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**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin Speech**

**regarding CII CONNECT 2021 Conference to be held in Chennai**

DMK Government is working towards making Tamil Nadu the No.1 investment destination in India. On behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders who are supporting this initiative.

Since 2000, The Government of Tamil Nadu and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have been jointly organizing the Connect Conference and exhibition. This helps in making Tamil Nadu a leading state in the field of Information Technology.

CONNECT has brought many new developments in the field of Information and Communication Technology to Tamil Nadu like Tech corridors, ICT Academy, and Aerospace Industrial Park. I hereby extend my wishes to all those who are involved in these initiatives. CONNECT conference is being organised this year as well.

I wish that this Conference shall bring new investments in the field of Information Technology to Tamil Nadu and make Tamil Nadu a leading state in the field of Information Technology in India.

I request all the stakeholders to focus on promoting Information Technology in all the districts of the State.

As you are aware, I have set a target that Tamil Nadu should reach \$ 1 trillion in economic output by 2030. The outcome of this conference should help in achieving the target.

I request the participants to give their suggestions for creating a complete technological ecosystem in Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu is ready to implement the suggestions from the conference.

I welcome all the eminent experts who are participating from all over the world in this conference.

My hearty wishes for the success of the upcoming CONNECT 2021 Conference.

Thank you.

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