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Introduction

**"As the whole world looks to the sky for rainfall
All subjects look to the king for just rule"**

(Kural-542)

- says Thiruvalluvar.

"Just as living beings in the world need rain to survive, the citizens of a country need good governance to live".

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar's
commentary on the Thirukkural.

Kumaraguruparar's Neethineri Vilakkam says, "**As is the King so are his subjects**".

People can follow the path of the Government only by knowing the thoughts of the King, that is, the thoughts and plans of the Government. The Information and Publicity Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu helps with the implementation of these plans and connect the people with the Government.

The World War II started in 1939 and lasted until 1945. During the period, the British Government, which was ruling India, appointed a War Propaganda Officer on February 16, 1942, to gather support, to convince Indian people of the justification of Britain participating in the Second World War and the need to avoid the autocracy of German President Hitler.

This appointment was the dawn of today's Information and Publicity Department.

The World War ended in 1945. After the independence of our country on August 15, 1947, the Information and Publicity Department started working continuously with the aim of informing the people about the programs implemented by the Government for the development of the country.

After the formation of the Government in 1967 under the leadership of Perarignar Anna, following his sudden demise, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar assumed office as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.02.1969. Since then

the Information and Publicity Department started functioning with new zeal.

With the steady guidance of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, the Department of Information and Publicity endeavored to carry out excellent works to convey the thoughts of the people of Tamil Nadu to the Government, to highlight the welfare schemes of various departments of the Government and to make them a powerful tool to gain and increase the goodwill of the people.

Public Relations Offices and Information Centres were established in the Districts and they started to bring fame to the Government by accomplishing the enormous task of taking the Government's public welfare schemes to the public. Since its inception in 01.07.1970 by the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, the magazine "**Tamilarasu**" is published twice a month in Tamil and once a month in English.

"Tamilarasu Magazine" is an important tool of the Department in duly taking the Government's schemes to the people.

The Dravidian Hero Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin assumed office on 07.05.2021 as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and since then he is working every second, without pausing for rest, intending to develop Tamil Nadu and has been successfully implementing various social welfare schemes like Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam, Pudhumai Penn Thittam, Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, Vidiyal Payanam (free bus travel) Scheme, School Children Breakfast Scheme and the first-of-its-kind exclusive budget for Agriculture to foster the welfare of farmers.

The Department of Information and Publicity of the Government of Tamil Nadu is doing a great task of taking to the people, all the Schemes, Announcements, Orders, Press Releases, Reports, Letters, Requests, etc., of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who says

"For those who think 'we have no one', for those who ask 'who is there to save us', this is the Government for all those people".

For this purpose, the Information and Publicity Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu is doing a great task of publicizing the Government's schemes towards successful implementation by publishing the details of Schemes and Announcements of all the Departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu by maintaining harmonious relations with newspapers, radio, television media, social media, websites, etc. The various Sections that form part of this Department are as follows:-

MEMORIAL

Memorials, Arangams, Commemoration Pillars and Monuments erected in Tamil Nadu

Like no other State in India, Memorials to the Freedom Fighters, Language Warriors and Martyrs have been erected beautifully and maintained by the Information and Public Relations Department. In order to honour the significant contributions of the eminent personalities of Tamil Nadu, the heroic martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country, the scholars who strived hard for the development of Tamil language, the leaders who sowed the seeds of social justice, poets, music maestros, the martyred leaders of Tamil Nadu who participated in the Indian freedom struggle and others, 88 (Eighty Eight) Memorials, 4 (Four) Memorial Halls, 5 (Five) Commemoration Pillars, 2 (Two) Monuments and one Commemoration Arch have been erected on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department. They are maintained and protected in the best way so that the public can learn and benefit from their excellence and glory. Their details are as follows:

DETAILS OF MEMORIALS IN TAMIL NADU

CHENNAI REGION

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
CHENNAI DISTRICT		
1	Perarignar Anna Memorial and Museum	Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
2	Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R.Memorial	Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
3	Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa Ninaividam	Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
4	Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Memorial	Arignar Anna Memorial Campus, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
5	Gandhi Mandapam	Guindy, Chennai
6	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Memorial	Guindy, Chennai
7	Mootharignar Rajaji Ninaivaalayam	Guindy, Chennai
8	Periyavar M.Bhakthavatchalam Memorial	Guindy, Chennai
9	V.O.C Chekku Mandapam	Guindy, Chennai
10	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Ninaivu Illam	Thulasinga Perumal Koil Street, Tiruvallikeni, Chennai

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
11	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Ninaivu Illam	Thirumalai Salai, Thiyagaraya Nagar, Chennai
12	Valluvar Kottam	Nungambakkam, Chennai
13	Mozhippor Thiyagigal Manimandapam	Guindy, Chennai
14	Thiyagigal Manimandapam	Guindy, Chennai
15	Diwan Bahadur Dravidamani Rettaimalai Srinivasan Memorial	Guindy, Chennai
16	Kanniyathendral Quaid-e-Milleth Muhammad Ismail Manimandapam	Dams Road, Pudupet, Chennai
17	Sindhanai Sirpi Ma.Singaravelar and Suyamariyathai Sudaroli N. Jeevarathinam Manimandapam and Library	Royapuram, Chennai
18	Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan Manimandapam	Adyar, Chennai
19	Annal Ambedkar Manimandapam	Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai
20	Dravida Peroli Pandithar Ayothidasar Memorial	Guindy, Chennai

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
CHENGALPATTU DISTRICT		
21	Diwan Bahadur Dravidamani Rettaimalai Srinivasan Memorial	Acharappakkam Village, Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District.
KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT		
22	Perarignar Anna Ninaivu Illam	Chinna Kancheepuram Kancheepuram District.
VELLORE DISTRICT		
23	Muthu Mandapam (in memory of Vikrama Raja Singan, the last Tamil King of Sri Lanka)	Vellore, Vellore District.

TRICHY REGION

TRICHY DISTRICT		
24	Va.Ve.Subramaniya Iyer Ninaivu Illam	Varahaneri, Trichy City, Tiruchirappalli District.
25	Perarasar Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar Memorial	Ko – Abishegapuram Village, Tiruchirappalli District.
26	Sir A.T. Panneer Selvam Memorial	
27	M.K. Thiyagaraja Bagavathar Memorial	
VILLUPURAM DISTRICT		
28	Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar Manimandapam	Omandur, Villupuram District

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
CUDDALORE DISTRICT		
29	Swami Sagajanandha Manimandapam	Chidambaram, Cuddalore District
30	Ramasamy Padayatchiyar Ninaivu Mandapam	Manjakuppam, Cuddalore District

COIMBATORE REGION

COIMBATORE DISTRICT		
31	Uzhavar Perunthalaivar Narayanasami Naidu Manimandapam	Vaiyampalayam, Coimbatore District
SALEM DISTRICT		
32	Freedom Fighter Thiyagi Dheeran Chinnamalai Monument	Sankagiri, Salem District
33	Puratchithalaivar Dr.M.G.R And Puratchithalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa Memorial	Salem, Salem District.
NAMAKKAL DISTRICT		
34	Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai Ninaivu Illam	Namakkal, Namakkal District
35	Allala Elaya Nayakar Dome Memorial	Jedarpalayam, Namakkal District
ERODE DISTRICT		
36	Periyar - Anna Memorial	Erode, Erode District
37	Dheeran Chinnamalai Manimandapam	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT		
38	Vallal Adhiyaman Kottam	Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District
39	Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva Manimandapam	Papparapatti, Dharmapuri District
40	Bharathamatha Ninaivaalayam	Papparapatti, Dharmapuri District
TIRUPPUR DISTRICT		
41	Tiruppur Kumaran Memorial	Tiruppur, Tiruppur District
42	Pagutharivu Kavirayar Udumalai Narayanakavi Manimandapam	Udumalaipettai, Tiruppur District
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT		
43	Mootharignar Rajaji (Pirantha Illam) Ninaivu Illam	Thorapalli, Krishnagiri District
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT		
44	Kappalottiya Thamizhar V.O.C Manimandapam	Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District
45	Tamil Scholar Caldwell Ninaivu Illam	Idayangudi, Tirunelveli District
46	Freedom Fighter Ondi Veeran Manimandapam	Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District
KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT		
47	Pothuvudaimai Veerar P. Jeevanandam Manimandapam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
48	Gandhi Ninaivu Mandapam	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District
49	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District
50	Sathavathani Seiguthambi Pavalar Ninaivu Mandapam	Idalaakudi, Kottar, Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
51	Marshal Nesamani Manimandapam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT		
52	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar (Pirantha Illam) Ninaivu Illam	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
53	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Centenary Manimandapam	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
54	Thiyagi Sankaralinganar Manimandapam	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT		
55	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Manimandapam	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
56	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Illam	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
57	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar Illam	Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi District

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
58	Veeran Azhagumuthukone Manimandapam	Kattalangulam, Thoothukudi District
59	Freedom Fighter Veeran Sundaralingam Memorial	Gavarnagiri, Thoothukudi District
60	Freedom Fighter Veeran Vellayathevan Memorial	Vallanadu, Thoothukudi District
61	Amudhakavi Umaru Pulavar Memorial	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
62	Veerapandia Kattabomman Manimandapam	Kayathar, Thoothukudi District
63	Ki.Rajananarayanan Arangam	Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District
64	Dr.B.Sivanthi Aditanar Manimandapam	Thiruchendur, Thoothukudi District
65	Rao Bagadhur Cruz Fernandez Dome Memorial	Roach Park, Meelavittan 2 Village, Thoothukudi District.
66	Veeramamunivar Manimandapam	Kamanaickenpatti Village, Punitha Paraloga Madha Temple Campus, Thoothukudi District.
TENKASI DISTRICT		
67	Thiyagi Vanchinathan Manimandapam	Sengottai, Tenkasi District
68	Poolithevan Ninaivu Maaligai	Nerkattumseval, Tenkasi District

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
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MADURAI REGION

MADURAI DISTRICT		
69	Thiyaga Seelar Kakkan Manimandapam	Thumbaipatti, Madurai District
70	Thiyagi Viswanathadass Ninaivu Illam	Thirumangalam, Madurai District
71	Parithimar Kalaingar Ninaivu Illam	Vilacheri, Madurai District
72	Mozhignayiru Devaneya Pavaanar Manimandapam	Sathamangalam, Madurai District
73	Perungamanallur Thiyagigal Ninaivu Mandapam	Usilampatti, Madurai District
DINDIGUL DISTRICT		
74	Freedom Fighter Gopal Naicker Manimandapam	Virupatchi, Dindigul District
75	The Great Kings Hyder Ali, Thippu Sultan Manimandapam	Adiyanuthu Village, Dindigul District
SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT		
76	Kaviarasu Kannadasan Manimandapam	Karaikudi, Sivagangai District
77	Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar Manimandapam	Kundrakudi, Sivagangai District
78	Maruthupandiar Ninaivu Mandapam	Tiruppattur, Sivagangai District

Sl. No.	MEMORIAL	PLACE
79	Veeramangai Velunachiyar Ninaivu Mandapam	Surakulam, Sivagangai District

THANJAVUR REGION

THANJAVUR DISTRICT		
80	Pattukkottai Kalyanasundaram Manimandapam	Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District
81	Pattukkottai Azhagirisamy Ninaivu mandapam	Avudaiyankulam, Pattukkottai, Thanjavur District

THIRUVARUR DISTRICT

82	Thamizh Thatha Dr.U.Ve.Sa.Ninaivu Illam	Uthamathanapuram, Thiruvavarur District
83	Thiyagi P.Srinivasa Rao Ninaivu Mandapam	Thiruthuraipoondi, Thiruvavarur District
84	Manuneethi Chozhan Ninaivu Mandapam	Thiruvavarur, Thiruvavarur District

MAYILADUTHURAI DISTRICT

85	Thillaiyadi Valliyammai Memorial	Thillaiyadi, Mayiladuthurai District
86	Tamizhisai Moovar Manimandapam	Sirkazhi, Mayiladuthurai District

KERALA STATE

80	Thanthai Periyar Memorial	Vaikkom, Kottayam District, Kerala State
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UTTAR PRADESH STATE

81	Bharathiyar Memorial House	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh State.
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ARANGAMS

Sl. No.	ARANGAM	PLACE
1	Mootharignar Rajaji Hall	Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai
2	Kalaivanar Arangam	Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai
3	Anna Kalaiarangam	Vellore, Vellore District
4	Mahamagam Multipurpose Kalaiarangam	Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District

COMMEMORATION PILLARS

Sl. No.	COMMEMORATION PILLAR	PLACE
1	"Quit India" Movement's Golden Jubilee Commemoration Pillar	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Salai, Gandhi Mandapam, Guindy, Chennai
2	Golden Jubilee of Republic Commemoration Pillar	Near Gandhi Statue, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
3	Sepoy Mutiny Commemoration Pillar	Vellore, Vellore District
4	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Centenary Celebrations Commemoration Pillar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
5	Music Maestro Nallappaswami Commemoration Pillar	Vilathikulam, Thoothukudi District

MONUMENTS

Sl. No.	NINAIVUCHINNAM	PLACE
1	Veerathai Kuyili Monument	Surakulam, Sivagangai District
2	Golden Jubilee of Independence Commemoration Monument	Near War Memorial, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai

COMMEMORATION ARCH

Sl. No.	COMMEMORATION ARCH	PLACE
1	M.G.R Centenary Arch	Marina Beach, Rajaji Salai, Chennai

Works Completed

A memorial to Muthamizharinagar Kalaignar has been set up along with a museum called 'Kalaignar Ulagam' with modern illustrations in a part of the basement of 2.21 acres of Anna Memorial Complex, Kamarajar Road, Chennai and Perarignar Anna Memorial has also been modernized. They were opened to the public on 26.02.2024 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Statues of Kappalottiya Tamilar V.O. Chidambaranar at V.O. Chidambaranar Park in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty Lakh only), Women social reformer Ramamirtham Ammaiyar in Mayiladuthurai at a cost of Rs.15,97,669/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Nine only) and first woman doctor of Tamil Nadu and social reformer Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy in Pudukottai at a cost of Rs.9,84,650/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty only) were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.05.2023.

A statue of the former Minister Perasiriyar K. Anbazhagan was erected at Perasiriyar Anbazhagan Educational Complex in Nungambakkam, Chennai at a cost of Rs.37,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 10.08.2023.

A statue of the Playback Singer Thiru.T.M.Soundararajan was erected in Madurai at a cost of Rs.46,68,453/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Three only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.08.2023.

A statue of the former Chief Minister Dr.P.Subbarayan was erected at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai at a cost of Rs.17,50,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 05.09.2023.

A statue of the Bengali Poet Rabindranath Tagore was erected on the campus of Queen Mary's College, Chennai at a cost of Rs.29,61,694/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixty one Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Four only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 08.09.2023.

A statue of the former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was erected on the Anna University campus in Chennai at a cost of Rs.21,95,799/- (Rupees Twenty on Lakh Ninty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 05.09.2023.

A statue of the freedom fighter Anjalai Ammal was erected at Mudhu Nagar Gandhi Park in the Cuddalore Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 02.11.2023.

A Domed statue of Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandes, who initiated the Thoothukudi drinking water project was installed in Thoothukudi city at a cost of Rs.77,87,343/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Three only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.11.2023.

A statue of the former Prime Minister of India Thiru V.P. Singh hailed as the 'Guardian of Social Justice' who initiated the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal and the Mandal Commission was installed in Chennai at a cost of Rs.52,20,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Twenty Thousand only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.11.2023.

In commemoration of the 175th Birth Anniversary of Dravida Peroli Pandithar Ayothidasar, admired for his social work, a Manimandapam with a statue was installed in the premises of the Gandhi Mandapam complex in Chennai at a cost of Rs.2,48,75,859/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine only) and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 01.12.2023.

A Manimandapam with a statue of Veeramamunivar, the father of the Tamil Lexicon, who came to Tamil Nadu to spread religion and develop the Tamil language, was installed in the premises of St.Paraloka Madha Temple in Kamanayakkanpatti Village, Tuticorin District at a

cost of Rs.1,00,00,000 (Rupees One Crore only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 22.01.2024.

A bust of Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai was installed at his memorial house in Namakkal at a cost of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh only) and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 22.01.2024.

The Mani Mandapams for Emperor Perumbiduku Muttaraiyar at a cost of Rs.1,48,22,829/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Nine only), Sir A.T.Panneerselvam at a cost of Rs.77,62,004/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand and Four only), Thiru.M.K.Thiagaraja Bhagavadhar at a cost of Rs.79,39,122/- (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Two only), near Trichy Central Bus Stand have been established along with additional works done at a cost of Rs.98,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakh only) and were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024.

A Manimandapam of Diwan Bahadur Erattaimalai Srinivasan at Achiruppakkam, Chengalpattu District at a cost of Rs.2,17,74,909/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventeen Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine only), a Statue of freedom fighter Annal Thango in Gudiyattam, Vellore District at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only), a statue of Tamil scholar Dr.Mu.Varadarasanar at Ranipet District at a cost of Rs.65,76,562/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two only), a new statue depicting Veeran Sundaralingam in a majestic pose, seated on a horse and engaged in battle, set up in Kavarnagiri, Thoothukudi, at a cost of Rs.48,66,383/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Three only) were inaugurated on 27.02.2024, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

For the Government buildings in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli established during the period September 5, 2021 to September 5, 2025 will be named after Kappalotiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar.

The details of the announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu under Rule 110 for the years 2021-22 and 2023-2024 and the follow-up actions are as follows:

- The construction of Manimandapam in Villupuram district, estimated to cost Rs.5,70,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Seventy Lakh only), is currently underway. This Manimandapam is dedicated to 21 social justice activists who lost their lives during the reservation struggle that took place in the year 1987.
- Works are in progress for the constructions of centenary memorial in Cuddalore district, honoring the philanthropy of Periyavar Ilayaperumal. The estimated cost for this project is Rs.5,70,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Seventy Lakh only).
- Works are in progress at the estimated cost of Rs.8,14,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crore Fourteen Lakh only) for the renovation of the memorial of Vaikom Veerar Thanthai Periyar and exhibition of artefacts in his memory, at Vaikom in the state of Kerala.

The details of the announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the years 2022-23 and 2023-2024 and the follow-up measures are as follows:

- On the occasion of the centenary of King Rajagopala Thondaiman of Pudukottai, the works of construction of a memorial hall with a museum are in progress on behalf of Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.3,02,15,536/- (Rupees Three Crore Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Six only).
- Works are in progress in making of statue of Lee Kuan Yew, first Prime Minister of Singapore is currently under construction at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) at Mannargudi in Tiruvarur District.
- Works are in progress in making of statue of Martyr Immanuel Sekaranar and a Memorial Hall is currently under construction at a cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore only) in Paramakkudi, Ramanathapuram District.
- Works are in progress in the construction of a stadium at a cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore only), in memory of the meeting in

Siravayal village of Sivagangai district, where Mahatma Gandhi met and spoke with freedom fighter Jeeva during the struggle for independence.

- Construction works are underway for a waiting shed with safety grill arrangements for the public and a permanent shed for special guests at the Pasumpon Muthuramalingathevar Memorial in Pasumpon Village, Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs.1,55,34,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lakh Thirty Four Thousand only).
- According to the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, 152 acres of land was selected in the Kuthambakkam village, Poonamalle Taluk, Tiruvallur district, for establishment of ultramodern film city and project report is being prepared.
- According to the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, works for establishing 3 shooting locations with modern technologies in the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute, Taramani, Chennai, at a cost of Rs.39.33 crore, will commence soon.

Announcements and details of the follow-up measures of the Information Department

A statue of a Thali Palayakar Malayandi Vengidupathi Ethalapar Nayakar, a freedom fighter is nearing completion at the municipal office premises of Udumalaipet, Tirupur district. Additionally, a Memorial Hall near Thirumoorthy Dam is also nearing completion. The estimated cost for these projects is Rs.2,53,26,974/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Three Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Four only).

Construction is currently underway for a memorial hall at the Aliyar dam park in the Coimbatore district. This memorial is dedicated to those who lost their lives in the accident that happened during the Parambikulam-Aliyar Irrigation Project works. The estimated cost for this project is Rs.2,29,68,907/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven only).

Steps are being taken to name the office complex of the Chief Engineer of the Water Resources Department at Pollachi, Coimbatore District as "C. Subramaniam Complex", a former minister of Union and State Governments.

The Memorial Hall featuring statues of former Chief Minister Perundhalaivar Kamarajar, V.K.Palanisamy Gounder, Former Union Minister C.Subramaniam, and industrialist Arutselvar Pollachi N.Mahalingam, with a total estimated cost of Rs.4,28,71,010/- (Rupees Four Crore Twenty Eight Lakh Seventy One Thousand and Ten only), is currently under construction.

In this complex, a ground floor and an upper floor hall have been constructed for hosting training, seminars, etc. Steps are being taken to name the ground floor hall as "V.K. Palanichamy Memorial Hall" and the upper floor Memorial Hall as Industrialist Arutselvar "Pollachi Na. Mahalingam Hall".

In remembrance of the services rendered by Former Chief Minister of Chennai Presidency Dr.P.Subbarayan, a Memorial Hall construction works are in progress in Namakkal town at an estimated cost of Rs.2,50,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakh only).

Works are in progress in making of statue of the great martyr Thiru. Easwaran, who was instrumental in the Lower Bhavani Irrigation Project and a Memorial Hall is currently under construction at a cost of Rs.2,60,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Lakh only) in Bhavanisagar, Erode District.

Works are in progress in making of statue of Thiru A. Govindasamy, who served as Minister of Agriculture in the Cabinets of Perarignar Anna and Muthamizharignar with distinction and a Memorial Hall are currently under construction at a cost of Rs.4,00,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore only) at Valuthareddy village, Viluppuram district.

Works are in progress in making of statue of Mayuram Munsif Vedanayagam, who authored the first novel in Tamil and a Memorial Hall is currently under construction at an estimated cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore only) is in progress.

In the Manimandapams, Memorials, Memorial Halls of Freedom fighters, language war martyrs, Tamil scholars, and important leaders, their biographies, photo albums, books written by them, and publications about their contributions will be exhibited.

Initially, widescreen televisions were installed in 15 Manimandapams to broadcast short films explaining the contributions of the leaders. Additionally, 360-degree photographs of the Manimandapams have been uploaded on social media and websites for public access. Moreover, QR codes have been created for the web pages of the Manimandapams to facilitate easy access to information about all the Manimandapams. This project was executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,25,24,447/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Seven only).

Highlighted by sculptors as "Poompuhar Perundhachan," Muthamizharignar Kalaignar designed Valluvar Kottam with artistic finesse to capture global attention. This structure stands as Asia's largest arena without a central pillar, featuring a stunning sculpture akin to the Tiruvarur Chariot, meticulously crafted by the renowned sculptor Ganapati Sthapathi. This architectural marvel was brought to Chennai city with the intent of captivating audiences through its grandeur and cultural significance. New construction and renovation works are underway at Valluvar Kottam, aimed at modernizing the facility. The project is estimated at a cost of Rs.80,00,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Crore only).

The Dravidian Movement Theerarkal Kottam is set to be erected at Anna Square, Chennai, serving as a historical monument dedicated to commemorating the achievements, philanthropy, and contributions of Dravidian Movement veterans such as Dr. C. Natesanar, Sir Pitti Thiyagarayar, and Dr. D. M. Nair. This initiative aims to educate future generations about the historical events and ideals of the Dravidian Movement.

Funds have been sanctioned for the erection of a statue honouring the Freedom fighter Venni Kaladi in Tenkasi district at a cost of

Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only), and the construction of the statue is nearing completion.

The construction of a statue honouring Veteran Kuyili, a staunch supporter of freedom fighter Veeramangai Velunachiyar in Sivagangai district at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) is nearing completion.

The construction of a statue honouring freedom fighter "Valukkuveli Ambalam" in Sivagangai district at a cost of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) is nearing completion.

The construction of a stadium with a statue honouring the freedom fighter and martyr Tiruppur Kumaran is underway at Chennimalai in Erode district at a cost of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore only).

Financial sanction has been accorded and construction works are in progress for setting up a Memorial Hall with the statue of Chinnasamy of Keelapazhuvur, who had an unwavering passion for the Tamil Language and who sacrificed his life against the protest of Hindi Imposition in Ariyalur District at a cost of Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore only).

GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

To honour the selfless leaders who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of India and who dedicated themselves to Tamil Nadu's progress, and the scholars who tirelessly contributed to the development of our classical language, Tamil, known as Amuthamozhi, and for the knowledge about their aspirations, noble thoughts, sacrifices, and philanthropic efforts to be told to the younger generation, the Government is actively organizing birth and death anniversaries to commemorate their legacies.

The Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers, and Government officials participate in the Government-organized ceremonies, garland the statues of leaders and pay floral tributes to 120 leaders across various locations, including 41 in Chennai District and 79 in other Districts.

FUNCTIONS ORGANISED AT THE STATE LEVEL

SI. NO	DATE	FUNCTIONS
1	January 17	Birth Anniversary of Bharatha Rathna Dr.M.G.R.
2	January 23	Birth Anniversary of Nethaji Subhas Chandra Bose
3	January 30	Death Anniversary of Annal Gandhiyadigal
4	February 18	Birth Anniversary of Sindhanai Sirpi Singaravelar
5	February 24	Birth Anniversary of Selvi J Jayalalithaa
6	April 14	Birth Anniversary of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar
7	April 17	Birth Anniversary of Dheeran Chinnamalai
8	April 27	Birth Anniversary of Sir.P.T. Thiyagarayar
9	April 29	Birth Anniversary of Paventhar Bharathidasan
10	Chithirai Full moon day	Garlanding the statue of Kannagi and paying floral tributes to the portrait of Kannagi by decorating it with flowers
11	May 20	Birth Anniversary of Ayothithasa Pandithar
12	June 12 (Last friday of Chithirai)	Birth Anniversary of Veerapandiya Kattabomman
13	June 3	Birth Anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar

SI. NO	DATE	FUNCTIONS
14	June 5	Birth Anniversary of Kanniyathendral Quaid-e-Milleth Mohammed Ismail
15	June 24	Birth Anniversary of Kaviyarasu Kannadasan
16	June 25	Birth Anniversary of Thiru. V.P. Singh Former Prime Minister of India, social justice saviour
17	June 26	Birth Anniversary of Ma.Po. Sivagnanam
18	July 7	Birth Anniversary of Rettaimalai Seenivasan
19	July 11	Birth Anniversary of Veeran Azhagu Muthukone
20	July 15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar
21	July 17	'Martyrs Day' Thiyagi Arya (alias) Bhashiyam
22	July 17	'Martyrs Day' Thiyagi Sankaralinganar
23	July 17	'Martyrs Day' Thiyagi Shenbagaraman
24	Aadi18	Death Anniversary of Dheeran Chinnamalai
25	September 5	Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar
26	September 11	Death Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar-Mahakavi day

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27	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna
28	September 16	Birth Anniversary of Ramasami Padayatchiyar
29	September 17	Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar
30	September 27	Birth Anniversary of Dr.Si.Pa.Adithanar
31	September 29	Birth Anniversary of Sivaraj, Former Mayor of Chennai
32	October 1	Birth Anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan
33	October 2	Birth Anniversary of Annal Gandhiyadigal
34	October 24	Death Anniversary of Maruthu Pandiyar
35	October 30	Birth Anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar
36	November 8	Birth Anniversary of Tamil scholar Veeramamunivar
37	November 14	Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
38	November 18	Death Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar - ThiyagaThirunaal
39	November 23	Birth Anniversary of Kavignar Suradha
40	December 10	Birth Anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji
41	December 11	Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

FUNCTIONS ORGANISED IN DISTRICT LEVEL :

SI. No	DATE	FUNCTIONS	PLACE
1	January 3	Birth Anniversary of Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar	Surakulam, Sivagangai District
2	January 15	Birth Anniversary of John Pennycuick	LowerCamp, Theni District
3	January 17	Birth Anniversary of Bharatha Rathna Dr.M.G.R.	Kamarajar Salai, Chennai
4	January 17	Birth Anniversary of Bharatha Rathna Dr.M.G.R.	Salem District
5	January 18 (Thai 5)	Celebrating the day of dedicating the Rajavaikal constructed by Kalingarayan to the Nation	Kalingarayan Dam, Erode District
6	January26	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Sankaralinganar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
7	January27	Birth Anniversary of Swamy Sagajanantha	Chidambaram Cuddalore District
8	February1	Birth Anniversary of Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar	Omandur,Vilup puram District

SI. No	DATE	FUNCTIONS	PLACE
9	February6	Birth Anniversary of Uzhavar Perunthalaivar Narayanasamy Naidu	Vaiyam palayam, Coimbatore District
10	February7	Birth Anniversary of Mozhighnayiru Devaneyya Pavaanar	Satha mangalam, Madurai District
11	January 18 (Thai Poosa Thirunal)	Birth Anniversary of Thirumalai Naicker	Madurai, Madurai District
12	February18	Birth Anniversary of Sindhanai Sirpi Ma.Singaravelar	Royapuram, Chennai District
13	February19	Birth Anniversary of Thamizh Thatha Dr.U.Ve.Sa.	Uthamadhana puram, Thiruvarur District
14	February22	Birth Anniversary of Thillaiyadi Valliammai	Thillaiyadi, Nagapattinam Taluk
15	February24	Birth Anniversary of Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa	SalemDistrict
16	March30	Birth Anniversary of Rebel Muthuramalinga Sethupathi	Ramanatha puram, Ramanatha puram District

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17	April 2	Birth Anniversary of Va.Ve. Subramania Iyer	Varaganeri, Tiruchirap palli city, Tiruchirap palli District
18	April 10	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi P.Seenivasa Rao	Thiruthurai poondi, Thiruvarur District
19	April 13	Birth Anniversary of Pattukottai Kalyanasundaram	Pattukottai, Thanjavur District
20	April 16	Birth Anniversary of Veeran Sundaralingam	Gavarnagiri, Thoothukudi District
21	April 17	Birth Anniversary of Dheeran Chinnamalai	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District
22	April 23 Chithra Pournami	Birth Anniversary of Vallal Adhiyaman	Adhiyaman Kottai Dharmapuri District
23	May 7	Birth Anniversary of Robert Caldwell	Edayangudi, Tirunelveli District
24	May 13 (Last Friday of Chithirai)	Birth Anniversary of Veerapandia Kattabomman	Kayatharu, Thoothukudi District
25	May 13 (Last Friday of Chithirai)	Birth Anniversary of Veerapandia Kattabomman	Panchalan kurichi, Thoothukudi District

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26	May23	Birth Anniversary of Perumpidugu Mutharaiyar	Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District
27	May31	Birth Anniversary of Freedom fighter VellayaThevan	Vallanadu, Thoothukudi District
28	June 10	Birth Anniversary of Valukku Veli Ambalam (Hon'ble Minister announcement 2023)	Kathapattu panchayat, Sivaganga District
29	June 12	Birth Anniversary of Marshal Nesamani	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
30	June 16	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Viswanathadass	Thirumangalam Madurai District
31	June 18	Birth Anniversary of Thiyaga Seelar Kakkan	Thumbaipatti, Near Melur, Madurai District
32	June 23	Birth Anniversary of Pattukottai Alagirisamy	Pattukottai, Thanjavur District
33	June24	Birth Anniversary of Kavignar Kannadasan	Karaikudi, Sivagangai District
34	July6	Birth Anniversary of Tamil scholar Parithimar kalaignar	Vilacheri, Madurai District

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35	July11	Birth Anniversary of Veeran Azhagu Muthukone	Kattalankulam, Thoothukudi District
36	July11	Birth Anniversary of Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar	Kundrakudi, Sivagangai District
37	July15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Kanniyakumari District
38	July15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
39	July15	Birth Anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Thirumalai Salai, Thiyagarayar Nagar, Chennai District
40	July17	Thiyagi Vanchinathan 'Martyrs day'	Sengottai, Tenkasi District
41	July31	Birth Anniversary of Sathavathani Seiguthambi Pavalar	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
42	August 2 & 3 (Aadi 17&18)	Valvil Ori Celebrations	Kollimalai, Namakkal District
43	August 3 (Aadi 18)	Death Anniversary of Dheeran Chinnamalai	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District

SI. No	DATE	FUNCTIONS	PLACE
44	August 3 Aadi18	Death Anniversary of Dheeran Chinnamalai	Sangagiri, Salem District
45	August20	Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Ondiveeran	Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District
46	August21	Birth Anniversary of Pothuvudaimai Veerar Pa.Jeevanandam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
47	August25	Birth Anniversary of Thirumuruga Kirubanantha Variyar swamigal	Kangeyanallur, Katpadi Taluk, Vellore District
48	September 1 (Avani16)	Birth Anniversary of Freedom Fighter Poolithevan	Nerkattum sevel, Thirunelveli District
49	September 5	Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar	Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi District
50	September5	Death Anniversary off reedom Fighter Gopal Naicker	Virupatchi, Dindigul District
51	September 5	Birth Anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar	Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District
52	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna	Anna Square, Chennai District
53	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna	Kancheepuram Kancheepuram District

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54	September 15	Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna	Erode, Erode District
55	September 16	Birth Anniversary of Ramasami Padayatchiyar	Manjakuppam, Cuddalore District
56	September 17	Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar	Erode, Erode District
57	September 17	Birth Anniversary of Thanthai Periyar	Vaikom, Kerala State
58	September 24	Birth Anniversary of Dr.Pa.Sivanthi Adithanaar	Tiruchendhur, Thoothukudi District
59	September 25	Birth Anniversary of Pakutharivu Kavirayar Udumalai NarayanaKavi	Udumalaipettai Tiruppur District
60	October 2	Birth Anniversary of Annal Gandhiyadigal	Kanniyakumari Kanniyakumari District
61	October 2	Birth Anniversary of Annal Gandhiyadigal	All Districts
62	October 4	Birth Anniversary of Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva	Papparpatti, Dharmapuri District
63	October 4	Birth Anniversary of Tiruppur Kumaran	Tiruppur, Tiruppur District
64	October 4	Birth Anniversary of Tiruppur Kumaran	Chennimalai, Erode District
65	October 7	Parambikulam Aliyar Irrigation Project Day	Coimbatore District

SI. No	DATE	FUNCTIONS	PLACE
66	October 9	Birth Anniversary of Periyavar M.Bhakthavatchalam	Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai District
67	October10	Birth Anniversary of Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai	Namakkal, Namakkal District
68	October23	Birth Anniversary of Amuthakavi UmaruPulavar	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
69	October24	Death Anniversary of Marudhu Pandiyar	Thirupattur, Sivagangai District
70	October30	Birth Anniversary of Pasumpon MuthuramalingaThevar	Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram District
71	November 1	Paying tributes to Marshal Nesamani by garlanding his statue in view of the Celebration of the day of the merger of Kanniyakumari District with Tamil Nadu State	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District
72	November 3	Birth Anniversary of Mamannan Rajaraja Cholan	Peruvudayar Thirukovil, Thanjavur District
73	November 11	Birth Anniversary of Suyamariyadhai Sudaroli N.Jeevarathinam	Royapuram, Chennai District
74	November 15	Birth Anniversary of Rao Bahadur Cruz Fernandez	Thoothukudi, Thoothukudi District

SI. No	DATE	FUNCTIONS	PLACE
75	December 10	Birth Anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji	Thorapalli, Krishnagiri District
76	December 11	Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi district
77	December 11	Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar	Triplicane, Chennai District
78	December 12	Athencottasan celebration	Athangudi, Kanyakumari District
79	December 28	Birth Anniversary of Fighter Pollan, Commander of Freedom fighter Theeran, Chinnamalai army.	Erode District

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS CELEBRATED ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT:

Thiruvalluvar Day and Tamil Nadu Government Award Ceremony is celebrated in a grand manner every year on Thiruvalluvar Day in the month of Thai by the Tamil Development Department and Information Department. Thiruvalluvar Award, Thanthai Periyar Award, Perarignar Anna Award, Annal Ambedkar Award,

Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award, Paavendhar Bharathidasan Award, Tamil Thendral Thiru Vi.Ka Award and Ki.Aa.Pe Viswanatham Award were presented to the Tamil Scholars for their contribution to the Tamil Language and its glory.

The Tamil Nadu Government Awards ceremony was presided over by the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on 16.01.2024 at the Secretariat, Chennai.

TAMIL NADU DAY CELEBRATION

Several linguists and scholars strongly advocated for changing the State's name from Madras Presidency to Tamil Nadu. In particular, Thiru. Sankaralinganar took his life through a hunger strike for 79 days for the same cause.

After swearing-in as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Perarignar Anna, at the State Legislative Assembly, on 18.07.1967, renamed the Madras Presidency as Tamil Nadu. From then onward, our State is called "Tamil Nadu".

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced that Tamil Nadu Day will be celebrated every year on July 18. Accordingly, on 18.07.2022, 'Tamil Nadu Day' was celebrated at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai. At this function, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu delivered his special address through video conferencing.

"Tamil Nadu Day" was celebrated in a grand manner on July 18, 2023, in Presidency College, Chennai. The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments attended the ceremony and delivered special addresses.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

A Government Order has been issued to celebrate the birthday of "Mamannar Rajaraja Chozhan" every year as a Government Function at the District level from 2022 onwards (vide: G.O (Ms) No.178, Tamil Development and Information (Function) Department, Date: 3.11.2022).

To honour the bravery and memory of the great warrior "Valukkuveli Ambalam" who fought against the British, whose birthday on June 10, has been declared as a Government Function by the Hon'ble Minister of Tamil Development and Information and it has been celebrated annually since 2023 (vide: G.O (Ms) No.78, Tamil Development and Information (Function) Department, Date: 1.6.2023).

According to the instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the biographies, photo albums and books of Freedom fighters, Language martyrs, Tamil scholars and important leaders were displayed with QR Codes facilities in their Manimandapams, Memorials and Arangams under the control of Information and Public Relation Department and it was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development. The Hon'ble Minister for Information and Public Relations and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments also participated in the program.

(G.O (D) No.166, Tamil Development and Information (Function) Department, Date: 13.12.2023).

On the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, the logo releasing function was presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 02.06.2023. The Chief Guest was Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, former Governor of West Bengal Thiru. Gopala Krishna Gandhi who graced the function with his presence.

To celebrate the centenary function of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar in a way that perpetuates his fame and benefits the public and the youth, order has been issued to form 12 Committees consisting Co-ordinators, Member Secretary and Members under the leadership of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Department and Hon'ble Ministers.(G.O (Ms) No.98, Tamil Development and Information (Function) Department, Date: 22.06.2023).

Exhibitions, cultural programmes, stage performances, debates, conferences, poetic forums, etc., on Muthamizhariagar Kalaigiar at State level events across Tamil Nadu and elocution, essay competition, quiz, painting competition, etc. at district level events in schools and group level sports competitions for youth were conducted by these Committees.

As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 03.09.2021 in the Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu, the birth anniversary of the Dravida Peroli "Pandithar Ayothidasar" on May 20 is being celebrated as Government Function from the year 2024 (vide G.O (Ms) No. 88, Tamil Development and Information (Exhibition/Function) Department, dated 11.6.2024.

PRESS RELEASE SECTION

Press Release Section is an important section in the Department of Information and Public Relations which works on all days continuously to facilitate the public to know about the important announcements, press notes and press releases of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Press notes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Ministers, Press Releases of the Government, Announcements, Welfare schemes, Developmental works, Achievements, news or information regarding Government Functions and programs, programme related photographs, video clippings are instantly sent by the Press Release Section to Tamil, English dailies, Television Channels, News agencies and periodicals. Other State dailies and news portals numbering over 325 through their e-mail to reach the public. Further news have been sent immediately to all the district Information and public relation offices

by e-mail and steps are being taken to release news and photos at the district level too.

All the work required to conduct the press meets of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Ministers is being done by this department.

Coordinating works are being carried out through this section to provide all necessary assistance to reporters and television reporters to gather news related to Government functions attended by the Hon'ble Ministers, the Secretaries to Government departments and visits of important dignitaries.

Important announcements, Press Releases, information related to important events, video footages and photographs released by the Headquarters are uploaded immediately in the Information and Public Relations Department's website using modern technology (www.dipr.tn.gov.in) and provisions have been made to make Tamils all over the world aware of it.

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Today's younger generation is increasingly using social media to stay informed and about the activities of friends and other personalities in different parts of the world.

A separate 'Social Media' Section has been created and is working well to coordinate social media work to provide the people with up-to-date about Press Releases, achievements, photographs and programmes of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and on the Social Media platforms like X, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube to reach the youth and public instantly from May 2021 onwards.

Highlights of important posts of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, programs attended by him and Government of Tamil Nadu's Budget are designed as Social Media Cards and uploaded

to X, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and YouTube for the public to access easily.

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

Whatsapp Channel

As a next initiative, an official Whatsapp channel in the name of "TNDIPR, Govt of Tamil Nadu" was started on 10.06.2024. Provision has been made for the public to get aware about the programs and news of the Government.

It is noteworthy that everyone is benefiting by easily scanning the QR Code given in small size to view the above social media web pages of Government of Tamil Nadu's Information and Public Relations Department.

TAMIL NADU FILMS DIVISION

Tamil Nadu Films Division is carrying out the video coverage works efficiently of all functions attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, important dignitaries, the proceedings of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, other Government programs and also create awareness among the public regarding the welfare schemes announced by the Government and short film about welfare assistance provided by Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers.

Tamil Nadu Film Division is also doing a good job of uploading and broadcasting all the programmes recorded through this section as news clippings to the Government and Private Television Channels through the Tamil Nadu film Division so as to make people aware of such events.

Tamil Nadu Film Division has undertaken the commendable work of filming and broadcasting the important Government functions and events headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister that are compiled as video news magazines with commentary and background music and sent to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV, all District Information and Public Relations offices to be screened on LED Video Van and on social media for public viewing.

Tamil Nadu Films Division plays a major role by producing video news magazines on various welfare schemes of the Government, announcements, achievements and depending on the social changes that are occurring in the society and awareness regarding social welfare. These Video News Magazines, Short films and Jingles are produced in updated theatrical versions and telecasted in all Digital Cinema theatres, Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV, all LED screens in Collectorates and to all District Information and Public Relations Offices to be screened in LED Video Vans, thereby creating

public awareness about various welfare schemes of the Government.

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Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the new official YouTube channel of the Films Division was launched on 16.07.2021 and started uploading welfare programmes provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu on social media.

Further, all the Government programmes are videotaped and uploaded as news packages with background voice and music through the Tamil Nadu Film Division's social media handle (Tamil Nadu Film Division - YouTube) which facilitates people throughout Tamil Nadu to view and provides universal access to people around the world. 3,200 videos have been uploaded from 16.07.2021 till date with 60 lakh viewers.

7,700 videotapes which feature the achievements of great leaders, Former Chief Ministers and government programs are being

digitized and preserved in the Tamil Nadu Film Department.

In order to improve the Media Centre functioning in the Secretariat, new modern technical equipments have been procured at an estimated cost of Rs.14 lakhs and are being used in accordance with modern scientific and technological developments.

COMPLETED WORKS

For the purchase and maintenance of the computer servers and additional equipment needed, to store digitally the black-and-white and colour negative rolls and photographs containing photographs that were captured during Government programs, on a contract basis, works have been completed at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs.

PHOTO SECTION

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

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

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

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

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

REFERENCE SECTION

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

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

In addition, complaints and adverse news published on various Government departments are scanned and sent to the respective Secretaries, Heads of Departments and the District Collectors through Whatsapp immediately.

Furthermore, important newspapers are preserved as bound volumes for future reference.

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

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

FIELD PUBLICITY

The Field Publicity section is functioning with a motive to publicize the schemes and achievements of the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu among the public.

ZONAL OFFICERS

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

Sl. No	Zone	Districts
1	Chennai	Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Tirupathur, Ranipettai, Tiruvannamalai
2	Tiruchi	Tiruchirapalli, Villuppuram, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Karur, Kallakurichi
3	Coimbatore	Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Dharmapuri, Tiruppur, Krishnagiri

4	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli, Kannyakumari, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi, Tenkasi
5	Madurai	Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai
6	Thanjavur	Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai, Pudukottai

PUBLICITY THROUGH LED SCREEN VAN

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

PUBLICITY THROUGH LED TVs

Field publicity is being carried out by screening the awareness short films and video news magazines produced by the Information and Public Relations Department on Government

schemes and achievements using LED TVs, in places such as the District Collectorates in all 32 districts of the State and Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi, where people visit in large numbers.

LARGE - SCALE LED SCREENS

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

ADVERTISEMENT

Advertisements on achievements, schemes, policies and social welfare works of the Government are released by the Information and Public Relations Department in dailies, periodicals, electronic media and social media for the awareness and benefit of the public.

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

The Advertisements are published in Newspapers based on their importance, the target area and the target audience.

TENDER ADVERTISEMENTS

All tender advertisements are published through the National Information Center (NIC) at www.tenders.tn.gov.in using modern electronic

technology facilities at no additional cost in order to access the advertisements by the public easily. Those who are in need can download the tender forms free of cost.

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

TENDER BULLETINS

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

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

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

MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre functions in the Ground floor of the Main building of the Tamil Nadu Secretariat. 12 LED TVs have been installed in this centre and announcements of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and government-related news which are telecasted in the News channels are being recorded. Also, public welfare news is recorded and sent to the departmental officers and actions are being taken.

EXHIBITION

Government exhibitions are being organised so that all rural and urban people in Tamil Nadu can receive the necessary information and get to know about the schemes, achievements and activities of all the departments of Tamil Nadu Government and exultant through the entertainment features as well.

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

Every year, 10 Government Exhibitions are conducted wherein regular Government Exhibitions are conducted at Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirapalli and Vellore and other 4 Government Exhibitions are conducted in other districts for the benefit of people on a rotational basis. Totally, 5,60,517 visitors witnessed the government exhibitions held in the year 2023-2024. Through this, an amount of Rs. 78,89,925/- has been earned by the government.

PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS

Permission for conducting a private exhibition for more than 5 days in the districts is accorded by the Information and Public Relations Department with recommendations obtained from the relevant District Collectors, safety and clearance Certificates from other departments and a cheque for the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund as fixed by the government. For up to five days, permission is accorded by District Collectors only after receiving Demand Drafts of the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund at the district level.

An amount of Rs.6,79,17,000/- was received for the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund through the private exhibitions conducted from 07.05.2021 to 08.02.2024.

ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL IN NEW DELHI

Every year, the Information and Public Relations Department represents the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Annual Flower Festival held in New Delhi to emphasize National Integration and Religious Harmony. The department received third prize in the year 2023-24.

REPUBLIC DAY PAGEANTRY PROCESSION

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Information and Public Relations Department participates in the pageantry floats at the Republic Day Celebrations in New Delhi every year by designing the tableaux according to the theme recommended by the High-Level Committee. It also participates in the cultural programme with the talented artists receiving

tremendous appreciation from the viewers and bringing laurels to Tamil Nadu.

In the procession of tableaux as part of the Republic Day parade which takes place every year in New Delhi, the Republic Day celebrations took place on January 26, 2022, permission was denied by the Government of India for the tableaux designed on the theme "Tamil Nadu's contribution in the freedom struggle" displaying the statues of leaders from Tamil Nadu who had strived for the Indian independence depicting their contribution to the freedom movement. Despite the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin's insistence that the Hon'ble Prime Minister should look into this, the permission was denied. Following this, those two tableaux were sent throughout Tamil Nadu for the people across the state to view and this was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in Chennai. The tableaux went to various districts such as Kanniyakumari and lakhs of people viewed it.

Also, these were displayed in the Republic Day Parade which took place in Chennai.

It is noteworthy that the Information and Public Relations Department participated in the pageantry float this year (2024) in the Republic Day function on behalf of the Tamil Nadu government highlighting the Kudavolai system (a democratic procession) and got the third prize and the first prize for the artistic performance.

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

Also, the department coordinates the designing of tableaux and the procession of the tableaux of various Departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

It is significant that a model of the tableaux of the Kalaignar Centenary Bull Taming Hall inaugurated by the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister at Madurai was designed in the pageantry float of the Information and Public Relations department during the current year's Republic Day celebrations in Chennai.

INDIA TOURIST AND INDUSTRIAL TRADE FAIR, CHENNAI

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

This year, at the 48th India Tourism and Industrial Exhibition which was held at Island Grounds, Chennai, a model of Kalaignar Centenary Bull Taming Hall in Madurai which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was designed to showcase the schemes and

achievements of Information and Public Relations department and this was praised by the Public.

INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, NEW DELHI

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

Each day of the fair is earmarked for each State participating in the India International Trade Fair conducted by Indian Trade Promotion Organization, as their respective State day and the same is celebrated by the respective states with its Ministers and higher officials.

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu through the Information and Public Relations

Department on 17.11.2023, "Tamil Nadu Day Festival" was celebrated grandly with dances performed by folk artistes and village artistes so that the people of other States also get to know the culture and heritage of Tamil Nadu.

Stalls are designed in such a way that people from all walks of life can know the welfare schemes, achievements and benefits of the government of Tamil Nadu and the beneficiaries can get to know the methods of getting welfare assistance, Illustrative photographs and visual objects related to the achievements, projects, policy explanations and development works related to various departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu are arranged in such a way as to attract the viewers.

For the year 2023, for the best display of theme in the Tamil Nadu stall, the state was awarded by the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).

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

PHOTO EXHIBITION ON GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

A sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned every year per district to conduct an annual photo exhibition on the Government's Achievements in all District headquarters of Tamil Nadu including Chennai District, to facilitate people get awareness of the achievements of the Government.

An order has been issued sanctioning Rs.10,00,000 per district and Rs.3,80,000/- for 38 districts to organize photo exhibitions and awareness art programs on the achievements and schemes of the government in all the districts under the theme "A year of Tireless works ".

A photo exhibition was held from 06.05.2023 to 14.05.2023 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, to explain the two-year achievements of the Tamil Nadu Government to the public. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Hon'ble Ministers visited this photo exhibition. Also, school and college students visited in this exhibition. An order was issued sanctioning funds for Rs.32,94,239/- as the event expenditure for holding the said photo exhibition.

Order was issued sanctioning fund of Rs. 1,14,00,000/- to 38 districts at the rate of Rs.3,00,000/- per district to organize a photo exhibition on achievements and welfare schemes of the Government in 38 districts during the financial year 2023-2024.

DISTRICT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICES

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

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

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

The Performance of the District Information and Public Relations Offices is evaluated every month by awarding scores based on the works such as press tour organised by the District Information and Public Relations Officer and Assistant officers headed by the District collector, making arrangements to publish the success stories of the schemes along with the interviews of the beneficiaries of the government schemes in the newspapers, conducting LED Video Van screening, inspecting the screening of the government's news magazine in theatres, conducting photo exhibitions, Carrying out the works to make the 'Tamilarasu' magazine reach the public, publishing handbooks, pamphlets, notices and handling social media etc. and appropriate instructions were also given.

STATE INFORMATION CENTRE, CHENNAI

The State Information Centre is functioning at Chennai Kalaivanar Arangam under the Information and Public Relations Department. A Library is functioning at the State Information Centre for the benefit of all. This library is open on all working days from 9:45 am to 5:45 pm except government holidays. There are around 73,042 books in this library in Tamil and English on various subjects including Tamil and English Literature, Science, Research Articles, Law, Medicine, Psychology, Spirituality, Astrology, Physical Education, Yoga, History, Politics, Culture, Biographies of Leaders, Novels, Short Stories, Poems, educational books and books containing the notes required for all kinds of competitive examinations. These books are available in a well-maintained calm and neat environment for the benefit of all kinds of people such as the Public, Scholars, Artists, Social Activists, Students and Professors.

Also, Tamil and English Dailies, periodical magazines and weekly magazines are available in this library. Notes related to the Assembly Proceedings, Assembly Publications and Publications of the Government Departments are compiled and well-maintained for reference.

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

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

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

TAMILARASU

The Tamilarasu magazine, established on July 1, 1970, by the strenuous efforts of Muthamizharignar Kalaighnar, has been the Print Media of the Government of Tamil Nadu for the past 54 years by compiling all the welfare schemes and achievements of the Government. A monthly magazine called Tamilarasu is being published on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department by combining all the magazines published by the various departments to make all people aware of all the welfare schemes implemented by the Government and about the Government policies.

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

delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs, announcements made under Rule 110 in the legislative assembly, schemes announced on behalf of all the departments, all department-related announcements, detailed articles on district development works, interviews and success stories of beneficiaries across the state who had benefited from the government welfare schemes, short notes on freedom fighters, Tamil scholars and national leaders, a general genre such as literature, short stories, poems and essays so that people from all walks of life can read and benefit.

Also, the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has completed three years. So far, 41 special publications, including 15 special issues, have been published through the 'Tamilarasu' press.

DETAILS OF THE PUBLISHED SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

1.	Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to the debate on the Address of the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu (24.06.2021)
2.	The 100 days achievement issue titled "Thalai Nimirum Thamizhagam, Nootrandin Thisaiyil Nooru Natkal" (August 2021)
3.	Department-wise announcements announced during the debate on demands for grants in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 13.08.2021 to 13.09.2021)
4.	Announcements made under Rule 110 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 24.08.2021 to 13.09.2021)
5.	Special Issue on Unveiling the Bust of Naavalalar Dr. R. Nedunchezhiyan on his birth Centenary (December 2021)
6.	If the people need it, considering the people's interest, we will implement the announcements that were not implemented by the previous government - Reply by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly (March 2022)
7.	One year achievements Magazine titled " <i>Niraivana valarchiyil Nilayana Payanam</i> " (Tamil) (07.05.2022)
8.	Sustained Journey towards all-round growth, one year achievements - (English) (07.05.2022)
9.	"The first year began well, the second year will be an unparalleled one"- Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, under Rule 110 in the

	Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on completion of one year as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (07.05.2022)
10.	Fulfilling the Dreams of every Tamil - Coffe of time (May 2022)
11.	Dravidian Model Government- in the view of Scholars and eminent personalities (May 2022)
12.	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs (from 13.05.2021 to 30.12.2021) Volume-1
13.	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs (from 01.01.2022 to 05.05.2022) Volume -2
14.	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (from 12.05.2021 to 10.05.2022) Volume-1
15.	Announcements made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under rule 110 (from 24.08.2021 to 09.05.2022)
16.	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu (May 2022) Volume -1
17.	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu (May 2022) Volume -2
18.	Idhayam Thirandhu Idhazhgal Paarattu (May 2022) Volume -3
19.	Tamil Nadu Day July 18 (July 2022)
20.	The Centenary of the Educational Revolution (15.09.2022)

21.	V.O.C. 150 th Birth Anniversary Special Issue(18.11.2022)
22.	Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue (11.12.2022)
23.	Ilakkiya Malar 2023 (04.02.2023)
24.	Two years of Governance Unrivalled Excellence - Achievement souvenir (தமிழ்) (6.5.2023)
25.	Two years of Governance Unrivalled Excellence (English) (6.5.2023)
26.	Golden Words of Hon'ble Chief Minister of TamilNadu (6.5.2023)
27.	Speeches delivered by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu in various functions - Volume-3 (from 11.5.2022 to 28.7.2022)
28	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume- 4) (29.7.2022 to 30.9.2022)
29	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume- 5) (5.10.2022 to 9.02.2023)
30	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in various programs - (Volume- 6) (18.2.2023 to 27.4.2023)
31	Speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (18.10.2022 to 21.4.2023)
32	Announcements made under Rule 110 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly (24.8.2021 to 21.4.2023)
33	Journalist Kalaingar -(20.11.2023)

34	Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle (Tamil) (1.11.2023)
35	Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle (English) (01.11.2023)
36	Vaikom struggle (1924-2023). Centenary Magazine (Tamil) (28.12.2023)
37	Vaikom struggle (1924-2023). Centenary Souvenir (Malayalam) (28.12.2023)
38	Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-2023) Centenary Souvenir (English) (28.12.2023)
39	Kalaighnar Centenary Completion Souvenir - Jun - 2024, volume - 1 (03.06.2024)
40	Kalaighnar Centenary Completion Souvenir - Jun - 2024, volume - 2 (03.06.2024)
41	Kalaighnar Centenary Completion Souvenir - Jun - 2024, volume - 3 (03.06.2024)

Especially in the above special publications,

(1) A special issue titled **“Dravidian Model Government in the view of Scholars and eminent personalities”**,

(2) **“Tamil Nadu Day July 18 Special Souvenir”** was released to celebrate the day on which a resolution was passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly by Perarignar Anna to rename the State as “Tamil Nadu”,

(3) A special issue titled '**The Centenary of the Educational Revolution**', summarizing the importance of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme, a grand scheme conceived by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,

(4) Following the announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that the life history of freedom fighters, especially those from Tamil Nadu will be published, a book named '**V.O.C. 150th Birth Anniversary Special Issue**', to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Kappalottiya Thamizhan".

(5) A book named "**Bharathiyar Centenary Memorial Issue**" to mark the death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar - were all released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

(6) The first '**Ilakkiya Malar**' book was released by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in 1997. To follow the tradition and protect Tamil literature,

to exemplify the traditional literature, culture and social development of Tamil Nadu and to encourage hundreds of Tamil Scholars, writers, historians, poets and artists, pieces of work were received from them and they were compiled as a special issue named '**Ilakkiya Malar 2023**', and the same was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 04.02.2023.

(7) Following the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Independence Day speech on 15.08.2021, steps are being taken to bring out a magazine on the Role of Tamil Nadu in the Freedom struggle both in English and Tamil. Further, A special magazine was released on 01.11.2023 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu titled "Tamil Nadu's Contribution to the Freedom Struggle" in both Tamil and English. Former Governor of West Bengal Thiru. Gopala Krishna Gandhi has received its first copy.

(8) On the occasion of the centenary anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, a

special Magazine named 'Journalist Kalaignar' was released on 20.11.2023 in appreciation of his meritorious work in the field of journalism.

(9) Following the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, as a tribute to Thanthai Periyar, special articles on the centenary of the Vaikom struggle, in which he participated and won, have been collected from various scholars and compiled as 'Vaikom Struggle (1924-2023) Centenary Magazine' in three languages viz., Tamil, Malayalam and English. It is noteworthy that these magazines have been released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 28.12.2023 at Periyar ground and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Thiru. Pinarayi Vijayan received its first copy.

PAMPHLETS

The life history of Freedom fighters, Tamil Scholars and Political Leaders was brought out in the form of pamphlets and distributed for public view. In this connection, the biographies of

Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O.Chidambaranar, Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar, Nadigar Thilagam Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan, facts about Valluvar Kottam, facts about India International Trade Fair 2023 and 54th India International Film Fair (Film Bazaar 2023 at Goa) were printed and released.

JOURNALIST WELFARE BOARD

As per the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, an announcement was made in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, during the Assembly session 2021-2022 on 06.09.2021, regarding the formation of a Journalist Welfare Board.

Accordingly, a Government order was issued for setting up a Journalist Welfare Board for the welfare of the Journalists and fixation of subsidies for various welfare schemes.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has honoured the working journalists in Tamil Nadu by announcing them as front-line workers for the first time, as a recognition of the selfless work rendered by them during the COVID pandemic.

JOURNALIST WELFARE FUND

As a measure to collect financial sources for the Tamil Nadu Journalist Welfare Board, the Government has ordered giving 1% of Advertisement charges to the Tamil Nadu Journalist Welfare Board from various advertising agencies that publish government advertisements in the newspapers and it is being credited to the government account.

TAMIL NADU JOURNALIST WELFARE BOARD MEETINGS

Tamil Nadu Journalist Welfare Board meetings have been conducted six times to discuss the various welfare schemes and assistance for Journalists.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

To enrol in the Tamil Nadu Journalist Welfare Board, the Membership Applications are issued through the Press Release Section at the Headquarters and District Information and Public Relations Offices. The filled-in Applications are

being received and verified by the Journalists Welfare Board and so far, 3,270 persons have joined as members.

WELFARE ASSISTANCE FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE JOURNALISTS

A. Scholarship - For two children only

- Rs.1,000/- for Girl children studying Class 10
- Rs.1,000/- for students who passed Class 10
- Rs.1,000/- for Girl children studying Class 11
- Rs.1,500/- for Girl children studying Class 12
- Rs.1,500/- for students who passed Class 12
- Rs.1,500/- for Under Graduate day scholars for each Academic Year
- Rs.1,750/- for Under Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
- Rs.2,000/- for Post Graduate day scholars for each Academic Year
- Rs.3,000/- for Post Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
- Rs.2,000/- for Technical Under Graduate Day scholars for each Academic Year

- Rs.4,000/- for Technical Under Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
 - Rs.4,000/- for Technical Post Graduate Day scholars for each Academic Year
 - Rs.6,000/- for Technical Post Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
 - Rs.1,000/- for Day scholars studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year
 - Rs.1,200/- for Hostel Students studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year
- B. Rs.3,000/- for Marriage Assistance
- C. Rs.6,000/- for Maternity Assistance
- D. Rs.3,000/- for Abortion/Miscarriage Assistance
- E. Rs.500/- for Spectacles Reimbursement (for members only)
- F. Rs.50,000/- for Financial Assistance for natural death
- G. Rs.5,000/- for Financial Assistance for funeral

Details of Welfare Board Assistance

In order to scrutinize the applications received by the Journalist Welfare Board and to select the beneficiaries to extend assistance to the

members, the Journalist Welfare Board Committee has been constituted with the Minister for Information and Publicity as the Chairman, seven official members and six non-official members.

The guidelines for grant of welfare assistance in Journalist Welfare Board and applications have been published in October 2023 and the application form for registration of membership has been uploaded in the website (dipr.tn.gov.in).

During the year 2023-2024, 11 members of the Journalist Welfare Board have been given welfare assistance worth Rs.72,250/-.

JOURNALIST WELFARE

PENSION FOR JOURNALISTS

The Government provides a monthly pension to retired Journalists, who toil day and night to present the news to the public so that they don't face hardship after retirement. A monthly pension is provided to retired journalists who rendered 20 years of service and are in indigent condition. Monthly pension to the journalists has been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.12,000/- from 14.06.2023.

Journalist monthly pension was given to 14 persons in 2021-2022, 50 persons in 2022-2023 and 12 persons in 2023-2024. So far, a total of 308 journalists have been given journalist monthly pension.

JOURNALIST FAMILY PENSION

Family pension is being given to the spouse of the deceased Journalists who had availed pension taking into consideration the welfare of the family. The Journalist family pension from 21.06.2023 has been increased from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.6,000/-.

The journalist family pension was given to 2 persons in the financial year 2021-2022, to 14 persons in the financial year 2022-2023 and to one person in the financial year 2023-2024. So far, a total of 62 journalists' families have been given a journalist's family pension.

JOURNALISTS' FAMILY BENEFIT FUND

Journalists' Family Benefit Fund is being given from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to families of Journalists who died while serving as Editor /Sub-Editor/ Reporter/ Photographer/ Proof Reader.

Since 10.11.2021, Journalists' Family Benefit Fund has been increased to Rs.1,25,000/- for those who have served for 5 years, Rs.2,50,000/- for those who have served for 10 years, Rs.3,75,000/- for those who have served for 15 years and Rs.5,00,000/- for those who have served for 20 years.

Journalists' Family Benefit Fund has been provided to one person in 2021-2022, 21 persons in 2022-2023, 16 persons in 2023-2024 and so far 7 persons in the current financial year. So far, a total of 104 journalists have been given a journalist's family benefit fund.

JOURNALISTS WELFARE FUND

Journalists are provided with medical assistance in case of serious illness during their service and undergoing medical treatment. For this, a sum of Rs. 1,00,00,000 has been allocated for the Journalists Welfare Fund as Corpus Fund and it has been deposited in the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development

Corporation Limited. This fund is generated from the interest accumulated from the deposit of Rs. 1,00,00,000/-. The medical financial assistance provided to journalists was Rs.2,00,000/- and it has been increased to Rs.2,50,000/- from 19.07.2022.

Journalist Welfare Fund Assistance has been awarded to 6 persons in the financial year 2023-2024. So far, a total of 8 persons have been awarded the Journalist Welfare Fund Assistance.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS A SPECIAL EVENT

Financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund has been provided in various cases as a special event as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister from time to time to protect the welfare of journalists. Accordingly, a total of Rs.27,00,000/- has been given as compensation to 6 journalists.

CORONA COMPENSATION AND INCENTIVE

As the compensation amount was Rs.5 lakh to the heirs of recognized media persons who died

due to coronavirus infection, it has been ordered to increase it to Rs.10 lakh from 31.05.2021 and so far a total of Rs.2,40,00,000/- has been given as compensation to the heirs of 26 reporters. Also, a total of Rs.2,89,10,000/- has been given to 5,782 journalists as a special Corona incentive.

GOVERNMENT RENTAL HOUSING

Journalists employed in the media have been allotted quarters at concessional rent in the Tamil Nadu Housing Board flats in Chennai and other districts under the government's discretionary quota.

HOUSE SITES

Housing sites at concessional rates are being allocated with the approval of the District Collector subject to the regulations through the Revenue and Disaster Management Department in cases where there are no objections to Journalists working in the districts who do not own a house or housing site.

ACCREDITATION CARDS

Accreditation cards are being issued through the Information and Public Relations department to journalists working in dailies, photographers, journalists working in television channels and videographers to enable them to gather the news at the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government functions and the functions of important dignitaries. In the current year, new and renewed accreditation cards have been issued to 785 journalists in Chennai and 934 in other districts, totalling to 1,719 persons.

PRESS PASS

Press Pass is given to the Journalists of periodicals through the Information and Public Relations Department to enable them to gather news at important places. 436 Press Pass Cards have been issued to journalists in the current year.

BUS PASSES AT NO COST TO JOURNALISTS

In the current year, those Journalists provided with Accreditation Cards are given bus passes to travel at no cost in buses of the Government Transport Corporation. 3,374 bus passes at no cost have been issued in total, that is, to 457 journalists working in the headquarters and to 2,917 journalists in other districts with the recommendation of the concerned District Collector.

PRESS ROOM

The Press Room equipped with all facilities is functioning effectively to enable the journalists to gather news from the Secretariat and deliver the same to the public instantly.

KALAINAR EZHUTHUKOL AWARD

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Information Department in the Legislative Assembly, orders have been issued for awarding Kalaignar Ezhuthukol Virudhu every

year with a prize amount of Rs. 5 Lakh and a certificate to a journalist who contributes to the development of downtrodden people and for the social upliftment. This award will be presented every year on June 3 on the birth anniversary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.

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

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

Accordingly, the award for the year 2021 was given to Senior journalist Thiru. I. Shanmuganathan and the award for the year 2022 was given to senior journalist Thiru. V. N. Swamy by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Applications are invited for the selection of awardees for the year 2023.

CINE WORKERS WELFARE BOARD

While addressing at the All India Cine workers conference on 09.10.2009 Muthamizharignar Kalaighnar said "Several unorganised labour welfare boards have been formed under various departments of the Government to ensure the welfare of the labour community and various welfare schemes are being provided to the labours and their families through those Boards".

At that conference, he announced that a new Cine Workers Welfare Board would be formed for the welfare of Cine workers, including small screen workers who contribute their service at various levels in the development of the Tamil film Industry after considering the requests of the South Indian Artistes Association and the Tamil film industry.

According to the announcement, G.O(Ms) No.157, Tamil Development and Information Department, dated: 24.08.2023 has been issued. The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information as the Chairman, the Director of Information and Public Relations Department as Member Secretary and 8 official and 11 non-official members have been appointed to the Cine Workers Welfare Board.

Tamil Nadu Film and Television Industries workers and technicians belonging to 39 associations have joined this board. At present, there are 27,091 members in this board.

Financial assistance has been provided to the members belonging to various associations who have participated and contributed to the film and Television Industries through various welfare schemes like Education assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, abortion and miscarriage assistance, spectacle assistance, accident insurance scheme, assistance for natural death, funeral assistance, and the details are as follows:

Details of Welfare Schemes

A. Scholarship

- Rs.1,000/- for Girl children studying Class 10
- Rs.1,000/- for students who passed Class 10
- Rs.1,500/- for Girl children studying Class 12
- Rs.1,500/- for students who passed Class 12
- Rs.1,500/- for Under Graduate Day scholars for each Academic Year
- Rs.1,750/- for Under Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
- Rs.2,000/- for Post Graduate Day scholars for each Academic Year
- Rs.3,000/- for Post Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
- Rs.2,000/- for Technical Under Graduate Day scholars for each Academic Year
- Rs.4,000/- for Technical Under Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year
- Rs.4,000/- for Technical Post Graduate Day scholars for each Academic Year
- Rs.6,000/- for Technical Post Graduate hostel students for each Academic Year

- Rs.1,000/- for Day scholars studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year
- Rs.1,200/- for Hostel Students studying ITI/ Polytechnic for each Academic Year
- B. Rs.3,000/- for Marriage Assistance
- C. Rs.6,000/- for Maternity Assistance
- D. Rs.3,000/- for Abortion/Miscarriage Assistance
- E. Rs.500/- for Spectacles Reimbursement

Accident Insurance Scheme

- Rs.1,00,000/- for death due to accident
- Rs.10,000/- to 1,00,000/- for disability due to accident based on the nature of disability
- Rs.15,000/- for financial assistance for Natural death
- Rs.2,000/- for financial assistance for Funeral-

In the members of the associations belonging to the film industry and Television Industries, the number of beneficiaries benefited from the schemes provided by the Welfare Board and year-wise disbursement of welfare assistance to them. From 2009 to 2022, a total amount of Rs. 1,03,34,750/- has been provided to 2,970 members as welfare assistance.

Applications have been received from 155 members from 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023 seeking welfare assistance for an amount of Rs.8,15,000/- and steps are being taken to provide the same.

An order has been issued to provide 50 percent of the film shooting fees to the Cine Workers Welfare Board to enhance the financial resources of the Cine Workers Welfare Board and the amount has been credited to the government account.

FILM AWARDS, SUBSIDY & TELEVISION AWARDS

Perarignar Anna created the scheme of awarding the film award program after taking charge as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. According to the scheme, since 1968, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been giving film awards to the best Tamil films, best actors, best actresses and best technicians to encourage them to produce quality Tamil films that reflect human sentiments with social ideals.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has set up a selection committee to select the best films, best actors, best actresses and best technicians. The first prize of Rs. 2,00,000/-, the second prize of Rs. 1,00,000/-, the third prize of Rs. 75,000/- and the special prize of Rs. 75,000/-, in addition, mementoes and certificates are awarded to the best films selected by the said selection committee.

Also, a special prize of Rs.1,25,000/- as cash, a memento and a certificate are awarded to the film that portrays women highly.

Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Actor (Special Award), Best Actress (Special Award), Best Villain Actor, Best Comedian, Best Comedian, Best Character Actor, Best Character Actress, Best Director, Best Story Writer, Best Dialogue Writer, Best Music Director, Best Lyricist, Best Dubbing Artiste (Male), Best Dubbing Artiste (Female), Best Cinematographer, Best Sound Editor, Best Film Editor, Best Art Director, Best Stunt Master, Best Choreographer, Best Makeup Artiste, Best Costume Designer, Best Child Artiste, Best Dubbing Artiste (Male) and Best Dubbing Artiste (Female) will be awarded a five sovereign gold medal, memento and certificate each.

The film awards distribution for the years 2009 to 2014 did not take place. According to the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in the Award ceremony that was held on 04.09.2023 at Kalaivanar Arangam, 183 awardees

for the year 2009-2014 were felicitated by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.

The film awards ceremony for the year 2015 was held at Muthamizh Peravai in Adyar, Chennai on 06.03.2024. In the event, the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments presented the awards to 5 producers of the best films with a cheque and 29 were awarded with a 5 sovereign gold medal, a memento and a certificate each.

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

KALAI GNAR NINAIVU KALAI THURAI VITHAGAR AWARD

A person with outstanding achievement in the Tamil film industry is conferred with the "**Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award** " in the name of Muthamizharingar Kalaighnar.

Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award is presented every year on the birth anniversary of Kalaighnar on June 3. The awardee selected for the award will receive a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh and a certificate of appreciation.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu personally visited Thiru. Aaroor Das, the Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Awardee for the year 2022, and honoured him with a cheque worth Rs.10,00,000/- and a certificate of appreciation.

On the occasion of the centenary of Muthamizharinagar Kalaighnar and as an honour to femininity, an additional female Artiste will be

awarded the **Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award** for the year 2023 exclusively.

In this way, an advertisement will be published in the leading newspapers inviting applications for the **Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award** and the applications will be received from the members of the Cine field and the selection committee constituted exclusively will consider the applications and recommend them to the Government.

KALAIIGNAR NINAIVU KALAI THURAI VITHAGAR AWARD

'Kalaithurai Vithagar Awards' are being presented by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the names of Perarignar Anna who was unique in many fields of the film industry like writing, acting and cinema, N.S. Krishnan, an Artist who made people think through laughter, 'Ezhisai Mannar' Thiagaraja Bhagawathar, who attracted people with his hypnotic voice, Rajasandow, a multi-

faceted actor who excelled through hard work, 'Makkal Thilagam' Dr. M.G.R., Nadigar Thilakam Sivaji Ganesan a pioneer of acting, Kaviyarasu Kannadasan who created time-tested songs and former Chief Minister Selvi. J. Jayalalitha.

Artistes receiving these awards are presented with a 5 sovereign gold medal and a memento each.

GOVERNMENT FILM SUBSIDY

In order to encourage filmmakers with low budgets, the Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a scheme of providing Government subsidies to Tamil films produced and released at low budget. Through a selection committee set up by the Government of Tamil Nadu, quality Tamil films produced and released at a low budget are selected and each film is granted a subsidy of Rs.7,00,000 through this scheme.

In order to award the Government film subsidy for the years 2015 to 2022, a selection committee has been formed under the

chairmanship of Hon'ble retired Justice S.K. Krishnan and the work of selecting the films for Government subsidy is in progress.

SMALL SCREEN AWARDS

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, small screen awards are presented to the actors, actresses and technicians of the small screen serials that play a major role in people's daily lives.

The first prize of Rs.2,00,000/- and the second prize of Rs.1,00,000/- along with a memento and a certificate are awarded to the best serial.

Also Best Story Writer, Best Screenplay Writer, Best Dialogue Writer, Best Director, Best Cinematographer, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Character Actor, Best Character Actress, Best Villain Actor, Best Villain Actress, Best Child Artiste, Best Background Music Director, Best Dubbing Artiste (Male), Best Dubbing Artiste (Female) and Best Special Effects technician are

selected and awarded with a three sovereign gold medal, a memento and a certificate each.

Also, the Best Achiever of the Year and Best Lifetime Achiever are awarded a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, a memento and a certificate each.

Since 2009 to 2013, the Small Screen Awards have not been given even after the Government Order was issued in 2017. These awards were presented to 101 small screen artistes in a ceremony held on 04.09.2022 as per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

In order to award the Small Screen Awards, the Government of Tamil Nadu for the years 2014 to 2022, a selection committee has been formed with Hon'ble retired Justice G. M. Akbar Ali as the chairman and the work of selecting the awardees is in progress.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Government of Tamil Nadu has given a grant of Rs.75,00,000/- for the year 2021, Rs.75,00,000/- for the year 2022 and Rs.85,00,000/- for the year 2023 for the International Film Festival held in Chennai. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, a grant of Rs.12,00,000 for the year 2022 and Rs.15,00,000/- for the year 2023 were offered for the International Film Festival of India held in Goa by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

AWARDS TO THE STUDENTS OF TAMIL NADU MGR FILM AND TELEVISION TRAINING INSTITUTE

Government Order for presenting awards to 30 students of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute student awards for the academic year 2008-2009 to 2013-2014 was issued in 2017 to award 30 people but the awards were not awarded. These awards were presented in a function held on 04.09.2022 as per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Five students received the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute Student Awards for the academic year 2014-2015 and they were presented with 1 Sovereign Gold Medal, a Prize of Rs.5,000, a Memento and a Certificate at the Film Awards during the function held at the Muthamizh Peravai in Adyar, Chennai on 06.03.2024. The awards were presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.

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

Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute is a pioneer institute for imparting training in film production, nuances of technical education and Artistic sensibilities. The main objective of this institute is to teach students the techniques and other film related subjects required for production of various films and TV shows.

Tamil Nadu M.G.R. Film and Television Institute has a long historical background. This Institute was functioning as a part of the Central Polytechnic Institute from 1945. From 1960 onwards, it emerged as a separate Training Institute. Thereafter, this Film Institute was called as "Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute" from 09.08.2021 onwards. This institute has been functioning since November 6, 1964 in its present premises, effectively for more than 50 years.

Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute functions under the Information Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, sprawling over an area of 15.25 acres in Taramani, Chennai. In this institute, necessary technologies required for producing films of various genres and functions to teach students other film-related allied subjects.

To benefit the students studying in Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute and those from the film industry, works for establishing 3 shooting locations with modern technologies in the premises at a cost of Rs. 39.33 crore will commence soon.

The Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute is the only College for Film and Television functioning in India that was established by a State Government. Diploma courses offered in this institution for the past 50 years have been upgraded to Bachelor of Visual Arts degrees for the first time in India with the affiliation of Tamil

Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University from the academic year 2016-2017.

DEGREE COURSES

The following degree courses are offered by this Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Training Institute.

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

From the academic year 2019-2020 onwards, the Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) degree is being awarded to the Students.

STUDENTS ADMISSION

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FILMS PRODUCED BY STUDENTS

The government has enhanced the amount for the production of Documentary Films by the students of Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Training Institute from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1,00,000/- from the financial year 2023-24 onwards. In the Final academic year, the final year students from all 6 courses are grouped into 14 units and inclusive training is given to each unit to produce a short film and 14 short films in total.

SHORT FILM AWARD

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

FILM EDUCATION AWARD

The Film Education Award has been awarded to the short films of the students of the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Training Institute participating in the Chennai International Film Festival from the year 2022-2023 onwards.

S.No.	Academic Year	Title of the Short Film
1.	2022-2023	"Oomai Vizhi"
2.	2023-2024	"The Lost Herd"

GOA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Short films of students of Tamil Nadu Government MGR Film and Television Training Institute were screened at a special short film screening for students at the 54th International Film Festival held at Goa in November 2023 and were greatly appreciated by film professionals.

The following short films made by students were screened there.

S.No	Title Short Films
1.	Aval
2.	The lost herd
3.	Dream Pill
4.	Dawn
5.	3 Piece Light

TRAINING ON THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS

In order to keep pace with the changing technology in the film industry, the students of Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute are trained with the latest equipment and accessories on par with the film industry by hiring the latest equipment at an annual allocation of Rs.1,50,00,000/-.

COMPLETED WORKS

According to the announcement made in the Demand for Grants 2022-2023, the basic infrastructural facilities in the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute such as the shooting location with air-conditioning facilities, court building, jail building, hostel, etc., have been renovated at a cost of Rs. 5.09 crore.

For the use of the students studying in this institute, the dining hall has been renovated at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs.

In the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute, infrastructure works including construction of seminar halls, training divisions, maintenance works and painting, setting up name boards, repairing old, damaged buildings, repairing electric line and upgrading sanitation facilities have all been completed at a cost of Rs. 1.58 crore.

CINEMA, VIDEO AND CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS

Cinema is one among the popular entertainments, easily accessible to all classes of general public. Cinema plays a vital role in the State of Tamil Nadu. In the early 1950's most of the films were revolving around the stories of epics and mythology. Later, they were replaced with films emphasizing the social reforms and rich tamil language, which paved the way for sustainable development of almost all sectors in Tamil Nadu viz., literacy, social security and health care. Tamil Nadu is the only State where socialism, secularism, equality, fraternity, self respect and social reforms are advocated strongly and followed by the people. Further, in order to encourage the comprehensive growth of this Industry, the Government have been giving subsidies of Rs.7,00,000/- to quality Tamil films with social awareness and good messages

produced in low budget and released in theatres. The film industry has been a source of revenue for local bodies and the Government. The film industry provides employment to thousands of cinematographers and technicians. Cinema plays a vital role in business, reflecting the practice and custom of the people, moving the wheels of economy in huge flow of cash.

Cinema Theatre is the place where all the people sit together under the same roof. In order to promote and regulate Cinema Theatres in the State, the Government of Tamil Nadu had enacted the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1955. Further, the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 have been framed to streamline the Cinema Theatres and also ensure the availability of basic amenities, safety, comfort and hygienic environment to the spectators visiting the cinema theatres.

1095 Cinema Theatres in Tamil Nadu are categorized under 4 categories and their details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Categories		No. of Theatres
1.	Permanent Cinema Theatres	:	1017
2.	Semi-Permanent Cinema Theatres	:	20
3.	Touring Cinema Theatres	:	5
4.	Open Air Cinema Theatres	:	1
	No. of New Theatres opened in 2023	:	52
	Total	:	1095

As per the provisions made in the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1955, the District Collectors of all the Districts, except Chennai District are designated as Competent Authority for granting of No Objection Certificate to construct cinema theatres and to issue 'C' Form licence for screening of movies in cinema theatres. In respect of Chennai, the Commissioner of Police is the competent authority for granting No Objection Certificate and for issuing 'C' Form licence in this regard. As per this Act, the Joint Commissioner of

Revenue Administration and the Government in Home Department are the Appellate and Revisional Authorities respectively for Renewal of Licence in Theatres. In addition to this, to safeguard the interest of the cinema viewing public, the Government have revised the rates of admission to the cinema theatres in Tamil Nadu as per the Act, as below:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>A.C.</u>		<u>Non-A.C.</u>	
	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
Multiplex	Rs.150/-	Rs.50/-	-	-
Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats	Rs.100/-	Rs.40/-	Rs.80/-	Rs.30/-
Village Panchayats	Rs.75/-	Rs.25/-	Rs.50/-	Rs.20/-

Under special circumstances like festivals, etc., the Government after careful consideration have

permitted special shows to all cinema theatres all over Tamil Nadu. The competent authorities have the power to suspend exhibition of films in case of any breach of peace. Penalties shall be imposed on the owner or person in charge of the cinema theatres, in case of contravention of the provisions of the said Act or of the Rules.

In 2023, the following important amendments were made to the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 for align with the modern digital technology, improved safety measures and to faster employment growth in the film sector:-

- To reflect the evolving skill set required for operating modern digital cinema, the nomenclature of existing 'Cinema Operator' has been changed to 'Digital Projection Technician'.
- The Department of Employment and Training will offer specialized short term skill training programs for Digital Projection Technicians fostering new employment opportunities.

In 2023, the Government have revised the Tamil Nadu Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1957 for changing the validity period of renewal of Form "C" Licence for Cinema Theatre buildings are as follows :-

- I. In respect of buildings with Framed Structure, which falls within 0 to 35 years of construction, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be 3 years; and for buildings above 35 years, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be only 2 years;
- II. In respect of buildings with Load Bearing Structure, which falls within 0 to 20 years of construction, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be 3 years; and for buildings above 20 years, the validity of Structural Soundness Certificate shall be only 2 years.

CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK SYSTEM:-

The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (Central Act 7), regulates the Cable

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

No. of Offences committed by the Cable TV Operators by violating the rules and regulations

Year	No. of Offences committed by the Cable TV Operators by violating the rules and regulations
2021	08
2022	05
2023	2
2024 (30.04.2024)	-
Total	15

COPYRIGHT ACT

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

of copy right, infringement pertaining to Cinematographic films, musical works etc.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT ENFORCEMENT CELL (IPREC)

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

In view of the increased work load of collecting intelligence and successful prosecution, 6 more units were formed and each unit is headed by one Inspector of Police and the existing strength of units were augmented. The newly created six units are functioning at Chennai-II, Vellore, St. Thomas Mount, Cuddalore,

Virudhunagar and Dindigul. During the October, 2017, the Government of Tamil Nadu has ordered to rename the Video Piracy Cell Unit as Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell with powers to investigate cases linked to Copyrights Act, Trademark Act, Design Act, Patent Act, GIG Act, Protection of Plant Varieties and Former's Rights Act, Semi-conductor Integrated Circuit Layout Design Act, Biological Diversity Act among other things. Presently, 12 Units are functioning all over the State with the sanctioned strength of 1-Superintendent of Police, 1-Deputy Superintendent of Police, 12-Inspectors, 14-Sub-Inspectors and 79-Other Ranks, totalling to 107 Personnel.

Orders have been issued by the Government for merger of Prohibition Enforcement wing units and Narcotics Intelligence Bureau Crime Investigation Department units so as to form a single composite unit namely Enforcement Bureau Crime Investigation Department and to re-organize Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell.

The Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell (IPREC) is under the supervision of a Superintendent of Police and the cell consists of six units namely Headquarters Chennai, Chennai City and each 1 unit at four Zones [North (Vellore), West (Coimbatore), Central (Trichy), South (Madurai)].

The details of cases registered by the Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell from the year 2021 to 2024 (up to April) are as follows:-

Year	No. of Cases registered by the Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell	No. of accused arrested			Under Investigation	Under Trail	Conviction	Acquittal/ Charge Abated/ Mistake of fact/ Further Action Dropped/ 468 Cr.PC.	Value of properties seized by the Intellectual Property Right Enforcement Cell (Rs.)
		No. of accused	Arrested	41(A) Cr.PC (Notice of appearance before Police Officer)					
2021	151	129	6	123	9	21	89	32	63,37,806
2022	87	88	2	84 + 2 Absconding	7	13	63	4	73,75,104
2023	111	118	7	111	23	17	58	13	75,23,369
2024 (30.04.2024)	24	40	8	32	24	-	-	-	15,87,598
Total	373	375	23	352	63	51	210	49	2,28,23,877

CONCLUSION

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said, "The economy of the state and the economy of individuals should become self-sufficient. Our Tamil society should be elevated by thought, culture, civilization and customs. That is, we should become a society of human rights without inequality and discrepancies."

In line with the statement of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Department of Information and Publicity plays a major role in promoting Tamil society as a society of human rights by bringing the schemes and achievements of the Tamil Nadu government to the people through various sections including Press Release Section, Photo Section, Reference Section, Social Media Section, Programs Section, Field Publicity Section, Publicity Section, Memorials Section, Exhibition Section, Journalist Welfare Board, Film Industry Welfare Board, Tamil Nadu Film Division, Tamil Nadu M.G.R. Film and television training

institute, State Information Centre, 'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine, special publications and offices of District Information and Public Relations.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu often quotes the words of Perarignar Anna, "Go to the people! Live with them! Love them! Learn from them! Start with what they know! Build from what they have! After the task is accomplished, satisfy them and come back!". The Department of Information and Publicity will continue to work in the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, with the determination to help the development of Tamil Nadu by establishing a close link between the Government and the people of Tamil Nadu.

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

ANNEXURE - I

Budget Estimates 2024-2025

(Rupees in Thousands)

	2022-2023 Accounts	2023-2024 Budget Estimate	2023-2024 Revised Estimate	2024-2025 Budget Estimate
2059 PUBLIC WORKS	1,63,68	2,40,00	3,49,38,	2,43,50
2205 ART AND CULTURE	9,62	11,08	12,11	11,83
2220 INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY	134,48,91	139,00,96	153,63,96	142,93,10
2230 LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT	48,39	45,00	53,08	45,00
2235 SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE	1,65,08	2,67,61	4,53,97	4,93,91
2250 OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES	12,52	16,34	17,00	15,39
4202 CAPITAL OUTLAY ON EDUCATION, SPORTS, ART AND CULTURE	...	1	1	1
4220 CAPITAL OUTLAY ON INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY	1
TOTAL	138,48,20	144,81,00	162,49,51	151,02,77



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**
greeted the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity
Thiru.M.P. Saminathan, before he presented the Tamil Nadu Budget for 2023-2024.
(Secretariat, Chennai – 10.04.2023)



Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity,
Thiru. M.P. Saminathan conducted inspection
at the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute.
(Taramani, Chennai - 09.03.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** paid floral tribute to a portrait of Annal Ambedkar on the occasion of Day of Equality.
(Raja Annamalai Puram, Chennai - 14.04.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**
paid floral tribute to a portrait of freedom fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai.
(Guindy, Chennai - 17.04.2023)



Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development
Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the QR Code based 360 degree
angle view of Memorials and Statues of eminent personalities and launched
them for public viewing.
(Kamarajar Salai, Chennai – 02.05.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated a photo exhibition displaying photos on the 2 years achievements of the Government on behalf of the Information and Public Relations Department.
(Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai - 06.05.2023)



The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development
Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin handed over a copy of Tamilarasu magazine to the
1,00,001st subscriber. (Anna Centenary Library Hall, Chennai - 11.05.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** released the logo for Muthamizharignar Kalaingar Centenary Celebrations, in the presence of the former Governor of West Bengal Thiru. Gopalakrishna Gandhi.
(Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai - 02.06.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of Dr. P. Subbarayan, former Chief Minister of Madras Presidency.
(Gandhi Mandapam campus, Chennai - 05.09.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of the former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and paid floral tribute to his portrait.
(Anna University campus, Chennai – 15.10.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of Dravidian luminary Iyothee Thass Pandithar. (Gandhi Mandapam Complex, Chennai – 01.12.2023)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open a Memorial Pillar for Perumpulavar Kaniyan Poongundranar at Mahibalanpatti, Sivagangai District, through video conferencing.

(Secretariat, Chennai – 22.01.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the renovated memorial of Perarignar Anna and the newly constructed memorial of Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar, the incomparable leaders of Tamil society.

(Marina Beach, Chennai – 26.02.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of Perarignar Anna at the inauguration of Perarignar Anna's renovated memorial and the newly constructed Muthamizharignar Kalaigarnar memorial.

(Marina Beach, Chennai – 26.02.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M. K.Stalin** unveiled the statue of Tamil savant Dr. Mu. Varadarajan with domed hall, and inaugurated the statue of Thiyaagi Annal Thango, statue with memorial hall of Rettaimalai Srinivasan, Manimandapams for Perarasu Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar, Sir A. T. Panneerselvam and Thiru. M. K. Thiyagaraja Bhagavathar, and a new statue of Veeran Sundaralingam in his Manimandapam, showing him seated on his horse and engaged in battle.

(Secretariat, Chennai – 27.02.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, presented Kalaingar Ezhuthukol Virudhu to senior journalist Thiru. V.N Samy.

(Secretariat, Chennai – 08.03.2024)



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**
handed over housing allotment order of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board
to the Member of Parliament, Thiru. S. Venkatesan under Kanavu Illam Thittam.
(Secretariat, Chennai – 08.03.2024)



The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, **Thiru. M.P. Saminathan**, inspected and reviewed the ongoing renovation works and works that are being brought to public use in a modern manner, at Chennai Valluvar Kottam, at an estimated cost of Rs. 80 crore, on 20.06.2024. Officials of the Public Works Department were present during the inspection.