

### **Tamil Nadu Climate Change Summit begins at Chennai**

Senior Government Officers, Climate Experts and several International Agencies came together to discuss the way forward to steer Tamil Nadu to a Climate Resilient State in the first “Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 2022” organized on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Leela Palace Hotel by the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

During the Budget speech for the year 2021-2022, the Government had announced the launch of the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission to embark on Climate Change adaptation and mitigation activities with a total outlay of Rs.500 Crore. Pursuant to that, the Government has set up India’s first ‘Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company’ (TNGCC) with the objective to implement three key missions of the Government viz. Green Tamil Nadu Mission, Tamil Nadu Wetland Mission, Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission. TNGCC has been incorporated as a not-for-profit Company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.

In a Government order issued in March this year the Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forests had announced setting up of the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission. Rs.77.35 Crore (Rupees Seventy Seven Crore and Thirty Five lakh only) have also been sanctioned for the year 2021-2023 to conduct baseline studies in areas relating to reducing Emissions from Mass Transport, Rehabilitation of coastal habitats, formation of Bio-shields in coastal areas including plantation of mangroves and other specialized species, waste to energy, initiatives green power generation, climate literacy and climate smart villages, etc.

In March, 2022 of this year District Climate Missions have been set up. In a significant move, Government has also designated District Forest Officers (DFOs) as Climate Officers. Under the Green School initiative, 25 Government Schools shall be selected to convert them into self sufficient green schools. An amount of Rs.5 Crore has been allocated for this initiative. Department of School Education is the Nodal Agency for implementation of this Programme.

During the Summit, Ms.Vinisha Umashankar, Tiruvannamalai will speak about her innovation of solar powered ironing cart. Her innovation has already won several international recognitions. Mr.R.Shanmugam, Ex. Panchayat President from Odanthurai, Coimbatore District will share his experience about self sufficiency in electricity generation in Odanthurai Village through installation of wind mill in the village. The Summit will also have experience sharing with several other start-up innovators as well as established businesses in sectors like bio-mining, plastic recycling and waste management etc.

The two days Summit will culminate into the launch of Climate Change Mission by Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 9<sup>th</sup> December at Hotel Leela Palace. Thiru K. Ramachandran, Minister for Forests, Thiru Siva. V. Meyyanathan, Minister for Environment-Climate Change & Youth Welfare & Sports Development, Dr.Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Finance & Human Resources Management and Thiru Thangam Thennarasu, Minister for Industries along with Senior Government Officers from Finance, Energy, Industries, Municipal Administration and Water Supply, Water Resources, National and International Experts and Champions of green practices are attending. Eminent Members from Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change Thiru Erik Solheim, 6th Executive Director, UNEP, Former Under Secretary General Thiru Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Economist among others shall also be attending the conference.

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