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**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE OF SELVI J JAYALALITHAA,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU 4.12.2011**

I was deeply shocked and grieved to learn of the passing away of the legendary 88-year old cine actor Shri Dev Anand.

He started his career in the film industry during the late forties and his career spanned six decades. The universally popular ever-green hero of Hum Dono, Kala Pani, Guide and so many other much acclaimed movies, was the epitome of Indian pride and sensibility. He was a man who charted his own course on the silver screen and was an institution by himself. A most versatile actor, his footprints on Indian cinema are indelible. He lived life to the full and was known above all as a good human being. Having many box office hits to his credit, almost all his films like Ziddi, Hum Dono, Baazi, Kala Pani, Tere Ghar Ke Samne are memorable. He was a multifaceted personality and every role he played created an impact on the minds of viewers. His movies were noteworthy for their melodious songs which are still popular even today. He has won many richly deserved National and International awards and honours.

In his passing away, India has lost a great actor, an illustrious son, and a true patriot. His demise is an irreparable loss to the film industry as well as to the Nation. Shri Dev Anand's death has left a void that can never be filled.

I wish to convey my deepest condolences to his family and pray that the Almighty may give them the strength to bear this great loss with courage and fortitude.

May his soul rest in peace.

J JAYALALITHAA
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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