

## **Press Release**

Tamil Nadu is spearheading several path breaking initiatives in the field of Climate change. Government of Tamil Nadu has set up three key missions viz., Tamil Nadu Green Mission, Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission and the Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission. Tamil Nadu has also set up a Special Purpose Vehicle i.e., the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC) to steer climate action effectively.

In order to provide a policy directive to the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, advise on Climate Adaptation and mitigation activities, provide guidance to the Tamil Nadu State Action Plan on Climate Change and guide the implementation strategy on climate action, the Government has decided to set up the Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change.

Orders were issued in this regard by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests with approval of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin. The Governing Council has several eminent people apart from Senior Secretaries from various key Departments and experts in the sector.

The Governing Council is headed by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin. Eminent members of the Governing Council are Thiru. Montek Singh Ahluwalia (Economist), Nandan M. Nilekani (Co-founder and Chairman of Infosys Board), Erik Solheim (6<sup>th</sup> Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, Former Under Secretary General), Dr. Ramesh Ramachandran (Founder Director of National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management), G. Sundarrajan (Co-ordinator Poovulagin Nanbargal) and Tmt. Nirmala Raja (Chairperson, RAMCO Community Services).

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission and Senior Secretaries of the Department of Industries, Municipal Administration, Finance,

Energy, Rural Development, Housing, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare are members of the Governing Council.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate Change and Forests, shall be the Convenor of the Governing Council.

The Governing Council shall meet once in 3 months or as deemed fit. The Council shall decide its own operational modalities to achieve its objectives.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Environment, Climate Change &  
Forests Department

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