

Speech delivered by Thiru O. Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the Curtain Raiser Event for the Global Investors Meet 2015 on 14.2.2015 at Hotel Taj Coromandel, Chennai.

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Captains of Industry,

Senior Officials,

Friends from the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu and our Revered Leader Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA, I extend a very warm welcome to you all.

Today's event is yet another important day in the history of industrial development in Tamil Nadu. Our Revered Leader Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA has brought out pragmatic and far sighted Industrial Policies in 1992, 2003 and 2014. These policies have a number of

innovative features. Their goal is to give an impetus to industrial growth and create a business-friendly environment.

These policies paved the way for the Automobile and Electronics revolutions in Tamil Nadu. Hundreds of companies have invested in the State, including industry leaders like Ford, Hyundai, Renault-Nissan, Dell, and Flextronics. Chennai is now the leader in India in both Automobile and Electronic Hardware manufacturing.

At present, Tamil Nadu is in the fore front in promoting industrial investment. It is one of most favoured investment destinations in India. This is because the State consistently ranks very high across a range of economic, social and infrastructure development parameters.

Tamil Nadu is the second largest State economy in India, although it ranks only sixth in terms of population. According to the recently published Annual Survey of Industries 2012-13, Tamil Nadu is the State with the largest number of factories in India. Factories in Tamil Nadu also employ the most workers in India. Tamil Nadu ranks third in terms of Gross Value of Industrial output and in terms of Net Value-Added in the factories sector.

Our dynamic Leader Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA does not rest on laurels. To catapult Tamil Nadu to the first position, our visionary Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has envisioned the "Vision Tamil Nadu 2023". This is the blueprint of our development agenda.

This grand Vision aims to make Tamil Nadu the most prosperous and progressive State in India. It targets a per capita income of US dollar 10,000 by 2023. It aims to make Tamil Nadu poverty free and the leading State in human development in India. Tamil Nadu will provide the best infrastructure services in India. Tamil Nadu aims to be the most preferred investment destination in India and one of the top three in Asia.

As a step to achieving our Revered Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Vision, the State Government is organising a Global Investors Meet on 23rd and 24th May 2015 in Chennai. This mega event will showcase the unique strengths of the State and the available investment opportunities. During this event, the Government expects to attract additional concrete investments of at least One lakh crore rupees.

Under the guidance of our Revered Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the Government will reinforce the image of Tamil Nadu as the most business friendly destination. For all upcoming projects, Single Window Clearances will be given within a month. Designated IAS officers will be assigned as Escort Officers to assist groups of industries in obtaining clearances.

I take this opportunity to cordially invite you all to the GIM 2015. Please block the 23rd and 24th May 2015 in your calendars. Our Government, with the guidance of our Revered Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, pledges its full support to make Tamil Nadu your partner in progress. Together, we will stride towards Peace, Progress and Prosperity.

Thank You. Nanri, Vanakkam

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