Delhi.



Tiruchi Bharadhidasan Technical Learning Campus Building.



Periyar University Art and Science College Thithiyapana Halli, Pennaharam Taluk, Dharmapuri District.



Girls Hostel Building
Mother Therasa Women University, Kodaikanal,



Victoria Hostel Building,
Government Arts College (Autonomous), Kumbakonam.



Higher Education

A record number of 14 Government Arts and Science Colleges, 24 University Constituent Arts and Science Colleges, 11 Government Polytechnic Colleges and 4 Government Engineering Colleges and one Indian Institute for Information Technology (IIIT) have been opened in the past four years since 2011. The IIIT, an iconic Public Private Partnership venture involving the Government of India, the State Government and Industry as partners, meets the requirements for skilled human resource in the field of Information Technology and was opened in Srirangam in Tiruchirapalli District. Anna University, one of the oldest engineering institutes in the world, has sanctioned Rs.150 crore to meet the infrastructure requirements of its constituent Engineering Colleges in the emerging scenario of a knowledge society.

Based on the Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision of Tamil Nadu as the Innovation hub and knowledge capital of India the Government is implementing special programmes for enhancing the quality of Higher Education. The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education and Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education are the



Women Hostel Building, Periyar Arts College, Cuddalore



Administrative Block, Mother Theresa Women's University, Kodaikanal

academic wings of the Higher Education Department promoting and coordinating the policies and programmes of the Government. They also determine standards in higher education. The Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology and Science City initiate and support the Research and Development in different scientific disciplines. At the same time, they popularize and propagate Science and Technology among the masses.

Smart Classrooms with video conferencing

The Government's special schemes have helped the Higher Education Department address the challenges of making the teaching-learning process robust. There is regular and continuous updating of curricula reflecting the latest innovations. Extensive use of Information Communication Technology is another major breakthrough. Smart Classrooms with Video Conferencing facilities have been established in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs.2 crore. The teaching-learning experience has become easier and interactive and it has led to the networking of colleges, resulting in the sharing of knowledge and technology.

Study Abroad for Students from Weaker Sections

A milestone initiative, the Study Abroad

Programme for faculty and students has commenced with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education and British Council in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Under this scheme, 25 post-graduate students and 5 faculty members from Government Colleges spend a semester in universities in the United Kingdom. The financial assistance from the Government is Rs.15 lakh for each student / faculty. A first of its kind in the whole country, this scheme has become a dream come true for students from the economically, socially weaker sections of society to study abroad.

Leaping forward with Laptops

One of the flagship initiatives of the Government of Tamil Nadu is the distribution of free-of-cost laptops to students of Arts and Science Colleges, Polytechnics and Engineering Colleges. This scheme, the brainchild of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, empowers youth and enhances their skills in technology. The distribution of nearly 5,70,307 (as on 27.4.2015) laptops is a firm step towards building a knowledgeable youth force.

Language skills to empower the youth

Language Skills have become very significant in an era of globalization. To improve the language skills



of students, Foreign Language Laboratories have been established in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs.1.5 crore. These language laboratories teach English, Chinese, French, German and other foreign languages with ease and guarantee confidence for the students to face global challenges.

University Business Collaboration Centres

In 6 Universities, University Business Collaboration Centres have been established at a cost of Rs.1.98 crore with the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education as the Nodal Agency. These centres act as coordinating Agencies for bringing together industries, Universities and business houses in Tamil Nadu, India and abroad. This co-ordination helps in creating industry-oriented skills of the students.

Writing skills for students

To help students hone their skills in writing academic reports (professional writing) and drafting all forms of written communication, Centres for Technical and Academic Writing have been established in 9 Universities, at a total cost of Rs.90 lakh.



Academicians from Abroad

A scheme of inviting academicians from renowned Universities has been introduced in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs.1 crore to help students gain insights into international practices.

Enabling the differently abled with multi-media packages

Quality education with potential for self-development for the differently-abled has been





COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING GUINDY

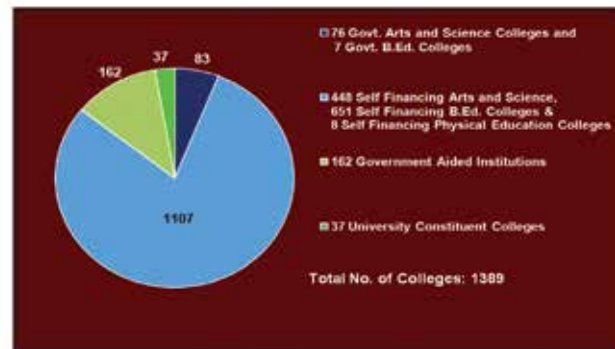

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a priority for the Higher Education Department. Centres for Multi-Modal Material Production for the differently abled have been established at a cost of Rs.5 crore in 10 Universities. These Centres have facilities to bring out Braille books with or without tactile graphics in English and Tamil based on the needs of the students. The centres have heavy duty braille printers (embossers) for high speed production and personal computers to create data bank.

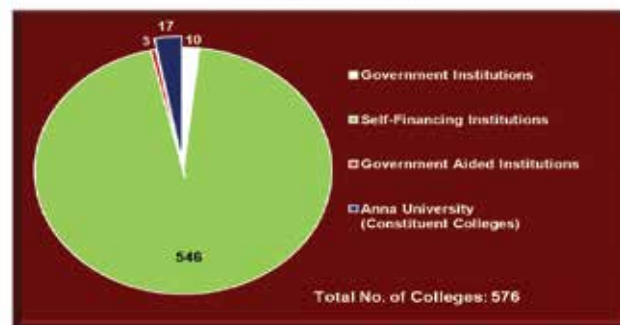
Bringing rural students on par with city students

In a strategic move to take post graduate education to the distant areas of the State, Post Graduate Extension Centres have been opened in Perambalur, Erode, Kanyakumari, Dharmapuri and Virudhunagar Districts through the Universities concerned. The high-tech laboratories in these extension centres help the rural youth involve themselves in research and development as their urban counterparts. Equal opportunities for quality higher education are being provided based on international benchmarks of excellence, creating a talented human resource pool with proven ethical values.

Number of Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu During 2014-2015



Number of Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu During 2014-2015



BEST AWARD RECEIVED FROM GOVT OF INDIA

To motivate the young to take up a career in science research, the Department of Science and Technology is implementing the INSPIRE Awards Scheme nationwide. Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab were selected for best implementation of the scheme in 2014.

Tamilnadu Science and Technology Centre received the best INSPIRE Implementing Award on October 8, 2014 at New Delhi.



Highways & Minor Ports

The Highways and Minor Ports Department is marching towards achieving the targets envisioned in Vision 2023, with an ambitious investment plan of Rs.1,33,000 crore. The objective of the Highways Department is to increase the capacity, connectivity, efficiency and safety so as to enable balanced socio-economic development of all sections of people.



No.	Year	CapEx Rs. in crore	GDP of TN Rs. in crore
1	2004-05	1195	219003
2	2005-06	2234	257833
3	2006-07	2465	310526
4	2007-08	2616	350819
5	2008-09	2368	401336
6	2009-10	2950	479733
7	2010-11	3310	584896
8	2011-12	3406	665312
9	2012-13	3623	744474
10	2013-14	3875	850319
11	2014-15	4811	976703

The categories of road and their lengths in Tamil Nadu are as follows:-

i) National Highways (NH) 5,004 kms, ii) State Highways (SH) 11,752 kms, iii) Major District Roads (MDR) 11,289 kms and iv) Other District Roads (ODR) 34,234 kms. The total length of roads is 62,294 kms.

The department's performance impacts citizens as well as the industries and is one of the crucial factors enabling the State to achieve its vision of becoming the number one State.

The efforts taken on the infrastructure development front have paved the way for the overall improvement of the economy. Figures above show the growth of Plan Expenditure on roads and GDP of the State.

The Emphasis on the four Es for Road Safety

Road safety is an integral part of Road Policy. Road statistics reveal high occurrence of accidents, which is mostly due to lack of concern for road safety. Keeping this in view, the Government of Tamil Nadu formulated a Road Safety Policy (2001). The policy outlines the 4 E's of Road Safety, namely Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Medical Relief and Education.

GIS and web-enabled Road Accident Data Management System (RADMS) was developed in coordination with Police, Highways and Transport Departments for collection and analysis of Accident Data to arrive at remedial measures. An amount of Rs. 445 crore has been allocated for road safety works in 2014-15.





Joint Bridge connecting Tsunami affected villages Kizhmanakudi and Melmanakudi at Kanniyakumari District



Bridge across Coovum at Nerkundram Chennai District at a cost of Rs. 16.04 crore



Railway Over Bridge at Koolipalayam, Tirupur District at a cost of Rs. 17 crore



Railway Over Bridge at Oorapakkam, Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs. 29.68 crore

Besides these, special efforts are being taken to tackle the issue comprehensively in coordination with the line departments under the World Bank assisted Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project - II. The component includes capacity augmentation of the enforcement, compliance systems, monitoring and evaluation and road safety promotion plans.

e-pathai, an integrated road management system

For efficient and transparent functioning of the department, Government has come up with integrated e-pathai system under Institutional Development comprising Road Maintenance Management System (RMMS), Geographical Information System (GIS) and Project, Human Resources and Finance Management System (P&FMS). The department is striving to improve the condition of all roads to achieve service levels on par with State Highways and National Highways by fixing performance indicators based on roughness.

Bypassing problems of congestion, road safety

The Government has taken up construction of bypasses to facilitate traffic flow without interference



Bridge across Kollidam River connecting Neelathanallur and Madhanathur villages



Murugankudi Bridge at Cuddalore at a cost of Rs. 7.83 crore

from local traffic, to reduce congestion inside towns and to improve road safety. Apart from bypasses taken up under NHDP by NHAI, 29 bypasses have been completed at an expenditure of Rs.384.22 crore. Three bypasses are being constructed at a cost of Rs.191.89 crore, Land acquisition for 29 bypasses is in progress. Detailed Project Report (DPR) is being prepared for 19 bypasses.



Railway Over Bridge at Echanari, Coimbatore District at a cost of 13 Crore.

Grade Separators at major road intersections

The department is taking up construction of grade separators at major road intersections, improvement of junctions and intersections as well as providing foot over-bridges/ subways for pedestrians in the urban, suburban and peri-urban areas based on the traffic volume and demand in consonance with the Development Authority.

At present, 5 grade separators are in progress in Chennai Metro Area at a cost of Rs. 331 crore and DPR is being prepared for 14 infrastructure facilities in Chennai Metro Area at a rough cost estimate of Rs.870 crore. The department is replacing the railway level crossing with Road Over Bridge / Road Under Bridge to reduce traffic congestion on cost sharing basis. So far



Tharapuram Bypass Road , Thiruppur District at a cost of Rs. 14 crore



45 Road Over / Under Bridges have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 940.57 crore.

Major Industrial Connectivity

Access roads to Industries and Ports are being taken up as major Industrial connectivity projects to facilitate industrial growth.

1) The Ennore Manali Road Improvement Project (EMRIP) has been taken up under Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) at a total cost of Rs.600 crore.

2) Oragadam Industrial Corridor Project is on at a cost of Rs.656.48 crore.

3) Four-laning work of East Coast Road to a length of 33 Km has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.272 crore.

4) Connectivity to Rajiv Gandhi Dry Port is being established at a cost of Rs.81.18 crore.

5) Access roads to SIPCOT industrial sectors are being provided at cost of Rs.387.97 crore.

6) To improve Port Connectivity, Chennai Outer Ring Road project has been sanctioned for developing a six-lane road for a length of 60.15 km at a cost



of Rs.2,156 crore under PPP mode. In the first phase, a stretch of 29 kms has been completed. In addition, a proposal for formation of 133.65 km Chennai Peripheral Ring Road including access road to Ennore port is under active consideration.

Improving roads to tourist destinations

The improvement of roads connecting important tourist locations is being taken up every year as a priority to ensure safe travel of tourists.

The Government of Tamil Nadu's ambitious plan of Vision 2023 includes enhancement of 2,000 km of roads into 6/8 lane Expressway corridors, modernization of State highways covering 5,000 km of four lane highways, and conversion of other state highways of 16,000 km length to two lane roads with paved shoulders.

Indian Road Congress at Coimbatore

The State Highways Department hosted the





New Ferry “ M. L. VIVEKANANDA” for the ferry service to the Vivekananda Rock Memorial at Kannyakumari.



73rd Annual Session of the Indian Road Congress, the premier body of Highways Engineers, at Coimbatore from 7.1.2013 to 11.1.2013. The session was hosted by the Government of Tamil Nadu which sanctioned a sum of Rs.3.31 crore towards this annual event.

Shipyard cum minor port complex

The construction of the Rs. 3,000 crore Shipyard-cum-Minor Port complex at Kattupalli near Ennore was completed and it was inaugurated on 30.1.2013.

The captive and commercial operations of the port have commenced. As part of the operations, it will handle Containers, General and Project Cargo and Automobiles (Ro-Ro) in addition to the captive activities at the Shipyard-cum-Minor Port complex.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicated a new ferry, M.L. Vivekanandha procured by the Poompohar Shipping Corporation at a cost of Rs.1.08 crore for the ferry service to the Vivekananda Rock Memorial.





Home, Prohibition and Excise

Tamil Nadu assures its residents of an atmosphere of stability, peace and order. The reason for this is the Tamil Nadu police whose administrative control vests with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Tamil Nadu Government walks the extra mile to strengthen the Police Force and maintain law and order. The Tamil Nadu Police have completed 152 years of exemplary service. It is the fifth largest in India. The Police force is motivated with the passion of being the best in the country and shows great devotion to duty.



The Tamil Nadu Police have several Milestone achievements to its credit.

- ☆ All Women Police Stations were set up in the State as early as 1992.
- ☆ The Coastal Security Group was created to intensify vigil along the coastal borders of 1076 kms
- ☆ The Uniformed Service Recruitment Board was set up.
- ☆ Construction of Police Quarters and buildings received a fillip.
- ☆ For the first time in the country, canteens that supply essential requirements for day-to-day living, were set up for the benefit of the Police Personnel.
- ☆ Boys clubs, character-building cells providing guidance to the youth from slums and economically-weaker sections were started for the first time in the State on 17.09.2003.
- ☆ Station House Officer in each police station was designated as Liaison Officer to interact with the Panchayat President and others in the village to collect information on law and order issues in all districts.

Work of Special Branch CID helped nip crime in the bud

The major functions of the Special Branch CID are to collect, collate and disseminate intelligence on issues pertaining to political/ communal/ caste/ labour/ student/ services and other general Law and Order matters and pass the information to the CsOP / SsP for taking appropriate preventive measures. The timely information furnished enables the field officers to handle issues without disturbing Law and Order and also helps in tactfully handling several kinds of agitations. Due to effective pro-active action taken by the State Police on the Law and Order front, most of the issues have been nipped in the bud.

Multi-pronged action against anti-social elements and timely preventive measures based on inputs given by the State Intelligence Wing and effective handling of Law and Order situations have made the State peaceful.

Security Branch CID

Security is provided to 167 Tamil Nadu based VIPs/PPs facing risk to their lives at the hands of terrorists and religious fundamentalists. Core Cell, attached with Security Branch, CID provides round-the-clock security cover at the place of stay, places of visit and during the convoy movement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The Special Branch Training School organizes various courses for the State Police personnel on various subjects pertaining, among other things to VIP Security and Intelligence. All out efforts are made to ensure provision of

fool-proof security to visiting VVIPs/VIPs/PPs and also for the important events.

Organised Crime Intelligence Unit (OCIU)

The Organised Crime Intelligence Unit collects actionable intelligence regarding the activities





of notorious elements, gangsters, absconding criminals, persons involved in kidnapping for ransom, drug traffickers, human traffickers, traffickers of arms and explosives, those circulating fake Indian currency notes and prisoners. It passes on the information to the law enforcing agency to take necessary action. In 2013, 401 accused were profiled and updated in the FFPRSM (Face and Finger Print Registration and Search Management System). Arms and explosives traffickers were arrested in Madurai city, Krishnagiri and Villupuram districts. Child labourers were rescued from a hotel in Ooty, and from a Spinning Mill and Children's home in Tiruppur district. 'Q' Branch CID units functioning all over the State gather intelligence on the activities of Naxalites and other extremists and militants and take effective measures to prevent them from establishing their base. The unit also undertakes investigation of cases and therefore brings together inputs from field intelligence and interrogation for effective operation.

Action against left wing extremists

The activities of banned organizations like Tamil Nadu Liberation Army (TNLA) and Tamil National Retrieval Troop (TNRT) are under control.

Operation X Ray

In order to curtail unauthorized transactions of explosives, a special drive code named 'Operation X-Ray 2013' was launched from 26.12.2013 to 28.12.2013 in all districts on the initiative of Rs.Q' Branch CID. During this special drive, 20 cases were registered against 39 accused.



Office of Commissioner of Police, Chennai

Prohibition Enforcement Wing

A total of 71 'Black Spot' Villages at the end of the year 2010 was reduced to 12 in 2014 (up to 31.03.2014). Concerted efforts are being made to eradicate the distillation of ID Arrack in the remaining 'black spot' villages in the hilly areas of Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram and Vellore districts and also to completely eradicate the black spot villages in Kancheepuram district. Consequent on stringent action, there were no liquor deaths in the State. Formation of new police stations, creation of necessary posts, upgradation and recruitment keep the police force on its toes to ensure law and order in the State.

Medals and Rewards that motivate

The Government enhanced the Cash Awards to the Medal winners of Police Sports Competitions from Rs. 50,000/-, Rs. 30,000/- & Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 5,00,000/-, Rs. 3,00,000/- & Rs. 2,00,000/- respectively for Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals respectively. Besides, cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- each is given to all members of winning teams. Cash award of Rs. 61,50,000/- was sanctioned to the Police personnel who won Medals and Trophies in the 56th All India Police Duty Meet 2012–held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh State from 08.02.2013 to 15.02.2013.

All India Police Commando Competition

Tamil Nadu Police hosted the fourth ALL INDIA POLICE COMMANDO COMPETITION at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy, in Chennai. The Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctioned Rs. 94.75 lakh for this event. New infrastructure such



as obstacle courses, system of baffles for the range, and electronically controlled targets were created at a cost of Rs.50 lakh. These will be permanent additions to the infrastructure of the Academy, for training. Tamil Nadu Police were the first to use an electronically controlled reflex shooting range in the competition.

Modernisation of Police Force

The Government sanctioned Rs.107.85 crore (Central share of Rs.64.71 crore + State share of Rs.43.14 crore) for implementation of the Plan Scheme under Modernisation of Police Force for 2013-14. This includes allocation of buildings (urban and rural police stations, bell of arms, artificial rock climbing wall, buildings for dog kennels, firing simulators, barracks and the like) and housing (Quarters for Lower Subordinates and Quarters for Upper Subordinates) From 01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014, the Government accorded financial sanction of Rs. 3,77,00,000/- for provision of Smart Phones to all Inspectors serving in various units of Intelligence Wing and CUG SIM Cards to Executive / Ministerial Staff and their families. Apart from the above, Rs. 25 crore is sanctioned annually for carrying out repairs/Special repairs/maintenance of Police buildings/quarters.

Tamil Nadu Police Benevolent Fund (TNPBF)

The Government has constituted Tamil Nadu Police Benevolent Fund, for the benefit of the Non-Gazetted Staff of Police Department including Ministerial Staff. Family relief is granted by the District Committee in the event of death towards immediate assistance. Rs.15,000/- is provided in case of death of the subscriber and Rs. 5,000/- in case of death of a family member of the subscriber. Centenary Scholarship ranging from Rs. 3,500/- to Rs. 10,000/- (depending on the course), is provided to children of employees of Police Department who pursue higher studies in Colleges and Polytechnics. Special Medical Relief of Rs. 5,000/- is granted to subscribers and family members (three times only during the entire service) by the District Committee. A scheme of providing financial assistance up to Rs. 4 lakh to subscribers of TNPBF is in vogue. Rs. 2 crore is allotted annually from TNPBF towards the treatment of life-threatening diseases. This year Rs. 2,10,49,610/- was granted to 161 beneficiaries by the Central Committee. For the welfare of women Police personnel, a crèche was opened at TSP IV Battalion, Kovaipudur and TSP V Battalion, Avadi and Kanniyakumari. An amount of Rs. 50,000/- was sanctioned for the purchase of essential amenities as a one-time measure and Rs. 1,52,000/- is spent annually from the District Committee funds towards salary for 2 ayahs, purchases and sundry expenses.

Prizes for academically bright children

The Government grants Rs. 1 crore every year, which has now been increased to Rs. 1.2 crore for a prize scheme awarded to children who secure the first 10 ranks among children of police personnel in 10th standard and 12th Standard respectively every year in each District / City. In 2013, Rs. 22,34,000/- was awarded to 704 children.

Tamil Nadu Government Special Scholarship

In order to encourage and facilitate the bright and promising young children of employees, the Tamil Nadu Government Special Scholarship has been introduced. Hundred wards who secure highest marks in +2 are granted Rs. 25,000/- or the actual amount paid to the institutions, whichever is less, for 4 years or till the course is



completed. In 2013, Rs. 23.31 lakh was sanctioned as a first instalment, Rs. 20.94 lakh was sanctioned as the second instalment and Rs. 12.38 lakh as the third instalment and Rs. 13.60 lakh as the fourth instalment.

Ex Gratia Payments

The Government sanctions ex-gratia amount payable in respect of police personnel who are killed/disabled/injured under heroic or tragic circumstances in the course of duty, to compensate for their sufferings/loss ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 5,00,000/-. This year, Rs. 22.30 lakh was paid to 80 beneficiaries.

Tamil Nadu Police Insurance Scheme

Police personnel of all ranks are covered under the Tamil Nadu Police Insurance Scheme. Legal heirs and nominees benefit under this scheme in case of death of Police personnel. This scheme includes accidental death and permanent incapacitation or partial disability suffered during the course of their duties. The insurance payment in the event of death of PCs/Inspectors is Rs. 2 lakh while for DSPs and AdSPs, it is Rs. 4 lakh. Insurance payment for disabilities suffered will depend on the extent of disablement.

Food Subsidy Scheme

Police personnel from the rank of Constables to Inspectors are given 50 per cent subsidy for essential articles bought through Public Distribution System. They have been given distinctive khaki cards for this purpose.

Formation of Medical Outpatient Units

Government sanctioned in October 2011 formation of Medical Outpatient Units at 10 TSP Battalions Headquarters and 26 AR Headquarters. The Medical Outpatient Units were inaugurated on 28.03.2012.



Women Police



Women Commandos



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund

From the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, a sum of Rs. 3 lakh is sanctioned to the family of deceased Police Personnel.

Police Subsidiary Canteens

In order to enable Police personnel to get household requirements at reasonable prices, the Government has started the scheme of Police Subsidiary canteens in three places : RC, Avadi, TSP I Bn., Tiruchi and TSP VI Bn., Madurai. For the benefit of those residing in the Districts / Cities establishment of 45 Police Police special canteens was announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Government has now accorded sanction for the establishment of subsidiary canteen at 44 places viz. 32 Districts including commissionerates and 12 Battalions. Exclusive Police Canteen has been constructed for Chennai City Police at Egmore.

Master Medical Health Check up

A free Master Medical Checkup once in a year for Police personnel who have attained 40 years of age has been introduced by the Government. Raised risk allowance, supply of lime juice to police personnel who are on duty on roads and road junctions and enhancement of stitching allowance are among other benefits.

Police Health Fund

During this year, Rs. 50 lakh has been allotted to the Police Health Fund Scheme to settle pending claims. The allotted amount has been fully utilized and 45 Police Personnel have been provided financial assistance.

Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board

Based on the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 10,500 persons were recruited for the Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade in the year 2013-14. They have been assigned duties like driving the vehicles of the Police Department, delivering letters, doing Data Entry work and assisting the police force in prevention of loss of life of accident victims. Every Member of the Youth brigade will be paid a consolidated monthly honorarium of Rs. 7,500/-. In 2011-2012, 11488 Grade II PCs were recruited. They have completed basic training on 18.10.2013.

36,000 houses under 'Own Your House' scheme

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced construction of 36,000 houses under 'Own Your House' Scheme by allotting 10 acres of land at all District Head Quarters and 100 acres at Melakottaiyur, Kancheepuram District. This is the first major 'Own Your House' Scheme ever announced in the country. As a pilot project, construction of 2,673 houses at Melakottaiyur in Kancheepuram District has been taken up for Police, Fire & Rescue Services & Prison Department. Action is being taken to implement the Scheme in other Districts also.

Construction of 4,340 police rental quarters

TNPSC was entrusted with the construction of 1,000 rental quarters per year which was increased to 4,340 quarters. It is the highest number of quarters ever sanctioned.



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

First-ever Commission on Fire and Rescue Services

The importance given to the safety and security of the people is reflected in the constitution of the first ever commission on Fire and Rescue Services in India. Based on the recommendations of the Commission, the Hon'ble Chief Minister made various announcements during Budget demand for the year 2005-06 and orders were issued for implementation.



Three Skylifts were purchased for use in Chennai City to tackle fires and rescue works in high rise buildings. Other purchases include, 1 Hazmat Vehicle to handle hazardous chemical fires, 2 Bowzers duly provided with 20,000 litres water tank to augment water supply to undertake fire fighting for longer duration and 10 Emergency Rescue Tenders to undertake rescue works during natural disasters and man-made disasters.

The above were sanctioned at a non-recurring cost of Rs. 21 crore along with supporting staff at a recurring cost of Rs. 90.54 lakh. Ten Additional Water Tenders were sanctioned at a non-recurring cost of Rs. 1.50 crore to serve as Reserve Water Tender in the District Headquarters. To afford protection to the fire fighters, purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for 100 personnel in Chennai City was sanctioned at a non-recurring cost of Rs. 1 crore.

First women fire fighters

Tamil Nadu is the first State in the Country to issue orders for induction of women as fire fighters. Two women were appointed as Divisional Officers in 2003. Eleven women candidates were appointed as Station Officers.

Dogs for sniffing out survivors

As a first time in India, formation of Dog Squad with 6 Sniffer dogs was sanctioned for search and rescue in case of building collapse, landslides and the like.

Gallantry awards and subsidized canteens

Anna Medal for Gallantry awarded to Government Servants/Civilians for acts of bravery is extended to officers and personnel of Fire and Rescue Services Department. The supply of commodities at subsidized rates as well as 'Own Your House' schemes of the Police Department was extended to the personnel of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department.

Department of Forensic Science

Forensic Science Services were rendered in the investigation of 53,629 cases investigated in 2013. Serology units were started in the Regional Forensic Laboratories at Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli at a cost of Rs. 53.25 lakh. The sensational case involving murder of school boy Dilshen by an Army officer was solved on the basis of the opinion given by the ballistic expert of the Forensic Science Department.

The cause of death of Hon'ble Minister Mariam Pitchai was established by the expert opinion of Forensic Science Department. The research thesis titled 'Identifying the offender in sexual assault of child and murder through genetic tests' presented by scientists of Forensic Science Department at the All India Conference of Forensic Scientists, has been adjudged as the best research article.

Prohibition and Excise

In the year 2003-2004, the Government sanctioned assistance as loan to rehabilitate convicted prohibition offenders for distillation and sale of illicit liquor. This was converted into a Grant from the year 2011-2012 and this fund was enhanced from Rs.2.20 crore to Rs.5.00 crore. Accordingly, Rs.15.00 crore was granted and 5241 persons benefited in 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 collectively.

In the year 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, Rs.1.00 crore each was sanctioned to conduct state-wide awareness campaigns among the public about the evils of consuming illicit liquor and methanol.



TRANSPORT (HOME)

e-fine system

The 28th Inter Departmental committee on Road Safety Fund sanctioned Rs. 4.30 crore for implementing e-fine system by purchase of 270 units of 'personal data assisted hand-held device system' for the Transport Department.

Integrated modernised check post at Pethikuppam

Government sanctioned Rs. 109.46 crore for construction of an Integrated Modernised Check Post at Pethikuppam, Tiruvallur District, on the Tamil Nadu-Andhra Pradesh border.

e- Testing tracks

The Government has sanctioned Rs. 10 crore for the formation of computerized testing track for driving test at 14 places for proper evaluation of the driving skills of learners.

e- Payment

The collection of taxes and fees by the Transport Department through e-mode was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 19.06.2012. Through the e-services Web Portal of Transport Department, Net banking facilities have been provided by 5 Accredited Banks.

The e-payment facility for Non-Transport Vehicles and Transport Vehicles was implemented in all Regional Transport Officers Offices on the basis of optional mode for dealers. Software is being developed by National Informatics Centre to extend similar facilities to all transactions. ATM-cum-Debit Card facilities are being rendered by the Accredited Banks in a phased manner.

Online e-Payment refund system was also introduced. In respect of collection of online fees for Driving License, the NIC Team, Hyderabad has been requested to develop the necessary software. As on 31.03.2014, Motor Vehicles tax in respect of 25,18,775 vehicles was collected through e-mode and the total payment received was Rs. 2,466.97 crore.

Tamil Nadu is the first State to have online collections as per the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India based on e-kuber web portal compliance settlement and Reporting system. Action is being taken to collect fees for fancy/advance Registration Numbers for new Vehicles through e-systems software in consultation with the National Informatics Centre.

Guidelines for School Buses

To ensure a safe journey for students using School Buses, the Government framed Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles (Regulation and Control of School Buses) Special Rules, 2012, as per the guidelines and directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Court of Madras.



Chennai Autos brought under fixed fares

The Government revised the rates of fare for Contract Carriage Auto rickshaws plying in Chennai Metropolitan area. The minimum fare was fixed at Rs. 25/- for the first 1.8 kilometre and the fare for each additional kilometre was Rs. 12/-. The waiting charges and night charges were also fixed.

The Government also ordered that the Electronic Digital Fare Meters fitted with printer and GPS will be provided free of cost to the contract carriage auto rickshaws plying in Chennai City from the date of publication of the appended notification in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and the Government will bear the total cost of approximately Rs. 80.49 crore. Helpline Phone Number will be assigned for the use of the public and will be linked to the GPS monitoring system to register and monitor violation. These measures under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister brought relief to the commuters while ensuring fair remuneration to the Contract Carriage Auto rickshaw drivers as well.

New Road Transport Offices

The past three years have seen 18 new Unit Offices, 6 newly created/bifurcated Regional Transport Offices, one zonal office at Vellore, two Joint Transport Commissioner (Enforcement) offices at Srirangam and Chennai, two zonal offices upgraded as Joint Transport Commissioner's Office and 10 Unit Offices upgraded as Regional Transport Offices.

Road Safety works apace

Under Road Safety fund's scheme for the financial year 2011-2012, the allotment was enhanced to Rs. 40 crore to carry out works under Engineering and Non-Engineering heads. During the years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, Rs. 65 crore was allotted under Road Safety fund scheme to carry out various works.

Engineering road safety

Under engineering category, the following major works have been undertaken

1. Geometrical improvements to existing roads.
2. Crash barriers at Ghat roads.
3. Construction of central median
4. Junction improvements works
5. Widening of narrow culverts
6. Widening curves and Reconstruction of minor bridges.

Road Safety Awareness Programmes

In 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, Rs. 32 lakh was provided to the District Collectors at the rate of one lakh each, every year for organizing Road Safety awareness programmes. In 2013-2014, the amount was doubled and Rs. 64 lakh was released.



Chief Minister's Accident Relief Fund

The Government has launched a scheme called 'Chief Minister's Accident Relief Fund'. Under this scheme, relief amount has been sanctioned to the legal heirs of victims involved in Road Accidents:

SL. No	Nature of loss	Financial assistance provided with effect from 09.01.2012	Financial assistance provided with effect from 24.02.2014
1.	Death	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-
2.	Permanent Disability	Rs.30,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
3.	Grievous injuries	Rs.30,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
4.	Loss of one eye or one limb(i.e) one hand or one leg	Rs.15,000/-	Rs.30,000/-
5.	Other small injuries	Rs.5,000/-	Rs.10,000/-

For 2014-2015, Rs.30 crore has been allotted.

Emergency accident relief centres

'Emergency Accident Relief Centres'. The aim is to provide immediate first aid to the road accident victims within the 'Golden Hour' and to transport the victims to the nearest hospital for further treatment according to the victims' choice. Each centre is equipped with essential life-saving drugs, paramedical staff and an ambulance with 3 drivers available round-the-clock on 3 shift basis. As of now, there are 33 Emergency Accident Relief Centres functioning on the National Highways/State Highways in Tamil Nadu. Out of these, 22 are functioning under fully sponsored basis and 11 under partially sponsored basis. For the latter, the Government has sanctioned financial assistance under Road Safety Fund to meet the recurring monthly maintenance expenditure. (2013-2014 expenditure was Rs.52.80 lakh). In order to quickly access these centres, a toll free telephone number '1073' is provided. Seventeen more such Centres under Fully Sponsored basis were ordered in 2013-14.

JUDICIAL

Courts – Buildings and other facilities

Ensuring speedy affordable justice and extending all financial assistance and infrastructure to the Judiciary to resolve disputes is a priority for the Hon'ble Chief Minister. In keeping with this aim, various steps have been taken. Rs. 375 crore was sanctioned from 2011-12 to 2014-15 for construction of court buildings, residential quarters and other infrastructure facilities. The funds provided for carrying out special repair works for the Subordinate Court buildings for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15 were enhanced from Rs.6.17 crore to Rs.10 crore and Rs.15 crore respectively.



To deal with land grabbing cases, 25 Special Courts were sanctioned. Nine Special Courts were sanctioned for Motor Accident Claim Original Petition (MCOP) Cases in the cadre of District Judge at Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Tiruvallur, Madurai, Villupuram, Krishnagiri, Erode, Thanjavur and Dharmapuri. Eighteen Special Courts were sanctioned for Motor Accident Claim Original Petition (MCOP) cases in the cadre of Sub Judges. 4 Special Courts were sanctioned to deal with LAOP cases in the cadre of Sub-Judge at Vellore, Arakkonam, Tiruvallur and Cuddalore.

As there is no better test of the excellence of a Government than the efficiency of its Judicial System, the Government has taken many steps to facilitate the administration of justice:

- ☆ Rs. 1.88 crore for replacement of Digital Display Boards with new ones in the Principal Seat of Madras and the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai.
- ☆ Provision of Local Area Network (LAN) facilities to 42 district court complexes.
- ☆ 178 candidates appointed as Civil Judges in Tamil Nadu State Judicial through direct recruitment.
- ☆ Sanction of Rs. 1.11 crore over and above the original sanction of Rs.8.50 crore for the construction of Regional Centre of State Judicial Academy at Madurai.
- ☆ Sanction of Rs. 7.41 crore for 2011-14 to the Judicial Academy for training Judicial Officers.
- ☆ Financial assistance to the legal heirs/nominees of deceased Advocates, to be paid from the Tamil Nadu Advocates welfare fund, enhanced from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5.25 lakh.



- ☆ Rs.4 crore per annum sanctioned for 2014-15 as grant to enable the Tamil Nadu Advocates welfare fund to be sustainable.
- ☆ Functioning of 29 District Legal Service Authorities, 149 Taluk Legal Services Committees and 2 High Court Legal Services Committees
- ☆ Sanction of Rs.296.60 lakh for 2013-14 towards conducting Lok Adalats, Mega Lok Adalats and Legal Literacy Campaigns.
- ☆ The Prison Adalat and Legal Aid Cell are functioning in Central Prisons-- Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Vellore, Cuddalore, Salem, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore and in Special Prison for Women at Vellore.
- ☆ A legal Aid Clinic is functioning in the Central Prison at Puzhal in Chennai.
- ☆ Sanction of Rs.4.20 crore for construction of Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre in Chennai and Rs.29 crore for construction of Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre in the remaining 29 judicial districts.



- ☆ In 2013, Tamil Nadu stood first in the country in disposing of 13,77,252 cases on a single day; Rs. 1140,32, 91,487 was awarded.
- ☆ In 2014, Tamil Nadu stood first in the country again in disposing of 15, 08,767 cases on a single day; Rs. 939,40,45,686 was awarded.
- ☆ Sanction of Rs. 5,10,78,097/- for provision of laptops with printers, online access of Supreme Court and High Court Judgments, law books and for imparting Computer training to 390 Prosecutors of Directorate of Prosecution.
- ☆ Tamil Nadu State Litigation Policy formulated to solve Government's pending cases in a fitting and transparent manner.
- ☆ Sanction of 35 posts of Court Managers in the cadre of Assistant Registrars at an expenditure of Rs. 7.68 crore to enhance the efficiency of Court Management.
- ☆ Four Holiday Family Courts, the first of their kind in the Country have been functioning effectively at the Madras High Court premises.

PRISON

Establishment of "Prison Bazaars"

For reformation and rehabilitation of prisoners, by channelizing their energy towards a positive direction, the Government have established "PRISON BAZAARS" at the boundary of the Central Prison Complexes. A Corpus Fund of Rs.10 lakh has been sanctioned for the development of Prison Bazaars. An outlet of Prison Bazaar is functioning in Prison Head Quarters, Chennai. The products manufactured within the prisons are sold in the brand name of "FREEDOM" at competitive rates to the public.

A sum of Rs. 5 crore has been sanctioned for creation of Corpus Fund to build raw material bank for uninterrupted supply of raw material.

Installation of improved CCTV cameras in all the Central Prisons, construction of quarters for warders and prison employees, Roof-top Solar Photo Voltic System in all Central Prisons, video conferencing facility connecting prisons to courts in Tamil Nadu to facilitate extension of remand of prisoners, Visitor Management System in all Central Prisons, Special Prisons for Women and Borstal School, Pudukottai, installation of waste water recycling plant at a cost of Rs. 2.50 crore in Puzhal Prison Complex are the other measures being implemented.

Introduction of Telephone Facility in Prisons for the use of Prisoners

Conceding to the longstanding request of the prisoners, the Government issued orders for the installation of 54 telephone booths in 9 Central Prisons, 3 Special Prisons for Women and in Borstal School, Pudukottai, at a



cost of Rs.2.01 crore for the use of prisoners to make phone calls. The prisoners are permitted to make calls for a maximum call time of 30 minutes a month. This facility was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.12.2013 and came into operation on that day itself.

Chair for research on prisons and rehabilitation of prisoners

To provide a Platform for research scholars to conduct systematic research into the psychological and social causes of deviant behaviour of convicts and to suggest methods for preventing such behaviour, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.1 crore for establishing a Chair in the University of Madras for taking up Research on Prisons and Rehabilitation of the Prisoners.





Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board
New Multi-storeyed Building at Perumbakkam, Chennai



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Housing and Urban Development

Population growth, migration to urban areas, insufficient financial and natural resources create problems in housing. The Housing and Urban Development department recognizes this and plans various strategies for improving housing infrastructure in the State. This plan of action includes promotion of satellite towns, development work in slums through various projects and ensuring planned growth through farsighted



programmes in urban areas. In the Housing policy, more emphasis is laid on Public Private Partnership to provide affordable, quality housing to all. The statutory bodies like Tamil Nadu Housing Board (TNHB), Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board and the Housing Co-operative Societies functioning under the administrative control of the department have so far constructed 18,28,665 housing units. Most of them have been for the economically weaker sections and low and middle income groups.

Pivotal role of Housing Board

To cater to the housing needs of the growing population, the Board has till now completed 4,08,723 units with all infrastructural facilities to all categories of people all over the State. In the last four years, out of 19,129 units at an estimated cost of Rs. 2350.84 crore in Chennai and other major cities it has completed 10,059 units at a cost of 565.92 crore under Self Finance Schemes, Area Development Schemes and TNGRHS. The Board has played a major role in the development of many towns and expansion of many cities by implementing neighbourhood schemes. Chennai city owes its orderly expansion to it. The Board constructs and maintains dwelling houses (units) for Government employees under the Tamil Nadu Government Rental Housing Scheme (TNGRHS). Sale Deeds have been issued to about 40,581 allottees. Lands worth 157.47 crore have been retrieved.

Reconstruction of old buildings in Chennai

Reconstruction of TNHB Residential Buildings constructed during the early 1960s, is being undertaken for construction of 52 flats and 474 flats in a phased manner at Mandavelipakkam and Nandanam in Chennai, at a cost of Rs. 11.80 crore and Rs. 77.70 crore respectively.

Houses for differently abled

The quota for the differently abled in the allotment of houses has been increased from one per cent to 3 per cent. Tamil Nadu is one of the most urbanized States in the country; according to the 2011 census the State's urban population was 3.49 crore (48.45 per cent). Rapid urbanization has also seen extensive growth of slums in all the cities of the country. This poses a high level of responsibility on the Government and other agencies to provide substantially improved levels of city management and good governance in order to deal effectively with the problem of urban slums.



Tenements for slum dwellers

In the last four years (2011-2015), the Slum Clearance Board has constructed 45,473 tenements and spent Rs. 1,880 crore on its capital programmes. It is to construct 31,939 tenements in 2015-16 at a cost of Rs. 1461.66 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 21,165 tenements constructed in 18 schemes at a cost of Rs. 896.55 crore in Chennai and other towns.

Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project

The Tsunami disaster that struck the coast of Tamil Nadu in December 2004 was unprecedented in its suddenness and widespread in scale. A massive housing programme under World Bank-funded Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction projects and Government of India-funded Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package has been taken up. 7,801 tenements have been constructed and allotted at a cost of Rs. 350 crore for Tsunami affected families on AIR land at Tiruvottriyur, Nochi Nagar, Okkiyam Thoraipakkam and under the RGRP for Tsunami-vulnerable areas in Tiruvallur, Villupuram, Cuddalore and Thoothukudi Districts.

Utilizing the 13th Finance Commission State Specific grants of Rs.300 crore, an action plan for the construction 5,243 storeyed tenements and repairs and renewal works in Chennai and other towns has been approved. Work has been completed for 4,227 tenements.

Slums will be things of the past

An ambitious programme to re-house / resettle slum families living in objectionable and unobjectionable locations in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore in self-contained tenements with required infrastructure has been taken up under the 'Basic Services for Urban Poor' (BSUP) component of the 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission'. In the Vision 2023 document unveiled by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the strategic plan for infrastructure development is on top priority.

The thrust is for rapid economic growth, which envisages among other projects, the provision of houses for all the urban slum families in Tamil Nadu and making the cities/towns slumfree before 2023, at an investment of Rs. 65,000 crore. To ensure holistic development and economically uplift the poor, the Slum Clearance Board has been implementing community development activities like vocational training for slum boys, girls and women.



CMDA – Master plans

The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority develops Master Plans, Details Development Plans and other plans and projects for the development of Chennai Metropolitan Area. It gives Planning Permissions for large developments like multi-storeyed buildings, special buildings and certain classes of industrial and institutional buildings and layouts.

Food Grains Market at Koyambedu

Approval for the construction Food Grains Market within Koyambedu Wholesale Market Complex to an extent of 14.42 acres with 492 shops has been obtained and construction works are under progress at a cost of about Rs. 60.60 crore.

The work of Renovation and Re-development of entire roads and Stormwater drains at the Koyambedu Commercial Complex has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 33.62 crore.





Manjambakkam truck parking yard to reduce accidents

The Manjambakkam Truck Parking Yard is being developed on 11.64 acres on Inner Ring Road of Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs. 22 crore. It will accommodate 400 container trucks. Development works for the project have been completed. These include facilities such as weighbridge, service stations, petrol bunk, spare part shops for truck repair, public conveniences and restaurants. The facility, financed by Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) is expected to reduce the number of accidents in the area because of haphazard parking of trucks on the roadsides and ease traffic congestion.

Two tier parking basement for Chennai Mofussil Bus Stand

Administrative sanction has been accorded for construction of a two-tier basement parking structure at the Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (CMBT), which is the third largest bus station in Asia, after Delhi and Tel Aviv and is accredited with the ISO 9001:2000 quality certification. The Rs. 20 crore basement, to an extent of 3,655 sq. mts will accommodate 2,500 two-wheelers and 50 cars.

The Intercity Bus Terminus at Madhavaram is to be developed to an extent of 8 acres. Administrative sanction has been obtained.

Neighbourhood Scheme

A neighbourhood scheme is to be developed for about 286 Residential Plots and 18 other plots to an extent of 19.91 acres in Edayanchavadi Village near Manali, Chennai City. Layout for the proposal has been approved.

Cooperative housing scheme

The Tamil Nadu Cooperative Housing Federation renovated its office Building at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh from its own funds.

Directorate of Town and Country Planning

In 2012-13, under the programme of implementing e-governance, Rs. 2.20 crore has been allotted to implement web-based plan scrutiny system based on Development Control Regulations for 11 local planning

Koyambedu Market





authorities, Mamallapuram New Town Development Authority and Chengalpattu Regional office.

Grant under the Heritage town development programme has been enhanced to a maximum of Rs.1 crore from Rs. 50 lakh.

Under the Traffic improvement Programme, the grant amount of Rs. 50 lakh for each Corporation and Rs. 25 lakh for each municipality has been enhanced to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore for each Corporation and Rs. 50 lakh for each municipality.



For traffic improvement programmes in 52 municipalities and 11 municipal corporations, Rs. 12.31 crore grant has been allocated.

Rs. 22.23 crore grant has been released for 26 Heritage Towns under the Heritage Town Development Programme.

Rs. 10.93 crore grant for 131 parks under Park Improvement programme.

A sum of Rs. 33.63 crore has been released for improvement of Koyambedu Wholesale Market Complex.

Notifications on expansion of Kancheepuram and Tiruppur Local Planning areas have been issued.

Kovilpatti, Rajapalayam, Gobichettipalayam, Dharmapuri, Kilakarai, Kayalpattinam and Vikkiramasingapuram have been notified as Single Local Planning Area.

Under Infrastructure and Amenities Fund, 44 major proposals costing Rs. 1,639.61 crore have been sanctioned.

Government Order has been issued for the expansion of Tirunelveli, Nagarcoil, Thoothukudi, Madurai, Coimbatore, Vellore, Erode, Salem and Tiruchi composite Local Planning areas and Hosur New Town Development area.

Government has issued orders for notification of new single Local Planning areas for Pernampattu, Kangeyam, Vellakoil, Gudalur and Jayamkondan.

Government has issued orders for the conversion of single Local planning area into composite local planning area for Krishnagiri, Udhamandalam, Kovilpatti, Rajapalayam, Gobichettipalayam and Dharmapuri.

The Government has approved the Mallapuram New Town Development Plan and Thiruvallur Master Plan.



Leading Tamil Nadu on the path of Growth and Glory....

MoU Signing Ceremony

in the presence of

the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Puratchi Thalaivi

Selvi J Jayalalithaa



Industries

The Industries Department, under the able guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, plays a key role in the effective industrial development of the State and focuses on achieving fast growth in the sector.

Tamil Nadu is strong in the major industrial sectors of automobiles, auto components, engineering goods, leather products, textiles, information technology and bio-technology. At present, Tamil Nadu is in the vanguard of industrialization among Indian States and has become one of the most favoured investment destinations in India.

The State is ranked as one of the Top Three States in terms of a number of parameters. According to the Annual Survey of Industries, recently published by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Tamil Nadu is ranked first among the Indian States in terms of the number of factories, first in terms of the number of workers employed in the factories sector, third in terms of Gross Value of Industrial output, and third in terms of Net Value-Added in the Factories sector.

To maintain and improve the competitive edge of the State, the Industries Department has taken proactive steps including the release of a Tamil Nadu Industrial Policy 2014, Tamil Nadu Automobile and Auto Components Policy 2014 and Tamil Nadu Biotechnology Policy 2014 besides facilitating a number of MoU's with many Indian and multi-national companies.



In line with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Vision of making Tamil Nadu the numero uno State in India, the Industries Department endeavours to directly impact the State's growth prospects by providing a favourable investment climate. Its aim is to make Tamil Nadu an attractive investment destination by providing the required infrastructure to new industries and through procedural simplicity in starting a venture. The department is geared towards increasing investment and employment in the State.

To facilitate and improve the ease of doing business in the State, recently, the Industries Department has issued an Order, mandating issuance of all clearances to new investors within 30 days. Further, a new concept of Escort Officials has also been introduced to hand hold the industries till production is commenced.

Tamil Nadu, the investors' haven

This objective got yet another boost on February 21, 2014, when the Tamil Nadu Government signed 16 MoUs with multi national companies envisaging a total investment of Rs 5,081 crore and direct employment for 6,282 persons.



HYUNDAI CAR ASSEMBLY



DAIMLER INDIA COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Second leap for greater investments

This is the second major initiative unfolded by the Tamil Nadu Government; the first one came in March 2012.

In the first initiative, MoUs were signed on 14.05.2012 with an investment commitment of Rs.5,700 crore and direct employment for 9,530 persons with:

- Daimler India Commercial Vehicles Private Ltd,
- India Yamaha Motor Ltd,
- Ashok Leyland-Nissan Motor Company Ltd,
- Eicher Motors Ltd and
- Philips Carbon Black Ltd.

Again, on 05.11.2012, MoUs were signed with

an investment commitment of Rs.20,925 crore and creation of direct employment to 36,855 persons and indirect employment to 1 lakh persons with

- Hyundai Motors India Ltd,
- Nokia India Private Ltd,
- Saint Gobain Glass India Ltd,
- Sanmina-SCI India Private Ltd,
- Sundaram Clayton Ltd,
- Tube Investments of India,
- Harsha Group of Companies,
- Amway India Enterprises Pvt Ltd,
- Danfoss Industries Private Ltd,
- Indorama Group of Companies,
- ADD Industrial Park (TN) Ltd and
- BGR Energy Group Companies.



SIPCOT Skill Up-Gradation Centre, Oragadam



SIPCOT - Parks for Industrial Growth

The State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT) which was formed to promote industrialisation by setting up Industrial Complexes and Parks, has been playing a pivotal role in attracting several big industrial giants establish their units in the State. SIPCOT has also been acting

as the nodal agency for implementing and monitoring the Structured Package of Assistance scheme, under which various incentives are extended by the State Government to mega, super mega and ultra-mega industries established with huge investments and with large employment potential. So far, SIPCOT has developed 20 Industrial Complexes/Parks including six Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in 12 Districts across the



State with about 31,645 acres of land acquired for the purpose. Out of the allottable extent of 24,144 acres, so far, 19,843 acres have been allotted to 2,275 units thereby attracting investment of about Rs.1,11,517 crore and creating direct and indirect employment opportunity for 6.04 lakh persons. SIPCOT has received the best developer award (2011-12) for its Hi-Tech SEZs at Sriperumbudur and Oragadam from the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

Land Bank for more projects

SIPCOT is creating an additional land bank of about 25,000 acres in Vellore, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Thoothukudi, Thiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Trichy, Madurai and Perambalur districts ready for immediate allotment to prospective investors. SIPCOT will facilitate the creation of Industrial Corridors of Excellence (ICE) along national highways like Madurai-Thoothukudi and Coimbatore-Salem. Madurai-Thoothukudi Industrial Corridor is being developed to provide environmentally sustainable and rapid industrial development of the southern districts with a projected industrial outlay of Rs.40,105 crore in industrial infrastructure spread over nine years. The Madurai – Thoothukudi corridor formation has been recently approved by the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and a Project Development Company has been formed by SIPCOT.

Industrialisation of Southern Districts

In order to boost the Industrial Development in the Southern Districts, SIPCOT is taking action to establish new Industrial Parks in the nine Southern Districts of Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Pudukkottai, Dindigul, Theni, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari over a total extent of about 20,650 acres. This will bring an investment of at least Rs.25,000 crore and employment opportunity to about 1,00,000 persons. In respect of Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Dindigul, Theni and Virudhunagar Districts, around 11,000 acres of land have been identified and the Administrative Sanction proposals are under process.



Release of Tamil Nadu Industrial Policy 2014

Special package of incentives

Orders have been issued in October 2013 extending a Special Package of Incentives to the prospective entrepreneurs, who intend to invest in the existing as well as the new Industrial Complexes/Parks of SIPCOT to be developed in the above nine Southern Districts.

The Special package is as follows

- (i) Allotment of land at 50 per cent subsidized rate.
- (ii) 100 per cent exemption from stamp duty on Lease Deed registration.
- (iii) Capital Subsidy increase from 1.5 to 2 times.
- (iv) Creation of all infrastructure facilities required for industries.
- (v) Reduction in the minimum investment required for obtaining VAT-based incentives from the present level of Rs. 50 crore to Rs. 10 crore.



Apparel Park in Irungattukottai

SIPCOT has established an Apparel Park spread over 123.83 acres in Irungattukottai Industrial Park and allotted the land to 36 units.

TIDCO push to big joint sector projects

Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) a Government of Tamil Nadu enterprise, identifies and promotes the large and medium scale industries in association with the private sector. Some important joint sector projects of TIDCO are Titan Industries Ltd, Hosur, Mahindra World City, Chengalpattu taluk, Kancheepuram district, TIDEL Park Ltd, Chennai and Ascendas IT Park Ltd, Chennai. TIDCO has promoted several joint ventures for manufacturing products such as wrist watches, auto parts / components, iron and steel products, textiles, fertilizers, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, processed food products and leather products.

Ambition on land, water and air

Among the ongoing projects of TIDCO are TICEL Bio Park-II at Taramani, an IT and ITES SEZ at Taramani, a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Import Terminal at Ennore Port in Tiruvallur district, a Petroleum Refinery Project in Cuddalore district, Multi Product Special Economic Zones in Nanguneri, Krishnagiri and Perambalur districts, a Food Processing Special Economic Zone in Thoothukudi District and a Solar Power Park in Ramanathapuram District.

TIDCO is also taking steps for implementing an Aerospace Park Project near Chennai, a Plastic Industries Park in Tiruvallur district, a Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) Project in Cuddalore and Nagapattinam Districts, an Integrated Food Irradiation and Services Facility near Chennai and a Deep Water Port & a Gas Based Power Plant with a Floating Storage Re-gasification Unit in Nagapattinam District.

TICEL Bio Park Limited, implemented by TIDCO and TIDEL Park Ltd, has constructed Bio Park-II with Lab space



SOLAR POWER PARK



KATTUPALLI SHIPYARD



Release of Bio-tech Policy 2014



Release of Tamil Nadu
Automobile and Auto
components Policy 2014

of 6.30 lakh sq.ft (16 floors) for the R&D activities of Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Bio IT & Nano Technology Industries at a cost of Rs. 150 crore at Taramani, Chennai.

Kattupalli Ship building Complex and Minor Port, a joint venture of TIDCO and L&T at Tiruvallur district was inaugurated on 30.01.2013 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. It is India's largest ship building yard with port facility. The investment in the project is Rs. 3,375 crore.

TNPL - from bagasse to bagging awards

The Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL), which was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1979 to produce newsprint and writing paper using bagasse, a sugarcane residue, achieved its highest production (3,73,259 MT) and highest turnover (Rs. 2,356.17 crore) in 2014-15. TNPL earned a profit before tax of Rs. 211.38 crore in the year 2014-15, the highest among paper manufacturing companies in the country.

TNPL won the Environmental Strategy award for the year 2011 at the PPI Annual Awards ceremony at Brussels. In recognition of its environmental conservation initiatives, TNPL was awarded the Green Business Leadership Award in the Pulp and Paper Sector for the year 2009-2010. The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Kolkata selected TNPL for the National award for Excellence in Cost Management 2013. Dun and Bradstreet Information



TNPL PAPER MILL

Services, Mumbai selected TNPL as the Top Indian company under the sector Paper, for Dun & Bradstreet Corporate Awards 2014. This is the third consecutive year that the award has been bestowed on TNPL. The Confederation of Indian Industry conferred 'Environmental Best Practices Award 2013' on TNPL.

Making MSMEs: TIIC

Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) is a pioneer among the State Financial Corporations in the country. TIIC's focus is on catering to the needs of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), especially first generation entrepreneurs in the State. TIIC has so far assisted 1,17,819 units with a cumulative sanction of



TAMILNADU CEMENT FACTORY

Rs.13,100.79 crore till 31.03.2015. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have availed nearly 90 per cent of the total sanctions given by TIIC. The loan portfolio of the Corporation as on 31.03.2015 stands at Rs.1,663.46 crore. TIIC has been earning profit for 11 years from 2003-04.

Tamil Nadu ensures NLC remains a public sector undertaking

To protect the welfare of the workers of Neyveli Lignite Corporation, the Central Government-owned lignite mining and power generating company, five Tamil Nadu public sector undertakings including SIPCOT, TIDCO and TIIC bought 3.56% stake at NLC at an investment of Rs.363.24 crore. The action was taken to stop the shares from being sold to private entities after the Central Government decided to disinvest 5 per cent shares. Through this step, the Tamil Nadu Government ensured that NLC retained its status as a public sector undertaking.

Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited

Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM) is a Government company producing and selling cement and allied products through its plants. TANCEM has the following units, Alangulam Cement Unit, Alangulam, Virudhunagar District; Ariyalur Cement Unit, Ariyalur, Ariyalur District ; Tamilnadu Asbestos (Sheet) Unit, Alangulam,



Virudhunagar District; Stoneware Pipe Factory, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District.

TANCEM's annual turnover is about Rs.250 crore. It supplies cement primarily to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Education Department, Co-operative Department, etc. at concessional prices.

Government has recently sanctioned the expansion of Ariyalur Cement Unit of TANCEM at a cost of Rs.542.52 crore, thus enhancing its capacity from 5 lakh MTs to 15 lakh MTs.

Salt, by the people, for the people

Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation (TNSC) is the only State Government owned company producing salt. The corporation provides employment to about 1,350 workers belonging to 15 villages around Valinokkam in Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District. TNSC was established to develop the backward area by providing employment to local people and to avoid their migration to other districts.

The sale, at affordable prices, of three kinds of salt produced by TNSC – Amma Refined Free Flow Iodised Salt, Amma Double Fortified Salt and Amma Low Sodium Salt -- in the open market was introduced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 11.06.2014. TNSC plays vital role in the eradication of Iodine / Iron Deficiency Disorders by distributing Iodised salt in crystal / Refined Free flow salt through the Public Distribution System and Double Fortified salt in the Mid day meal programme.



TNSC is also manufacturing around 1.75 lakh tonnes of good quality Industrial Grade Salt per annum. The quality of the salt produced by the Corporation is well accepted by the Chlor Alkali Industries in the neighboring states. There is tremendous market potential for Tamil Nadu's Industrial Grade Salt.

Guiding investments into the State

Guidance Bureau (Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau) has successfully attracted 290 major investment proposals with an aggregate investment exceeding Rs.1,24,000 crore as on April 2014. This includes a number of proposals of Fortune 500 companies like Ford, Hyundai, Daimler, Nissan, Renault, BMW, Michelin, Dell, Flextronics, Foxconn, Visteon, Delphi, Samsung, Sanmina-SCI, BASF and Bosch. In the last three years, Guidance Bureau attracted and handled 42 projects, with a total committed investment of Rs. 9,379 crore besides facilitating many MoUs signed by the Government

TAMIN – Managing Mineral Wealth Efficiently

Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited. (TAMIN) is a wholly owned Government company. TAMIN is carrying out systematic and scientific exploitation of black and multi colour granites and industrial minerals like Graphite, Limestone, Silica sand, Vermiculite, Quartz and Feldspar.

At present, TAMIN is operating 26 Black granite, 7 multi colour granite quarry leases and 9 major mineral leases. It also operates 8 industrial units for value addition.

In the financial year 2013 -14, it achieved a sales turn over of Rs.188.87 crore which is the highest ever since inception. TAMIN has earned profit of Rs.24.69 crores in 2013-14 which is the highest profit since the inception of the company.

The highest ever production has been achieved in Black Granite (23817 cubic metres) Graphite ore (87995 MT), Indian Standard sand (3714 MT), Raw Vermiculite (2201 MT) and Lime stone (701413 MT) during the year 2013-14.

TAMIN has achieved the highest sales turnover in Black Granite (Rs.91.07 crore) Limestone (Rs. 28.62 crore), Graphite flakes (Rs.28.35 crore) Indian Standard Sand (Rs.6.13 crore) and Exfoliated Vermiculite (Rs.1.82 crore) during 2013-14.

TAMIN is always carrying out mining operations in a systematic and scientific manner by adopting modern techniques. The modern mining machineries like hydraulic excavators, mining tippers, hydraulic drillers, etc have been introduced in the quarries and mines to achieve higher production / productivity and to protect the environment.

An innovate Quarry Management System (QMS) has been introduced in TAMIN to improve productivity and efficiency of operation. This is a model for the rest of the country and won the Prestigious National E-Governance Award for Innovative use of ICT given by Government of India for the year 2014-15.



Making sugar sweeter

The Department of Sugar devotes special attention to the development of sugarcane and to regulate and oversee the establishment of sugar mills in the Co-operative and Private sector. To augment sugarcane production and achieve 100 per cent capacity utilization by the sugar mills, the department is implementing various technologies under the Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative. It is implementing Co-generation projects in 10 Cooperative and two Public Sector sugar mills through Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd, for a capacity of 183 MW power. Cooperative Sugar Mills at Tiruppathur, Kallakurichi -II and Subramania Siva Cooperative Sugar Mills received national awards for the Best Cooperative Sugar Mill in 2012-13

Mining with a meaning

The Department of Geology and Mining carries out exploration and evaluation of mineral deposits, geo-technical studies in the hilly areas and Mineral Administration. Its stupendous revenue growth from Rs. 2.83 crore in 1983-84 to Rs. 989.80 crore in 2014-15 bears testimony to its successful functioning.

Tamil Nadu Magnesite Ltd. (TANMAG) undertakes mining of magnesite and production of value-added magnesite products like dead burnt magnesite and lightly calcined magnesite. TANMAG Mines are situated in Salem District at the foot hills of Shevaroy hills in Kurumbapatti reserve forest area over 96.34 hectares.

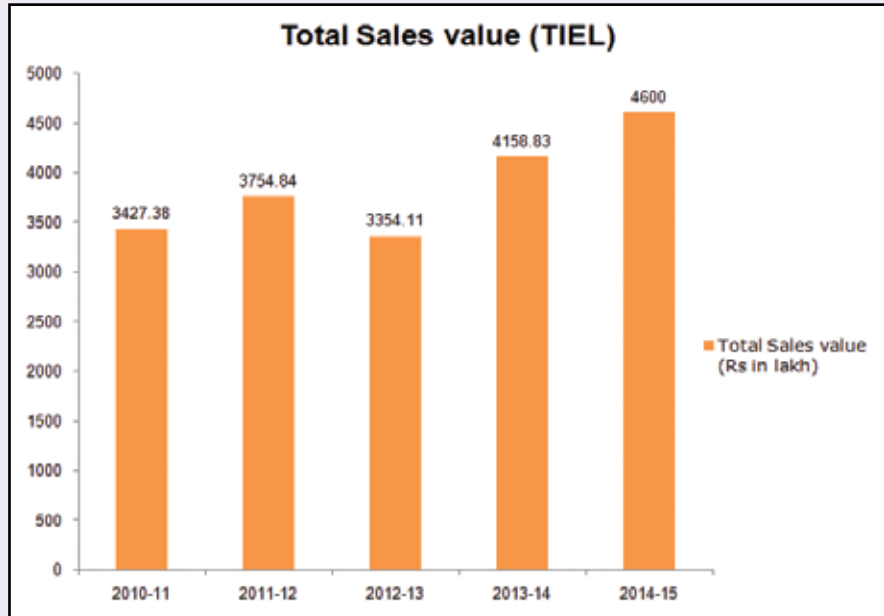
Blasts of lasting value

Tamil Nadu Industrial Explosives Ltd undertakes the production of Emulsion Explosives, Slurry Explosives, Detonators, Mono Methyl Amine Nitrate (MMAN) and Detonating fuses. Its aim is to augment the supply of explosives to meet the additional needs of mining, irrigation and quarrying industries in India.

- Since 2011, Government of Tamil Nadu has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with 33 Indian and Multi National Companies(MNC) with an investment of Rs. 31,706 crore generating 1.62 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities. In addition, the Guidance Bureau under the Industries Department facilitated MoU's with 42 Companies for an investment of Rs.9379 crore directly. Further, Government Orders have been issued for sanction of Structured Package of Assistance to 7 Industrial Units with an investment of Rs.17,134 crore. Employment to be generated for 17901 persons through these companies.
- During this period (2011-14),Tamil Nadu was positioned as the second largest State Economy, with the second highest Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).
- According to the ASSOCHAM report titled "States Emergence: A Comparative Analysis of Growth and Development" published in February 2015, Tamil Nadu has been adjudged as the Best Performing State in terms of eight out of nine development parameters like economy, industrial development, combined infrastructure, power, roads, health, Income & Inequality and Overall Development.



- The Government of Tamil Nadu is organising the Global Investors Meet on 9th and 10th of September 2015 in Chennai. This is the first event of this nature in the history of Tamil Nadu Industries.



- Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) and Larsen and Toubro Limited have set up a Port Complex Shipbuilding Yard and Port

through a Joint Venture with an investment of Rs. 3,375 crore in Kattupalli, Ponneri Taluk of Thiruvallur District. This project will provide direct employment for about 4000 persons.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the Paper Board plant at Mondipatti, Tiruchirappalli District by Tamil Nadu News Print and Papers Limited (TNPL) at a cost of Rs. 1,500 crore. Construction work is going on at a fast pace and will be completed by December 2015.
- Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) has set up a Cement Plant with a capacity of 600 tons per day at a cost of Rs.130 crore producing cement from the sludge in the Paper making Plant. This is the first time in India that Cement is produced, utilizing the sludge waste of Paper plant within a paper mill.
- 100 MW Solar Power Park is being set up in Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs.920 crore.
- During 2014-15, the Government of Tamil Nadu has launched three kinds of "AMMA" Salt to provide salt at cheaper prices in the Open Market. 3,706 Tonnes of Salt sold in this scheme till 03.05.2015.
- During 2014-15, Government of Tamil Nadu has launched the "AMMA Cement Supply Scheme" to provide cement at a concessional rate of Rs.190/- per bag to lower and middle income group of people in order to mitigate the hardships faced by them due to the rise of cement prices in open market. About 2,80,164 tonnes of cement has been sold under this scheme till 03.05.2015.



- Loans to a total amount of Rs.1,566.45 crore were sanctioned by Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) at an interest rate of 3% less than normal market rates to benefit 3,668 number of entrepreneurs under the interest subvention scheme.
- The Department of Geology and Mining has earned Rs.3739.33 crore as revenue from minerals from the years 2011-12 to 2014-15.
- Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited (TAMIN) has sold black granites for Rs.91.07 crore during the financial year 2013 -14 which is the highest ever since inception. During the financial year 2014 -15, TAMIN has sold black granite blocks for Rs.64.22 crore. During the last four years, TAMIN's turn over was Rs. 567.06 crore and net profit Rs. 49.33 crore. (2014-15 is unaudited)
- For the first time in the history of TANMAG, the sales turnover achieved as Rs.110 crore during 2014-15.
- During 2011-2012, the Dividend paid to Government by the PSUs under the administrative control of this department was Rs.29.59 crore. This has been raised to Rs.60.48 crore in 2013-14.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- **“Excellence in Water Management 2011”** from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the best performance in Water Management in India among the Industrial Sectors.
- **“Excellent Energy Efficiency Unit”** Award for the year 2012 from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- **“Environmental Best Practices Award 2013”** from Confederation of Indian Industry.
- **“National E-Governance Award”** for Innovative use of ICT by TAMIN 2014-15 from the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India.
- **“Best Development Awards”** for the year 2011-2012 for Hi-Tech Special Economic Zones at Sriperumbudur and Oragadam from the Ministry of Commerce and Industries.



Information Technology

Tamil Nadu is a ‘knowledge’ State endowed with rich human resources for the growth of Information Technology.

Tamil Nadu Government stands at the forefront in the use of IT. Under the able guidance of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the State has become the “preferred IT destination” of leading global IT investors. Tamil Nadu is a leader in most verticals of the IT and IT Enabled Services (ITES) Sectors like Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI), Health Systems Management, Computer Aided Designing (CAD) and Computer Aided Engineering (CAE). Added to this, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has given an impetus to BPO services in



rural Tamil Nadu by giving incentives to such ventures. IT exports from the State touched a record Rs. 82,445 crore during 2013-14.

The IT Department's goal is to facilitate the growth of the IT industry and promote 'e-Governance' to improve information flow and services delivery to citizens.

The State-owned Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) promotes Electronics and Information Technology industries in the State and assists in giving shape to e-Governance projects of the IT Department. It is also promoting Special Economic Zones in the State under the brand name ELCOSEZ given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ELCOSEZ, Chennai was ranked as Third in software export, employment generation and investment in IT Sector for 2011-12 and won an Award from Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

ELCOT's backing for Mission Mode Departments is yielding rich results. Tamil Nadu is one of the few States in India to have a full-fledged Wide Area Network (TNSWAN) connecting Government Departments at Districts, Taluks and Blocks to provide voice, data, Internet and audio-visual link. Now, TNSWAN is integrated with the 1 Gbps National Knowledge Network (NKN) bandwidth. Tamil Nadu is also the first State to receive ISO-27001 and ISO-20000 Certifications for its State Data Centre. District e-Governance Societies (DeGS) have been formed in all the districts of the State with District Collectors as Chairmen. Citizens can access several services through the Government's well managed State Portal.

The Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) is another wing of the Information Technology Department whose primary objective is to design, deliver and administer e-Governance projects by providing the necessary administrative, financial, legal and technical framework in the State. Over the years, TNeGA has been playing a



seminal role in facilitating the development of Common e-Services Centres (CSCs) called 'eSevai centres' through different models including suitable Public-Private Partnerships. This is to ensure that the public in the State do not have to travel to different Government offices for accessing multiple services. They can interact with the Departments literally from their homes or through eSevai Centres.

Under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), 8011 'eSevai' centres are operational across the State which are managed by ELCOT, TACTV, Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies (PACCS) and through PPP mode. In Chennai and other urban areas, 'eSevai' centres were launched on 24th February 2014 by Hon'ble Chief Minister and currently around 1000 such centres are functional in urban areas alone. They are providing 50 G2C and B2C services currently which is to be increased to more than 100 shortly.

Registration (live access to guideline values, online application for EC etc.), Municipalities, Health, Commercial Taxes (e-Filing etc), Transport (Driving Licence project in RTOs), Social Welfare (e-District Application Software for delivery of Marriage Assistance Schemes and Child Protection Schemes implemented by TNeGA), Revenue (e-District Application Software for delivery of Revenue Certificates implemented by TNeGA), Treasuries and Accounts (ELCOT's Integrated Financial Management System and Human Resource Management System) are among the services being delivered by the Departments which have been transformed by ICT applications.



A few examples will highlight the IT revolution being triggered in Tamil Nadu.

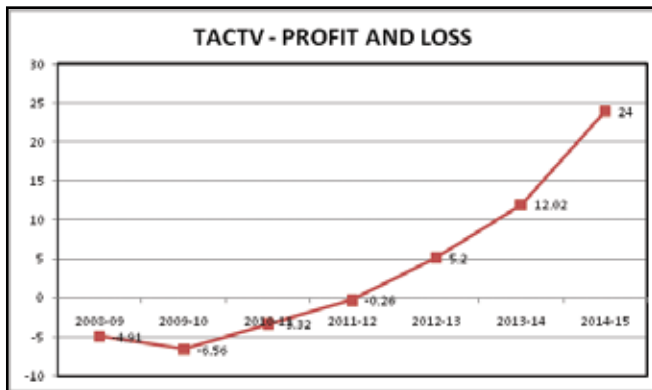
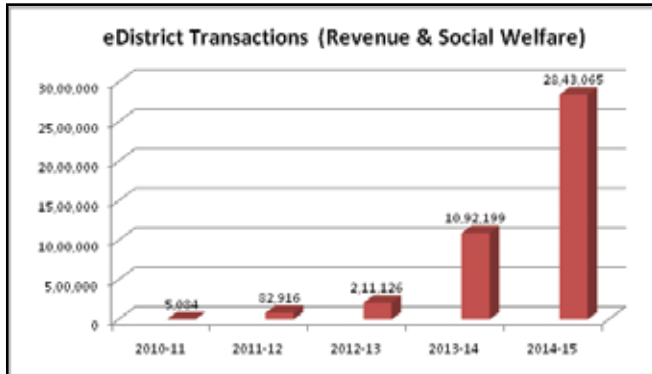
Agriculture Department has successfully created an internet based information network for 80 lakh farmers in the State through Agriculture Resources Information System Network (AGRISNET). More than 50 lakh citizens have availed of e-Governance services through the network of 'eSevai' centres across the State in the last 4 years. 10th and 12th standard passed students are provided "Online Employment Exchange Registration" at their schools. Power consumers are informed about their "Bills by SMS" and can pay them at the click of a mouse. Pregnancy and Child birth statistics are fed by Village Health Nurses into the laptops provided to them. The Higher Secondary/College students have been introduced to computing and Web enabled education through the laptops given to them. This is a measure taken by the Hon'ble

Chief Minister to equip the lower rungs of the socio-economic pyramid to participate in the emerging IT job market.

The Tamil Virtual Academy (erstwhile Tamil Virtual University) was established as a Society to provide Tamil based web resources to the Tamil Communities living in different parts of the Globe, as well as others interested in learning Tamil. Various additional facilities such as Lab for Tamil Computing, Modular Work Station, Software Development Incubation Centre, Studio and Auditorium at the Tamil Virtual Academy in Chennai were inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.09.2014. A comprehensive and collaborative web-based repository of Tamil Heritage called 'Thagaval Aatruppadai' is under implementation.

Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Limited, a State Government undertaking whose objective is providing high quality cable TV Signals to the public at an affordable cost, offers cable TV services to the public at the lowest rate of Rs.70/- with 90-100 channels. As on 01.04.2015, the total subscriber base of this Corporation has crossed 70 lakh. Internet services have also been recently introduced. From a loss-making corporation





three years back, TACTV is now consistently making profits. Profits during 2014-15 have touched Rs. 24 crore.

Tamil Nadu is consistently among the top two States in the nationwide e-transaction rankings which are tracked by the 'eTaal' website of Gol.



AWARD

Tamil Nadu has won the Web Ratna Award for comprehensive web presence twice in the last three years.



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Chennai - Guindy
Integrated District Employment Offices
New Campus Building



Interior View
Technical and Executive Employment Office



Labour and Employment

Labour

Tamil Nadu has the distinction of maintaining harmonious industrial relations, In line with this, the Labour Department resolved 21,517 disputes. The Department administers matters relating to Industrial relations, Safety of workers, Labour Welfare, Employment Exchanges and Technical training. Unorganised workers in the informal sector get many benefits like insurance coverage, maternity leave, education and marriage loans, and accident



Eradication of Child Labour - Best Collector Award 2011
(Dharmapuri District)



Eradication of Child Labour - Best Collector Award 2012
(Vellore District)

benefits through membership welfare boards. In the 17 unorganised workers welfare boards in Tamil Nadu, 11,40,578 workers were newly registered and Rs. 442.39 crore was disbursed to 17,94,088 beneficiaries as welfare assistance.

The Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board, which promotes the welfare of employees and their dependents, disbursed Rs.4.20 crore as welfare assistance to 80,977 beneficiaries registered with the board. The scheme of electronic transfer of welfare assistance to the bank account of the workers registered with various unorganized worker welfare boards was implemented as a pilot project and then extended to all districts. The monthly pension for workers who have registered with the unorganized sector workers welfare boards and have completed 60 years has been increased from Rs. 500/- to Rs.1,000/- benefitting 33,074 persons.

Welfare Boards in unorganized sectors

The Tamil Nadu Unorganised Drivers Welfare Board provided skill training to drive heavy vehicle to 60 persons at a cost of Rs.12.75 lakh. The name of the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Auto Rickshaw and Taxi Drivers Welfare Board has been changed to Tamil Nadu Unorganised Drivers Welfare Board by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to bring 10 lakh drivers in the unorganised sector into its fold.





Thiru. Ramalingam

The Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board provided additional skill training to 430 persons at a cost of Rs.11.44 lakh. These registered construction workers of the districts of Chennai, Dharmapuri, Vellore, Madurai and Thoothukudi were trained through respective district Government ITIs.

Safety Awareness camps for construction workers have been organized at a cost of Rs.32.04 lakh. The Government also proposes to insure construction workers engaged in modern construction methods by including 15 more construction methods to the existing list of 38.

Action against employing children

Prohibition of Child Labour in Factories, as mandated under Section 67 of Factories Act, 1948 is strictly enforced in Tamil Nadu. Further, to eradicate Child Labour in hazardous industries, squad inspections are conducted every month along with officials of the department of Revenue, Police and members of the National Child Labour Project. 1304 squad inspections have been conducted from 01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014.

Eradication of Child Labour

Under prohibition and regulation of Child Labour Act, in 68 cases Rs.6.97 lakh was imposed as fine. Under National Child Labour Project Scheme, out of 10,832 rescued child labourers studying in 259 Special Training Centres, 14,795 children were mainstreamed into regular schools.

The Tamil Nadu Government is providing benefits such as free uniforms, free text books, school bag, chart, atlas, geometry box, crayons, chappal, free bus pass and mid-day meal with 5 eggs per week that are available to regular school children to the children in Special Training Centres under the National Child Labour Project Scheme.

The Government is also extending monthly cash assistance of Rs.500/- to all erstwhile NCLP STC children pursuing higher education till they complete their studies. 2743 students received cash assistance under this scheme during the last four years. At present, more than 100 such students are studying engineering, while 3 are pursuing Medicine.

A former child Labourer - Now an MBBS student

Two former NCLP STC students from Tamil Nadu, Thiru.Mohan, working as software engineer and Thiru.Ramalingam, studying MBBS, participated as delegates and shared their experiences in the Second SAARC Regional Workshop on child labour, organized on 29.05.2013 at New Delhi.

Dropout earlier, now Young Scientist award winner

Kavin (12), an erstwhile child labourer got Young Scientist award from His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Dr.K.Rosaiah on 09.12.2013 for his paper on 'Waste of Human Energy' selected for the National Children Science Congress.

Manju wins prize from Chief Minister and a place in school

During the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Swami Vivekananda in February 2013, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu gave a cash prize and certificate to 12-year-old K. Manju, an erstwhile child labourer and school dropout from Chennai. Manju won the prize in a recitation contest in which 10 lakh students participated. She is to be admitted into a regular school under the NLCP Scheme.

Enforcing Weights and Measures Act

Under Legal Metrology Act, 14,42,435 inspections were carried out and a sum of Rs. 89.60 crore has been collected as Stamping fee and Rs. 4.20 crore has been collected as compounding fees. Under Packaged commodities Rules, 5,88,038 inspections were carried out and a sum of Rs.9.88 lakh has been collected as Registration fee and Rs.1,90,00,052 has been collected as compounding fees.

Factories & Safety

9,746 new factories have been covered under the purview of Factories Act, 1948 benefitting 3,19,138 workers. As per the Tamil Nadu Industrial Establishments (Conferment of Permanent Status to Workmen) Act, 1981. 1,83,523 workers were made permanent in 11,928 factories. 5,129 establishments were registered under Building and Other Construction Workers Act and Rules.

Safety Awareness & Awards

426 Safety Awareness Campaigns have been conducted benefitting 23,047 workers and 1,952 Safety training classes have been conducted benefitting 88,901 workers.

From 2011, the value of State Safety Award Shield for First Prize has been enhanced from Rs. 2,500/- to Rs. 5,000/- and the value of Second Prize has been enhanced from Rs. 1,500/- to Rs. 4,000/-.

Dedication to work

The number of awardees for Tamil Nadu Government's 'Uyarntha Uzhaippalar Virudhu' (Best Worker Award) has been enhanced from 24 to 43 from 2012.

Safety training in Fireworks Units

To train labourers working in the Fireworks units in safety measures, a Training Centre has been started at Sivakasi; 589 Supervisors and Foremen have been trained in 18 batches. A Mobile Team has been formed in Virudhunagar District to inspect Fireworks factories. It has conducted 753 inspections.

Employment and Training

The department has simplified registering for jobs with employment exchanges. 48.46 lakh passed candidates have registered in the employment



Thiru. Mohan

website using online facility from the school premises itself between 01.05.2011 and 31.03.2015. 69,984 persons got jobs through the employment exchanges.

Vocational Guidance Units function in 17 District Employment Offices in Tamil Nadu. Through these units, the youth are given information on higher education, employment and self-employment opportunities. In addition to this, individual information, group discussion and apprenticeship information are provided. There are 5 Coaching-Cum-Guidance Centres functioning in Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli and Vellore District for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe youths and one special vocational guidance centre for Tribal Population at Ooty.

Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) play a vital role in imparting skill under Craftsmen Training Scheme and produce technician-level work force in different trades. Encouragement is given to Trainers in the Government ITIs through awards. The value of Cash Awards for the Best Principal / Trainer has been enhanced from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- with effect from 2012-13. The value of Cash Award for the Best Trainees of State-Level Skill Competition has been enhanced from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- with effect from the year 2012-13 and is being given every year.

Women Training

Skill development courses exclusively for women candidates are being offered through 12 Government ITIs with 3058 seats. A new building for Government ITI Cuddalore, Karur and Namakkal (women) has been constructed at a cost of Rs.6.60 crore in the year 2013-14.

Starting of New ITIs

Five new Government ITIs are being established in Tribal areas exclusively for Scheduled Tribes at a cost of Rs. 24.50 crore. Five more new Government ITIs for all categories are also established at a cost of Rs.26.39 crore. They are functioning from August 2013.

Question Paper in Tamil

In the All-India Trade Test, the Question Papers are being supplied by National Council for Vocational Training in English and Hindi. Due to the efforts taken by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the question papers are now provided in Tamil language also with effect from July 2012.

Support for the poor students

Fifty per cent of unfilled seats in the Private ITIs have been allotted to poor students at a cost of Rs.74.25 crore.



The Government is reimbursing the Training cost to the Training Institute on the behalf of the students at Rs.12,000/- for the ITIs located within the limits of Corporations and Municipalities and Rs. 10,000/- to the ITIs located in rural areas every year with effect from August 2012.

Monthly Stipend

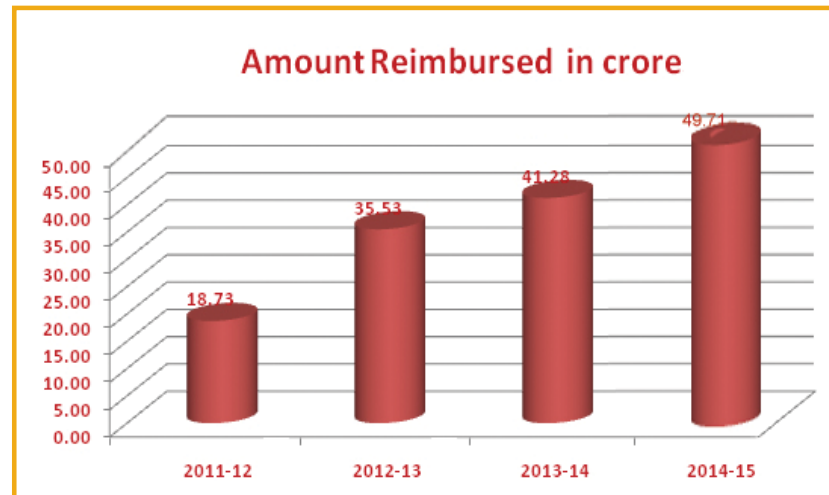
The Monthly Stipend has been enhanced from Rs. 100/- to Rs. 500/- with effect from August 2012 for all trainees of Government ITIs at a cost of Rs. 13 crore.

Renovation of Government ITIs

Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 15 crore for the renovation of 15 ITIs in the year 2013. A Skill Smart Card with the emblem of the Government of Tamil Nadu, to students passing out of Government is provided. The allotment for implementing skill development programmes has been increased from Rs. 75 crore to Rs. 100 crore.

Employees State Insurance Scheme Coverage

The Employees State Insurance Scheme is a social security scheme covering 26.85 lakh labour population working in various organized sectors and their family members. Primary and Secondary medical treatments are provided through



212 ESI Dispensaries and 10 ESI Hospitals. Tertiary care treatment for Super speciality fields like cardiac emergencies, Orthopaedic injuries, renal impairments, Neurological complaints and various forms of cancers is provided through 165 private tie-up hospitals. Some more monetary benefits are provided under ESI Scheme like sickness benefit, maternity benefit and extended sickness benefit (for 34 long-term diseases).

Treatment in Indian systems of medicine such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy is also available to the Insured Persons.



Law

The Law Department is the guiding factor in drafting legislation for the State as guided by State policy as well as examining the legality of multifarious issues.

Rendering assistance to the Government for securing the publication of the final order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in the Gazette of India as well as the legal acumen that led to that achievement under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, are matters pertaining to the Law Department.

The Law department is administratively concerned with the legal education in the State. All Law colleges in the State are affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, only one of its kind in South Asia as it is the only Law University to have colleges affiliated to it. To enable the Law University to function from its own extensive campus, the Government have allotted

25 acres of land at Perungudi near Taramani railway station and sanctioned Rs. 59.27 crore to construct a new building. The School of Excellence in Law run by the Law University is the brainchild of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa. Inaugurated on 21.11.2002, it offers 5 Year B.A., B.L. (Hons), B.Com., B.L.(Hons), and 3 Year B.L.(Hons) Degree Courses. The Law University has proposes to commence 5 year B.B.A., LL.B.(Hons) and 5 year B.C.A., LL.B.(Hons) from the ensuing academic year 2015-2016.

The Government of Tamil Nadu annually sanctions a sum of Rs. 3.75 lakh as financial assistance for students of the School of Excellence in Law and Rs. 5.25 lakh for the students of the Government Law Colleges for participation in International Moot Court Competitions. To help first generation graduates studying for the law degree, Rs. 12 lakh was sanctioned towards reimbursement of tuition fees.



The Law University created a Chair of Excellence on Consumer Law and Jurisprudence in the name of late Thiru. A.K.Venkatasubramanian, IAS, who was a leading consumer protection activist. An MoU has been signed between the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India and the Law University in this regard. The Chair will study and recommend the modalities for enhancing consumer awareness, improving the functioning of the Disputes Redressal Forum and Commission and implementing protection measures.

To meet the challenges brought about by globalization by providing quality legal education,

on par with international law school, the State Government established the Tamil Nadu National Law School at Srirangam taluk, Tiruchirapalli district by a State enactment in 2012.

A sum of Rs. 79.22 crore has been sanctioned. The foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalitha on 13th February 2012 on a 25-acre stretch in Navalur Kuttapattu in the outskirts of Srirangam and was declared open for admission in the academic year 2013-2014. The law school offers five-year integrated honours courses in law and also offers Master Degree courses in law.



Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

The MSME sector makes a major contribution to the economy of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu had 10.84 lakh registered MSMEs as on 31.1.2015. This sector provides employment to about 69.63 lakh persons and accounts for a total investment of Rs. 1,15,047 crore. MSMEs in Tamil Nadu produce over 6000 varieties of products. There has been a phenomenal growth in the number of MSMEs in the State, from 3,87,597 in 2000 to 10.84 lakh MSMEs as on 31.01.2015. The Vision 2023 released by Hon'ble Chief Minister envisages a strategy



for effectively addressing issues faced by the MSME sector like access to finance, conducive regulatory and policy environment, access to technology, market access and infrastructure adequacy. A combination of policy measures, skill development initiatives, infrastructure facilities and cluster development are being adopted to make MSMEs competitive, in the global market. A Special Capital Subsidy of 25 per cent on the eligible plant and machinery subject to a maximum of Rs. 30 lakh is extended to 13 thrust sector enterprises setup anywhere in the State.

The thrust sectors are Electrical and Electronic Industry, Leather and Leather goods, Auto parts and components, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Solar Energy Equipment, Gold and Diamond Jewellery for exports, Pollution Control equipment, Sports Goods and Accessories, Cost effective building materials, Readymade Garments, Food Processing, Plastic and Rubber Industries.

Micro, Small and Medium manufacturing enterprises purchasing Generator sets up to 320 KVA capacity are eligible for a Generator Subsidy at 25 per cent of the cost of the generator set, subject to a maximum subsidy of 5 lakh.

Assistance for technology marketing support

The Government also provides assistance Marketing support is extended to Micro and

development,

to MSME's for technology development. Small manufacturing enterprises by allowing



AWARD FOR INDIA'S BEST STATE FOR MSMEs.

Award received by Tamil Nadu for "India's Best State for MSMEs" from a Nationwide Survey and Analysis of Small and Medium Enterprises in 2012-2013, received on 11.7.2014 from Shri Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Union Minister of MSME, Government of India, by the Resident Commissioner, Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi. The same was handed over to the Hon'ble Chief Minister by the Minister for Rural Industries and Labour, on 27.8.2014.

waiver of Earnest Money Deposit for participation in tenders, granting 50 per cent of hall rent as grant for participation in exhibitions within and outside the State by MSME Associations.

The Government also extends support for marketing under a common banner or brand name. Capital subsidy on the eligible plant and Machinery was disbursed to the tune of Rs. 250.00 crore to the 5,930 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as on 31.03.2015. Under the Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP), 514 units have benefited as on 31.01.2015 and a subsidy totalling Rs. 34.70 crore have disbursed.


The New Entrepreneur-Cum-Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) assists educated youth to become first generation entrepreneurs. Under this scheme, 1,000 entrepreneurs are being given training assistance with 25% subsidy on loan every year from 2012-13.

The Commissionerate / Directorate of Industries and Commerce is the State-Level nodal agency for the development of MSMEs. District Industries Centre (DIC)

is the District-Level nodal agency and gives guidance for identification of activities, preparation of project profiles, obtaining financial assistance from various financial institutions, getting statutory clearances from Government Departments, sanction and disbursement of eligible subsidies and facilitation in obtaining delayed payments.

Subsidy scheme for backward blocks, agro industries

For industrially backward blocks and agro based industries additional subsidy is provided. These include 25 per cent capital subsidy on Plant and Machinery up to a maximum subsidy of Rs.30 lakh, 5 per cent additional employment intensive subsidy for giving employment to 25 workers for 3 years, 5 per cent additional capital subsidy for units set up by women, SC / ST, PC, Transgender entrepreneurs, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 lakh, 25 per cent additional capital subsidy on environment friendly technologies subject to a maximum of 3 lakh on certification by TNPCB,



20 per cent LT power tariff subsidy for 36 months, 25 per cent of cost of generator set, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakh up to 320 KVA capacity, and back-ended interest subsidy at the rate of 3 per cent.

Thumbs up for fillip to Micro Enterprises

There is 25 per cent capital subsidy on Plant and Machinery up to 6.25 lakh, 20 per cent LT power tariff subsidy for 36 months from the date of commencement of commercial production, 100 per cent subsidy on the net value of VAT paid by them for the first 6 years up to the value of investment made in eligible Plant and Machinery on quarterly basis and Stamp duty exemption on mortgaged and pledged documents

Micro and small enterprises facilitation councils

Four Regional Councils have been constituted at Chennai, Tiruchirapalli, Madurai and Coimbatore to facilitate micro and small enterprises in accordance with the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 2006. Tamil Nadu has training institutes that those wanting to start MSMEs can benefit from. These include Government Technical Training Centre, Guindy; Institute of Tool Engineering, Dindigul; Institute of Ceramic Technology, Vriddhachalam; and Government Scientific Glass Training Centre, Coimbatore.

Industrial Cooperative Estates

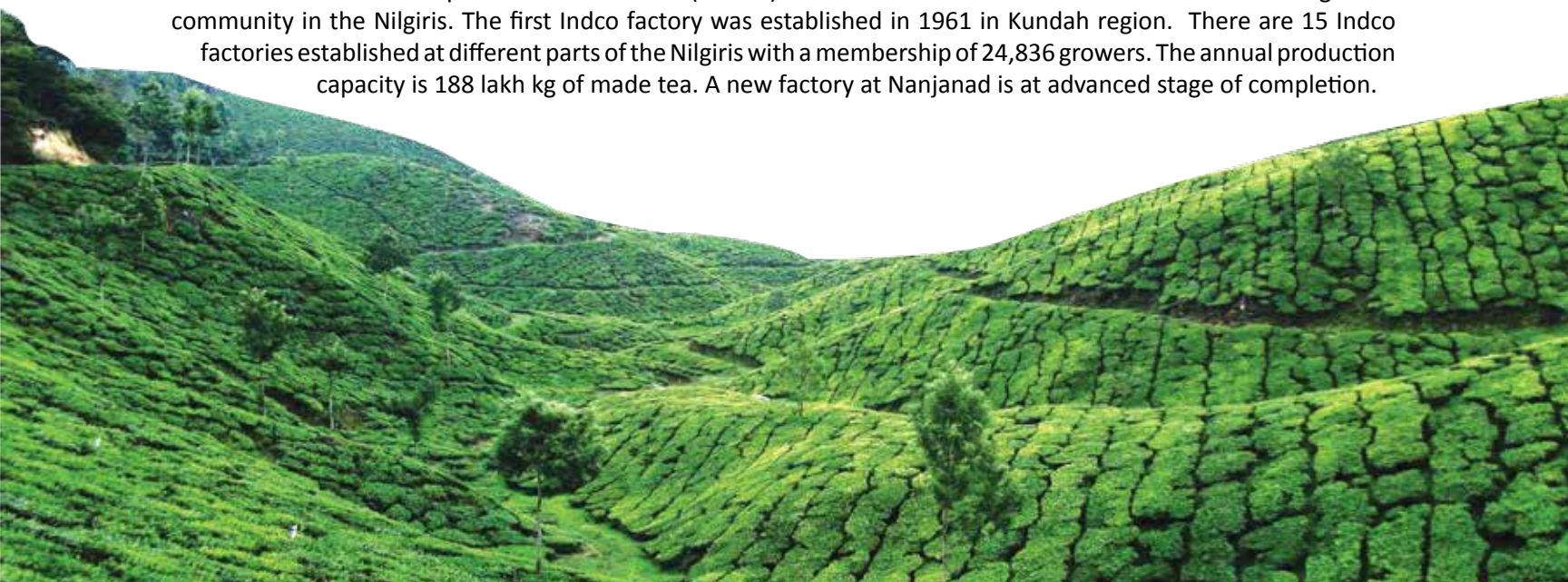
The main purpose of forming Industrial Estates under Cooperative fold is to provide work sheds / developed plots, power, water and all other infrastructure facilities and amenities to Small and Tiny sector industries.

Industrial Cooperative Societies

There are 322 Industrial Cooperative Societies in Tamil Nadu. The sales turnover was Rs.923.78 crore in 2013-14. Employment was to 1,01,894 persons.

Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories

The Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories (INDCO) were established for the benefit of the small tea grower community in the Nilgiris. The first Indco factory was established in 1961 in Kundah region. There are 15 Indco factories established at different parts of the Nilgiris with a membership of 24,836 growers. The annual production capacity is 188 lakh kg of made tea. A new factory at Nanjanad is at advanced stage of completion.





TEA FACTORY, OOTY

SIDCO, aiding MSMEs all the way

Tamil Nadu's Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (SIDCO) was established in 1970. Its vision is "to forge sustainable partnerships with MSMEs to enhance their competitiveness". The main activities of SIDCO are establishment and maintenance of Industrial Estates, Distribution of Raw Materials, Marketing Assistance, Promotion of Clusters and Common Facility Centre. SIDCO is maintaining 35 Industrial Estates created by Government of Tamil Nadu and 62 Industrial Estates established by SIDCO. It has developed five women industrial estates in Tirumullaivoyal (Tiruvalluvar District), Valavanthankottai (Tiruchi District), Karuppur (Salem District), Kappalur (Madurai District) and Thirumudivakkam (Kancheepuram). Developed plots and constructed sheds are allotted to MSMEs units all over Tamil Nadu. Priority for allotment of developed plots / sheds is given to Women Entrepreneurs (30 per cent), Ex-service men (10 per cent) and for SC/ST and Transgenders (10 per cent).



Thiruvannamalai Municipality - Under Ground Sewerage Scheme - Sewage Treatment Plant



Dindigul Corporation - Aathur Additional Water Supply Scheme Ground Level Water Storage Tank and Electrical Motor Room



Kodaikanal Municipality - Office Building

Municipal Administration and Water Supply

Tamil Nadu has 48.45 per cent of its population living in urban areas. The State will continue to lead the country in urban growth over the next decade also with the projected growth being 67 per cent by 2030. In this scenario, the State faces many major policy and managerial challenges in coping with increased urban infrastructure and basic civic services required by the burgeoning population. Capacity building, accessing funds for infrastructure development, and employing new, relevant green technologies will be the key to meet these challenges.



Improvement of urban infrastructure, with a focus on the development of ten World Class Cities in Tamil Nadu, provision of piped and pressurized 24x7 water supply to all the citizens and access to safe sanitation are among the key aspects in the 'Vision 2023' document. Bold and pioneering steps like mandatory rain water harvesting that paid rich dividends by raising the water table across the state in 2001-2006, are being given a renewed thrust.

Amma Unavagams - to succour the poor

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated 90 'Amma Unavagams', ten each in Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Salem, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Erode, Vellore, and Thoothukudi Corporations on 02.06.2013 to serve hygienic and healthy food at inexpensive prices in the Municipal Corporations for the benefit of the economically





weaker sections, labourers and school-going children in the urban areas. An Amma Unavagam was opened in the Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai on 11.2.2014.

The Corporation of Chennai has opened 207 Amma Canteens (200 Canteens located in the 200-divisions, one in each division and 7 in major Government hospitals)

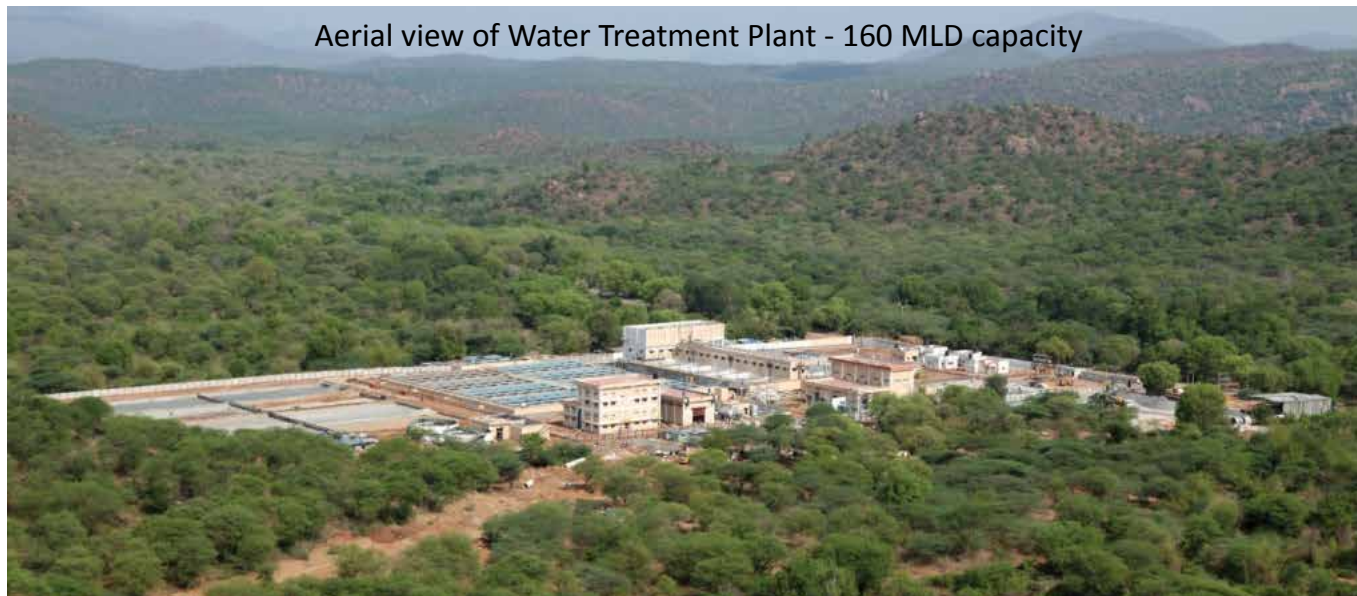
Amma Unavagams are functioning successfully with overwhelming response from the people.

Water Supply

The 'New Veeranam project' completed in record time in 2004 brought tremendous relief to the water-stressed city of Chennai. The Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant at Minjur (2003) was another step towards drought-proofing Chennai. Another Rs.871.24 crore, 100 mld desalination plant at Nemmeli inaugurated on 22.02.2013 is a further step to stabilize the water supply to the city.

The capital city's existing reservoir capacity is being augmented by 4.20 TMC ft at a cost of Rs.1,851 crore. Preliminary works for a new reservoir at Thervaikandigai in Tiruvallur District with an annual storage capacity of 1.0 TMC has already commenced. Steps have also been initiated by the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) to establish two more Desalination Plants adding to a total capacity of 550 MLD capacity near Nemmeli.

During the last four years, 3 Major Water Schemes have been completed by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD) thereby benefitting a population of 22.15 lakh living in 2377 habitations and 29 ULBs at a cost of Rs.633.00 crore. Further, 10 Major Water Schemes commenced by the TWAD Board during the last four years are under progress to benefit a population of 102.85 lakh living in 12,076 habitations and 63 Urban Local Bodies at a cost of Rs.4,653.06 crore.



Aerial view of Water Treatment Plant - 160 MLD capacity



Hogenakkal Water Supply for 29.80 lakh people

The Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorosis Mitigation (HWS&FM) Project, inaugurated on 29-05-2013, provides 160 Million Litres of water to 3 Municipalities, 17 Town Panchayats and 6,755 rural habitations daily, benefitting a population of 33.87 lakh in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts at a cost Rs.1,928.80 crore.

Rain Water Harvesting

Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in Rain Water Harvesting. The state under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made Rain Water Harvesting mandatory in all the buildings. The Rain Water Harvesting project implemented in every building in Chennai under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister brought immense relief to a parched city.

RWH structures have been incorporated into 8.27 lakh buildings in Chennai corporation, 31.21 lakh buildings in the other municipalities and corporations and 20.02 lakh buildings in Town Panchayats. Further, 1435 number of lakes out of 3394 lakes under the control of the urban local bodies have been restored. The cumulative impact of these measures has resulted in a recharge potential of 8.67 TMC.

Under Ground Sewerage Schemes

Implementation of Under Ground Sewerage Schemes (UGSS) in all the Urban Local Bodies of the State in a phased manner is a key strategy being followed to ensure the health of the urban population.

Including 9 Major UGSS Schemes completed, benefitting a population of 6.07 lakh living in 9 Urban Local Bodies at a cost of Rs.266.65 crore in the last four years, 22 Urban Local Bodies have UGSS.

23 UGSS Schemes costing Rs.1,112.66 crore and commenced during the last four years are under progress and when completed will benefit a population of 7.53 lakh living in 23 Urban Local Bodies.





Recycling Waste Water for industrial use

To relieve the pressure on the overall availability of drinking water, re-cycling of waste water for industrial use is being emphasised. Thus, 36 MLD of treated water is supplied to 3 companies by CMWSSB. CMWSSB is in the process of putting up a 45 MLD Tertiary Treated Reverse Osmosis plant at Koyambedu and another at Kodungaiyur at a cost of Rs. 394 crore and Rs. 255 crore respectively. More such projects are to be implemented under the PPP mode.

Urban Development Missions

Cities contribute as much as 70 per cent of the State's GDP. Chennai Mega City Development Mission (CMCDM) for Chennai and suburban areas and the Integrated Urban Development Mission (IUDM) for all other Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats are two schemes to supplement the available funds under various schemes for Urban Infrastructure Development. Accordingly, Rs. 1,422 crore was provided for the CMCDM and Rs.2,912.73 crore for IUDM during 2011-2015.

Under CMCDM, 889.32 km of roads, 154.90 km of Storm Water Drain, 223 km of foot paths and 11,448 Street lights costing Rs.894.34 crore were completed. Remaining will be completed in 2015-16. Under IUDM, 13,510 works were taken up at a cost of Rs.2,912.73 crore out of which 11,545 works were completed. Under these Missions, existing schemes are dovetailed to improve the basic infrastructural facilities like roads, Storm Water drain, Street lights, Under Ground Sewerage Scheme, Water Supply, Solid Waste Management etc in an integrated manner.

Urban Road Infrastructure Programme

In order to improve the roads damaged due to laying of sewer lines, water mains and natural calamities over a period of time, the Government announced a 'Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Programme' (TURIP)





in 2011-12. In the last four years, 2196.67 km length of roads damaged due to the implementation of various underground sewerage schemes, water supply schemes and natural calamities were taken up at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 915.23 crore (4,229 works). All the Urban Local Bodies in the State have embarked on a programme of laying roads utilizing plastic wastes, thus ensuring a safe and cost effective technological solution to the environmental pollution caused by plastic waste.



Arcot Bio-methanation Plant

Solid Waste Management

Urban local bodies in Tamil Nadu, generate about 15,273 tonnes of solid waste.

Concerted efforts are made to ensure scientific processing of the solid waste. Apart from the city level integrated solid waste processing projects, the State is promoting cluster based solid waste processing to capitalise on economics of scale.

Cluster based regional processing and disposal facility of 300 TPD with Waste to Energy concept for handling solid waste of Pallavapuram and Tambaram Municipalities at Vengadamangalam is under implementation at an estimated cost of Rs.99.00 crore. On completion of the project, the nearby municipalities, namely, Anakaputhur, Pammal, Sembakkam and Marimalai Nagar will also get necessary face lift by not dumping their waste. This plant will start producing 2.9 Mega Watt electricity from August 2015 onwards.

Biomethanation Plants

In order to reduce and utilize Bio-Degradable waste from the Bulk Waste Generators, a pilot Biomethanation project of capacity 3MT was established at Arcot Municipality. The plant produces approximately 240 Units of electric energy per day which is utilized for energizing 500 street lights of 40 watts each.

Based on its success, 31 more Biomethanation power plants of 3-5 MT capacities are under construction in 8 Corporations and 23 Municipalities at an estimated cost of Rs.30.39 Crore.

After establishment of all the Biomethanation plants, the projected generation (net) will be 4971 MWh/Year and the projected Emission Reductions will be 4225 tonnes of CO_2 per year. About 56,940 tonnes of waste per annum will be reduced as result of this initiative.



AWARDS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Name of the Corporation / Municipality	Name of the Award Received	Name of the Dept/Agency/ Organisation	Date of the Receipt of the award (Years)	Details for which the Award was given
Coimbatore	Energy Efficiency	President of India	2013	Energy Efficiency
	Solar/Green Building award	Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Delhi	2013	Solar/Green Building Award
	7th National e-governance conference	Government of India	2013	Team Leadership in Implementing the e-Governance Initiative
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AWARDS GIVEN TO CORPORATION OF CHENNAI

Name and date of the Award	Reason for the award/ Person who was awarded	Name of the Ministry or Commission
29.11.2014/ Non-Motorist Transport in Chennai city	Chennai Corporation is the best Corporation in India for their service rendered in Non-Motorised Transport in Chennai city. National award for Corporation of Chennai (Best City is Chennai City)	Union Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
25.01.2015/ Best Electoral Practices Award	Best Electoral Practices and Performance in the 2014 Parliament Lok-Sabha Elections Thiru. Vikram Kapoor, I.A.S., Principal Secretary / Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai	Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
26.04.2015/ Water Leadership Award	Water Leadership Award to Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB)	Global Water Intelligence, Athens.

Personnel and Administrative Reforms

The Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department plays a pivotal role in Human Resource Management of Government Departments. It employs, trains, develops, motivates, compensates and disciplines employees. A well-trained and motivated employee proves to be an asset in discharging the duties and responsibilities assigned to him. The grievances of the Government employees are resolved adhering to administrative rules.

Improving public service delivery organizations Anna Institute of Management

The Sevottam model, a quality management framework created by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India, was adopted by the Tamil Nadu Government in June 2011. The aim is to bring continuous improvements in Public Service delivery organizations till excellence is achieved. According to an order issued by the State Government in mid – June, 2011, all departments were required to prepare a road map for carrying out a process simplification exercise based on citizen feedback, to be completed in two years. Each department should act on the basis of feedback in two years.

Sevottam: Programme on Quality Management System and Sevottam framework was conducted through the 'Sevottam Training Cell' of Anna Institute of Management. Till April 2015, 734 employees were given training under this scheme. This course will continue for the next four years with the support of Government of India.

Training on Right to Information Act, 2005

The Institute is implementing a special project for giving training in the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005 in all the 32 districts of Tamil Nadu. Training Programmes have been conducted in all districts covering more than 12000 officials designated as Public Information Officers / Assistant Public Information Officers/ Appellate Authorities under the Act.

Training Centre for All India Civil Services Examinations

The All India Civil Services Coaching Centre, a modern training centre has been set up at Chennai at a cost of Rs.10.14 crore for the use of students appearing for All India Civil Services Examinations. A total number 153 candidates from this Institute have seen selected for IAS, IPS and various other posts of Central Services in the

UPSC examinations for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. A record number of 57 candidates have been selected from this Institute for IAS, IPS and other posts in the year 2013 alone.

Tamil Nadu Civil Service Training Institute

The Tamil Nadu Civil Service Training Institute at Bhavanisagar has been upgraded as a Modern Training Institute by creating new infrastructural facilities at a cost of Rs. 36.23 crore. This will be instrumental in training larger number of Government employees in a shorter span of time.

Committee for updating the Service Manual

A Committee has been constituted to update the Tamil Nadu Service Manual Volume II & III comprising all statutory Special Rules relating to State and Subordinate Services. Work to incorporate the amendments issued to the Special Rules for various services during the last 42 years is in progress.

Facilitating e- Governance

All the Service Rules administered by this Department and various Service Rules administered by other Departments of the Secretariat have been converted into electronic data base and hosted in the Government website www.tn.gov.in, in order to ensure transparent and efficient governance. Action is being taken to host the rest of the Service Rules administered by other Department of Secretariat in the Government website.

An electronic Compendium of Government manuscript and important orders issued by this Department from the year 2007 onwards is maintained and hosted in the Secretariat Intranet site, <http://parserver1/par/gos/default.htm>. Moreover, the Electronic File Processing System (EFPS) developed by NIC (National Informatics Centre) has already been implemented. This facility has also been extended to the District Collectrates.

Transparency in recruitment for Government jobs

The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission which is under the administrative control of this Department, functions primarily as a recruiting agency. TNPSC has introduced reforms to ensure free and fair recruitment process with the highest level of transparency. The tentative Answer Keys for the Objective type Examinations are hosted in the Commission's website immediately, after the examination is over.

Candidates are given seven days time to file claims and objections, if any, to the Commission and the same will be placed before the Experts Committee for Scrutiny and the corrected answers will be published in the Commission's website again. Candidate's can self evaluate their answers with the answer keys.

Canditates can apply through internet for all TNPSC examinations. Internet application form is bi-lingual and easy to fill up. CCTV monitoring has been installed in all examination halls to prevent malpractices. To ensure transparency, all proceedings of the interview are videographed. The Differently abled are permitted to take examinations in the ground floor itself. TNPSC is opting more and more for computer – based examinations. Counselling has been introduced in allotment of job/unit.



Public

The Public Department handles a whole gamut of functions pertaining to the General Administration of the State, the establishment matters of the Governor's Household, Office of the Chief Minister and Ministers, appointment of Ministers, and protocol arrangements relating to the visits of high dignitaries to the State. The activities of the Department that are in the public eye are the measures undertaken for the welfare of Ex-servicemen and their families, grant of pension to Freedom Fighters and ex-INA Personnel, processing and disposal of petitions received at the Chief Minister's Special Cell and welfare measures for the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who are accommodated in various camps in the State and issues relating to Internally Displaced Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Welfare of Freedom Fighters

Medical Allowance to Freedom Fighters has been raised from Rs. 100/- to Rs.500/-. Since, 15.08.2012, they are provided 'A' class facility in Government Hospitals and 'pay ward' facility without payment of any charges in new hospitals. Pension for Freedom Fighters has been enhanced from Rs. 9,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- and family pension has been increased from Rs. 4,500/- to Rs. 5,000/- since 15.08.2014. Special Pension paid to the descendants of Veerapandia Kattabomman, Maruthupandiar Brothers, Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathy and the descendants of V.O. Chidambaranar has been raised from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 4,500/- from 15.08.2014.



Welfare of the Ex-Servicemen

Cash Grants and cash in lieu of land given to the recipients of Gallantry Awards and winners of Distinguished Service Medals from the Armed Forces who belong to Tamil Nadu have been enhanced. The monthly consolidated pay to the Ex-servicemen have been increased from Rs. 1,500/- to Rs. 5,000/-. The procedure for providing appointments on compassionate ground to the next of kin of defence personnel killed have been considerably simplified and as a result 153 persons have been given appointment in Government in the last three years. 609 Ex-servicemen have been placed in various Government / Private Organisations during the reporting period through the Directorate of Ex-servicemen Welfare.

E-Governance for Ex-Servicemen

E-Governance has been introduced in providing opportunities for Ex-servicemen, through National Informatics Centre (NIC) to streamline registration, placement and administration of welfare measures for Ex-servicemen. The lifetime monthly financial grant for Second World War Veterans was enhanced from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 4,000/- and for widows of Second World War Veterans from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 2,500/-. Works have commenced for the construction of Ex-services Centre building at Vellore District at an expenditure of Rs. 2.20 crore.

Ex-Servicemen against power theft

To provide additional employment opportunities for Ex-Servicemen, provision has been made to engage Ex-Servicemen in Anti Power Theft Squads; so far 200 such persons have been engaged. Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme is implemented with maximum risk coverage of Rs 3 lakhs for all the contract personnel of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen Corporation Ltd. Skill Development training is provided in various fields for Ex-Servicemen. 105 families of employees have benefited under Life Insurance Scheme and amount ranging between Rs. 5,000/- and Rs 1,32,000/- was claimed. Group Pensionary Welfare Scheme with an investment of Rs. 1.78 crore per year is being implemented for contract employees of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Ltd.



Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees

The following welfare schemes are being extended to the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in 109 camps (including two special camps) and non-camp refugees in the State.

- Extension of free supply of rice through PDS to 19,615 Sri Lankan Refugee Families
- All Sri Lankan Refugees living in the designated camps have been given permission to purchase all other ration commodities including kerosene from the PD shops as per the norms applicable to the people belonging to Tamil Nadu
- Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme has been extended to all Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee families staying in camps and outside the camps
- Investment of Rs.50,000/- for a family with one female child and Rs. 25,000/- for a family with two female children for 20 years under Girl Child Protection Scheme
- Social Security Schemes have been extended to refugees in camps- monthly pension at the rate of Rs. 1,000/- is being paid to destitute widows, deserted wives, aged, unmarried women over 40 years of age and the differently abled
- Waiver of tuition fees for the 'First Graduate' student from Sri Lankan Tamil families admitted through single window system to professional courses
- Sanction of Scholarships ranging from Rs.850/- to Rs. 4,700/- per annum for the refugee students pursuing higher education
- Extension of merit based admission for refugee students in UG/PG Courses in Arts and Science colleges based on open quota
- Cash awards of Rs.3,20,000/- every year for toppers of 10th and +2 in the State Board Examinations
- Extension of merit based admission in professional courses under lateral entry system. Under this scheme refugee students are admitted in B.E., B.Tech/ MBA/MCA/M.Tech/M.Arch courses in open quota based on their merit
- Admission for Sri Lankan refugee students in the Government Polytechnics





- Five seats are created and reserved in each of the 2532 hostels meant for SC/ST/BC/MBS/Minority students for the Sri Lankan Tamil Students from Refugee families
- Monthly cash doles have been enhanced from Rs. 400 to Rs. 1000/- for head of the family, Rs. 288/- to Rs. 750/- for adults and from Rs. 180/- to Rs. 400/- for children below 12 years for all the 64,801 refugees residing in the camps
- The funeral rites expenses have been enhanced from Rs. 2,500/- to Rs. 5,000/-
- 416 women Self Help Groups functioning in camps have been provided with revolving funds at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- each at a cost of Rs. 41.6 lakh
- Construction of 1655 new durable houses at a cost of Rs. 19.86 crore for the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in the Camps
- Sanction of contingencies fund of Rs. 11.40 lakh to meet immediate contingency expenses at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- per camp
- Distribution of Pongal Gift hamper (consisting of 1 kg raw rice, 1kg sugar and cash assistance of Rs. 100/-) worth Rs. 152/- to all Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in camps



Public Works

The Public Works Department is the custodian of water resources in the State and constructs and maintains Government buildings and provides technical expertise in construction and structural maintenance. The department uses modern construction technologies and follows the specifications of Bureau of Indian Standard Codes / National Building Code to construct buildings that are structurally safe. Efficiency, economy and good design are its watchwords in construction.

Face-lift to Secretariat

Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, the 10-storeyed block inside the Fort St. George Secretariat which houses, the offices of various secretariat departments was successfully refurbished and given a facelift at a cost of Rs. 28 crore. The work which started on 03.03.2012 was completed and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on July 2014. The facade now sports a grand and imposing look. A fountain in front of the building adds charm to the building.

Renovation of Dr. MGR's memorial

The Memorial of Bharat Ratna Dr. MGR at the northern end of the Marina is a spot visited by thousands every day. The renovation of the Memorial (Rs.5.50 Crore) and facelift to the entrance (Rs.3.40 crore) and improvements to the front side compound wall were completed in 8 months and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.12.2012. The entrance is flanked by two giant columns. In the forefront stands a gold-coloured Pegasus, the flying horse of Greek mythology. The open space of the memorial has been decorated with Korean grass and ornamental species, the footpath laid with granite blocks. Ramps have been built for the benefit of physically challenged. A fountain in the centre of the memorial and a beautiful waterfall behind the mausoleum have been added.

Memorial for Col John Pennycuick - the Architect of Mullai Periyar Dam

The PWD has built a Rs. 1.25 crore memorial for Colonel John Pennycuick, the British Engineer who led the Public Works Department team that built the century-old Mullai Periyar Dam in the 19th century to solve the drought situation in the erstwhile Madurai and Ramanathapuram Districts. The memorial, which has been constructed amid the scenic Western Ghats at Lower Camp near Theni consists of a 2,500 sq.ft. building on a two acre site. It has an impressive bronze statue of Pennycuick who is revered by the farmers of Cumbum and the villages of Theni District.

Memorial to honour Karikal Chozhan

Karikal Chozhan, one of the early Chola kings built the Grand Anicut in the second century A.D. for controlling floods and for irrigation in the Cauvery delta region. Public Works Department has completed construction of





the memorial (Manimandapam) for Karikal Chozhan at Kallanai in Thanjavur (at a cost of Rs.2.10 crore; spread across 4000 sq.ft.) It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.02.2014. It has a central dome surrounded by four domes and four separate domes on pillars in the four corners. The memorial has an eight-foot-tall bronze statue of Karikal Cholan, seated on an elephant.



Yatri Niwas at Srirangam with modern amenities for pilgrims

Srirangam, an important pilgrimage centre, is now provided with Yatri Niwas on the banks of Kollidam at Rs.42.33 crore. The completed complex was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.06.2014. Built on 6.40 acres behind the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, the Yatri Niwas with modern amenities can accommodate 1,000 pilgrims.



Multi Super Speciality Hospital in Omandurar Government Estate

As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the building in Omandurar Government Estate Complex was converted by Public Works Department into a Multi Super Specialty Hospital at a cost of Rs.32.91 crore and declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 21.02.2014. The Multi Super Speciality Hospital Building has upper six floors, nine super



specialities, 14 operation theatres and 400 beds. For the benefit of patients, there are two ramps from the sixth floor to the ground floor. In addition to the 300 toilets, an additional 212 toilets have been constructed.

Memorials

The memorials of national leaders on the Gandhi Mandapam campus on Sardar Patel Road, Guindy are a great landmarks of the city. They were renovated, refurbished and greened at a cost of Rs.11.61 crore and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 27.06.2014.

The memorial for 'Veeramangai' Velu Nachiyar and her aide and personal guard 'Veerathai' Kuyili have been completed in Sivagangai and inaugurated. The memorial of the patriotic 'Dheeran' Chinnamalai in Sankagiri, Salem District was also completed and is now open to the public.

National Law School at Srirangam

Tamil Nadu National Law School at Navalur Kuttapattu Village, Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirapalli District was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.75 crore, consisting of 20 Blocks, for a total plinth area of around 5 lakh square feet and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 21-08-2013.





Functional buildings with distinctive design

Building for New Government Medical College and Hospital at Tiruvannamalai (Rs.130.88 crore; completed, and inaugurated on 22.08.2013), a hostel building (Rs.6.85 crore) for Horticultural College & Research Institute for Women in Navalur Kuttapattu Village, Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirapalli District, new building for Madras Medical College at Old Central Jail Campus, Chennai (Rs.56.63 crore; inaugurated on 01.03.2013), Cancer Block at Government Royapptah Hospital, Chennai (Rs.17.00 crore; inaugurated on 01.03.2013), multistoried building at Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children Campus, Thiruvallikkeni, Chennai (Rs.16.65 crore; inaugurated on 01.03.2013), multi-storied building with ground floor + six floors at Government Stanley Medical College and Hospital, Chennai (Rs.41.20 crore; inaugurated on 30.12.2013), multi-storied building for Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Government Women and Children Hospital campus, Ezhumpur, Chennai (Rs.56.32 crore; inaugurated on 21.02.2014) are among the important building projects successfully completed by the department with its hallmark qualities of efficiency, economy and excellence and also its individuality in design. The department has taken up many works, like New Kalai Arangam at an estimated cost of Rs.61 crore and New Guest house in Omandurar Government Estate at an estimated cost of Rs.19 crore and the memorial for Veerapandia Kattabomman, the celebrated chieftain who fought against British, at Kayathar, the place where he was hanged in Thoothukudi district.





Water Resources

The Water Resources wing of the Public Works Department is the custodian of water resources in the State and maintains Water Resource structures such as Dams, Anicuts and Tanks besides rehabilitating and forming the irrigation infrastructure. Tamil Nadu is a water scarce State with very limited water potential. Of the total surface water potential of the State, about 32 per cent has to be realized from the neighbouring States.



Besides the proper upkeep of the irrigation infrastructure and water management practices, the Government's tackling of Inter-State River water issues greatly helps in fulfilling this. In this regard, the historic Judgement on 7th May 2014, of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on raising the height of the Mullai Periyar dam came as a huge vindication of the consistent stand taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Supreme Court struck down the Kerala law on the matter as unconstitutional and permitted the Government of TamilNadu to raise the water level of Mullai Periyar dam to 142 feet. Again, due to the unrelenting and tireless efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Final Order of the Cauvery Waters Disputes Tribunal was published in the Gazette of the Government of India on 19.02.2013. Consequent on the publication of the Order, the constitution of Cauvery Management Board and the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee become necessary to implement the Order.

IAMWARM for 'more crop per drop of water'

The 'Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management' (TNIAMWARM) Scheme is a boon to farmers. It is a water management project that aims to facilitate efficient irrigation practices by local farmers. This integrated project with a revised outlay of Rs. 2,254.85 crore is implemented to benefit an extent of 6.69 lakh hectares.

To improve the service delivery of irrigation system, 2,541 Tanks, 302 Anicuts and 4,395 km length of Supply Channels have been rehabilitated during the last three years, at a project cost of Rs. 963.58 crore. IAMWARM is a pioneering project with the motto, 'More crop per drop of water'.



Expanding reservoirs to quench the thirst of Chennai

Ensuring adequate drinking water supply to Chennai, the capital of the State is being given top priority. Special initiatives have been taken to store the water gained in the reservoirs during the monsoon as well the Krishna water received from Andhra Pradesh. A new reservoir is being formed near Kannankottai and Thervaikandigai village in Gummidipoondi Taluk of Tiruvallur District at a cost of Rs.330 crore. Work is in progress. This scheme combines the two adjoining tanks to store 1 TMC ft. of Krishna water in two fillings.

Rehabilitation of Cauvery basin system, rehabilitation of irrigation systems in other basins, rehabilitation of tanks, creation of small-storage reservoirs and tanks, construction of tail end regulators and check dams, creating artificial re-charge systems, desilting of specific water bodies, interlinking of rivers within the State are the steps being taken to use water optimally and more productively.



Replenishing ground water through artificial recharge

During the past three years the Water Resources Department has constructed 209 check dams, 2 diaphragm walls, 5 grade walls, 29 ponds, 1 bed dam and 6 sub-surface dyke across various rivers of the State at a cost of Rs.157.33 crore, covering 28 Districts.

In addition, 266 recharge shafts at a cost of Rs.5.66 crore have also been installed in the river beds. There has been marked rise in the ground water level of the surrounding areas by 1.7 m to 4.5 m, which has improved the agricultural production and ground water recharge. Construction of 1,335 artificial recharge shafts in Cauvery and Vennar sub-basins of Tiruvarur District has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 crore.

In Tamil Nadu, the irrigation potential has been increased. Rehabilitation and Modernisation of irrigation infrastructure are taken up in a phased manner. Besides, construction of check dams, bed dams and formation of new tanks are also taken up from time to time. Some of the schemes implemented during these three years are highlighted below:

Rehabilitation of Kalingarayan channel taking off from the 700-year-old Kalingarayan Anicut and irrigating about 6,374 hectares of land in Erode Taluk and District, was taken up and completed at a project cost of Rs.50 crore. Effluents of tanneries, dyeing and textile industries and also the drainage and sewerage from the adjoining residential areas had been polluting the Kalingarayan channel at the stretch from mile 3/3 to 9/7.

The rehabilitation measures have mitigated the pollution problems. A New Tank across Mathalapallam River in Pennagaram Taluk of Dharmapuri district has been formed at a project cost of Rs. 14.15 crore. It has ensured storage of 55.632 mcft. of water. An ayacut of 283.40 hectares under first crop and 161.90 hectares under second crop is being irrigated. This scheme also facilitated artificial recharge of ground water in and around the tank.

Putting life back into the Ooty lake

The Ooty Lake is highly polluted. The rainwater from the catchment area and the city sewage flow into the lake through the Kodappamund channel. Desilting of Kodappamund Channel in Ooty town in Nilgiris District was completed at a project cost of Rs. 1.20 crore.

Bio remediation of Ooty lake was completed at a project cost of Rs. 5 lakh. To increase the level of dissolved oxygen through aeration process, 4 surface diffusers were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore.





Rehabilitation of Contour Canal from LS 0.00 km to LS 49.30 km in Coimbatore and Tiruppur Districts, sanctioned at a project cost of Rs.184.50 crore, is in progress.

This canal, which is an engineering marvel will benefit an ayacut of about 1.72 lakh hectares in Coimbatore and Tiruppur Districts. By implementing this project, about 9 TMC ft. of water will be additionally available for irrigation.

Barrage across River Cauvery at Mayanur

The existing Kattalai Bed regulator was constructed across Cauvery River in 1934 based on the design of that period. In order to ensure proper and more efficient supply of water to the four dependant channels, a new barrage has been constructed across Cauvery River, 250 m downstream of existing Kattalai bed regulator at Mayanur village in Krishnarayapuram Taluk of Karur district at an estimate cost of Rs.254.45 crore.

Due to this, there is improvement and better water regulation to the 4 off-take channels, namely South Bank Canal, Kattalai High Level canal, New Kattalai High Level canal, North Bank canal benefitting an ayacut of 41,017 hectares, in addition to the lands cultivated under lift irrigation from wells. Also, storage of water up to 1.04 TMC during non-irrigation period enables ground water recharge.

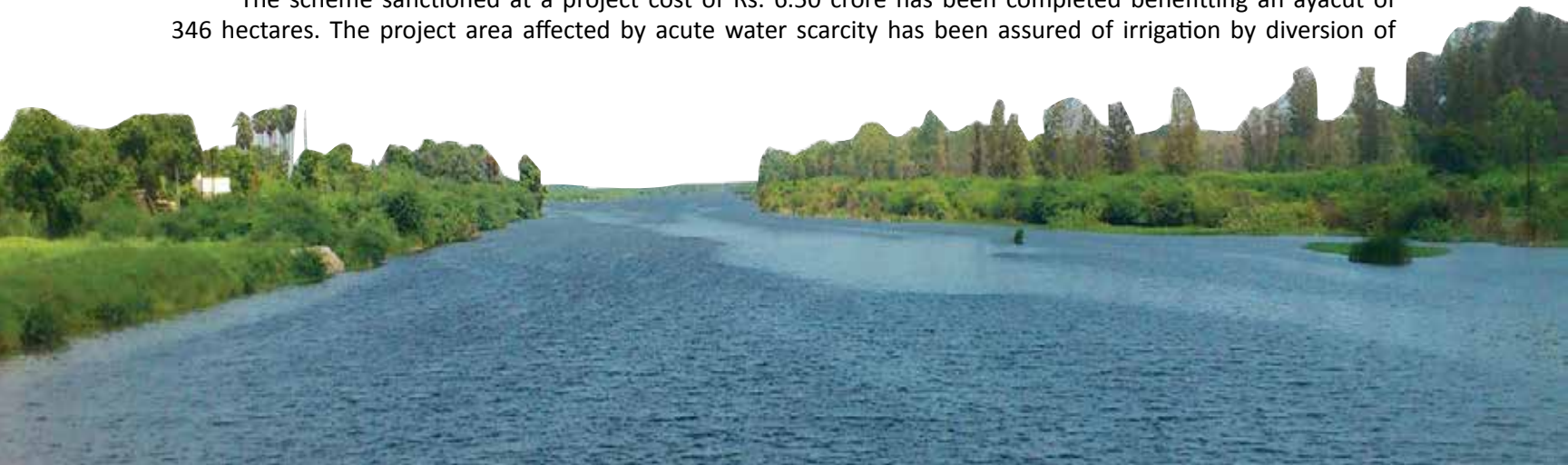
The improvements to the park near the barrage have been attracting more tourists, thus developing tourism. The Two Lane Bridge which is the allied structure of the Barrage has reduced a considerable travel distance of about 45 km between the villages situated in the left, right flanks.

Interlinking of rivers in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi districts

The department has taken up formation of a flood carrier canal from the Kannadian Channel to drought-prone areas of Sathankulam and Thisaiyanvilai by interlinking Thamiraparani, Karumeniyar and Nambiyar Rivers in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.369 crore. An extent of 23,049 hectares will be benefited including 17,009 hectares of new ayacut. The ground water level in the nearby wells will also be increased. Construction of bed dam across Vaigai River to feed Maranadu Tank and nine other tanks at Ladanendal village in Manamadurai taluk of Sivagangai District was completed at an estimated cost of Rs.12.85 crore, benefitting an ayacut of 2145 hectares.

Supply Channel from Baleguli tank to feed 28 tanks

The scheme sanctioned at a project cost of Rs. 6.50 crore has been completed benefitting an ayacut of 346 hectares. The project area affected by acute water scarcity has been assured of irrigation by diversion of





surplus flood water of Pennaiyar River to the Baleguli Tank without affecting lower riparian rights. A Bed Dam has been constructed across Periya Odai in Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs.5.50 crore to mitigate floods in Vrindhachalam taluk. This scheme provides for supply of water into the south main canal for irrigation and also to accommodate 15,000 cusecs of flood water.

A wall to keep the sea at bay

Rehabilitation of the existing RMS wall from LS 13/100 to 18/640 km from Nethaji Nagar to Nettukuppam in Madhavaram Taluk of Tiruvallur district, and raising it to a height of 2 metres has been completed at a project cost of Rs.26.58 crore. The aim is to avoid intrusion and erosion due to high sea waves.

Master Plan to avoid flooding in Chennai

A comprehensive Rs. 1,447.91 crore (Revised cost Rs. 1,404.66 crore) Master Plan under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission has been taken up to integrate the micro drainages such as storm-water drains and macro drainages like Buckingham canal, Otteri Nullah, Virugambakkam – Arumbakkam drain, and the Cooum and Adyar river. The aim is to avoid flooding in Chennai city. Improvements to macro drainages at a cost of Rs. 633.03 crore (Revised cost Rs. 699.86 crore) are in progress.

Coastal protection works

Sea erosion is a perennial problem all along the coastal areas. During the monsoon period, the problems are aggravated due to cyclonic storms, storm surges, depression and low pressure zones resulting in high waves and tidal action causing sea erosion. This causes heavy damages and losses to infrastructure resulting in loss of lives and livelihood. On a priority basis, vulnerable reaches were identified and 49 coastal protection works in 7 districts were taken up for execution at a cost of Rs.199.72 crore, during the past three years.



Restoration of traditional water bodies

Tank irrigation contributes a considerable quantum of irrigable water. On a priority basis, 690 traditional water bodies in 25 Districts have been identified for restoration. Restoration of tanks to their original condition by strengthening tank bunds as per standards, desilting and strengthening feeder channels to receive full supply from streams and catchment works, strengthening of sluices and surplus arrangements have been taken up at a cost of Rs.200 crore.

Proposal for a new barrage

Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the scheme of construction of a Barrage across Kollidam river, which is a flood carrier of surplus water from Cauvery, below lower Coleroon Anicut between Aathanur and Kumaramangalam Villages of Cuddalore and Nagapattinam Districts respectively, at a cost of Rs. 400 crore to store 0.6 TMC of water. This Barrage will facilitate the storage of surplus water from Cauvery river, thereby preventing it from going as waste into the sea, in addition to the recharge of ground water in that area.

AWARD RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

“Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) Award for excellence in Integrated Water Resources Management presented on CBIP Day, 2015 to Water Resources Organisation, PWD Tamil Nadu for one of its kind, “Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management (IAMWARM) Project” to improve the service delivery of Irrigation System and productivity of Irrigated Agriculture with Effective Integrated Water Resources Management in a sub-basin frame work”.



Taluk Office, Nanguneri, Tirunelveli District



Taluk Office, Sular, Tirunelveli District



Revenue

The Revenue Department has the proud legacy of being the oldest department in the Administrative set-up of the State. The Revenue Department has five wings - the Revenue Administration and Disaster Management Department, Land Administration Department, Land Reforms Department, Urban Land Ceiling and Urban Land Tax Department and Survey and Settlement Department.

Fast Track Patta Transfer

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated Fast Track Patta Transfer Scheme on 18.07.2011 in Srirangam Taluk of Tiruchirappalli District. Under this scheme, applications can be made to the Village Administrative Officers on



every Monday. It is mandatory for officials to issue orders within 15 days for cases not involving sub-divisions and 30 days for cases involving sub-divisions. 49.36 Lakh Patta Transfer Orders have been effected.

Distribution of fan, mixie and grinder

The scheme of distribution of free Fans, Mixies and Grinders to Women beneficiaries was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15th September, 2011. In all hill areas, Induction Stoves are distributed instead of Fans. 94.28 lakh Fans, Mixies and Grinders out of a total of 95 lakh have been distributed to the women beneficiaries.

New Taluk, Revenue Divisions

The Tamil Nadu Government created 44 New Taluks in four years based on the recommendation of a high-level committee constituted to recommend bifurcation of taluks. Four new Revenue Divisions were also formed for the benefit of the public.

Amma Thittam, where officials go to the people

Under the Amma Scheme, officials go to the people to deliver Government services, rather than the people having to go to the Tahsildar's office several times to make representations. Revenue and other officials concerned camp in a particular village on a particular day and redress the grievances of people on the spot relating to patta transfer, free house-site pattas, birth and death certificates old-age pension and community certificates. 45.40 lakh petitions were received under Amma Scheme and immediate action was taken.

Farmers' Protection Scheme

Hon'ble Chief Minister J Jayalithaa launched the Chief Minister's Farmers Protection Scheme (Uzhavar Paadhukaappu Thittam) on 11.09.2011 to provide cash assistance to small and tiny farmers and landless labourers and their families. Under the scheme, marriage assistance, old age pension, pension during period of temporary incapacitation, accident relief, natural death assistance and funeral expenses are given to members. Marriage assistance, educational assistance and funeral expenses are provided to dependents of members. Financial Assistance has been given to 33.68 lakh beneficiaries at a cost of Rs. 2831.28 crore. A few instances of assistance to members and dependents are:

a) Educational Assistance

Educational assistance under 'Uzhavar Pathukappu Thittam' was handed over to the beneficiary, Selvi. Rani of Kallupalayam village of Tiruchengode Taluk of Namakkal District by the District Collector, Namakkal District.

b) Marriage Assistance

Marriage assistance of Rs.10,000/- under 'Uzhavar Pathukappu Thittam' was given to the beneficiary, Selvi. Pachayammal, daughter of Thiru. Kavukkaran of Aniali village of Kalasapakkam Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District.

c) Accident Relief Assistance

Accident Relief Assistance under 'Uzhavar Pathukappu Thittam' was handed over to the beneficiary, Selvi. Rani of Kallupalayam village of Tiruchengode Taluk of Namakkal District by the District Collector, Namakkal District. Accident Relief Assistance under 'Uzhavar Pathukappu Thittam' was handed over to the beneficiary, Thiru. Karuppannan of Kolathupalayam village of Perundurai Taluk of Erode District by the District Collector, Erode District.

d) Natham and Town Survey Project

'Natham' is classified as "Poramboke" (land not privately owned, Government land) in the Revenue department's settlement register. But Natham Land is distinct from other Poramboke lands that are set apart for

public utility. The people in Natham have ownership right over the land they legally possess but no enjoyment subdivisions as per Revenue Records. Hence, to issue patta to the people residing in Natham lands, Natham Survey was taken up. 98,612 pattas have been issued under Natham and Town Survey Project.

Community Certificates

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made an announcement under Rule 110 on the floor of the Assembly on 08.05.2012 that the certificate of Community, **Income and Nativity to all sixth standard students studying in all schools of Tamil Nadu will be issued during the academic year.** Certificates were issued to 35.86 lakh students studying from 6th to 12th standard in the schools during the years 2011-15.

Drinking water in drought - hit areas

Rs. 365.41 crore has been provided for Drinking water facilities in drought-hit areas in Tamil Nadu.

Drought relief to farmers

Rs. 1328.49 crore relief was provided to 20.89 lakh farmers of delta and non-delta districts hit by drought.

Relief for huts damaged in fire accidents

Relief assistance for fully damaged huts in fire accidents was enhanced from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- and for partly damaged huts from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 2,500/-.

Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction

The Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction project (CDRRP) of Rs. 1481.80 crore was sanctioned through assistance of World Bank. The aim is to increase the resilience of coastal communities to a range of hydro-meteorological and geo-physical hazards along with the capacity of disaster infrastructure to respond promptly and effectively to a crisis or emergency.





Panchayat Union Office Building,
Pudukottai Union, Pudukottai District



Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green Houses,
Thottakadu Panchayat, Tanjavur District



Bridge across Devanadhi River



Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department provides essential infrastructure and livelihoods opportunities for poor people in the rural areas of the State in keeping with the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The department implements various schemes to improve the quality of life of rural people.



The Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS) is a revolutionary initiative in the rural housing sector and fulfils the housing needs of the rural poor with a spacious house which is environment friendly. The target is to build 3 lakh houses for five years from 2011 to 2016 at 60,000 houses a year. For 2011-12, 60,000 Solar Powered Green Houses of 300 square feet each are being constructed every year at a unit cost of Rs. 1.80 lakh. During 2013-14, based on the people's representations, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered increase of unit cost to Rs.2.10 lakh. All the people living below poverty line in rural areas are eligible for the Solar Powered Green Houses. Out of the total allocation of 60,000 houses, 30 per cent is reserved for SC/STs and 70 per cent for other categories.

Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement Scheme

Tamil Nadu is the only State in India which implements 'Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement Scheme' (THAI), a mega flagship scheme taking 'Habitation' as the basic unit of development. As per the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, a detailed survey was conducted to ascertain the available basic amenities and to assess the infrastructure requirement of the habitations. Based on the survey, the following categories of works were taken up as prescribed in the guidelines:

Sl. No.	Minimum Basic Requirements	Additional Requirements	Other Requirements
1.	Water Supply	Public Distribution Shop	Any other works
2.	Street Lights	Anganwadi Centres	
3.	Roads	SHG Buildings	
4.	Burial Grounds	Threshing Floor	
5.	Pathway to Burial Grounds	Playground	

Under the scheme, the needs of 79,394 habitations in 12,524 Village Panchayats were identified and their requirements are being met. During a four year period, 2011-15, a total of 71,126 habitations in 9,511 Village Panchayats have been provided with basic amenities under this scheme.

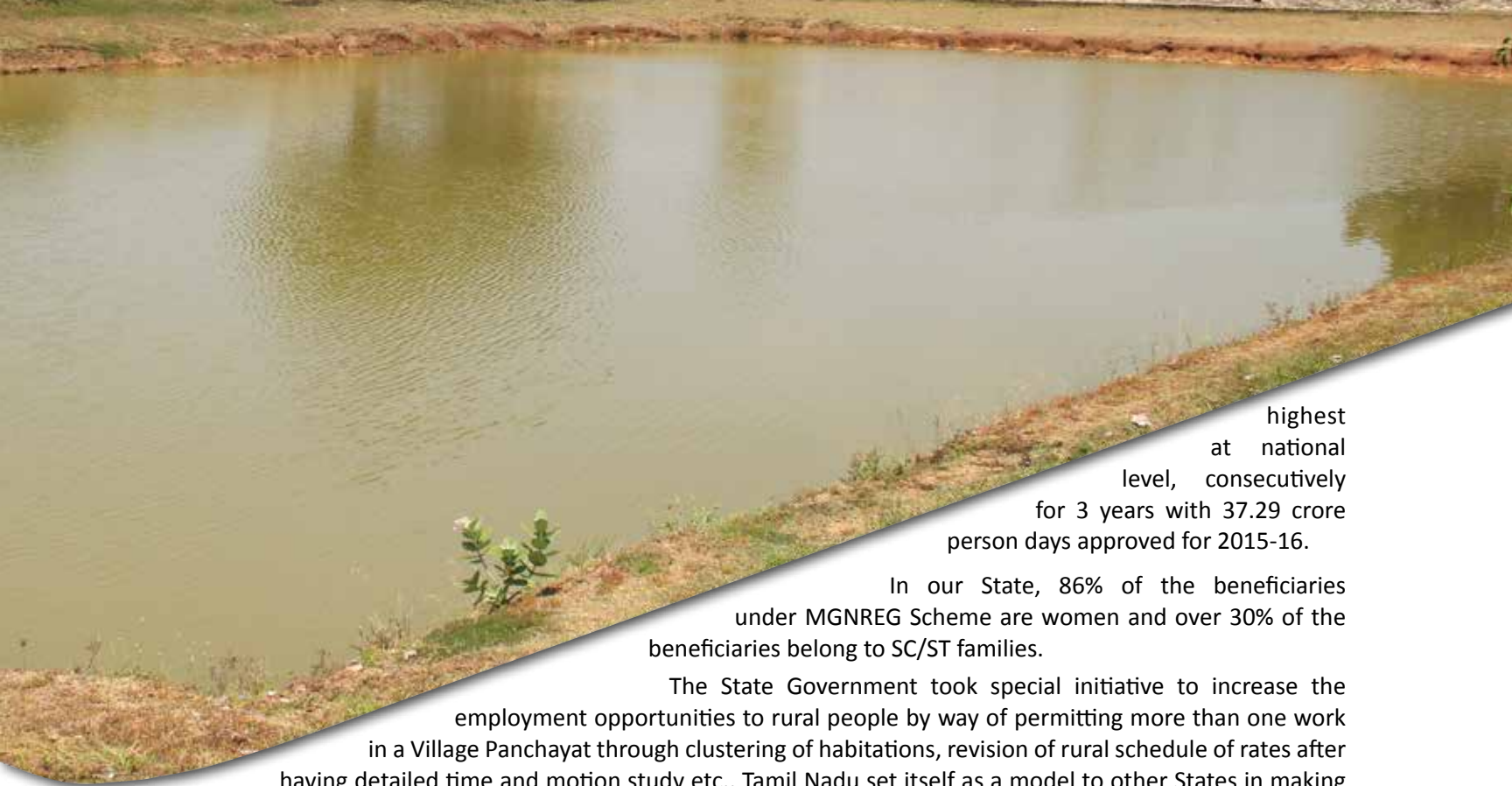
Exemplary implementation of MGNREGS

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

The MGNREG Scheme guarantees 100 days of employment in a financial year to any rural household whose adult members are willing to do unskilled manual work.

The Scheme is being effectively implemented in all 31 districts. The performance has been overwhelming over the past 4 years with the total person days generation of 136.81 crore.

Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu excelled in the implementation of MGNREGS. In terms of provision of employment per household, Tamil Nadu topped with 47 days against the national average of 40 days per household during 2014-15. Likewise, approved Labour Budget in respect of Tamil Nadu State is the



highest
at national
level, consecutively
for 3 years with 37.29 crore
person days approved for 2015-16.

In our State, 86% of the beneficiaries under MGNREG Scheme are women and over 30% of the beneficiaries belong to SC/ST families.

The State Government took special initiative to increase the employment opportunities to rural people by way of permitting more than one work in a Village Panchayat through clustering of habitations, revision of rural schedule of rates after having detailed time and motion study etc., Tamil Nadu set itself as a model to other States in making special provision to disabled persons so as to participate in the MGNREGS works.

To improve service delivery mechanisms in rural areas, during 2013-14, construction of 4,174 Village Panchayat Service Centres and 120 Block Panchayat Service Centres have been taken. During the year 2014-15, 4,460 Village Panchayat Service Centres and 150 Block Panchayat Service Centres have been taken up and the rest of the Panchayats will be covered during 2015-16.

Farm Pond works were taken up extensively during 2013-14. Out of the total farm ponds of 29,303 fish culture has been promoted in 1,700 farm ponds in convergence with Fisheries Department.

Large scale plantation activities have been taken up during 2013-14 including the karuvel plantation works in 4,000 hectares in Convergence with Forest Department.

During 2014-15, 10,000 Cattle Shelter, 10,000 Goat Shelter and 1,000 Poultry Shelter have been taken up in Convergence with Animal Husbandry Department. Likewise, construction of 3,000 Anganwadi Centres, 385 Food Grain Storage Structures, 500 buildings for Village Panchayats have been taken up during this year. Moreover, avenue plantation activities in 500 Kms of Highways road in convergence with Highways Department, plantation activities





on 400 hectares of individual Farmer's lands in Convergence with Agriculture Department, Plantation activities on 1,000 hectares of individual Farmer's lands in convergence with Horticulture Department and plantation activities on 100 hectares of individual Farmer's lands in convergence with TAWDEVA have also been taken up during 2014-15.

Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women

Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women were constructed from 2001 to 2004 at the rate of one Sanitary Complex per Village Panchayat. Each complex has 14 water closets, 2 bathrooms, 1 water tub and stone-paved washing facilities, electricity connection and water supply for washing and bathing requirements and incinerator for safe disposal of the used sanitary napkin.

These complexes ensure privacy and safety to the women besides improving their hygiene and health. As per instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, all the 12,796 Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women were renovated during 2011-12 at a cost of Rs. 170 crore.

Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Men

Based on the representations for provision of similar facilities for men in rural areas, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the construction of 770 Integrated Men Sanitary Complexes (IMSC) at the rate of 2 per Block at a cost of Rs. 35 crore during 2012-13. Each complex was constructed on 570 sq.ft . plinth area with 8 toilets and separate area for bathing, water tub, stone-paved washing facilities and exclusive water supply for sustainable use.



AWARDS

MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME Awards for MGNREGS

a) National Award for the State

Awards for the Best performing States have been initiated for the first time under 3 categories during the year 2012-13 by Government of India. Out of these, **Tamil Nadu had bagged the Best Performing State Award in the category of Social Inclusion.** Further, Tamil Nadu is the only State to have been awarded under this category.

b) National Awards for Districts and Village Panchayats

Every year Government of India identifies and provides awards to best performing Districts and best performing Village Panchayats under MGNREGS at the national level. Awards received for Best performance during the years from 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as follows:

Year	District Award	Village Panchayat Award
2011-12	1.Thanjavur	Kadambadi Village Panchayat, Sulur Panchayat Union, Coimbatore District
	2. Tiruchirapalli	
2012-13	1. The Nilgiris	Thanikkottagam Village Panchayat, Vedaranyam Panchayat Union, Nagapattinam District.
2013-14	1. Theni	F.Keelaiyur Village Panchayat, Manapparai Panchayat Union, Tiruchirapalli District.



AWARDS

AWARD UNDER PANCHAYAT SASHAKTIKARAN PURASKAR (PSP)

- The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has constituted an award under Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (PSP) to Panchayat Raj Institutions with a view to support, encourage and facilitate the State to devolve more functions, functionaries and finances to the Panchayats and build their capacities.
- The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has given award to 6 best Village Panchayats, 2 best Panchayat Unions and one District Panchayat with a cash prize of Rs.1.18 crore to the Panchayat Raj Institutions at the rate of Rs.8 lakh for Village Panchayat, Rs.20 lakh for each Panchayat Union and Rs.30 lakh for one District Panchayat for the year 2014-15.

RASHTRIYA GAURAV GRAMA SABHA PURASKAR

- The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India has constituted the Rashtriya Gaurav Grama Sabha Award from the year 2012 with a view to recognize and encourage the Gram Panchayats for outstanding performance through effective Grama Sabha. For the year 2014-15, Berahatty Village Panchayat of Coonoor Block in The Nilgiris District was awarded by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India with cash prize of Rs.10 lakh.

e-PANCHAYAT PURASKAR AWARD

- Tamil Nadu was also one among the recipient States of e-Panchayat Puraskar Awards given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 26.4.2015 at New Delhi.



Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women

The prime objective of Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW) is bringing about socio-economic development and empowerment of women. For Vulnerability Reduction, Skill Promotion and Enterprise Development, Rs.95.52 crore was released as the first installment. To promote livelihoods of the poor, 16,091 women were imparted entrepreneurial skills. 250 Economic Clusters have been identified under “One Village One Product” (Common Livelihoods Group). In the last 4 years, SHGs have been credit linked to the tune of Rs.20,269.24 crore. Community Investment Fund of Rs.232 crore was allocated to 2,323 Village Poverty Reduction Committees comprising targeted poor in villages of the project area of Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission. The Women’s Self Help Group movement in the State was taken to new heights last year with the sanctioning of Rs.6,171.74 crore bank credit. The Village Panchayat and the institutions of poor such as Village Poverty Reduction Committee (VPRC), Social Audit Committee (SAC) and Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) have been effectively converged to provide transparent and effective governance for poverty reduction initiatives at field level. As a pioneering initiative each VPRC has been sanctioned Rs.10 lakh as community investment fund to undertake capacity building training and support the very poor and vulnerable families for livelihoods activities.

Pudhu Vaazhvu Project

The Tamil Nadu Government’s World Bank funded Pudhu Vaazhvu Project is a pioneering poverty reduction and empowerment initiatives. It focuses on building institutions for the poor and very poor, raising their capacity, leveraging resources through commercial banks, making livelihoods and decreasing the risks faced by poor household but ensuring social safety nets and entitlement. The project is implemented at an outlay of Rs.717 crore. It covers 2,509 village Panchayats in 70 Backward Blocks in 16 districts.

Effective implementation commenced from August 2006. With additional financing, the project has expanded its operations to 10 more districts and covers 1,665 village Panchayats in 50 backward blocks for a period of 3 years till September 2014 with an outlay of Rs.950 crore. The Project is now being implemented with an outlay of Rs.1,667 crore. (Rs. 717 crore + Rs. 950 crore) and extended upto September 2016.

Percentage of skilled workers within a household is 31.57 per centage higher in PVP areas. The Project has been successful not only in increasing the voice of women in household decision making, but has also made them more pro-active in public spaces

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (PTSLP)

Tsunami claimed 7,923 lives and left a trail of destruction, especially in Cuddalore and Nagapattinam districts. As a long-term solution, the post-Tsunami sustainable livelihoods programme with the assistance of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is being implemented to provide alternative and sustainable livelihoods to the affected people in the coastal areas.

The programme has addressed crucial requirements of the coastal population. With the establishment of community-based organizations like Cluster Resource centres, the programme has largely contributed to the coastal



community. The project is implemented in 109 coastal panchayats in the six districts of Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Kanniyakumari.

The programme has five components: Coastal Area Resource Management, Rural Finance and Risk Transfer Instruments, Employment Generation and Skill Training, Community based Sea Safety and Disaster Management and Programme Management. With a total outlay of Rs. 283.69 crore (IFAD contribution Rs. 132.32 crore), the project is being implemented for a period of 9 years (2008 – 2017). Under the project, 28 Cluster Resource Centres have been established in the project area. Ten per cent of the costs are contributed by the community by way of cash. So far 633 Community Infrastructure works at a cost of Rs. 2,606.32 lakh have been completed.

Artificial reefs to augment fishery resources

Six artificial reefs have been deployed in Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Kanniyakumari Districts, at a cost of Rs. 72 lakh to augment dwindling fisheries resources with the help of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). Training sessions have been organized for fishermen on sea safety measures.

Workshops are conducted to create awareness on the various measures available for ensuring Sea Safety (Communication aids, life saving techniques etc.). Community members, especially SHG women and the beneficiaries of micro enterprises are taken to nearby districts and to other states to help them gain firsthand information on the developments to facilitate them to learn good practices being adopted in other places. So far, 12,925 beneficiaries have undertaken Community Exchange visits. Fifty Fish Marketing Societies (FMS) have already been established along the coastal areas.



School Education

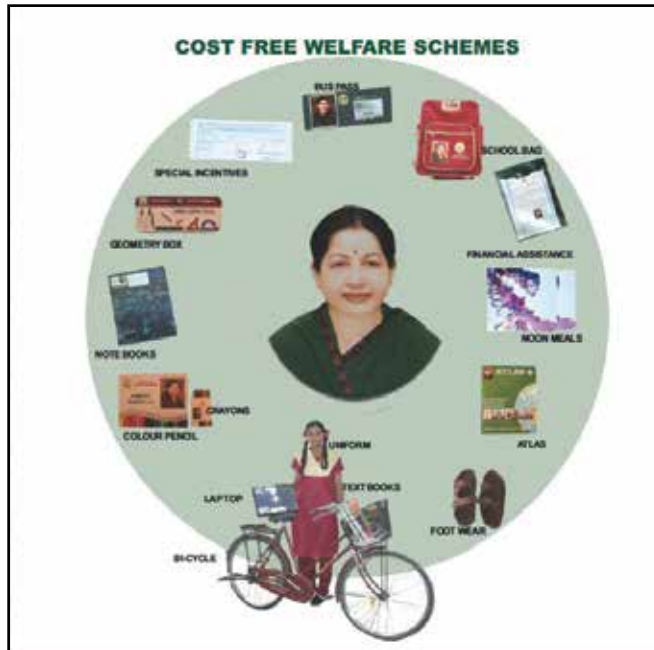
A sum of Rs. 64,485.97 crore have been allocated to School Education Department for the past 4 years for providing quality education. Tamil Nadu is a pioneer in the introduction of the Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) System of education combined with the Trimester pattern. This has obtained appreciation at the National level and has become a role model for many States. Smooth implementation of the scheme for free supply



of laptops, uniforms (four sets), textbooks, notebooks, school bags, educational kits, footwear and atlas helped to increase the Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) to 99.85 and 99.10 at Primary and Upper Primary level respectively. Similarly the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has increased to 91.17 and 75.87 at Secondary and Higher Secondary level.

The dropout rate at secondary level which was at 11.21 in 2011-2012 has been reduced to 3.98 in 2014-2015 because of the effective implementation of the Scheme of Special Cash Incentive for children.

12,619 English medium sections were introduced in Government schools from 2012-2013 to 2014-2015. 2.31 lakh students have been benefited.



The initiative taken by the Government by sanctioning 76,338 teaching posts and appointing 72,843 teaching posts have helped to improve the quality of education imparted to them. Also, 14,711 Non-teaching posts have been filled up in Government Schools.

10 Mobile Counseling Centers at a cost of Rs.1.27 crore to give psychological counseling to reduce the stress of students in High and Higher secondary schools. 5,04,786 students in 2,485 schools have been benefitted.

Transport facilities have been provided to 11,002 students from remote and hilly areas at a cost of Rs.6.36 crore for the past two years.

Escort services have been provided to 4,520 children at a cost of Rs.2.70 crore for the past two years.

Admission of 1,36,593 children in private schools under 25% reservation belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups has been ensured as per RTE act.



The State Resource Centre for Inclusive Education has been setup at a total cost of Rs.16.30 lakh. 1,234 Children with Special Needs and parents of these children have been benefitted through this State Resource Centre. Rs.10 lakh has been provided for the procurement of materials to State Resource Centre.





Infrastructure facilities

A balanced growth in the education sector has been achieved by focusing on quality of education and infrastructure in schools. Infrastructure such as School Building, HM Rooms, Class rooms to New schools, Additional class rooms as per the students strength, Drinking water facility, kitchen shed, compound wall, toilets, special infrastructure facilities for differently abled viz. ramps, differently abled friendly toilets in primary, middle, high and Higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.2,688.97 crore. 100% coverage of toilet facilities separately for girls and boys in all the Government schools has been ensured.

Model Schools and Girls Hostels in the Educationally Backward Blocks

Model Schools have been established in 44 Educationally Backward Blocks of 13 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.132.52 crore. Additional amount of Rs.57.23 crore over and above the State's 25% share of Rs.33.13 crore has been sanctioned. This benefits 24,640 students. These model schools act as "schools



of excellence" providing a conducive academic climate on par with national standards.

Girls Hostels have been setup in 44 Educationally Backward Blocks of 13 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.61.10 crore. Additional amount of Rs.45.44 crore over and above the State's 10% share of Rs.6.10 crore has been sanctioned. This benefits 4,400 students.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned a separate section for differently-abled children in District Central Library, Coimbatore at the cost of Rs.50.00 lakhs.

This special section is furnished with audio books, braille books and all assistive technological aids such as screen magnification software, large print keyboard, optical scanner, learning tools and disabled-friendly furniture.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announced a State Resource Centre at Santhome, Chennai for special children to facilitate the need of children of various disabilities like visually impaired children, children with learning disability, cerebral, autism and other disorder and the library is equipped with assistive technology like screen readers, on screen key boards,



track balls, tactile graphic maps and special key boards for visually impaired.

All District Central Libraries have children section with an intend to enhance their creativity, increase the love for books and inculcate learning skills at the early phase of life and make them better citizen through various training especially yoga.

The Government has sanctioned Rs.20.00 lakh for the modernization of children sections functioning in District Central Libraries of Virudhunagar, Erode, Tiruchirappalli and Madurai Districts. These Libraries

have been modernized with computers, educational CDs, maps, globes, Toys and other learning materials.

State Level and National Level Sports & Games Competitions

In order to encourage and nurture hidden talent in sports and games and to inculcate the feeling of oneness among all students, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.10 crore for conducting of sports and games competitions at different levels. As a result of the sanction of the above grant from 2013-14, the Tamil Nadu School Education Department has improved its status from 12th position to 7th position at National level.

The Medal tally at National Level has considerably improved, compared to the previous years. Tamil Nadu has secured Second Place in the Overall Championship Athletic competitions with 6 Gold, 20 Silver and 11 Bronze medals, which is a rare feat in the annals of School Education Department.

Chess games and competitions have been introduced for the benefit of school students at a cost of Rs.1.17 crore. In 2013-2014 Chess competitions have been conducted at a cost of Rs.22 lakh. 11,25,628 students participated in the competitions and finally, at the State level 24 students were selected as winners.

Tamil Nadu is the first State to formulate a web based portal namely the Education Management Information System (EMIS). This EMIS is now being emulated by the rest of the country and Tamil Nadu stands as the proud example for the Nation to follow. The novel and innovative schemes have helped to place Tamil Nadu as the Number One State among all States by the National Achievement Survey conducted in the National Council for Education Research and Training.





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CHESS GAME

AWARD RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- During the World Literacy Day on 8th September 2013, the President of India selected Ariyalur District as best performing District in India for promoting Female Literacy. The Collector, Ariyalur District received the award at New Delhi on 08.09.2013.
- The President of India has also selected Kuppandampalayam village in Andhiyur Block, Erode District as best performing Grama Panchayat in India for promoting adult literacy. The Village Panchayat President Tmt. K. Karuppayee received the award at New Delhi on 08.09.2013.



Working Women Government Hostel, Coimbatore District



Working Women Government Hostel, Vysarpadi, Chennai



Government Service Home, Krishnagiri District



Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme

Tamil Nadu has set an example in ensuring inclusive growth by taking up path-breaking initiatives through social welfare schemes, especially for poor women, children, senior citizens, third genders and destitutes. Tamil Nadu's human development indices and vital indicators on health, education and income show that its welfare schemes have succeeded in putting the State far ahead of other states. Accelerated growth of all sections of society is shaping the population into a prosperous and valuable human resource that is taking the State to number one position in India.



Some of novel and successful schemes implemented by the Department include 'Gold for Marriage Assistance Scheme', 'Cradle Baby Scheme', 'Girl Child Protection Programme' and 'Variety Meals in the Nutritious Meal Programme'.

Marriage Assistance Schemes

Tamil Nadu has been acknowledged as a leader in the implementation of the Marriage Assistance Schemes to mitigate the sufferings of poor parents in meeting the expenses of the marriage of their daughters, while also encouraging the girls to take up higher education. Five marriage assistance schemes, including widow remarriage and inter-caste marriages, are implemented at a total cost of Rs.750 crore annually. The marriage assistance amount is Rs.25,000/- for each beneficiary in the case of non-graduates and Rs.50,000/- for



graduates/diploma holders. The annual income ceiling to avail marriage assistance has been raised from Rs.24,000/- to Rs.72,000/- to benefit more women under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Ninaivu Marriage Assistance Scheme and E.V.R. Maniammaiyar Ninaivu Marriage Assistance Scheme for daughters of poor widows. For the other three schemes, there is no income ceiling.

The beneficiaries of the Girl Child Protection Scheme enrolled between 1992 to 1995 will also get benefits under the Marriage Assistance Scheme. From 17.05.2011, 4 grams of 22 carat gold coin is given to each beneficiary for making 'Thirumaangalyam'. Since 2011, 5,67,125 persons have benefited and 2191.94 kg of gold at a cost of Rs.622.31 crore has been distributed. A cash assistance of Rs.1826.14 crore has been given. Under the control of the Commissioner of Social Welfare, 98 women's cooperative societies function with 75,807 members. These members are engaged in stitching uniforms, making stationery and in chalk crayon and coir making.



To improve the financial status of the women in the tailoring societies, advanced sewing machines are being procured at a cost of Rs.54 crore. The women in the tailoring societies stitch the four sets of uniform given free to 47.07 lakh students benefitted under P.T.M.G.R. Nutritious Meal Programme by the Government. Stitching charges to the tune of Rs.88 crore are given to the members of the tailoring societies every year. District cutting centres are equipped with Electronic Cutting Machines, Cutting Tables, Khaja and button fixing machines and generators.

Supplementary Food Manufacturing Women Co-operatives

Under the Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, Tamil Nadu, there are 25 Supplementary Food Manufacturing Women's Co-operative Societies catering to the 32 districts of the State. Annually, 84,500 metric tonnes of food are produced by them. The turnover of these food societies is Rs.88.32 crore, the profit Rs.8.45 crore. Earnings of members range from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs.17,000/- a month. The supplementary food that the members make is consumed by 28.41 lakh beneficiaries who include infants and kids from 6 months to 3 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The samples of the food made by these cooperatives are tested by the Food and Nutrition Board (GOI) Laboratory, Chennai.

Government hostels for working women

Twenty Eight Government working women's hostels with a sanctioned strength of 1415 provide safe, affordable and secure accommodation to women from rural and urban areas who come for employment to the cities. 14 more working women's hostels, to benefit 700 women, are to be opened at a cost of Rs.17.50 crore. Tough guidelines have been laid out for the safety and security of the inmates of these hostels.

Higher education assistance for former inmates

Under the financial assistance scheme for continuing higher education for the ex-inmates of 7 Service Homes and 27 Children's Homes, 680 girl students have received assistance totaling Rs.214.80 lakh. Kitchens in 5 children's homes and 2 service homes have been modernized at a cost of Rs.49.00 lakh. The Government gives the Avvaiyar Award annually to a woman who has rendered exemplary service to society.

Transgenders Welfare Board

The Transgender Welfare Board was formed as the nodal body to address the social protection needs of transgender people. Transgender Welfare Board has introduced Transgender specific schemes of its own and has facilitated transgender people's access to the existing social protection schemes of the State and the Central Governments. Fifty-one Transgender Self Help Groups with 442 Transgenders were given loans of Rs.2.20 crore with 25 per cent subsidy for self-employment; 933 destitute Transgenders above 40 years are being paid monthly pension of Rs.1,000/-.

Women Protection

Various laws like the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act and Dowry Prohibition Act are being implemented for the welfare and protection of women. Under the Dowry Prohibition Rules formulated in 2004, out of 7,364 petitions received by Dowry Prohibition Officers attached to the District Social Welfare Offices,



4,393 cases were solved amicably through counseling in 2014. Vigilance and Protective Homes for women and girls in moral danger are functioning effectively.

Thumbs up for the girl child

The Cradle Baby Scheme, a brainchild of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to root out the scourge of female infanticide has saved around 4,701 children (male-834, female-3,867) upto March 2015. Majority of the children received in Cradle Baby Scheme have been given in in-country adoption. 385 children have been given in inter-country adoption and a few children have been returned to Biological parents. The evidence of the success of the scheme can be seen from the improvement of the Child Sex Ratio from 942 (females per 1,000 males) in 2001 to 943 in 2011.

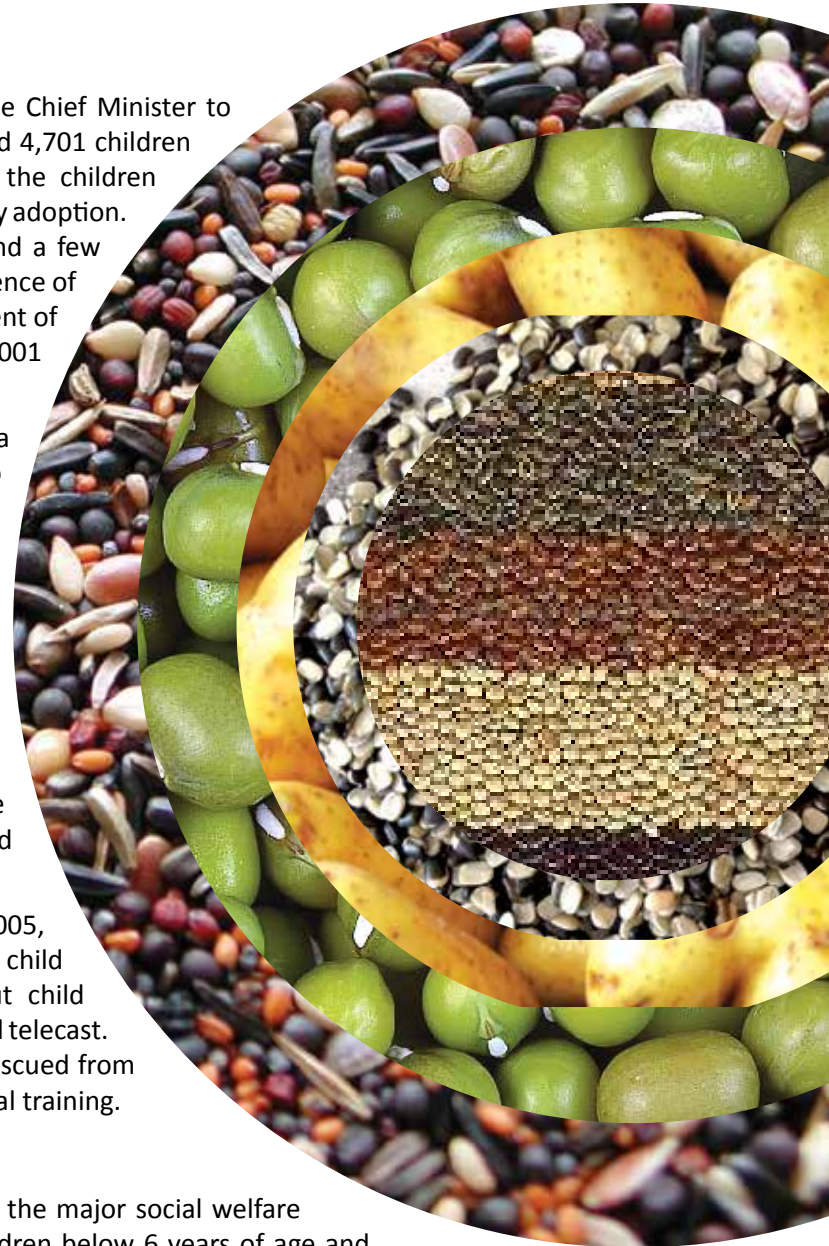
The Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme is a pioneering initiative, the first of its kind in the country, to address the twin issues of sex selection at birth and the phenomenon of school dropouts. For a single girl child in a family, a deposit of Rs.50,000/- is made and for two girl children in a family, deposits of Rs.25,000/- for each girl are made.

The maturity benefits after the age of 18 of the child would be Rs.3,00,232/- for the single child and Rs.1,50,117/- for each of the two girl children. An incentive of Rs.1,800/- every year is given from the sixth year of deposit towards the education of the child. So far, 2,28,501 girls have benefited under this scheme at a cost of Rs.441.99 crore.

In tune with the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2005, action was taken by the State Government to stop 2,789 child marriages upto March 2015. To create awareness about child marriage, a short film was made at a cost of Rs.85.00 lakh and telecast. Rs.1,000/- is given as financial assistance to Girl Children rescued from Child Marriages for pursuing higher education and vocational training.

ICDS scheme all the way

The Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, the major social welfare scheme to tackle malnutrition and health problems in children below 6 years of age and their mothers, is implemented in 54,439 Anganwadis (child care and mother care centre, literally "courtyard shelter") in the 434 blocks of 32 districts of Tamil Nadu. The Restructured





ICDS Scheme seeks to make the Anganwadi Centre a vibrant early childhood development centre and the first outpost for learning, health and nutrition. The whole of Tamil Nadu has been set on Mission Mode under this scheme from 2014.

Already, the State is marching towards total nutrition due to the successful implementation of the nutrition programme under ICDS by providing supplementary nutrition, variety meals, Black Bengal gram, Green gram, potato and millets. Pre-school education is imparted to children in the 2-5 years age group. The concept of Play way non-formal education ('Odi Vilaiyaadu Paappa') that is followed has been appreciated widely and the Government of India has instructed other states to emulate the lead shown by Tamil Nadu in this matter. Strengthening of the infrastructure of Anganwadi centres has been taken up on a war footing. Funds have been sanctioned for carrying out minor and major repair works, construction of baby friendly toilets, electrification of Anganwadis and construction of new buildings.

Aiming for adolescents

A scheme for adolescent girls aged 11-18 titled 'SABLA', addresses the multi-dimensional problems they face; 139 projects are in force on a pilot basis in 9 districts. The objective is to improve the nutritional and health status of



the girls and empower them by providing education in life-skills, health, hygiene and nutrition. Vocational training to girls in the 16-18 age is given through ITIs/registered Vocational Training Providers in trades like beautician, repairing of home appliances, basic computer, tailoring and basic electrical works.

Nutritious Meal Programme

Tamil Nadu is the pioneer state in India to implement the massive programme of providing Nutritious Midday Meal to 54.62 lakh school children. Eggs are served for five days in a week along with the Meal. 99 per cent of children eat eggs during midday meals. For the children who don't eat eggs, bananas are given. On an experimental basis, in specific blocks, Variety Rice was given as it is liked by children. As a pilot project, in 2013-14, 91,881 school children and Anganwadi children partook of the Variety Rice and eggs. From 1st September 2014 onwards the scheme has been extended throughout the State. To combat the malnutritional level of children, millets in the form of laddoos, halwa, pakoda were introduced in Ariyalur and Perambalur districts and it has been found that the children gained considerable weight and health. 36,362 Noon meal kitchen centres have been given LPG connection and stoves. The noon meal children are given health check up by doctors under the school health programme. Tamil Nadu has an impressive record under Nutritious Meal Programme.

Social Security Schemes

Around 31.23 lakh beneficiaries receive pension in Tamil Nadu through various social security schemes, at a total cost of Rs.15,414.51 crore at Rs.1,000/- per beneficiary. The Scheme of disbursement of Social Security Pension using bio-metric enabled smart cards is being implemented in three phases; number of beneficiaries is 8,23,552.

Social Security monthly Pension Scheme has been extended to Sri Lankan Tamils living in the refugee camps. 4,416 eligible Sri Lankan Tamils are getting a pension of Rs.1,000/- per month. Age limit for getting pension under the Indira Gandhi National Old-age Pension Scheme has been lowered to 60 years from 65 years by which 14,36,444 persons have benefitted.

Social Defence

More facilities have been provided to 26 Government children homes at a cost of Rs.2.60 crore and 2,450 children have benefited. CHILD LINE is a round-the-clock national outreach programme implemented by the Child India Foundation for children in crisis and who need





immediate help. The common number for the whole nation for child line is 1098. To store life saving drugs and vital medicines and perishable food articles, refrigerators have been provided in Children's homes at a cost of Rs.6.50 lakh, benefitting 2,450 children. Compound walls at 4 children homes and a special home at Chengalpattu have been constructed a cost of Rs.2.10 crore benefitting 800 children.

Training is being given in modern trades to children/women of Government and Government-aided Residential Protective Homes at a cost of Rs.43.11 lakh, benefitting 1,200 children/women.

Surveillance and security equipment have been installed at Government Observation Home, Chennai and Special Home, Chengalpattu, at a cost of Rs.35.18 lakh. A new dormitory building for juveniles residing at Chengalpattu Government Special Homes for Boys has been constructed at a cost of Rs.30.80 lakh benefitting 100 children. Washing machines have been provided for the convenience of children residing in 5 Government Children Homes at a total expenditure of Rs.17.50 lakh.

For uninterrupted power supply during power failure, a sum of Rs. 26.46 lakh was sanctioned to provide one diesel Genset (100 KVA) each to the Government Observation Home, Chennai and the Government Special Home at Chengalpattu.

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AWARD 2012

- Ms. Annai Indira Manufacturing Women Weaning Food Cooperative Society, Salem has received "National Co-operative Development Corporation Award 2012" with cash prize 50,000/-, a Memento and a Certificate of Recognition for Co-operative Excellence from His Excellency the President of India on 08.12.2012.

NATIONAL CHILD AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT 2014

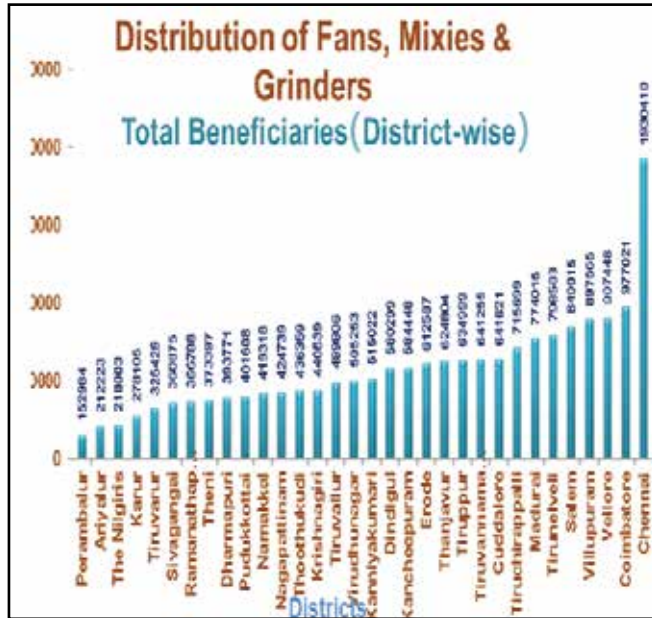
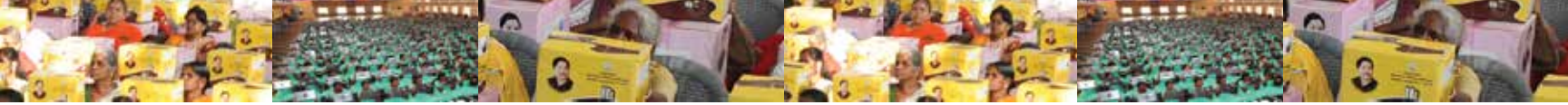
- Master S. Vinod Kannan, Suthamali, Tamilnadu and Master S. Arjun, Korattur, Chennai have received the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, 2014. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-, a Silver Medal and a Certificate.



Special Programme Implementation

For the first time in the history of the State, a department called ‘Special Programme Implementation Department’ was created exclusively for monitoring and coordinating the implementation of various flagship programmes and social security schemes of the Government.

This Department serves as the Nodal Department for monitoring the implementation of several schemes like providing milch cows, sheep/goats to the poor, marriage assistance including distribution of 4 gram gold coin for making “Thirumangalyam” and implementing two schemes viz. supply of fans, mixies and grinders to poor women



and laptop computers to students. This department works with other departments for achieving sustainable development and balanced growth of important sections such as Agriculture, Energy, Water, Education, Health, Rural Development, Industry and Infrastructure.

Reducing the drudgery of poor women

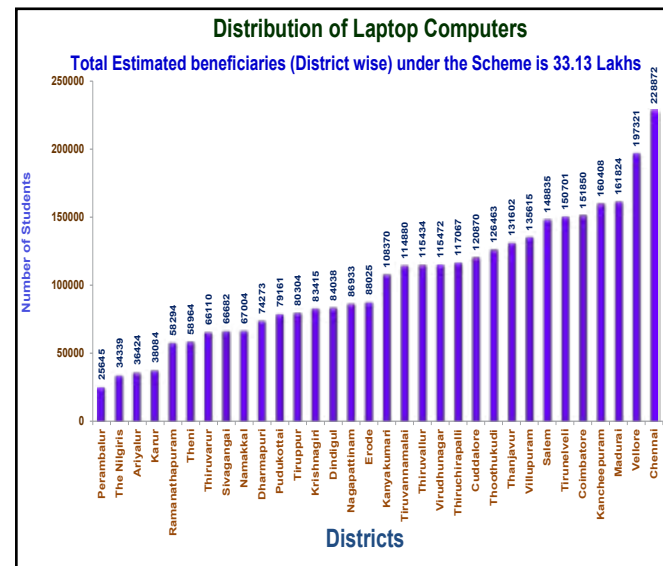
Special Programme Implementation Department implements two flagship schemes of the Government. Distribution of electric fans, mixies and grinders free of cost to women beneficiaries and Distribution of laptop computers free of cost to students. To make women participate more effectively in the economy, it is imperative to provide them some relief from their strenuous domestic activities. The Government has announced a scheme of distribution of electric fan, mixie and grinder to the women from the families holding “free rice” family cards. Nearly 1.85 crore women beneficiaries are receiving the benefit in a phased manner.

Induction Stoves replace fans in hilly areas

Owing to the fact that electric fans may not be of much use in hilly areas, induction stoves are being distributed in Nilgiris District and Kodaikanal hilly area of Dindigul District, in lieu of fans.

Distribution of laptops to students

The Scheme of distribution of laptops to students, the first-of-its-kind in the country, which benefits students of Government and Government-aided Higher Secondary Schools, Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Polytechnic Colleges, has been designed to give a major boost to Computer literacy. Providing laptop computers at no cost to students in Tamil Nadu is a great step in inclusive development. This has opened up new job opportunities for youth in Tamil Nadu. Students from the lower rungs of society need to be equipped to participate in the process of





development. More and more students from disadvantaged classes will find employment in the fields of Information Technology (IT) and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) not only in Tamil Nadu but around the world.

The free laptop scheme has received plaudits from the Press and has been hailed as an exemplary model for other State Governments.

Year-wise distribution of Laptop to Students

Year	Schools	Arts / Science Colleges	Engineering Colleges	Polytechnic Colleges
2011-12	12 th Standard	1 st & 3 rd year	2 nd & 4 th year	1 st & 3 rd year
2012-13	12 th Standard	3 rd year	2 nd & 4 th year	1 st & 3 rd year
2013-14 onwards	12 th Standard	----	----	1 st year



Tamil Development & Information

Tamil Development

Tamil language is unique in being a classical language with a wealth of great literature and a contemporary tongue with more than 88 per cent of native Tamil speakers of 7.2 crore population of

Tamil Nadu. It is also a language that is fast assimilating the modern idioms and scientific developments. Tamil is the Official Language of Tamil Nadu State Government, and the Department of Tamil Development systematically fosters its use in administration. It also implements a gamut of schemes to preserve the rich heritage of Tamil.

Administrative Glossaries

Apart from publishing a glossary of Tamil words to facilitate the preparation of notes and drafts in Tamil by Government employees, 75 Special Glossaries have been published with equivalent Tamil words for the English words used by various departments. Under a Word Bank scheme, Tamil equivalents to new words in English and other languages are being coined for use of the public, Government Offices and the media.

Awards

To encourage authors and publishers of Tamil books, 20 categories of awards have been added over the years for the best book awards given yearly, taking the categories to 33.





This has led to the publication of a wide variety of books in Tamil.

Memorization and recitation of Tirukkural is promoted among students with cash awards. Students are also widely encouraged to write poetry and essays in Tamil and to speak in Tamil in public. Eminent scholars are conferred awards for their contributions to Tamil learning.

Tamil Treasures at on-line

The works of 146 eminent Tamil savants have been nationalized with suitable compensation as royalty paid to their legal heirs, to make them freely available to the public. These works are brought out widely by publishers and are also available freely on

website of the Tamil Development Department. Rare books unavailable in Tamil Nadu but found in foreign libraries have been identified and action was taken for digitalizing and publishing 10 such rare books.

Tamil University

Tamil University in Thanjavur, situated on a 1000 acres campus undertakes research in grammar, literature and scientific features, as seen in Tamil literary works and explores their contribution of Tamil culture. A Manuscriptology Department, courses in Maritime Archaeology, Distance Education Department and a rich library of more than 1.5 lakh books are some of the University's notable facets. It also boasts of a Community radio that broadcasts Tirukkural and Tamil music and spreads scientific awareness.



International Institute of Tamil Studies

The International Institute of Tamil Studies in Chennai promotes higher research in Tamil, encourages interdisciplinary studies and publishes well-researched books (751 till now).

It also has an art gallery illustrating the ethical values of the Tirukkural, and a Foreign Tamil Cultural Reception and Information Centre. The centre guides those who take tours in the State to study Tamil cultures and functions as a resource centre.

World Tamil Sangam

The World Tamil Sangam is an umbrella organization for all Tamil organizations worldwide in Madurai. Seminars, discussions and research activities are being held in the Sangam which also houses a massive library of Tamil books and artefacts, including ancient palm leaf manuscripts.

Translation Endeavours

With Chinese translations of the Tirukkural and Subramania Bharati's works, Tamil is all set to impress its soft power widely by projecting its great past and vibrant present, to leap into the future.



World Tamil Sangam, Madurai



Thiruvalluvar Day Awards

AWARDS IN HONOUR OF EMINENT TAMIL SAVANTS

Honourable Chief Minister Amma instituted new awards in Honour of eminent Tamil Savants of the past to facilitate the valuable services rendered by the contemporary Tamil Scholars:

1. Kabilar Award
2. U.Ve.Sa. Award
3. Kambar Award
4. Sollin Selvar Award
5. G.U. Pope Award
6. Umarupulavar Award
7. Ilangovadigal Award
8. Tamil Chemmal Award
9. Tamilthai Award
10. Chief Minister Tamil Computing Award

The Awardees are extended with free travel concession in the buses of State Transport Corporation in addition to the award amount and citation.



Information & Public Relations

Mass Linkage

The Information Department plays a pro-active role in communicating the manifold welfare schemes of the Government to all sections of the people. While effectively transmitting the details of pro-people schemes to the intended beneficiaries on the one hand, it also arms the Government with feedback on the implementation of such programmes. In this way it serves as an effective two-way bridge of communication.

At the other end of the gamut, the Information Department conducts Government exhibitions with people's participation in large numbers. These visually lively exhibitions educate people about the various schemes being implemented by the Government for inclusive growth of the State. Central and State Government Departments, Public Undertakings and Private organisations participate in these popular exhibitions which also entertain the people and earn revenue for the State. Block-level mini exhibitions and photo exhibitions carry information to every nook and corner of the State to create awareness of welfare schemes and ways to benefit from them.

Value Additions

The advent and advancement of Information Technology has totally transformed the way people communicate. Very much abreast of the times, the Information Department is tapping all the modern media for effective dissemination of information. Even as important news items on various Government departments are scanned and sent to their respective Secretaries through email and SMS alerts to all Secretaries every morning and



their respective Heads of Department helps keep Government personnel on their toes. Digitization of press data gives feedback on Government functioning at the fingertips of the administration.

A Software has been developed to form a data bank of Government schemes and their implementation, Parliament and Legislative Assembly constituency wise, district wise. This software has enabled uploading of information about beneficiaries of Government schemes by the Government offices of all departments in the districts. Such information not

only aids corrective action and but is also helpful in further implementation.

LED TV Screens installed at all District Collectorates, Taluk Offices and at places where people throng, such as the Amma Canteens in Chennai, to give details of welfare schemes to the people. Thirty-two Video Vans are being fixed with modern LED TV screens.

These Video Vans publicise Government schemes among people in villages and during festivals, day and night. The information section monitors the movement of these Video Vans through GPS equipment.



Video clippings of Government programmes are sent instantaneously to media from the Press Release Section in the Secretariat through an 'online media exchange and supply chain management solution' was established at a cost of Rs.50 lakh. A new 16 Channel Workstation is being established at a cost of Rs. 18 lakh for the Media Centre to record news telecasts of various private television channels 24 hours a day for quick reference of the Chief Minister's office and of higher officials. Tamil Nadu is a state with a vibrant and free press, and the Information Department facilitates the fourth estate through various measures for welfare of journalists. A Media Centre has been established in the Secretariat to enable media personnel to send their reports expeditiously.

Memorials for Leaders

In maintaining 59 memorials of freedom fighters and Tamil savants, as well as three halls (arangams), the Department has taken care to make them accessible to the differently abled also.

M.G.R. Film Institute

The Information and Public Relations Department runs the M.G.R. Film and Television Institute to train students in the various departments of filmmaking. Animation and Motion Picture Visual Effects have been added to the list of courses in keeping with their growing importance in the visual medium.



The film industry's work is recognized through awards to deserving artistes and technicians while socially relevant films are encouraged through subsidies. Video Piracy is curbed with an iron hand to protect the film industry.

Digitalizing Film Division

The Films Division of the department produces short films and news magazines about the Government's programmes both in the film and CD format and distributes them widely. To keep up with Qube Digital Technology in contemporary theatres, the division switched over to video magazine Hard Discs – another sign of its ability to keep abreast of the times in technology.

Tamil Arasu

'Tamilarasu' magazine, published by the department in Tamil and English every month, serves as a print medium of the Government and disseminates information about various schemes, welfare activities and achievements of the Government.

The magazine and other publications now have the benefit of the modernization of the Tamil Arasu Press. With a history of over fifty fruitful years, the department is constantly innovating to foster good media relations and to use newer means of communication to reach out to the people and to make people's feedback accessible forthwith to the administration.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J. Jayalalithaa**, making the acceptance speech at a function held at Madurai on 22.08.2014 on behalf of Mulai Periyar irrigation farmers to express their thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



Museum Art Gallery,
Kumbakonam Government Fine Arts College



Undersea Archaeology Museum Building, Poombuhar



Karandai Copper Plate Grant of Rajendra Chola 11th Century AD

New Copper Plates Exhibition Gallery



Tourism Reception Centre, Karaikudi, Sivagangai District

Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments

Tourism

Tamil Nadu tops the states as the most popular domestic tourism destination with 24.42 crore domestic tourists visiting in 2013. Tamil Nadu stands a close second in terms of foreign visitors with 39.9 lakh foreigners. Tamil Nadu is a leading destination in recent years for Medical Tourism and Wellness Tourism. The tourist arrival for the past three years is given below:-

Year	Domestic Tourists (in lakh)	Foreign Tourists (in lakh)	Total (in lakh)
2011	1367.51	33.08	1400.59
2012	1841.37	35.62	1876.99
2013	2442.32	39.90	2482.22
2014	3275.55	46.58	3322.13

The Tourism attractions of Tamil Nadu are its heritage attractions, pilgrim centres, beaches, rural tourism, hill stations, wildlife sanctuaries, adventure tourism and health tourism.

Vision Tamil Nadu 2023, the blueprint for the development of the State envisioned by the Hon'ble Chief Minister sets an investment target for the tourism sector of Rs.10,300 crore. This includes the development of various tourist facilities including Amusement Park, Under Water Ocean Park, Water Sports Complex, Special Tourism Zone, Rural Tourism Hub, Cultural Tourism Hub and Destinations of Tourist interest. Its target is for 150 lakh foreign tourists by 2023.

Tamil Nadu is one of the four States selected by the Government of India for Integrated Development of Tourist Infrastructure through Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan Assistance of Rs.450 crore approximately. The two priority Circuits selected for strengthening tourist infrastructure in the State are the East Coast Circuit and the Southern circuit.

The East Coast Circuit comprises the Pilgrimage and Heritage Circuit (Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Thanjavur Districts) and Improvement of Boat Houses as well as Improvements at Ooty Lake area. The Southern Circuit (Pilgrimage and Eco-Circuit) covers Pudukkottai, Sivagangai, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari Districts.

Multi-pronged strategy to attract more tourists

The tourism development approach for 2014-2015 is multi-pronged and includes creation of "Clean and Green Zones" around tourist attractions by the local bodies, creation and development of integrated tourism circuits based on Tamil Nadu's unique civilization, heritage and culture and development of Tamil Nadu as an "All Seasons, All Budget Tourist Destination".

Attracting MICE Tourism

Encouraging "Adventure Tourism" and "Beach Tourism", promoting Art, Culture and Crafts under Cultural Tourism and "MICE Tourism" (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) to attract large segments of Businessmen, Industrialists, Investors, Specialists and Artists are also other strategies being implemented.

Tourism Schemes

During 2013-14, sixteen schemes in important tourist places were sanctioned for Rs.1631.83 lakh and are under implementation. During 2014-2015, eight schemes were sanctioned for Rs. 733.70 lakh and a sum of Rs. 515.25 lakh have also been sanctioned for three road projects.

Tourism Awards

During November 2013 Tamil Nadu Tourism was awarded first prize for best tourism pavilion put up at Pushkar Mela held at Pushkar in Rajasthan. During September 2014 Tamil Nadu Tourism has been awarded first prize for “Best Tourism Posters” in 30th Indian Association of Tour Operator Annual Convention at New Delhi. Himachal Tourism presented “Best Religious Destination” Award to Tamil Nadu Tourism during September 2014 under the category of Indian Tourism Conclave and Travel Awards.

Haven for tourism and hospitality

The Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC) is a public sector undertaking of the Tamil Nadu Government, engaged in promotion of tourism and development of tourist-related infrastructure. It has a chain of 55 Hotels and a fleet of 17 Coaches. It has also established Youth Hostels in the hill resorts of Ooty, Kodaikanal and Yercaud catering to budget Tourists.

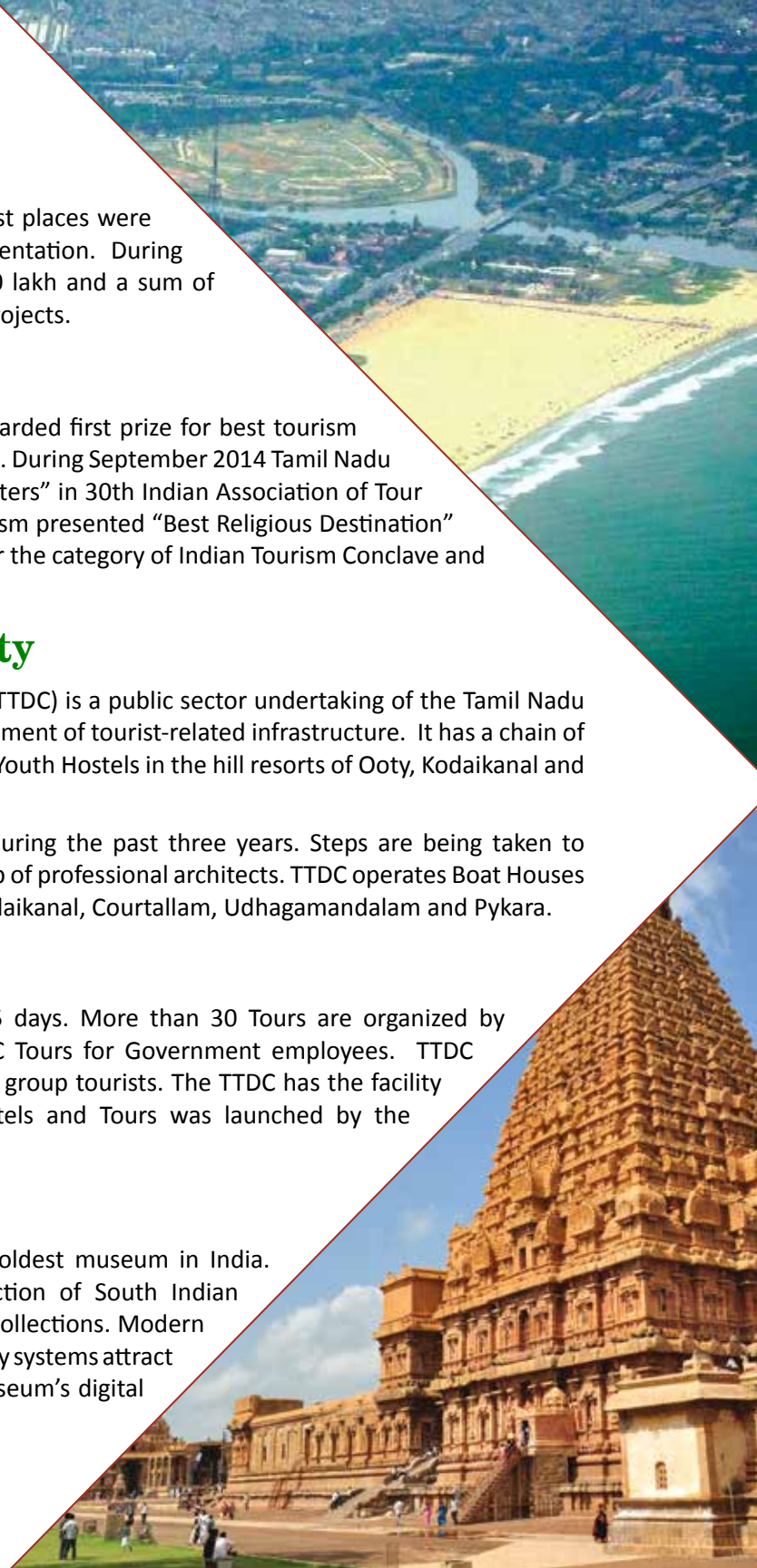
Twelve TTDC Hotels have already been upgraded during the past three years. Steps are being taken to upgrade the remaining hotels on demand basis with the help of professional architects. TTDC operates Boat Houses at Muttukadu, Mudaliarkuppam, Pitchavaram, Yercaud, Kodaikanal, Courtallam, Udhamandalam and Pykara.

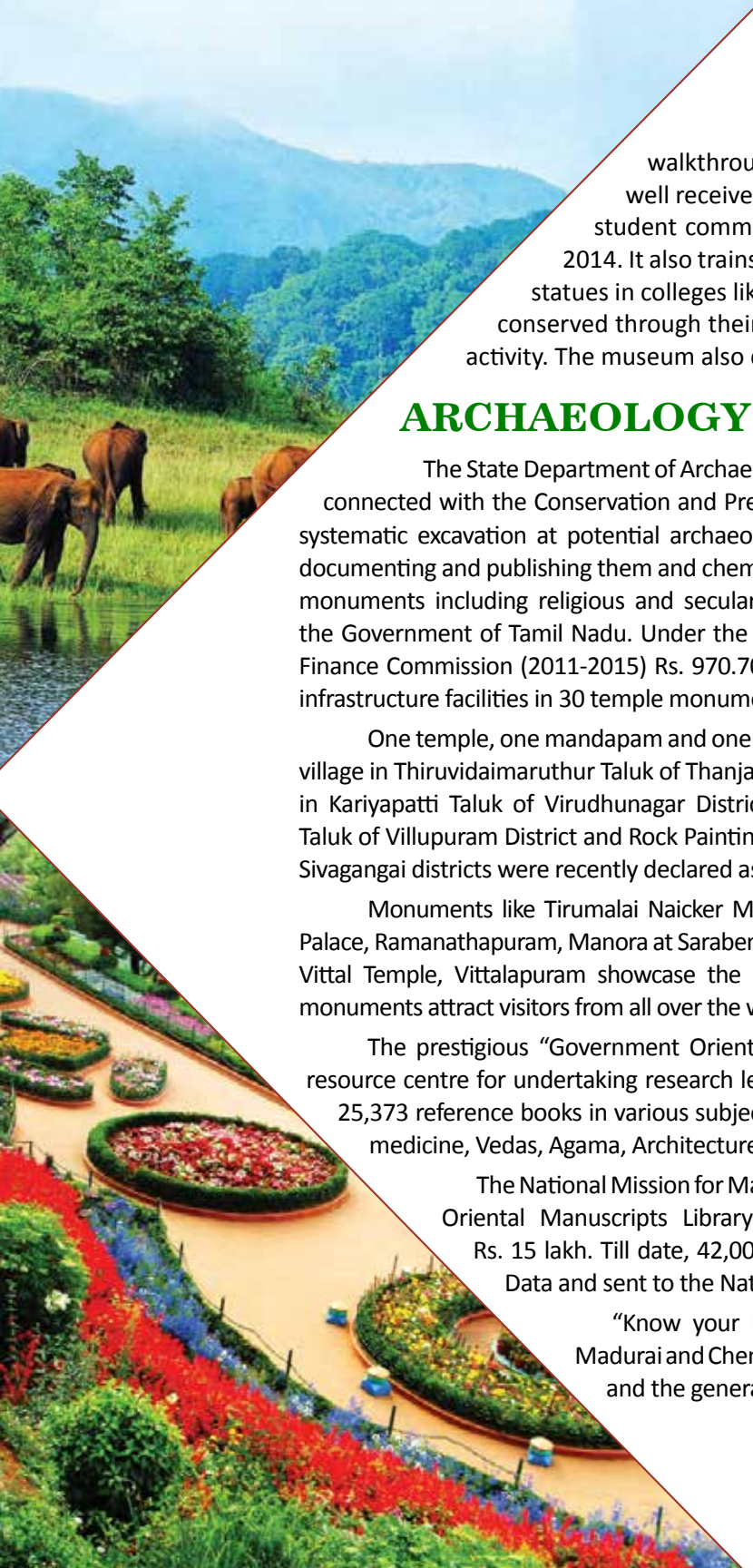
Tours at the Click of a mouse

TTDC operates tours ranging from half-a-day to 15 days. More than 30 Tours are organized by TTDC for the benefit of tourists. TTDC also organises LTC Tours for Government employees. TTDC also undertakes tailor-made tours catering to the needs of group tourists. The TTDC has the facility for online reservation. Mobile reservation of TTDC Hotels and Tours was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on World Tourism Day in 2012.

Museums

The Government Museum, Chennai is the second oldest museum in India. This museum is world renowned for its fabulous collection of South Indian Bronzes, Amaravati Buddhist Sculptures and Numismatics collections. Modern illumination arrangements, Signages, Information and Display systems attract a lot of visitors and students. A 360° view of Chennai Museum's digital





walkthrough, Chennai Museum's e-publications web portal are being well received globally. As an out-reach activity, the museum reaches the student community in villages and small towns through Museo'Bus since 2014. It also trains students from colleges in conservation, history etc. Famous statues in colleges like that of the first Principal of Presidency College have been conserved through their students under the guidance of museum staff as outreach activity. The museum also did Consultancy for the museum of the Madras High Court.

ARCHAEOLOGY

The State Department of Archaeology in Tamil Nadu has effectively implemented many projects connected with the Conservation and Preservation of Ancient monuments. It is involved in conducting systematic excavation at potential archaeological sites, copying and deciphering stone inscriptions and documenting and publishing them and chemical preservation of art objects. So far 89 ancient and historical monuments including religious and secular buildings have been declared as protected monuments by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Under the State Specific Needs Grants recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission (2011-2015) Rs. 970.70 Lakhs was sanctioned for the conservation and provision of infrastructure facilities in 30 temple monuments of Tamil Nadu.

One temple, one mandapam and one inscription, Arulmigu Naganathaswamy Temple at Manampadi village in Thiruvudaimaruthur Taluk of Thanjavur District and Vazhipokkar Manadapam at Pappanam Village in Kariyapatti Taluk of Virudhunagar District and "Brahmi Inscriptions" at Jambai Village in Tirukkoilur Taluk of Villupuram District and Rock Painting, Tamil Brahmi Inscriptions, Jain beds, cave temple- Tirumalai Sivagangai districts were recently declared as protected monuments.

Monuments like Tirumalai Naicker Mahal, Madurai, Thanjavur Palace, Thanjavur, Ramalingavilasam Palace, Ramanathapuram, Manora at Sarabendrarajapattinam, Thanjavur District; Danish Fort, Tarangambadi, Vittal Temple, Vittalapuram showcase the history, customs and cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu. These monuments attract visitors from all over the world.

The prestigious "Government Oriental Manuscripts Library and Research Centre" is an excellent resource centre for undertaking research leading to Ph.D. It has more than 72,748 rare manuscripts and 25,373 reference books in various subjects like Mathematics, Astronomy, Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani medicine, Vedas, Agama, Architecture, Music, Fine Arts and History.

The National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) in New Delhi has recognized the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library as a Manuscripts Resource Centre (MRC) and allocated Rs. 15 lakh. Till date, 42,000 Manuscripts have been digitalized in the form of Electronic Data and sent to the National Mission for Manuscripts.

"Know your Heritage" programme conducted at Thanjavur, Coimbatore, Madurai and Chennai had an overwhelming support from the student community and the general public.

Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1 crore for preservation and conservation of Sri Mukyachaleswarar Temple situated on the hill of Perumukkal Village, Tindivanam Taluk. The temple was in a dilapidated condition. Public Works Department is entrusted to carry out the work. The works are in progress.

Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 50 lakhs for digitization of Inscriptions from Estampages copied by this department in Tamil Nadu. The works are entrusted to ELCOT. So far 10,000 estampages had been digitized and the works are in progress.

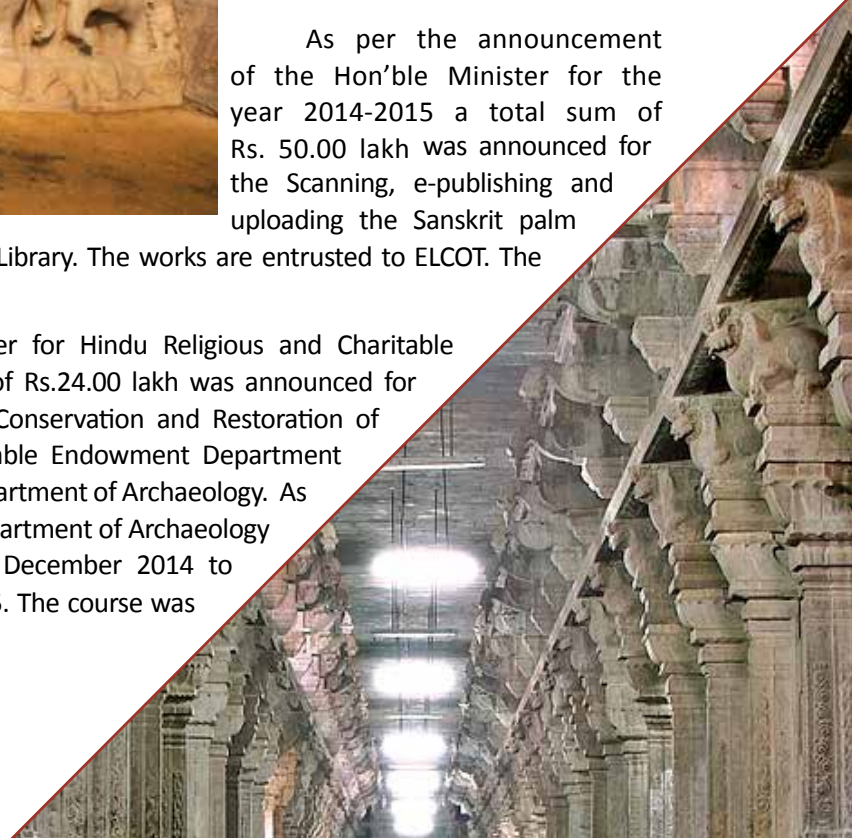
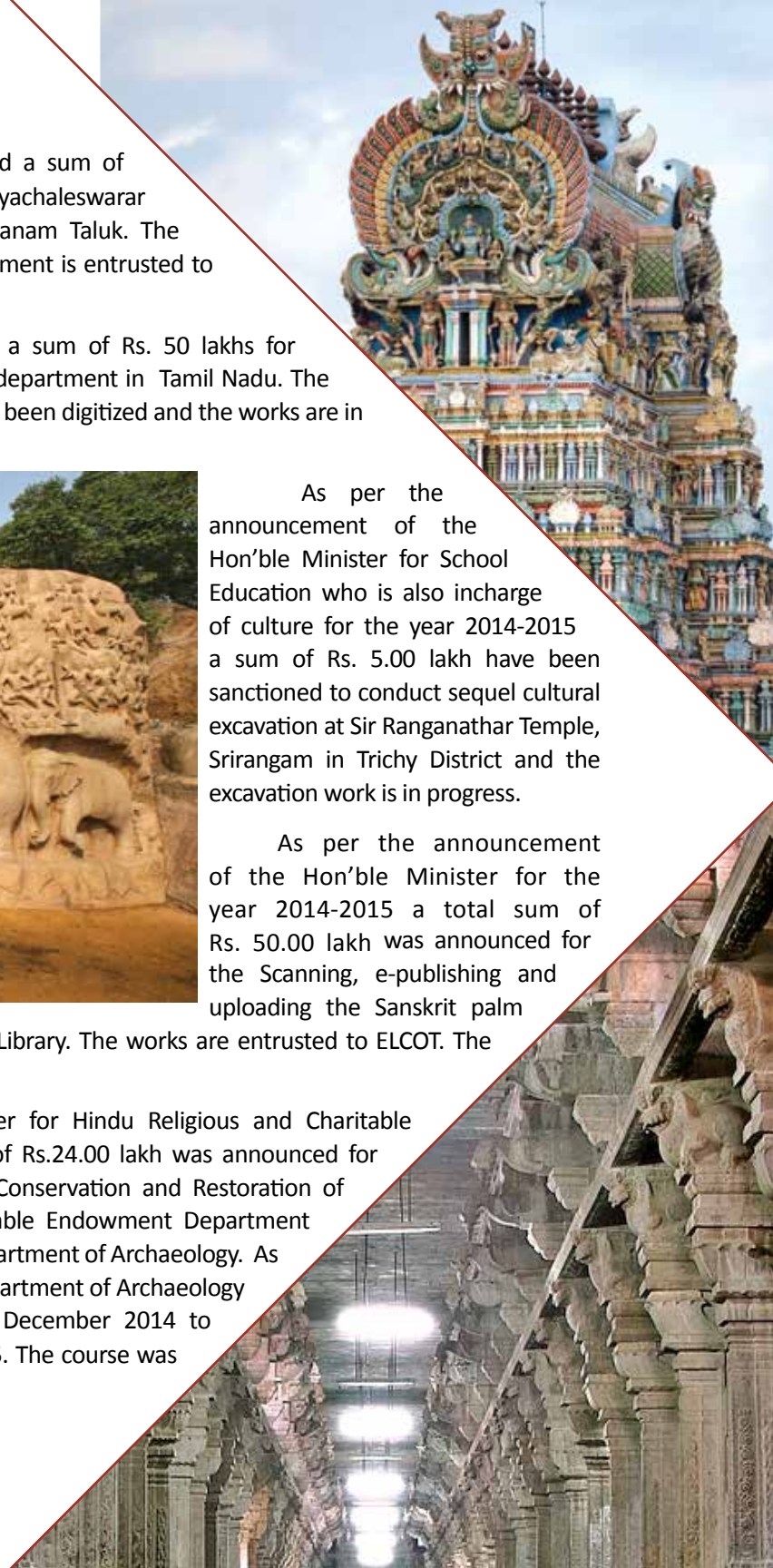


As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Minister for School Education who is also incharge of culture for the year 2014-2015 a sum of Rs. 5.00 lakh have been sanctioned to conduct sequel cultural excavation at Sir Ranganathar Temple, Srirangam in Trichy District and the excavation work is in progress.

As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Minister for the year 2014-2015 a total sum of Rs. 50.00 lakh was announced for the Scanning, e-publishing and uploading the Sanskrit palm

leaf manuscripts of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. The works are entrusted to ELCOT. The works are to be commenced soon.

As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department for the year 2012-2013, a sum of Rs.24.00 lakh was announced for conducting a short term six weeks course on "Heritage Conservation and Restoration of Monuments" for temple and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department Engineers in two batches in co-ordination with the State Department of Archaeology. As a first of this nature in the country, the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology conducted the two batches for 44 engineers from 3rd December 2014 to 13th January 2015 and 19th March 2015 to 29th April 2015. The course was successfully completed.





ART AND CULTURE

The Art and Culture Department promotes Music, Drama, Dance, Painting and Sculpture and fosters the interest of the younger generation and also inculcates the spirit and inspiration of them in the traditional cultural heritage of the State. The department is involved in conferring District level and State level awards to artistes. At the same time, it also provides financial assistance to indigent artistes and provides fine arts and performing arts education to the students in the field of Music, Dance, Drama, Folk arts, Painting and Sculpture.



Awards for artistes in five age groups

District Art Societies were formed to spot artistic talent. Identification cards are issued to various artistes through these societies so that they can avail themselves of financial assistance, priority in cultural programmes and concession in travel. The scheme of giving awards to 5 eminent artistes in each district according to age and eminence was started in 2002-2003. Kalai Ilamani (below 18), Kalai Valarmani (19-35), Kalai Sudarmani (36-50) Kalai Nanmani (51-60) and Kalai Mudumani (above 60) are the awards. Many functions are held all over the year by the Regional Cultural Centres; they include Tamil Isai Vizha (Tamil music festival) Kaarthigai Deepam festival, Pongal arts festival, Paavai Vizhaa, Saaral Vizha, Communal Harmony festival, Aadi Perukku Vizha, Bharathiyar birth anniversary function, Children's function and Vadalur Ramalinga Adigalar's Jothi (light) festival.

Government Music Colleges

Tamil Music has played a pivotal role in augmenting the rich cultural heritage of the State. Four Government Music Colleges were established in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Thiruvaiyaru. The Music Colleges offer Three-year Degree Courses / Diploma Courses and One-Year Diploma Course in Music Teaching. Thiruvaiyaru Music College offers Degree Courses and PG Degree Courses in addition to Diploma Courses. Students of Music Colleges are provided with monthly stipend of Rs. 500/-. Free laptops were issued to 23 degree students of Thiruvaiyaru Government Music College.

Government College of Fine Arts

The Government College of Fine Arts (initially known as the Madras School of Arts) in Chennai is the oldest art institution in India. It was established in 1850 by surgeon Alexander Hunter as a private art school. Along with the Government College of Fine Arts, Kumbakonam it provides a great opportunity for the youth to flower into full-fledged artists of merit. The Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai offers Four-Year Degree Courses in the following disciplines namely Industrial Design in Ceramic, Industrial Design in Textile, Visual Communication



Design, Painting, Sculpture and Print Making. It offers Two-year Post Graduate Degree Courses in Painting, Visual Communication Design, Industrial Design in Ceramic, Industrial Design in Textile and Sculpture. The Government College of Fine Arts, Kumbakonam offers Four- Year Degree Courses and Two-year Post Graduate Degree Courses in Visual Communication Design, Painting and Sculpture. Free laptops were issued to 505 degree students.

Architecture and Sculpture College, Mamallapuram

The Government College of Architecture and Sculpture was established in Mamallapuram in 1957. The coastal centre known for its rich sculptural heritage. Four Year B.Tech degree courses in Traditional Architecture, B.F.A in Traditional Sculpture (Stone, Sudhai, Wood and Metal) and B.F.A in Traditional Drawing and Painting are offered in this College. Free Laptops were issued to 65 degree students.

Government District Music Schools

With a view to promote music education in Tamil Nadu, Government Music Schools were started in Tirunelveli, Trichy, Salem, Pudukkottai, Tiruvarur, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Perambalur, Thoothukudi, Karur, Kancheepuram, Thiruvannamalai, Sivagangai, Krishnagiri, Erode, Ramanathapuram and Sirkazhi. Three-year Certificate Courses in Vocal, Bharathanatyam, Nathaswaram, Thavil, Thevaram, Violin and Mridangam are offered in these Music Schools. Students of District Music Schools are provided with monthly stipend of Rs. 400/-

A University for Music and Fine Arts

The Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University offers Post-Graduate courses in Vocal, Veena, Violin, Mridangam, Thavil, Nathaswaram, Flute, Bharathanatyam and Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Digital photography and Visual Communication from the academic year 2014-2015. The newly established University will strive to preserve, foster, popularize and promote the traditional system of Indian Music, performing Arts and Fine Arts practiced in Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram

Tamil Nadu Sangeet Nataka Sangam was established by the Government in 1955 to achieve the objectives of the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi at the State-level and foster traditional Tamil Arts. It was renamed as Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram in 1973. It confers Kalaimamani Awards on respected artistes in diverse arts. It also supports indigent artistes with financial assistance apart from conducting inter-state exchange programmes and encouraging talented young artistes.

Jawahar Siruvar Manram

Jawahar Siruvar Manrams are functioning in 41 places all over Tamil Nadu. They bring out the hidden talents of children in the 5 to 16 age group.

Tamil Nadu Folk Artist Welfare Board

The Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes's Welfare Board has 31,718 folk artistes as members. A sum of Rs. 118.92 lakh has been sanctioned towards various welfare schemes benefitting 7,122 eligible folk artistes.

HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS

There are 38,615 Hindu Religious and Jain Religious Institutions under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department. These are administered efficiently by the department. There are 56 Holy Mutts under the control of the Department.

In the past 4 years, Pattas of 3405.22 acres of temple lands belonging to 549 temples wrongly transferred in the names of private persons, have been restored in the names of temples.

Similarly, finding that in the computerized chitta, the registration of temple lands was wrongly entered in the names of private persons, restoration of pattas was ordered to temples. Pattas of the 563.91 acres of lands belonging to 118 temples have been restored in the temples in the past 4 years. Encroachments of temple to total value of assets of Rs. 2337.55 crore have been removed.

The 'Annadanam Scheme' was extended to 106 temples in the State in 2011-12.

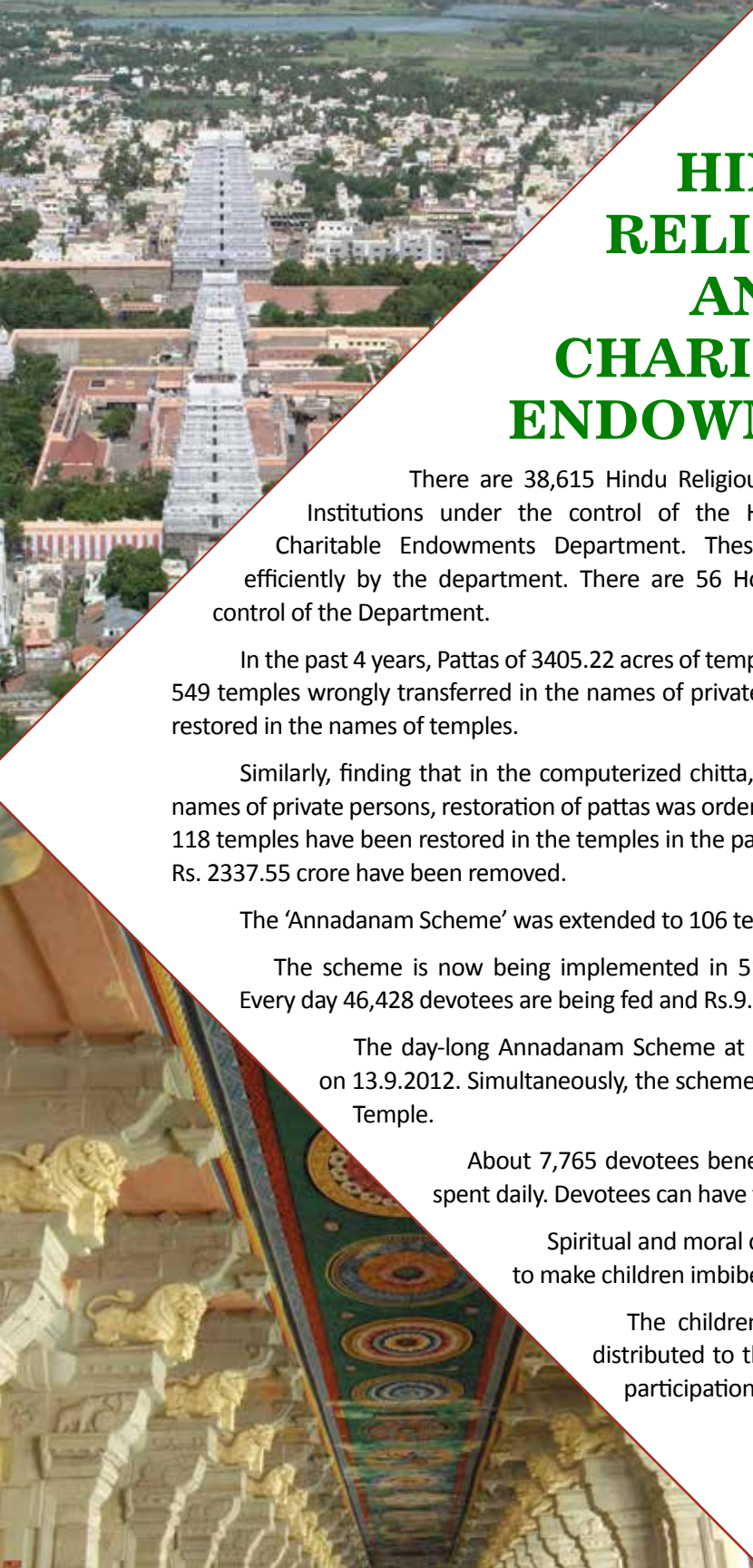
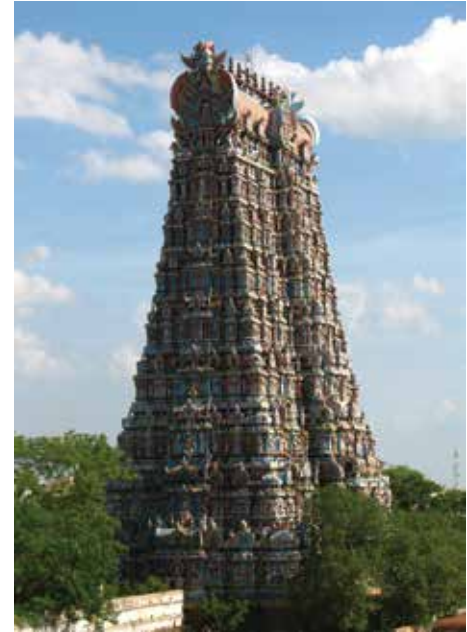
The scheme is now being implemented in 518 temples to the appreciation of scholars and the masses. Every day 46,428 devotees are being fed and Rs.9.16 lakh is being spent.

The day-long Annadanam Scheme at Srirangam, Arulmigu Aranganathaswamy Temple was started on 13.9.2012. Simultaneously, the scheme was inaugurated at Palani, Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple.

About 7,765 devotees benefit daily under the scheme and an amount of Rs.1.72 lakh is spent daily. Devotees can have food at any time from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Spiritual and moral classes are conducted on all Saturdays in all important temples to make children imbibe the moral and ethical values enshrined in our ancient.

The children are provided snacks during such classes and awards are distributed to the best children. So far 33,680 students have benefited from participation in these classes.



A special rejuvenation camp for 37 elephants was conducted for 48 days at Mudhumalai Theppakadu in 2011 at an allocation of Rs.0.45 crore. In 2012-13, 35 elephants, 2013-14, 34 elephants and 2014-15, 30 elephants have participated in the camp. For these 3 years expenditure incurred is Rs. 2.18 crore.

In temples where puja was not being conducted daily, Oru Kaala Pooja Scheme is implemented. The fund per temple was raised from Rs. 25,000 to Rs.1 lakh benefitting 12,504 temples to the tune of Rs. 125.04 crore.

Twelve Battery cars are operated in 9 temples to enable elderly and physically disabled pilgrims have darshan in large temples.

Kumbabishekam (Consecration) was performed in 7,327 temples after renovation. 183 ancient temples were restored / renovated in three years, preserving their heritage value at a total expenditure of Rs. 67.50 crore. (Rs 22.50 crore a year). 135 Temple cars were renovated at a cost of Rs. 12.29 crore. 606 Temple tanks were renovated at a cost of Rs. 2.59 crore.

Grant for renovation of small temples in areas of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes was raised from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs.50,000/-. 2,636 temples benefited at a cost of Rs. 13.18 crore.

2,268 village temples benefitted with a grant of Rs. 11.34 crore.

In the years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, Rs. 6.00 crore grant was given to 96 temples with Rs.3.00 crore per annum. From 2013-2014 onwards, the Government grant was raised to Rs. 6 crore per annum.

Under the departmental scheme, monthly pension to Archakas, Odhuvars, Veda reciters, Araiylars, Reciters of Divya Prabandham was raised from Rs. 800/- to Rs. 1,000/-. The number of beneficiaries is 364.

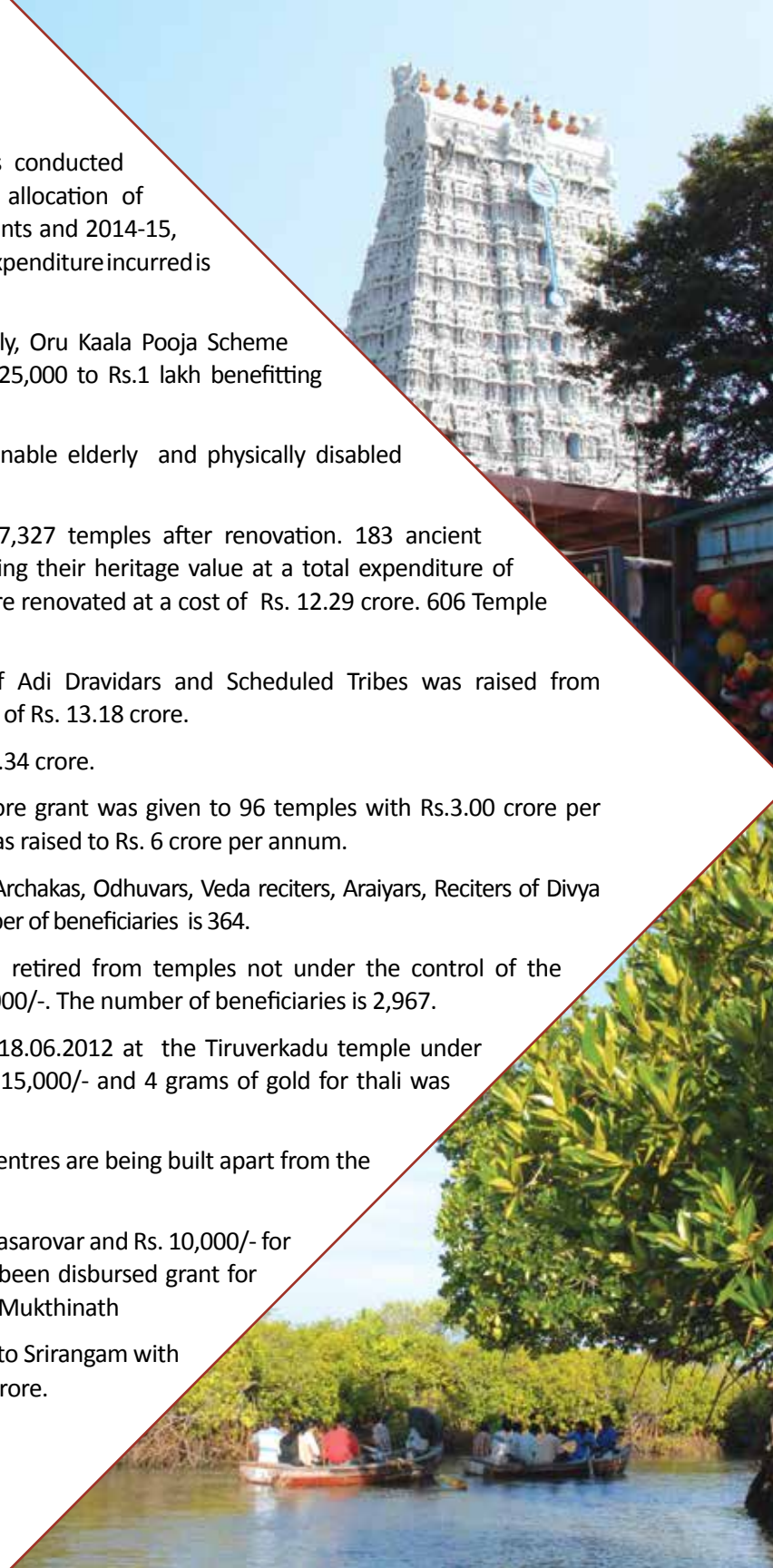
Monthly Pension sanctioned for village priests who retired from temples not under the control of the HR & CE Department has been raised from Rs.750/- to Rs.1,000/-. The number of beneficiaries is 2,967.

Marriage of 1006 poor Hindu couples was held on 18.06.2012 at the Tiruverkadu temple under the aegis of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.06.2012. Rs. 15,000/- and 4 grams of gold for thali was distributed to each couple.

For the protection of icons, 15 more icon protection centres are being built apart from the 19 in existence, at a cost of Rs. 14.19 crore.

Rs. 40,000/- grant is being given for pilgrimage to Manasarovar and Rs. 10,000/- for Mukthinath pilgrimage per person. So far 146 persons have been disbursed grant for pilgrimage to Manasarovar and 10 persons for pilgrimage to Mukthinath

Accommodation facilities have been built for pilgrims to Srirangam with Srirangam Samayapuram temple fund at a cost of Rs. 47.08 crore.





T ransport

Jn Tamil Nadu, the State Transport Undertakings play the vital role of providing an economical and efficient transport system through a variety of services. Supported by an excellent road network, almost every habitation in the State is connected by bus services. The State Transport Corporations also have Express services as well as Inter-State services to the neighbouring States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry. The Government has ordered to procure 7153 new buses during the financial years upto the year 2015. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 4572 new buses on various occasions and 1436 new routes have been introduced for the benefit of the travelling public.

In keeping with the Tamil Nadu Government's policy of providing convenient transportation for the people residing in interior areas and affording transport connectivity to the nearest railway station/ bus station, 100 'small buses' were introduced in 40 routes in the City and adjacent areas where operation of regular buses was not feasible due to narrow roads. Order have been issued to introduce 208 Mini buses at a cost of Rs.35.00 crore to Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Coimbatore, Villupuram, Salem and Kumbakonam to operate in Hill areas. Out of this, 7 buses were flagged off by the Honb'le Chief Minister on 26.06.2014 in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Villupuram area. Two services were introduced between Chennai and Srirangam with canteen and



toilet facilities. They were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 20.06.2013. Passengers have expressed a lot of appreciation for such bus services. 713 renovated buses have also been introduced.

Women's Specials for harassment-free travel in peak hours

MTC has taken steps to increase the number of 'ladies cum children specials' from 134 to 200. Accordingly, 66 additional buses are being operated in 33 important existing routes for the benefit of working women/ college/ school going girls and children from 20.06.2013 benefitting nearly 30,000 women/children. These buses provide safe commuting without any harassment and theft for women, especially during morning and evening peak hours. Orders have been issued to increase "ladies cum children specials" from 200 to 250 during the year 2014-2015.

Online booking for long distance journeys

Committed to improve the commuting experience of passengers, the Transport Department is introducing various facilities in keeping with the times. Online reservation (e-ticketing) was started for long distance routes from 03.10.2011. 35 per cent tickets have been booked through e-ticketing out of total reservation. 123 franchise Online Ticket Reservation System (OTRS) centres have been opened all over Tamil Nadu and its adjoining States to enable booking of tickets for long distance journeys against the target of 300 centres. The introduction of GPS compatible Electronic Ticketing Machine along with the necessary infrastructure is in progress. This system will be very useful to passengers and also to Conductors in due course. It will ease their work in issuing tickets and providing accountability.

E-auctioning for best prices

M/s. MSTC, a Government of India Undertaking has been selected as the Service Provider. E-auction has been implemented in State Transport Undertakings to help and to obtain best prices for condemned buses.

Smart Card for students

Totally, 79.92 lakh smart card bus passes have been issued to students during the year 2012-2015 (upto 26.09.2014).

Labour Welfare Measures for Transport staff

The State Transport Undertakings are implementing many welfare measures for the benefit of workers and their families. These include the New Health Insurance scheme (as applicable to Tamil Nadu Government Employees), Quota-wise preferential admission for the children of employees to Medical Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics run by the Institute of Road Transport, increased festival advance (from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- in 2012-2013) and Pension Scheme.

Packaged Amma water at affordable price

To provide hygienic drinking water to the common public and bus passengers at an affordable price, the Department produces 'Amma' packaged drinking water through State Express Transport Corporation Limited at Institute of Road Transport, Gumudipoondi. The daily production is 1.50 lakh litres. A one litre bottle of Amma packaged drinking water is sold at Rs.10/- and has quenched the thirst of 5.40 crore travellers approximately. The second unit is proposed by Metropolitan Transport Corporation, at Gumudipoondi.



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Refresher courses, yoga for drivers

There is an exponential growth of vehicles in Tamil Nadu due to rapid urbanization. Effective steps are being taken by the State Transport Undertakings to reduce the number of accidents. Drivers are sent for regular refresher training courses to upgrade their driving skills. Yoga and Meditation camps are organized to reduce the stress-level among drivers. State-of-the-art Simulators are being used for giving training to drivers. Use of cell phones during driving and consumption of alcohol during duty have been prohibited. As a result, the number of accidents has decreased. An International Standard Driving Research and Training Institute is being established at Gummidipoondi in Tiruvallur District, at a cost of Rs.15.00 crore to produce skilled and safe drivers of International Standards. The rail-based transit system, Mono Rail Scheme is to be implemented in two corridors with a total length of 43.48 km in first phase under DBFOT model, with an investment of Rs.8,500 crore.



For the first time, Seven Differently-abled Friendly Buses were introduced in MTC in November 2011, three more buses were introduced upto the year 2015 for the easy boarding and alighting of Differently abled persons.

Facilities were upgraded in 37 Motels upto the year 2015.

Parcel and Courier Services were introduced in the long-distance SETC buses to generate additional revenue.

“Travel As You Please Tickets” facility has been extended to Vellore, Erode, Tiruppur and Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas from June 2012, to encourage commuters.

Under Master Health Check-up Programme, 21,885 STC Drivers aged above 45 have undergone full body check-up. During 2013-2014, the Master Health Check-up programme was extended to all transport corporation employees aged above 45 and 29761 employees benefited upto the year 2015.

Rs. 9.94 crore was sanctioned to Drivers as an incentive under accident-free award scheme upto the year 2015.

Rs. 80 crore was sanctioned so far for Out-of-Court settlements to Accident victims under the “Accident Claim Settlement Fund Scheme”.

Infrastructure facilities have been upgraded in crew rest rooms in existing depots and bus stands at a cost of Rs. 3.38 crore upto the year 2015.

The depots of State Transport Corporations have been renovated by providing other civil works like concrete flooring at a cost of Rs. 18.60 crore upto the year 2015.

‘E’ auction system has been successfully introduced for the disposal of condemned buses in all STUs.

Permission has been granted to open Heavy Vehicle Driving School at 13 District headquarters.

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Youth Welfare and Sports Development

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given a big thrust to both Sports and Youth Welfare keeping in mind the welfare and all round development of the youth. The department aims to make Tamil Nadu a leading State in sports by creating high quality infrastructure, promoting sports culture and harnessing talent at the grassroot level. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, the apex body for promotion of sports in Tamil Nadu implements all the policy decisions of the Government.

World-class sports infrastructure has been created to develop and mould the talent of sportspersons. These facilities are today widely used by sportspersons and are helpful to them in achieving laurels at various levels.

Premier Stadium with 40,000 spectator capacity

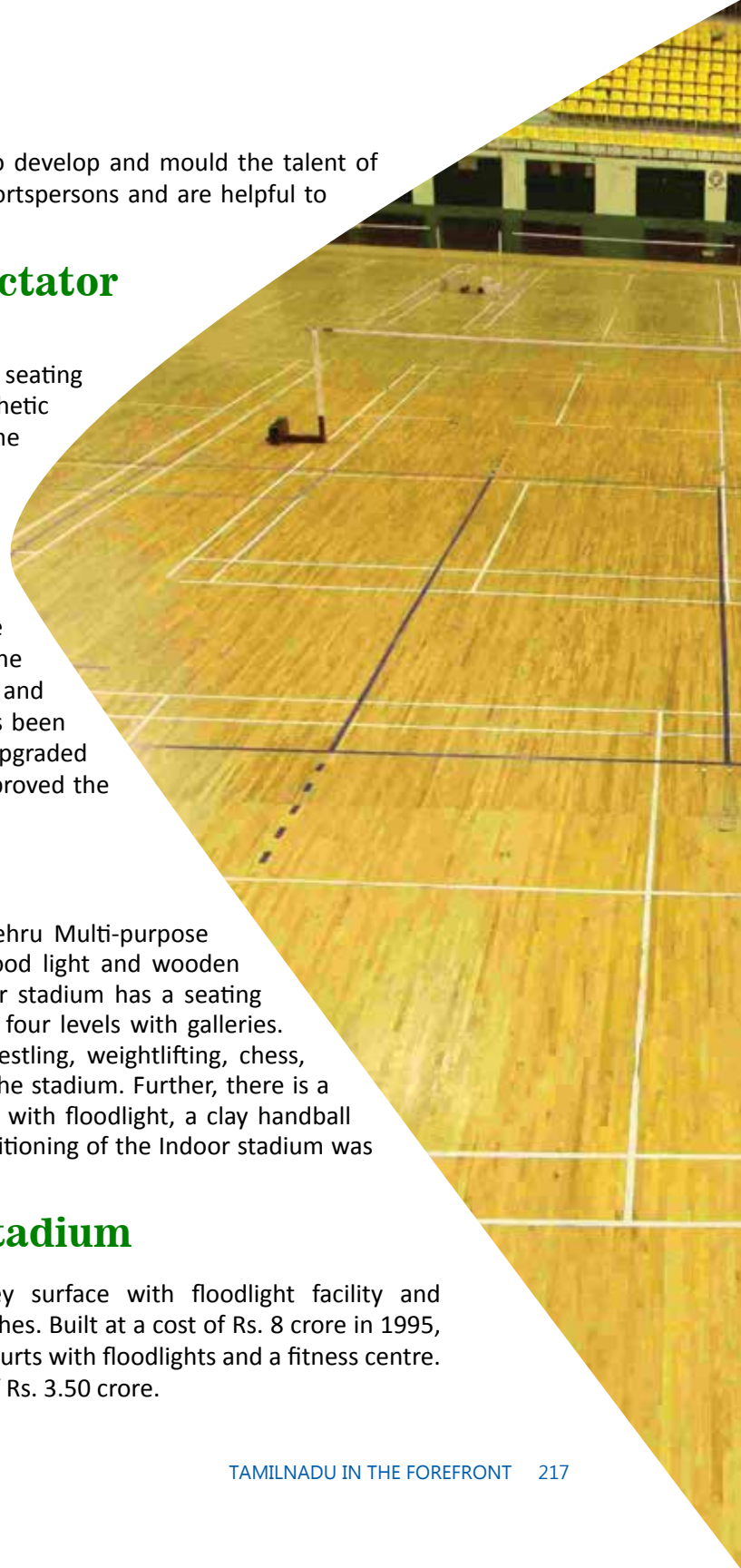
The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai with a seating capacity of 40,000 and having a 400 metre 8-lane Synthetic Athletics Track with a natural football turf in the middle is the venue for International sporting events. Besides facilities for judo, weightlifting, table tennis, boxing, chess and carrom, the stadium complex also has two Beach Volleyball Courts, three Clay Volleyball Courts (with Floodlight), a Throw ball Court, a Kabaddi Court and a Handball Court. On the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the facilities in the stadium have been revamped and upgraded by relaying the synthetic athletics track, football turf, replacing the floodlight and upgrading office facilities. Additionally, a warm up track has been put up near the stadium. All these facilities established and upgraded at a cost of Rs.33.60 crore in 2012-13 have significantly improved the existing facilities.

Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium

Adjacent to the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium is the Nehru Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium, a centrally air-conditioned facility with flood light and wooden flooring. Built in 1995 at a cost of Rs. 20 crore, the indoor stadium has a seating capacity of 8,000 with a built up area of 2,50,000 sq.ft. at four levels with galleries. Volleyball, basketball, table tennis, badminton, boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, chess, carrom, handball are among the games that are played in the stadium. Further, there is a skating ring with floodlight, two concrete basketball courts with floodlight, a clay handball court and a fencing hall with floodlight. The central air-conditioning of the Indoor stadium was replaced at a cost of Rs. 5 crore during 2012-2013.

Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium

The stadium having International Synthetic Hockey surface with floodlight facility and 8,670 seating capacity is an excellent venue for hockey matches. Built at a cost of Rs. 8 crore in 1995, the venue also has four clay tennis courts, three volleyball courts with floodlights and a fitness centre. The Hockey turf is being replaced with a new one at a cost of Rs. 3.50 crore.



Aquatic Complex

An 8-lane racing pool of 50m x 25m, a Diving Pool of 18m x 25m and a Warm up Pool of 25m x 25m, all conforming to international standards are the main features of the Aquatic complex at Velacheri. The complex can accommodate 4000 spectators. Besides these facilities, the complex also has a fitness centre and an indoor hall for gymnastics and 2 indoor badminton courts.

Tennis Stadium, Chennai

Commonly known as SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) Tennis Stadium, is a venue that hosts the Chennai Open ATP Tennis championships every year. The stadium witnessed the birth of the celebrated Indian doubles pair Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi. Built in 1995 at a cost of Rs.7.50 crore, the stadium has a seating capacity of 5,000 spectators in the stadium and 2000 in the galleries.

All the courts have international standard synthetic surfaces. A fitness centre is also available in the stadium. Presently, the stadium was renovated at the cost of Rs. 4.50 crore.

Multi-purpose Indoor Stadia in the Districts

Besides Chennai, multi-purpose indoor stadia have been built in Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Salem Districts. Construction of multi-purpose indoor stadia are in progress in Tiruvarur, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruchi, Srirangam, Ariyalur, Villupuram, Kanchipuram, Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Madurai, Thanjavur and Thoothukudi districts at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore each. These stadia will enable players to practice as per international standards.

Making Champions of the future

National gold medalists below the age of 20 are inducted into the 'Champion Development Scheme', and are given Induction Certificate which provides them free access to the modern stadia where they want to practice. Further, they are given financial assistance for purchase of food supplements, sports equipment and travel expenses for International competitions.

They are also sent for psychological tests and given nutrition advice by a special nutritionist. Sports Medicine workshops are also conducted to improve their talents. At present, there are 264 players under this scheme in various disciplines.

Scholarship for Elite sportspersons (Aiming for Olympics 2016)

A New Special Scheme 'Scholarship for Elite Sports Persons (Aiming for Olympics 2016)' has been launched to motivate the potential and exceptionally-talented sports persons in the State to improve their performance so as to secure medals at the 2016 Olympics. 5 talented sportspersons among Men or Women, have been selected and awarded a special scholarship of Rs.25 lakh each for one year for 'need-based assistance'.

This facilitates, among other things, payment of air fare, along with assistance for boarding and lodging during their participation in competitions abroad, assistance to undergo training abroad and international standard training facilities. The selected elite sportspersons are Mr. K. Premkumar, Athletics (Long Jump), Miss G. Gayathri (Athletics, 100 M hurdles), Miss A.V. Jayaveena (Swimming), Mr. G. Sathiyam (Table Tennis) and Miss Aishwarya Chezhian (Sailing).

State Games for Chief Minister's Trophy

Sportspersons get a lot of exposure in the state-level competitions for men and women in athletics, basketball, football, hockey, kabaddi, volleyball, table tennis, tennis, swimming and badminton. Prize money totalling Rs. 4.22 crore awarded to medal winners serves to motivate sportspersons greatly.

Sporting spirit for the physically challenged

To give confidence to the differently-abled, the Government has ordered the conduct of competitions for differently abled men and women at the district and state level. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu conducts these competitions without any age restriction for the participants. The categories are 'Physically Challenged' (Men and Women), 'Visually Impaired: (Men and Women)', 'Mentally Challenged': (Men and Women) and 'Hearing Impaired' (Men and Women). The prize money for first, second and third places under various competitions like running, standing broad jump, wheel chair race is Rs. 5,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- respectively.

Village games to tap rural talent

Village games were conducted in all the 12,524 village panchayats in athletics, volleyball, kabaddi and football for men and women. Rs. 25.05 crore was allotted for these village games.





Abounding incentives

The State Government has instituted Scholarships, Awards and Incentives for outstanding sportspersons at various levels and in various categories. Under SDAT sports scholarship scheme, scholarship is sanctioned to students studying in High / Higher Secondary Schools / Colleges in Tamil Nadu. A sum of Rs.10,000/- (school students) and Rs.13,000/- (college students) is sanctioned according to their medal-winning performance at the national level competitions

Prestigious sports events

Because of the wholehearted support of the Government and its handsome allocation of Rs. 29.15 crore, the prestigious FIDE World Chess Championship match between Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand and Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen was conducted in a grand manner in Chennai in November 2013. The Chennai Open Tennis Tournament which attracts top ranked tennis players from all over the world has become an important event in the International Tennis Calendar.

Wave of support for beach games

The Tamil Nadu coastline, the third longest among the states in India, was used to conduct state-level beach games in volleyball, beach football and beach kabaddi. The events sparked a lot of interest in the coastal areas.

Sharpshooters' zone

Aspiring shooters flock to the monthly camps held at the Veerapuram shooting range of the Tamil Nadu Special Police III Battalion. There is an air conditioned indoor range as well as an outdoor range for air rifle shooting with electronic scoring. Recently, the Government announced the setting up of Shooting range at Oonamanchery, Kancheepuram District, Madurai and Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.40 crore.

Sports University, another first

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was established by an Act in 2004. Tamil Nadu is the first State to set up a University separately for sports education in India under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister. Recently, Government announced various infrastructure works in the University at a cost of Rs.18.03 crore.

Enthusiasm of youth for NCC, NSS

The National Cadet Corps is very popular among the youth in the state: the Tamil Nadu unit of National Cadet Corps has 98,790 cadets, one of the highest in the country. The cadets participate in several national competitions and win laurels for the State. For 2014-15, the Tamil Nadu Government allotted Rs.35.26 crore for the NCC.



The Government has also sanctioned Rs. 12 crore for establishing a Training Academy at Idayapatti village in Madurai district. The NCC Training Academy at Idayapatti village will facilitate training of 700 cadets at a time and cater to the requirements of 21,000 cadets every year. Tamil Nadu has also the distinction of having the maximum number of volunteers under National Service Scheme with 3,70,000 members.



ARJUNA AWARDEES

YEAR	NAME	Game / Event
2012	Dipika Pallikal	Squash
2013	Joshna Chinnappa	Squash
2014	Ranjith Maheswari	Athletics
2014	Ravichandran Ashwin	Cricket
2014	Anaka Alankanmony	Squash

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai

