## **PRESS RELEASE**

## HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER AWARDS PONGAL MEDALS TO 1686 POLICE & OTHER UNIFORMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ON THE OCCASION OF PONGAL DAY, 2018

In recognition of the Outstanding Devotion to Duty displayed by personnel of the Police, Fire & Rescue Services, Prison Services departments and with a view towards motivating them, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals are announced and awarded on the occasion of Pongal Day, every year.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that 1500 police personnel in the rank of Police Constables, Head Constables and equivalent ranks be awarded the "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Constabulary Medals" for this year; 120 Fire and Rescue Services Personnel in the rank of Leading Fireman, Driver Mechanic, Fireman Drivers and Firemen and 60 Prison Service Personnel in the rank of Grade-I Warders (Male) are also being awarded the "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medals" in recognition of their outstanding devotion to duty. The monthly medal allowance to the recipients of these Medals will be sanctioned with effect from 1 s t F e b r u a r y 2 0 1 8 , a c c o r d i n g to their ranks. These medals will be presented to the recipients at District Headquarters in a ceremonial parade

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on a convenient date to be fixed by the Director General of Police, Director, Fire and Rescue Services and the Additional Director General of Police/ Inspector General of Prisons.

3. In addition to the above awards, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered for the award of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Medal for Excellence in Technical and Specialised Services to 6 personnel, 2 each from the Police Radio Branch, Dog Squad and Police Photographers. The officers in the rank of Constables and Head Constables will receive lumpsum grant of Rs.4,000/- while those in the levels of Sub-Inspectors and Inspectors will receive Rs.6,000/- and Deputy Superintendent of Police, will receive Rs.10,000/. This Medal will be presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, to the recipients at a ceremonial medal parade to be held in due course.

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