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However many challenges we face, we will victoriously surmount all the challenges with the support of the people. This is so because Amma's Government is implementing the schemes that are needed by the people.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
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INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN'S CHARTER

OBJECTIVES

- To effectively propagate the ideas, ideals and policies of the Government.
- To carry information on the schemes of the Government to the doorsteps of the people.
- To effectively use mass-media for dissemination of such information.
- Create awareness among the people particularly among the rural masses about the welfare measures.
- Disseminate information on policies and programmes of the Government through periodical exhibitions.
- Function as a 'Nodel Agency' for release of advertisements of the various Government Departments, Undertakings and Corporations.
- Publications of periodicals for the benefit of the public, detailing Government schemes.
- Honouring of renowned leaders and freedom fighters by establishing and maintaining suitable memorials as well as by organizing Celebrations in their honour.
- Encourage Cinema by subsidies to low budget good films and by presenting awards to the outstanding film performances annually.

1. Valluvar Kottam, Chennai

Sl. No.	Programmes permitted	Whom to apply	Sanctioning Authority	Rent	Appellate Authority
1.	Government Programmes, Literary Programmes, Conferences, Poets Meets, Government and Private functions/Other Programmes approved by the Government	Information and Public Relations Officer, Valluvarkottam, Chennai – 34. ☎044-28172177 Cell: 9498042416	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044-25671300 (Through Joint Director (Memorials)) ☎044-25676226	Rs.30,000 per day (Full day) EB Deposit Rs.8,000	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044-25672887
2.	Exhibitions/ Commercial Programmes	Information and Public Relations Officer, Valluvarkottam, Chennai – 34. ☎044-28172177 Cell: 9498042416	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044-25671300 (Through Joint Director (Field Publicity)) ☎044-25671132	For Exhibitions/ Commercial Programmes- Rs.60,000/- per day EB Deposit Rs.8,000 Chief Minister's Relief Fund – Rs.7,500 (if entrance fee is not collected) Rs.12,000 (if entrance fee is collected)	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044 -25672887

- Orders will be issued for Arangam Allotment only. Other arrangements should be made by the allottees themselves. (Generator, Decorative Lights, Chairs, Decorations, etc.)
- Valluvar Kottam will be open on all days. Public can visit from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Entrance Fee: Adults Rs.10 and Children Rs.5
- No entry Fee for Private Exhibitions and Functions.

2. Gandhi Mandapam (Open Air Theatre), Chennai

Sl. No.	Programmes permitted	Rent	Whom to apply	Sanctioning Authority	Appellate Authority
1.	University Functions, Convocation and other Programmes	Rent - Rs.10,000 per day (GST - 18%) Cleaning charges - Rs.5,000 EB Deposit - Rs.2,500	Information and Public Relations Officer, Rajaji Mandapam and Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai – 600 002.	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600009.	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
2.	College Programmes, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Spiritual Programmes (Secular)	Rent - Rs.10,000 per day (GST - 18%) Cleaning charges - Rs.5,000/- EB Deposit - Rs.2,500	☎044 - 25333635	☎044 - 25671300 (Through Joint Director (Memorials))	☎044- 25672887
3.	Programmes conducted by Schools and Non Government affiliated institutions	Rent - Rs.6,000 per day (GST - 18%) Cleaning charges - Rs.4,000 EB Deposit - Rs.2,500	Cell: 9498042415	☎044 - 25676226	
4.	Gandhian Institutions, Gandhian studies for youth	Rent - Rs.2,000 per day (GST - 18%) Cleaning charges - Rs.2,000/- EB Deposit - Rs.2,000			

Allotment Conditions

- Action on the Applications – Except for Government Departments, other allottees should submit permission letter obtained from the Commissioner of Police. After it is submitted, action will be taken on the allotment.
- The Information Department grants permission only for Allotment of the area.
- Permission from the Police and other Departments should be obtained by the allottees.
- The allottees should refrain from causing any damage to the lawn area in Gandhi Mandapam campus.
- Cleanliness should be maintained in Gandhi Mandapam campus.
- Plastic items should not be used inside the Gandhi Mandapam campus. Paper and Palm leaf products can be used as an alternative to plastic products. A fine of Rs.10,000/- will be levied if plastic items are used.

3. Mootharignar Rajaji Memorial, Gandhi Mandapam Campus, Chennai

Programmes permitted	Whom to apply	Sanctioning Authority	Rent	Appellate Authority
Only Programmes permitted	Information and Public Relations Officer, Rajaji Mandapam and Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai – 600 002. ☎044- 25333635 Cell: 9498042415	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600009. ☎044-25671300 (Through Joint Director (Memorials) ☎044-25676226	Rent - Rs.5,000 per day (GST - 18%) Cleaning charges - Rs.2,000 EB Deposit - Rs.2,000	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044-25672887

- Action on the Applications – Except for Government Departments, other allottees should submit permission letter obtained from the Commissioner of Police. After it is submitted in the Rajaji Hall Office, action will be taken on the allotment.
- The Information Department grants permission only for allotment of the area.
- Permission from the Police and other Departments should be obtained by the allottees.
- Plastic items should not be used inside the Gandhi Mandapam campus.
- The allottees should refrain from causing any damage to the lawn area in Gandhi Mandapam campus.
- Cleanliness should be maintained in Gandhi Mandapam campus.
- Allotment is only for conducting programmes in Mootharignar Rajaji Memorial. Other arrangements should be made by the allottees themselves. (Generator, chairs and other arrangements)

4. Quaid-e-Milleth Mohammed Ismail Manimandapam, Chennai

Programmes permitted	Whom to apply	Sanctioning Authority	Rent	Appellate Authority
Conferences and Literary Programmes conducted by Government Departments and Private Companies, subject to conditions	Information and Public Relations Officer, Rajaji Mandapam and Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai – 600 002. ☎044- 25333635 Cell: 9498042415	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600009. ☎044-25671300 (Through Joint Director (Memorials) ☎044-25676226	Rent - Rs.3,000 per day (GST - 18%) EB Deposit - Rs.1,000 Caution Deposit of Rs.1,000 to prevent damage of articles in the Manimandapam,	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044-25672887

- Electricity Bill (according to consumption) should be paid by the allottees.
- Allottees can use drinking water and seating arrangements available. However, additional facilities should be arranged by the allottees themselves.
- Allottees should conduct only programmes for which permission has been obtained. Playing Music/other actions which compromise the sanctity of the campus should not be allowed by the allottees.
- Arrangements like keeping barricades should not be done without obtaining prior permission.
- Entry should not be restricted to public.
- Entry fee should not be collected.
- The allotment will be cancelled if there is any Government function.
- Prior Permission should be obtained from the Chennai City Police Commissioner by Religious Organisations.
- Sufficient precautions should be taken in order to avert fire and other accidents.

5. Mahakavi Bharathiyar Illam, Chennai

Programmes permitted	Whom to apply	Sanctioning Authority	Rent	Appellate Authority
Programmes on Bharathiyar, Literary Programmes, Poets Meet, Government Functions, Book release functions and other programmes approved by Government	Information and Public Relations Officer, State Information Centre, Kalaivanar Aranga Valagam, Wallajah Road Chennai – 600 002. ☎044-25333024	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600009. ☎044-25671300 (Through Joint Director (Memorials)) ☎044-25676226	Rent - Rs.10,000 per day Literary Programme – Rs.5000 Caution Deposit Rs.5,000 EB Charges - Rs.500 (for first 20 units only) Additional usage Rs.10/- per unit	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044-25672887

- The rent for the Arangam shall be paid in the form of a Demand Draft drawn on any nationalized Bank in favour of “The Information and Public Relations Officer, Bharathiyar Illam, Chennai – 600 005” payable at Chennai and should be paid at the time of allotment.
- For private functions and other programmes, the application for allotment should be submitted 10 days before. This rule does not apply for Government functions.
- The allotment will be confirmed only after payment of full rent amount.
- This allotment is temporary.
- The Government is authorized to cancel the allotment.
- If the Government cancels the allotment, the full rent amount will be returned as per rules.
- If the allottee cancels the allotment 20 days before, 25% of the rent amount will be deducted.
- If the allottee cancels the allotment between 10 and 20 days before the allotment date, 50% of the rent amount will be deducted.
- If the allottee cancels the allotment between 3 and 10 days before the allotment date, 75% of the rent amount will be deducted.
- If the allottee cancels the allotment 3 days before, 90% of the rent amount will be deducted the programme for which allotment has been requested alone will be permitted.

6. Kalaivanar Arangam

Programmes permitted	Whom to apply	Sanctioning Authority	Appellate Authority
Government functions, University Convocation function, School day function, Art and Culture related programmes, Music Programmes, National / State level Industrial conferences, Policy related meetings of Embassies in Chennai, Annual General Meetings of Multi National Companies, Lectures of famous Academicians and Scientists and Programmes approved by Government	Information and Public Relations Officer, Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai – 600 002. ☎044 - 25330333 Cell: 9498042417	Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044 - 25671300 (Through Joint Director, Memorials) ☎044 - 25676226	The Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. ☎044 - 25672887

Details of Charges

A. Auditorium

Type of Hall	No. of seats	Allotment Timings	Rent (inclusive of Airconditioning charges)	Electricity charges	EB Deposit (All programmes)
Auditorium	1050	10 A.M. to 10 P.M.	Rs.3,65,000	Rs.60,000	Rs. 60,000
		10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.20,000	Rs.20,000
		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.20,000	Rs.20,000
		6 P.M. to 9 P.M.	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.20,000	Rs.20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 50% concession in rent will be given to Government functions for which concession has been obtained. • Electricity charges will be levied according to usage. • A 50% concession in rent will be given to Amateur Drama Troupes, Theatre groups and Sabhas as per G.O.(Ms) No.140, Information and Tourism Department, dated 31.05.1994. 					
(Service taxes and Maintenance Charges extra)					

B. Multipurpose Hall

Type of Hall	No. of seats	Allotment Timings	Rent (inclusive of Airconditioning charges)	Electricity charges	EB Deposit (All programmes)
Multi purpose Hall	1000	10 A.M. to 10 P.M.	Rs.1,75,000	Rs.50,000	Rs.50,000
Multi purpose Hall	500	10 A.M. to 10 P.M.	Rs.87,500	Rs.25,000	Rs.25,000
A 50% concession in rent will be given to Government functions for which concession has been obtained and Electricity charges will be levied according to usage.					
(Service taxes and Maintenance Charges extra)					

C. Conference Hall

Type of Hall	No. of seats	Allotment Timings	Rent	Electricity charges
Conference Hall	Seating arrangements should be done by the allottee	10 A.M. to 10 P.M.	Rs.4,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.3,000 (Extra hour Rs. 300)
		10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Rs.2,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.1,500 (Extra hour Rs. 300)
		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	Rs.2,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.1,500 (Extra hour Rs. 300)
		6 P.M. to 9 P.M.	Rs.2,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.1,500 (Extra hour Rs. 300)
Caution Deposit - Rs.5,000				
EB Deposit – Rs.3,000				
Electricity charges will be levied according to usage.				
Service taxes and Maintenance Charges extra.				

D. Mini Hall

Type of Hall	No. of seats	Allotment Timings	Rent	Electricity charges
Mini Hall	136	10 A.M. to 10 P.M.	Rs.6,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.3,500 (Extra hour Rs.300)
		10 A.M. to 1 P.M.	Rs.3,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.1,750 (Extra hour Rs.300)
		2 P.M. to 5 P.M.	Rs.3,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.1,750 (Extra hour Rs.300)
		6 P.M. to 9 P.M.	Rs.3,000 (Extra hour Rs.500)	Rs.1,750 (Extra hour Rs.300)
Caution Deposit Rs.5,000				
EB Deposit - Rs.3000				
Electricity charges will be levied according to usage.				
Service taxes and Maintenance Charges extra.				

E. Verandah


Type of Hall	Area	Electricity charges
Airconditioned	Verandah	10.00 A.M. to 8.00 P.M. – Rs.25,000 (10 hours) (Rs.2,500 per hour)
EB Deposit – Rs.25,000 Extra hour - Rs.2,500		
Non Airconditioned	Verandah	10.00 A.M. to 8.00 P.M. – Rs.10,000 (10 hours) (Rs.1,000 per hour)
EB Deposit - Rs.10,000 Extra hour - Rs.1,500		

Conditions for allotment

- Programmes in which the President of India, Prime Minister of India, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Central and State Ministers and V.I.Ps are participating will be given preference in allotment.
- Prior permission should be obtained from the Director of Information and Public Relations for conducting such programmes.
- Allotment of Kalaivanar Arangam for any programme is subject to the decision of the Government.
- The applications for allotment for private functions and other programmes shall be submitted 60 days prior to the date of allotment and 40 days prior to the date of allotment for Sabhas. This rule shall not apply to Government functions.
- At the time of Allotment, the rent amount shall be remitted in the form of Demand Draft payable at Chennai, in favour of "The Information and Public Relations Officer, Kalaivanar Arangam issued by a Nationalized Bank.
- The allotment will be confirmed only after the full rent amount is remitted.
- This allotment is temporary.
- The Government is authorized to cancel the allotment, if a request for conducting Government functions is received for the same day.
- If Government cancels the allotment, the entire rent amount will be returned to the allottee, subject to Government rules.
- Changes in the date and time of allotment will not be entertained.
- After permission is granted for allotment, if the programme is cancelled 20 days prior to the date of allotment, 25% of rent amount will be deducted, if it is cancelled between 10 and 20 days prior to the date of allotment, 50% of rent amount will be deducted, if it is cancelled between 3 and 10 days prior to the date of allotment, 75% of rent amount will be deducted, if it is cancelled within 3 days prior to the date of allotment, 90% of the rent amount will be deducted.
- The person who seeks allotment shall submit a copy of his Identity Proof (Aadhaar card/Ration Card)
- The Allottee cannot transfer his allotment to another person.
- The programme for which permission has been granted alone should be conducted, Permission will not be given to conduct programmes related to Politics, Caste and Religion.
- The Programmes at Kalaivanar Arangam should be conducted in such a manner that they don't tarnish the reputation of the Government.
- Cleanliness should be maintained in the Arangam.
- At any cost, the number of persons inside the Kalaiarangam should not exceed its permissible capacity.
- Cooking of any kind of food items is not allowed inside the Arangam.
- The Allottees should ensure that no damage is caused to the articles in the Arangam (Bulbs, Chairs and other articles). The Allottee shall pay a caution deposit of Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only). This amount will be returned if there is no damage.

- The Allottee shall pay Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) as Cleaning charges during the time of allotment. This amount is non-refundable.
- An amount of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) per hour should be paid for using the Generator in the Arangam. The Allottee himself should fill diesel in order to use the Generator.
- The Allottees shall stick to the time slots allotted to them. If there is no prior allotment given for the extra time availed, then the Allottee shall pay Rs.5,000 (Rupees five thousand only) per hour towards Electricity Charges. This amount shall be deducted from the caution deposit paid. If there is any prior allotment, the allottees shall ensure that the Programme is completed within the stipulated time.
- Allotment is given only for the Arangam. The area outside the Arangam should be used for parking vehicles only. The Allottee shall appoint a supervisor for the vehicle parking area.
- Prior Permission from the Director should be obtained for arranging extra facilities outside the Arangam.
- The area outside the Arangam (Verandah) should not be used for putting up shops of any kind. Prior Permission should be obtained for conducting Exhibitions. An amount of Rs.60,000 will be levied as Rental charges (excluding Electricity charges).
- The Allottee himself should make arrangements for additional Audio, Video equipments and extra chairs in the stage. Prior Permission from the Director should be obtained for this. The Electricity charges for the additional Audio, Video equipments will be levied as per usage.
- While applying for allotment, permission from Police Department should be obtained and submitted for conducting private programmes in order to ensure safety and traffic control.
- Fire engine should be arranged by the Allottee himself through the Fire and Rescue Services in order to ensure safety.
- The Arangam shall be used under the guidance and supervision of the Information and Public Relations Officer, Kalaivanar Arangam. (Damages like drilling nails into the walls etc. in the building should be avoided)
- Companies which hire Kalaivanar Arangam on rental basis shall appoint a Programme Co-ordinator to carry out the tasks related to the Programme. If any damage is caused to furniture and other articles in the Arangam, the cost shall be borne entirely by the Programme Co-ordinator.
- Persons intoxicated by liquor etc. will not be permitted to enter the Arangam.
- Plastic items should not be used inside the Arangam.
- The approval of the Hon'ble Minister should be obtained for important programmes and programmes in which prominent Government leaders participate.
- In case any problem occurs during the programmes, the decision of the Administration is final.
- The expenses towards stage arrangements for Dramas conducted by Amateur Drama Troupe, Theatre groups and (Sabhas) should be borne by the allottees themselves.

7. STATE INFORMATION CENTRE

 044 - 25333024

The State Information Centre is functioning in the Omandurar Government Estate, at the premises of Kalaivanar Arangam with a library and a reading room.

About 60,200 books on various subjects such as Tamil and English language, Literature, History, Cultural, Religious, Biographies of leaders, Children's books, Science, Spiritual books, Law books, Health and Engineering etc., are available here. In the reading room of the State Information Centre, Tamil and English daily newspapers, periodicals and weeklies are kept for the benefit of the Public. The Publication of Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly and Government Publications are kept for the reference purposes. These reference materials are provided to the Government as and when required.

Students of Schools and Colleges, visit the library for collecting reading materials for oratorical and essay competitions. A large number of public visits the library everyday.

8. TAMILARASU

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Tamilarasu is a monthly magazine of the Government of Tamil Nadu. It is being published both in Tamil and English through the Department of Information and Public Relations.

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Tamilarasu publishes information on the schemes being implemented through various Departments, works relating to welfare of the public, policy decisions of the Government, speech of the Hon'ble Governor in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, reporting of the Government functions wherein the Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicate welfare schemes to the people, success stories of beneficiaries who have benefitted from welfare schemes, and articles on family welfare, medicine, agriculture, general essays on public welfare and short stories.

Tamilarasu also publishes special publications. Special publications include compilation of the speeches of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in various meetings and Government functions, speeches of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Announcements, and achievements issue by compiling the achievements made in all Government Departments every year. Folders and special pamphlets on Leaders and Thiyagigal are also printed and sent to be kept in the memorials across Tamil Nadu which are under the control of Information and Public Relations Department.

Small size telephone directories with important numbers of the Government offices are also printed for the use of the officials of this Department. Public who wishes to get this small telephone directory can buy it from Tamilarasu office by paying Rs.15 per copy. Invitations for Government functions, applications required for various sections of Information and Public Relations Department, forms, wall posters of social causes are also printed in Tamilarasu press.

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To keep pace with the ever changing times, with a view to benefit the younger generation, college students and for renewal of the subscription a website www.tamilarasu.org has been created and being used.

9. FILM AWARDS, SUBSIDY AND SMALL SCREEN AWARDS

FILM AWARDS

The Government have been presenting awards to the best Tamil Feature Films, Artistes and Technicians since 1968.

THE PRIZE DETAILS OF THE FILM AWARD

First Prize	:	Rs.2,00,000/-	with a memento
Second Prize	:	Rs.1,00,000/-	with a memento
Third Prize	:	Rs. 75,000/-	with a memento
Special Prize	:	Rs. 75,000/-	with a memento

Government have also ordered a Special prize of cash award of Rs.1.25 lakh to the Best Tamil Feature Film which portrays women in good light and which promotes the cause of women and upholds their dignity.

The following Awards are constituted by the Government for Artistes and Technicians:

- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Actor (Special Award)
- Best Actress (Special Award)
- Best Child Artiste
- Best Comedian(Male)
- Best Comedian (Female)
- Best Villain Artiste
- Best Director
- Best Story Writer
- Best Dialogue Writer
- Best Music Director
- Best Lyricist
- Best Play Back Singer (Male)
- Best Play Back Singer (Female)
- Best Cameraman

- Best Sound Recordist
- Best Editor
- Best Art Director
- Best Dance Master
- Best Stunt Master
- Best Make-up Man
- Best Costume Designer
- Best Dubbing Artiste (Male)
- Best Dubbing Artiste (Female)
- Best Character Artiste (Male)
- Best Character Artiste (Female)

Each award carries a gold pendent weighing 5 sovereign and a memento.

Government Order had been issued for the Presentation of awards to the best feature films, Actor, Actress & Technicians for the Years 2009-2014.

These awards will be presented at a Function, to be held shortly. Award will be presented by the Hon'ble Chief minister.

PROCEDURE TO APPLY

Eligibility		How to apply	
1.	Feature film means a 35mm/Cinemascope film not less than 3000 metre in length or 90 minutes duration in digital technology.	1.	Cost of Application Rs.10
2.	Dubbed films and other language films are not eligible.	2.	A Demand Draft for Rs.100 as Registration fee drawn in favour of Director, Information and Public Relations Department should be enclosed with duly filled-in application.
3.	Documentaries and Educational Films are not eligible.	3.	Application with proper documents should be sent to: The Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
4.	Films should be certified by the Censor Board before January 1st to December 31st of the respective Calendar year.	4.	Screening charges Rs.1,000

VETERAN AWARDS

Awards have been instituted in the name of Arignar Anna, Kalaivanar N.S.Krishnan, Raja Sandow, M.G.R., Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan, Kavignar Kannadasan and M.K.Thiyagaraja Bhagavathar and Puratchi Thalaivi Amma J Jayalalithaa for presentation to veterans in the film world. The awards for the Veterans are announced by the Government, whereas the above 27 awards are selected by a committee constituted by Government.

Each of the awardee is presented with a 5 sovereign Gold medal and a memento.

SUBSIDY FOR LOW BUDGET TAMIL FEATURE FILMS

Eligibility		How to apply	
1.	The film should not have vulgar, obscene and objectionable scenes or dialogues	1.	Cost of Application Rs.10
2.	Feature film means a 35mm/Cinemascope film not less than 3000 metre in length and minimum of 8 prints and maximum of 25 prints. Digital Film not less than 90 minutes duration. Film Screening Minimum 8 to 81 theatres on release date.	2.	A Demand Draft for Rs.100 as Registration fee drawn in favour of Director, Information and Public Relations Department should be enclosed with duly filled-in application.
3.	Dubbing Films from other languages are not eligible.	3.	Application with proper documents should be sent to: The Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
4.	Documentaries and Educational Films are not eligible.	4.	Screening charges Rs.1000/-
5.	should have obtained Censor certificate and released before December 31 st of the Calendar year		

- Under this Scheme, the selected low budget Tamil Feature Films are awarded Rs.7 lakh each
- Subsidy will be granted based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee constituted by the Government.
- On 20.06.2018 For 149 Tamil Film Producers Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has presented a Cheque Rs.7 Lakh Each.

SMALL SCREEN AWARDS

The Tamilnadu Government is presenting small screen awards to best mega serials, Short serial, Actors, Actresses and Technicians of small screen.

For the best mega serial a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh for the First prize and a Cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh for the second prize are given along with a memento and a Certificate.

1. Best story writer
2. Best screenplay writer
3. Best dialogue writer
4. Best director
5. Best Cinematographer.
6. Best Editor.
7. Best Hero.
8. Best Heroine.
9. Best Character Actor
10. Best Character Actress.
11. Best Villain actor.
12. Best Villain actress.
13. Best child artist.
14. Best Music director.
15. Best Dubbing Artist (Male).
16. Best Dubbing Artist(Female).
17. Best Special effects Technician.

Eligibility		How to apply	
1.	Mega Serials and Short serials which was telecasted from January 01 to December 31.	1.	Cost of Application Rs.10
2.	If Mega Serial, 130 Episodes must be telecasted within the Examined Year.	2.	Screening charges Rs.2000
3.	If Short Serial Minimum 26 Episodes must be telecasted on TV within the Examined Year.	3.	Registration Fee Rs.100
		4.	Application with proper documents should be sent to: The Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9

Each awardees will Get 3 Sovereign Gold medal, a memento and a Certificate.

Cash award of Rs.1 lakh a memento and a Certificate are given to the Best achiever of the Year and Best life time achiever.

A Government Order has been Issued for the presentation of these awards for the serial telecast between the years 2009 and 2013. These awards will be presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, at a Function to be Held shortly.

(e) SUBSIDY FOR INDIAN CINEMA CENTENARY FUNCTION AND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

To bring laurels to film industry, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma granted, on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government, Rs.10 crore as subsidy to the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce for organizing a function to celebrate the centenary of Indian cinema. The function was held from 21.09.2013 to 24.09.2013 in which The Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and Chief Ministers of other States participated.

The Tamil Nadu Government gave Rs.4 crore as subsidy for International Film Festivals held at Chennai at different periods. Details are as follows:

- For the 9th Chennai International Film Festival held between 14.12.2011 and 22.12.2011 - Subsidy Rs. 25 lakh.
- For the 10th Chennai International Film Festival (12.12.2012 to 20.12.2012) – Subsidy Rs. 50 lakh.
- For the 11th Chennai International Film Festival (12.12.2013 to 19.12.2013) Subsidy Rs.50 lakh.
- For the 12th Chennai International Film Festival (18.12.2014 to 25.12.2014) Subsidy Rs.50 lakh
- For the 13th Chennai International Film Festival I (06.01.2016 to 13.01.2016) Subsidy Rs.50 lakh
- For the 14th Chennai International Film Festival (05.01.2017 to 12.01.2017) Subsidy Rs.50 lakh.
- For the 15th Chennai International Film Festival (14.12.2017 to 21.12.2017) Subsidy Rs.50 lakh
- For the 16th Chennai International Film Festival (13.12.2018 to 20.12.2018) Subsidy Rs.75 lakh

10. M.G.R. Government Film and Television Institute Students Award

Awards are presented to the Students of M.G.R. Government Film and Television Institute which consists of One Sovereign Gold Medal, Cash Award of Rs.5,000/- and a Memento for the category of Best Director, Best Cinematographer, Best Editor, Best Sound Recordist and Best Film Processor for their Short Films.

The Awardees will be selected by the Committee constituted by the Government.

Government Order viz. G.O.No.131, Tamil Development & Information (FT-2) Department, dated 13.07.2017 issued to present “M.G.R. Government Film and Television Institute Students Award” for the Academic Years from 2008 – 2009 to 2013 – 2014.

11. M.G.R. GOVERNMENT FILM & TELEVISION INSTITUTE TARAMANI, CHENNAI - 113

☎ 044 - 22542212

Admission of Students

Tamil Nadu Film and Television Institute was renamed as M.G.R. Government Film and Television Institute vide G.O (MS). No. 436, Information and Tourism (F.T.1) Department, Dated 16.11.2007.

M.G.R. Government Film and Television Institute which was offering Diploma courses were upgraded to Degree Courses (B.V.A) It is affiliated Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University as per G.O. No.106, Tamil Development and Information (F.T.1) Department, Dated 29.01.2015. and G.O.101, Tamil Development and Information (F.T.1) Department, Dated 23.06.2016.

Bachelor of Visual Arts:

Sl. No.	Courses	Duration	Qualification	No. of Students
1.	Cinematography	4 Years	+ 2	12+2**
2.	Digital intermediate	4 Years	+ 2	12+2**
3.	Audiography	4 Years	+ 2	12+2**
4.	Direction and Screen Play Writing	4 Years	+ 2	12+2**
5.	Film Editing	4 Years	+ 2	12+2**
6.	Animation and Visual Effects	4 Years	+ 2	12+2**

** One seat is reserved for candidates from other States and one seat for son/daughter of the persons connected with the Film Industry and duly sponsored by the President, South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, Chennai - 6.

- The notification for Student's Admission will be published in daily Newspaper during May - June of every year.
- Admission of students will be held during July - August.


1. Tuition Fees - Rs.15,000 (per annum)
2. Special Fees - Rs.2000 (per annum)
3. Development Fees - Rs.1000 (per annum)
4. Caution Deposit - Rs.500/ (Refundable after the Completion of the course)

Note:

SC/ST candidates are exempted from payment of tuition fee only.

12. TAMIL NADU FILMS DIVISION, CHENNAI – 600 002

Chief Producer

 044 - 25333044

Tamil Nadu Films Division covers all Government welfare Schemes and functions of Hon'ble Chief Minister and releases them as video news magazines throughout the State for video publicity work of the Government. All Welfare Schemes and functions are produced as short films and News Magazines and with a Censor certificate issued by Government of India Central Board of Film Certificate are released to theatres for screening. They are uploaded in digital format from Secretariat Media centre to all Digital theatres in Tamilnadu through Private service providers like Real image Technology Pvt.Ltd., Qube Cinemas, UFO Moviez Pvt. Ltd, Scrabble digital, Prasad Extreme Digital, Onesource Techmedia, Pro visual, Aerox Digital Cinemas. Video News Magazines are uploaded in digital format and sent to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd., and to all District PRO offices for screening in LED Vans.

13. CINE WORKERS WELFARE BOARD CHENNAI – 600 002.

Assitant Director

 **044-25333054**

Government of Tamil Nadu has created Cine Workers Welfare Board for the welfare of Tamil Nadu Film and Television Industries workers, technicians and their family members. It functions under the Information and Public Relations Department and provides various assistance to the members.

Workers and Technicians of 39 associations of the Tamil Nadu Film and Television Industries are eligible for membership of the Tamil Nadu Cine Workers Welfare Board.

Members of Film and Television industries are provided with financial assistance as mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Welfare Schemes	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Financial Assistance for Education	
(a)	Girl Children Studying 10 th std	1,000
(b)	Girl Students who passed 10 th std	1,000
(c)	Girls studying 12 th std	1,500
	Students who passed 12 th std (Both Gender)	1,500
(d)	Regular Graduate students (Both Gender)	1,500
	Regular Graduate students with hostel facility (Both Gender)	1,750
(e)	Regular Post Graduate students (Both Gender)	2,000
	Regular Post Graduate students with hostel facility (Both Gender)	3,000
(f)	Technical Education students (Both Gender)	2,000
	Technical Education students with Hostel facility (Both Gender)	4,000
(g)	Technical Post Graduate students (Both Gender)	4,000
	Technical Post Graduate students with Hostel facility (Both Gender)	6,000
(h)	Students studying I.T.I/Polytechnic (Both Gender)	1,000
	I.T.I / Polytechnic Course students with hostel facility (Both Gender)	1,200

Sl. No.	Welfare Schemes	Amount (Rs.)
2.	Marriage Assistance	2,000
3.	Maternity Assistance	6,000
4.	Abortion Assistance	3,000
5.	Reimbursement for spectacles	500
6.	Financial Assistance in the event of	
(a)	Death due to accident	1,00,000
(b)	Disability due to accident (Based on the nature of disability)	10,000 to 1,00,000
7.	Financial Assistance for Natural death	15,000
8.	Financial Assistance for Funeral	2,000

The application can be obtained from their respective association or Assitant Director / Administrative Officer, Cine Workers Welfare Board, Kalaivanar Arangam, Wallajah Salai, Chennai – 2.

The Government has nominated the Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity as Chairman and the Director of Information and Public Relations as the Member Secretary of the Cine Workers Welfare Board.

Following are the Members: **Official Members** - Secretary, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretary, Finance Department Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Secretary, Labour and Employment Department, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes Department, Deputy Secretary (Cinema), Home Department, Commissioner, Labour Welfare Department and Commissioner, Land Administration.

Non-Officials Members - R.V.Udhayakumar (Director), P.Vasu (Director), Liaquat Ali Khan (Dialogue Writer), Mohan Gandhiraman (Director), Ramarajan (Actor), T.K.Kala (Actress and Singer), Pushpa Kandasamy (Producer), Nanchil P.C.Anbazhagan (Director) and Selvi. L.R.Eswari (Playback singer).

This Board peruse the applications and select the beneficiaries.

14. PRESS ACCREDITATION CARD

Eligibility	How to apply	Whom to apply	Appellate Authority
<p>1. Minimum 3 years experience as a journalist</p> <p>2. Should be a working journalist as defined in the Working Journalists Act & employed as a full time press Representative.</p> <p>3. Minimum 3 years experience as a Private Television Reporter and Cameraman</p>	<p>Application with the following certificates/ documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experience Certificates 2. Appointment order 3. Pay Certificate 4. Recommendation letter from the Editor 5. Two passport size colour photographs 	<p><u>Head Quarters:</u></p> <p>Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.</p> <p><u>Districts:</u></p> <p>Other than Chennai Through the concerned District Information & Public Relations Officer.</p>	<p>Secretary to Government, Tamil Development & Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. ☎ 044 -25672887</p>

Press Accreditation Card will be given upto a maximum of 9 Reporters and 2 Photographers for a daily in Chennai and two Reporters and one Photographer for a daily in Districts. Press Accreditation Card will be given to 10 persons of a Private TV Channel on the recommendation of the Press Accreditation Committee.

Following Concessions are given to Accreditation card holders: Bus pass for free travel in Government buses, 50% concession in railway fare, preference in providing telephone connection, and in allotment of the TNHB rental/own flats.

15. PRESS PASS

Eligibility	How to apply	Whom to apply	Appellate Authority
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum circulation of the journal should be 20,000 Nos. 2. New Magazines should have been in circulation at least for 1 year 3. Minimum 2 years work experience 4. Should be a full-time employee 	<p>Application with the following certificates/documents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Experience certificates 2. Appointment order 3. Pay Certificate 4. Certificate for circulation of the journal 5. Two Passport size colour photographs 	<p><u>Head Quarters:</u></p> <p>Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.</p> <p><u>Districts:</u></p> <p>Other than Chennai through the concerned District Information & Public Relations Officer.</p>	<p>Secretary to Government, Tamil Development & Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. ☎ 044 -25672887</p>

Press Pass will be given to two Reporters and one Photographer for a journal on the recommendation of the Press Pass Committee.

16. JOURNALIST PENSION

Eligibility	How to apply	Whom to apply	Appellate Authority
<p>1. Should have completed 58 years of age.</p> <p>2. Should have 20 years of service as full-time Editor/Sub Editor/ Reporter/ Photographer/Proof Reader of a Newspaper/Periodicals (Should have 10 years of service in the case of differently-abled or suffering from incurable diseases)</p> <p>3. The annual family income should not exceed Rs.72,000/-</p> <p>4. Gratuity received from the former employer shall not exceed Rs.3,00,000/-</p> <p>5. The emoluments received by the applicant during his/her service shall not exceed Rs.3,00,000/- per annum</p>	<p>Application with the following certificates/documents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate from Educational Institution regarding age proof. 2. Certificate showing the designation and the place of work. 3. Certificate regarding any pension received from Central or State Government. 4. Medical Certificate in case of differently-abled/suffering from incurable diseases) 5. Certificates regarding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Date of retirement (b) Annual family income (c) gratuity (d) Maximum salary last drawn in the year 6. Two passport size photographs of the applicant 7. Applicant's spouse details for receiving Family Pension after his/her death. <p>In case, the applicant is unable to produce the Experience Certificate for 20 years, they shall produce the following documents as proof of experience.</p> <p>*Appointment order *Press Accreditation Card *Press Pass *ID Card issued by the District Collector *Appreciation certificate issued by the Employer *Proof of EPF remittance</p>	<p>Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.</p> <p>Through the concerned District Information & Public Relations Officer.</p>	<p>Secretary to Government, Tamil Development & Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai- 600 009. ☎ 044-25672887</p>

Rs.10,000/- is given as monthly pension to the retired journalists who are in indigent conditions.

17. JOURNALIST FAMILY PENSION

Eligibility	How to apply	Whom to apply	Appellate Authority
Spouse of the deceased retired journalist who received Journalist Pension.	<p>Along with the application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Death Certificate of the Pensioner 2. Legal heir Certificate 3. Two passport size Photographs 	<p>Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.</p> <p>Through the concerned District Information & Public Relations Officer.</p>	<p>Secretary to Government, Tamil Development & Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. ☎ 044 -25672887</p>


Under this Scheme, a sum of Rs.5,000/- per month, is being given to the spouse of the deceased retired Journalist who received Journalist Pension.

18. JOURNALIST FAMILY BENEFIT FUND

Eligibility	How to apply	Whom to apply	Appellate Authority
<p>In case of demise while in service, Family Benefit Fund will be sanctioned to Editor/sub-Editor/ Reporter/Photographer/ Proof-Reader of a Newspaper/Periodical as follows:</p> <p>20 years of service – Rs.3,00,000/- 15 years of service – Rs.2,25,000/- 10 years of service – Rs.1,50,000/- 5 years of service - Rs.75,000/-</p>	<p>Along with application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Death Certificate 2. Legal heir certificate 3. Certificate from the employer containing designation and full-time employment details 4. Two passport size photographs of the deceased journalist 5. Residence Certificate 6. Recommendation from Press Association. <p>In case, the applicant is unable to produce the Experience Certificate of the deceased, has to produce the following documents as a proof of experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Appointment order * Press Accreditation Card * Press Pass * ID Card issued by District Collector * Appreciation certificate issued by the Employer * Proof of EPF remittance 	<p>Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.</p> <p>Through the concerned District Information & Public Relations Officer.</p>	<p>Secretary to Government, Tamil Development & Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. ☎044 -25672887</p>

Under this scheme, Journalist family benefit fund is sanctioned from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

19. JOURNALIST MEDICAL WELFARE FUND

Eligibility	How to apply	Whom to apply	Appellate Authority
<p>1. The applicant must be a full-time working journalist</p> <p>2. Should have a minimum of 5 years work experience</p> <p>3. Application for treatment should be sent before one month.</p> <p>4. After the treatment, the bills in original should be sent within 3 months along with the medical report</p> <p>5. Annual income will not be taken into account for providing journalists' medical welfare fund.</p> <p>6. Journalist who receives Journalist pension is eligible for 50 per cent of medical welfare fund.</p> <p>7. The recommended hospitals and treatments mentioned in the Government Order issued by the Health and family welfare department from time to time will only be considered.</p> <p>8. The recommendation committee will decide on the amount to be given under the journalists' medical welfare fund upto a maximum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)</p>	<p>1. Employment certificate / If the applicant is a journalist pensioner then the Government Order for receiving pension</p> <p>2. Income certificate</p> <p>3. Experience certificate</p> <p>4. Xerox copy of the Ration card/Voter's identity card for address proof</p> <p>5. Two passport size photographs</p> <p>6. A report from the doctor of the approved hospital on the applicant's nature of disease, the treatment/surgery required, tentative cost of the treatment/surgery with the seal of the doctor and the round seal of the hospital should be enclosed along with the application.</p>	<p>Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.</p> <p>Through the concerned District Information & Public Relations Officer.</p>	<p>Secretary to Government, Tamil Development & Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.</p> <p> 044 -25672887</p>

Required forms for all the Journalist Welfare Schemes may be downloaded from the Department website www.tndipr.gov.in

20. ADVERTISEMENT

The Advertisement wing of Information and Public Relations Department functions as the nodal agency for the release of all the advertisements of the Government Departments, Boards, Universities and Government undertakings in dailies.

Advertisements are released about Tamil Nadu Government's achievements, Schemes, Policies and welfare measures in dailies, journals and electronic media, at the cost prescribed by the Government.

Advertisements on tenders for development and other works are also published by this Department.

Advertisements are also released in Medium and Small Newspapers in order to encourage them. Selection of Newspapers for release of advertisements is being done based on their circulation, Area of coverage and Target people coverage.

TENDER ADVERTISEMENTS

All Government tender advertisements are released using modern technology to reach the public easily without additional expenditure in the Government website www.tn.gov.in and in www.tenders.tn.gov.in through the National Informatics Centre. Tender forms can be downloaded free of cost.

As the tender advertisements are released in newspapers and uploaded in the Government website as well, transparency in Government administration is ensured. This facilitates participation by all eligible persons in Government tenders without any partiality.

TENDER BULLETIN

The general public has to be made aware of all the Government activities in a transparent manner. To ensure this, the Districts / State Tender Bulletins are released every week under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Rules 2000 framed there under.

Rs.10 lakh to Rs.25 lakh procurement estimates and Rs.25 lakhs to Rs.50 lakhs works estimates are released in Districts Tender Bulletins.

Procurement estimates above 25 lakh and works estimates above Rs.50 lakh are released in State Tender Bulletin.

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

21. FIELD PUBLICITY

With a view to enable people in remote villages to know about various schemes of the Government so that they can make use of them and also to document the Government's achievements in terms of benefits received by the people, for the first time, a new section known as Field Publicity Section was started in the year 2013.

In order to improve the functioning of this Section, 32 new LED Screen fitted vans with the state-of-the-art technology have been procured and given to all Districts. These LED Vans publicize Government Schemes and achievements at places where people gather in large numbers and also at the venues of Government Functions.

Field Publicity is also being carried out by installing LED Screens in all 32 District Collectorates where people visit in large numbers, 3 Taluk offices in Chennai and Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi through which short films on various Schemes and achievements are screened continuously.

22. EXHIBITION

Government Exhibitions are organised by the Information and Public Relations Department on behalf of the Government so as to enable people to easily understand the schemes, achievements and activities of the Government.

The Government Exhibitions paves way for the visiting people from rural and urban areas, apart from understanding the schemes and achievements of the Government, also to enjoy the amusements and recreation provided in the exhibition, so that they return to their homes with fulfilment.

Central and State Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings and private concerns take part in these exhibitions. It is noteworthy to mention that apart from providing information on Government schemes and entertaining the visiting public, the Government exhibitions also provide direct and indirect employment opportunities to several people. In order to help poor drama artistes, they are provided opportunities to conduct cultural programmes.

A sum of Rs.5000/- is given as honorarium to poor drama artistes for conducting plays/ programmes in the Government exhibitions.

Ten Government exhibitions are organised in Tamil Nadu every year. They are organised in the District Headquarters of Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Vellore, Tirunelveli and Tiruchirappalli and in four other Districts on rotation basis.

PRIVATE EXHIBITIONS

Private exhibitions conducted by private individuals solely for commercial purpose were streamlined by framing suitable rules and regulations so as to benefit the visiting public. Permission for conducting private exhibitions in the Districts is given by the Information and Public Relations Department based on the recommendations from the District Collector.

FLOWER FESTIVAL IN NEW DELHI (PHOOL WALON KI SAIRE)

Every year this Department represents Government of Tamil Nadu in the Annual Flower Festival (Phool Walon – ki – Saire) organized in New Delhi for the promotion of National Integration and Religious Harmony.

REPUBLIC DAY PAGEANTRY PROCESSION

One of the tasks of the Information and Public Relations Department is to participate in the pageantry of floats at the Republic Day Celebrations in Chennai and New Delhi every year, and also to co-ordinate the procession of the pageantry of floats at the Republic Day celebrations in Chennai.

ALL INDIA TOURIST AND INDUSTRIAL TRADE FAIR, CHENNAI

This Department participates in the All India Tourist and Industrial Trade Fair (Island Ground) at Chennai every year and put up a separate stall showcasing the policies, activities and achievements of the Government with photographs and models so as to educate and create awareness among the visiting public.

INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, NEW DELHI

This Department also participates every year in I.I.T.F, New Delhi displaying the policies, activities and achievements of the State Government. The Exhibition opens a venue for providing employment opportunities to many people. Since, this Fair is conducted on all India basis, the participating States will have the opportunity to know about the schemes and achievements of Tamil Nadu especially the schemes of Public Health, Higher Education and Rural Development Departments which bagged the awards from the Government of India. Further it creates a marketing opportunity to the products by the women self help groups. Employment opportunities are also created through those exhibitions.

MINI EXHIBITIONS AT PANCHAYAT UNION LEVEL

As ordered by the Government, Mini exhibitions are being conducted in all Panchayat Unions in 32 Districts of Tamil Nadu so as to bring awareness on welfare schemes, achievements and activities of the Government among the people.

PHOTO EXHIBITIONS

Photo Exhibitions are being conducted during festivals and Government Functions in all Districts to create awareness on Government Welfare schemes to the public.

As ordered by the Government, Photo Exhibitions highlighting the Government schemes and achievements are being conducted every year in all 32 Districts of Tamil Nadu.

23. GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

In order to create awareness to the public, Government Functions are being conducted on the eve of birthdays and death anniversaries of such incomparable, selfless, dynamic leaders who fought for India's freedom and scholars who toiled for their entire life time for the development of Tamil so that the priceless sacrifices and glorious deeds are propagated.

To honour and glorify such leaders and Tamil Scholars, the Government is conducting functions on their birth anniversaries by paying floral tributes.

Functions Organized in Chennai

Sl. No.	Date	Functions
1.	January 17	Bharat Ratna Dr.M.G.R. Birthday Celebrations
2.	January 23	Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Birthday Celebrations
3.	January 30	Annal Gandhi Adigal Death anniversary
4.	February 18	Sindhanai Sirpi Singaravelar Birthday Celebrations
5.	April 14	Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Birthday Celebrations
6.	April 17	Freedom Fighter Dheeran Chinnamalai Birthday Celebrations
7.	April 19	Garlanding of Kannagi Statue and paying floral tributes to the portrait of Kannagi on 'Chitra Pournami' Day
8.	April 27	Sir P.T.Thiyagarayar Birthday Celebrations
9.	April 29	Paventhar Bharathidasan Birthday Celebrations
10.	June 5	Kanniyathendral Quaid-e-Milleth Muhammad Ismail Birthday Celebrations
11.	June 24	Kaviyarasu Kannadasan Birthday Celebrations
12.	June 26	Ma.Po.Sivagnanam Birthday Celebrations
13.	July 7	Rettaimalai Seenivasan Birthday Celebrations
14.	July 11	Veeran Azhagu Muthukone Birthday Celebrations
15.	July 15	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Birthday Celebrations
16.	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Arya alias Bhashiyam
17.	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Sankaralinganar
18.	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Shenbagaraman
19.	September 5	Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O. Chidambaranar Birthday Celebrations

S. No.	Date	Functions
20.	September 15	Perarignar Anna Birthday Celebrations.
21.	September 16	Ramasamy Padaiyatchi Birthday Celebrations.
22.	September 17	Thanthai Periyar Birthday Celebrations.
23.	September 27	Dr. Pa.Sivanthi Aditanar Birthday Celebrations.
24.	September 29	Former Mayor of Chennai Sivaraj, Birthday Celebrations.
25.	October 1	Sivaji Ganesan Birthday Celebrations.
26.	October 2	Annal Gandhi adigal Birthday Celebrations.
27.	October 30	Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Birthday Celebrations.
28.	November 8	Thamizh Arignar Veeramamunivar Birthday Celebrations.
29.	November 14	Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Birthday Celebrations.
30.	November 23	Kavignar Suratha Birthday Celebrations.
31.	December 10	Mootharignar Rajaji Birthday Celebrations.
32.	December 11	Mahakavi Bharathiyar Birthday Celebrations.

Functions Organized in Districts Every Year

1.	January 3	Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar Birthday Celebrations	Surakulam, Sivagangai District.
2.	January 15	John Pennycuick Birthday Celebrations	Lower camp, Theni District.
3.	January 17	Birthday Celebration of Bharata Ratna M.G.R.	Kamarajar Salai, Chennai District.
4.	January 17	Birthday Celebration of Bharata Ratna Dr. M.G.R.	Salem, Salem District.
5.	January 19 (5 th – Thai)	Celebrating the day of dedicating the Rajavaikal constricted by Kalingarayar to the Nation.	Kalingarayan Dam, Erode District.
6.	January 26	Birthday Celebrations of Thiyagi Sankaralinganar.	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District.

7.	February 1	Birthday Celebrations of Omandur Ramasamy Reddiar.	Omandur, Villupuram District.
8.	February 7	Birthday Celebrations of Mozhignayiru Devaneyya Pavanar	Sathamangalam, Madurai District.
9.	February 8 (Thaipusam)	Birthday Celebrations of Thirumalai Naicker	Madurai, Madurai District.
10.	February 18	Birthday Celebrations of Sindhanai Sirpi M. Singaravelar	Royapuram, Chennai District.
11.	February 19	Birthday Celebrations of Thamizh Thatha U.Ve.Sa.	Uthamdhapuram, Thiruvavur District.
12.	February 22	Birthday Celebrations of Thillaiyadi Valliammai	Thillaiyadi, Nagapattinam District.
13.	February 24	Birthday Celebrations of Puratchi Thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa	Salem, Salem District.
14.	March 30	Birthday Celebrations of Rebel Muthuramalinga Sethupathi	Ramanthapuram, Ramanathapuram District.
15.	April 2	Birthday Celebrations of Va.Ve. Subramania Iyer	Varaganeri, Trichy, Trichy District.
16.	April 10	Birthday Celebrations of Thyagi P.Seenivasa Rao	Thiruthuraiipoondi, Thiruvavur District.
17.	April 13	Birthday Celebrations of Pattukottai Kalyana sundaram	Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.
18.	April 16	Birthday Celebrations of Veeran Sundaralingam	Gavarnagiri, Thoothukudi District.
19.	April 17	Birthday Celebrations of Dheeran Chinnamalai	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District.
20.	April 19 Chithra Pournamii	Birthday Celebrations of Vallal Adhiyaman	Adhiyaman Kottai, Dharmapuri District.

21.	May 7	Birthday Celebrations of Robert Caldwell	Edayankulam, Thirunelveli District.
22.	May 10 (Last Friday of <i>Chithirai</i>)	Birthday Celebrations of Veerapandia Kattabomman	Kayatharu Thoothukudi District.
23.	May 10 (Last Friday of <i>Chithirai</i>)	Birthday Celebrations of Veerapandia Kattabomman	Panchalankurichi, Thoothukudi District.
24.	May 23	Birthday Celebrations of Perumpidugu Mutharaiyar	Tiruchirappalli City, Tiruchirappalli District.
25.	May 31	Birthday Celebrations of Freedom Fighter Vellaiyathevan	Valla Nadu, Thoothukudi District.
26.	June 12	Birthday Celebrations of Marshal Nesamani	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District.
27.	June 16	Birthday Celebrations of Thiyagi Viswanathadass	Thirumangalam, Madurai District
28.	June 18	Birthday Celebrations of Thiyaga Seelar Kakkan	Near Melur, Thumbaippatti, Madurai District
29.	June 24	Birthday Celebrations of Kavignar Kannadasan	Karaikudi, Sivagangai District
30.	July 6	Birthday Celebrations of Tamil scholar Parithimar kalaigarnar	Vilacheri, Madurai District
31.	July 11	Birthday Celebrations of Veeran Azhagu Muthukone	Kattalankulam, Thoothukudi District
32.	July 11	Birthday Celebrations of Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar	Kundrakudi, Sivagangai District
33.	July 15	Birthday Celebrations of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District
34.	July 15	Birthday Celebrations of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District
35.	July 15	Birthday Celebrations of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar	Thirumalai Pillai Salai, Thiyagarayar Nagar, Chennai District.

36.	July 17	'Thiyagigal Dhinam' Thiyagi Vanchinathan	Sengottai, Tirunelveli District.
37.	July 31	Birthday Celebrations of Sathavathani Seiguthambi Pavalar	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District.
38.	August 2 & 3	Valvil Ori Celebrations	Kollimalai, Namakkal District.
39.	August 3 (Aadi 18)	Dheeran Chinnamalai Death Anniversary	Odanilai, Arachalur, Erode District.
40.	August 3 (Aadi 18)	Dheeran Chinnamalai Death Anniversary	Sangagiri, Salem District.
41.	August 20	Birthday Celebrations of Freedom Fighter Ondiveeran	Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District.
42.	August 21	Birthday Celebrations of Poduvudamai Veerar Pa. Jeevanandam	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District.
43.	September 2 (Avani 16)	Birthday Celebrations of Freedom Fighter Poolithevan	Nerkattum Sevel, Thirunelveli District.
44.	September 5	Birthday Celebrations of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O Chidambaranar	Ottapidaram, Thoothukudi District.
45.	September 5	Birthday Celebrations of Kappalottiya Thamizhan V.O Chidambaranar	Tirunelveli, Tirunelveli District.
46.	September 5	Freedom Fighter Gobal Naicker Death Anniversary	Viruppachi Dindigul District
47.	September 15	Birthday Celebrations of Perarignar Anna	Anna Square, Chennai District.
48.	September 15	Birthday Celebrations of Perarignar Anna	Kancheepuram, Kancheepuram District.
49.	September 15	Birthday Celebrations of Perarignar Anna	Erode, Erode District.
50.	September 17	Birthday Celebrations of Thanthai Periyar	Erode, Erode District.

51.	September 17	Birthday Celebrations of Thanthai Periyar	Vaikom, Kerala state.
52.	September 25	Birthday Celebrations of Pakutharivu Kavirayar Udumalai Narayana Kavi	Udumalaipettai, Thirupur District.
53.	October 2	Birthday Celebrations of <i>Annal</i> Gandhi adigal	Kanniyakumari, Kanniyakumari District.
54.	October 2	Birthday Celebrations of <i>Annal</i> Gandhi adigal	All Districts.
55.	October 4	Birthday Celebrations of Thiyagi Subramaniya Siva	Pappaparatti, Dharmapuri District.
56.	October 4	Birthday Celebrations of Thiruppur Kumaran	Tiruppur, Tiruppur District.
57.	October 4	Birthday Celebrations of Thiruppur Kumaran	Chennimalai, Erode District.
58.	October 9	Birthday Celebrations of Periyavar M. Bhakthavatchalam	Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai District.
59.	October 10	Birthday Celebrations of Namakkal Kavignar Ramalingam Pillai	Namakkal, Namakkal District.
60.	October 23	Birthday Celebrations of Amuthakavi Umaru Pulavar	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District
61.	October 24	Marudhu Pandiyar Death Anniversary	Tirupattur, Sivagangai District.
62.	October 30	Birthday Celebrations of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar	Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram District.
63.	November 1	Paying tributes to Marshal Nesamani by garlanding his statue in view of the Celebration of the day of Annexation of Kanniyakumari District with Tamil Nadu State	Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari District.

64.	November 11	Birthday Celebrations of Suyamariyadhai Sudaroli N. Jeevarathnam	Royapuram, Chennai District.
65.	December 10	Birthday Celebrations of Mootharignar Rajaji	Thorappalli, Krishnagiri District.
66.	December 11	Birthday Celebrations of Mahakavi Bharathiyar	Ettayapuram, Thoothukudi District.
67.	December 11	Birthday Celebrations of Mahakavi Bharathiar	Triplicane, Chennai District.
68.	December 12	Athangottasan Celebration	Athangode, Kanniyakumari District.

24. DISTRICT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICES

The District Information and Public Relations Offices in all the 32 Districts form a vital part of the Information and Public Relations Department. The District Information and Public Relations Officers disseminate Information relating to the welfare schemes and activities and achievements of the Government besides creating awareness among the people through print and electronic media.

OFFICE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE DISTRICT INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS

District	Office
Ariyalur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Jeyamkondam Road, Ariyalur – 621 704.	04329 – 228115 Cell: 9498042421
Chennai Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Chennai – 600 001.	044 – 25268103 Cell: 9498042422
Coimbatore Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Coimbatore – 641 018	0422 – 2301060 Cell: 9498042423
Cuddalore Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Cuddalore – 607 001.	04142 - 233887 Cell: 9498042425
Dharmapuri Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Dharmapuri – 636 705.	04342 – 230052 Cell: 9498042426

Dindigul Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Dindigul – 624 004.	0451 – 2460093 Cell: 9498042427
Erode Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Erode – 638 001	0424 – 2266266 Cell: 9498042428
Kancheepuram Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Kancheepuram – 631 501.	044 – 27237919 Cell: 9498042429
Kanniyakumari Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Kanniyakumari – 629 001.	04652– 279262 Cell: 9498042430
Karur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Palayam Salai, Karur – 639 005.	04324– 257142 Cell: 9498042431
Krishnagiri Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Krishnagiri – 635 001	04343– 238777 Cell: 9498042433
Madurai Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Madurai – 625 020	0452– 2532066 Cell: 9498042434
Nagapattinam Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Nagapattinam – 611 003.	04365– 253040 Cell: 9498042435
Namakkal Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Namakkal – 637 003	04286– 281011 Cell: 9498042436

The Nilgiris Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Udhagamandalam, Nilgiris – 643 001.	0423– 2443820 Cell: 9498042445
Perambalur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Perambalur – 621 212.	04328– 224749 Cell: 9498042437
Pudukottai Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Pudukottai – 622 001.	04322– 221454 Cell: 9498042438
Ramanathapuram Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Ramanathapuram – 632 503.	04567 – 230034 Cell: 9498042439
Salem Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Salem – 636 001.	0427 – 2421077 Cell: 9498042440
Sivagangai Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Sivagangai – 630 561	04575 – 240370 Cell: 9498042441
Thanjavur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Thanjavur – 631 001.	04362 – 230843 Cell: 9498042442
Theni Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Madurai Road, Theni – 625 531	04546 - 251997 Cell: 9498042443
Thiruvallur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Thiruvallur – 602 001	044 – 27662865 Cell: 9498042449

Thiruvarur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Thiruvarur.	04366 – 221352 Cell: 9498042451
Thiruchirapalli Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Thiruchirapalli – 620 001.	0431 – 2460351 Cell: 9498042446
Tirunelveli Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Tirunelveli – 627 009	0462 – 2500455 Cell: 9498042447
Thiruppur Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Thiruppur – 641 604	0421 – 2971117 Cell: 9498042448
Tiruvannamalai Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Tiruvannamalai – 606 604	04175 – 232194 Cell: 9498042450
Thoothukudi Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Korampallam,Thoothukudi – 628 101	0461 – 2340571 Cell: 9498042452
Vellore Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Vellore – 632 001 Manager, Anna Kalai Arangam,Vellore	0416 – 2252633 Cell: 9498042453 0416 - 2221326
Villupuram Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Villupuram – 605 602	04146 – 223660 Cell: 9498042454
Virudhunagar Information and Public Relations Officer, District Collectorate, Virudhunagar – 626 002.	04562 – 252028 Cell: 9498042455

25. RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2005

- Public Information Officer : Deputy Director (Information) and Public Information Officer, Information & Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
☎ 044 - 25676336
- Assistant Public Information Officer : 32 District Information and Public Relations Officers and Head of Offices of the 8 Unit Offices come under the administrative control of Information and Public Relations Department.
- Appellate Authority : Joint Director (Memorials) and Appellate Authority, Information & Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
☎ 044 - 25676226