

**SCIENCE CITY  
Chennai 600 025**

**PRESS NOTE**

**“Chennai Science Festival -2012”**

The Chennai Science Festival -2012 will be organised by the Science City, Government of Tamil Nadu and Anna University Chennai within the premises of Anna Gem Science Park School, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. The festival will be open on all days from 10.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m. The Honorable Minister for Higher Education, Thiru P. Palaniappan will inaugurate the Chennai Science Festival 2012 at 10.00 a.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 and Dr. T.S. Sridhar, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department will preside.

Premier Educational and research institutes like University of Madras, Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Madras Atomic Power station, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation etc., will be participating in the festival by exhibiting Science models in 5 broad themes viz., Health, Energy, Environment, Veterinary Science and Basic Sciences.

The main objective of the Chennai Science Festival-2012 is to create awareness among student's community and Public about the “Science in Everyday Life” and inculcate a scientific temper among the visiting students and public. The Chennai Science festival will comprise of 3 broad categories viz., Mega Science Exhibition, Popular Lectures and Panel Discussions.

**The major events of the Chennai Science Festival-2012 are:**

**SCIENCE EXHIBITION**

The Science Exhibition will comprise of 120 exhibit stalls with science based models and exhibits put up by about 82 educational and research institutions from across the state on the 5 broad themes viz., Health, Energy, Environment, Veterinary Science and Basic Sciences.

**POPULAR LECTURES**

3 popular lectures have been scheduled during the Chennai Science Festival during the forenoon session between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. The schedule of lectures is as below:

S.No	Date	Time	Title	Speakers
1	28.01.2012	11.00 a.m to 12.00 noon	“Healthy Youth; Wealthy India”	Dr. T.G.Sagar, Director, Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai.
2	29.01.2012	11.00 a.m to 12.00 p.m	“Energy”	Prof.B.Viswanathan, Head, National Centre for Catalysis Research, IIT Madras.
3	30.01.2012	11.00 a.m to 12.00 p.m	“Climate Change and Biodiversity”	Dr. B. Balakrishna Pisupati, Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Government of India.

### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

3 Panel discussions have been scheduled as shown below:

S.No	Date	Time	Title
1	Date: 27.01.2012	12.00 noon to 01.00 p.m	Career Guidance
2	Date: 27.01.2012	02.00 p.m to 03.00 p.m	Career Guidance for School Students Allied Health Science UG
3	Date: 27.01.2012	03.00 p.m to 04.30 p.m	Career Guidance for College Students Allied Health Science PG
4	Date: 28.01.2012	03.00 p.m to 04.00 p.m	Adolescent Health
5	Date: 29.01.2012	03.00 p.m to 04.30 p.m	Energy

## AWARDS FOR WOMEN SCIENTISTS

The Government of Tamil Nadu recognizes and honours Women's Scientists and Technologists by presenting "Tamil Nadu Young Women Scientists Award" and "Tamil Nadu Lifetime Achievement Award" to women scientists who have made significant contributions in various fields of Science and Technology through the Science City which is an arm of the Higher Education Department. The objective of this award is to encourage and honour women scientists and researchers who have contributed significantly in their field of specialization. The awards comprise of a cash prize of Rs.20, 000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) and a citation. The various disciplines under which the awards are presented by Science City are i) Agricultural Sciences ii) Engineering & Technology iii) Environmental Sciences iv) Home Sciences v) Life Sciences vi) Mathematical Sciences and vii) Physical Sciences.

### The Recipient of the Tamilnadu Lifetime Achievement Award for Women - 2010

S.No	Name & Address	Discipline	Field of Specialization
1	Dr. Ganga Radhakrishnan CSIR Emeritus Scientist CLRI, Chennai & Honorary Director Centre for International Cooperation in Science (CICS) Chennai-25	Chemical Sciences	Polymer Science and Technology and Analytical Chemistry

### The Recipients of the Tamilnadu Young Women Scientists Awards -2010

S.No	Name & Address	Discipline	Field of Specialization
1	Dr. S. Maragatham Assistant Professor Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Coimbatore.	Agricultural Sciences	Soil Fertility and Fertilizer use (Integrated Plant Nutrition System) & Problem Soil and Water Management
2	Dr. S. Malarvizhi Associate Professor	Engineering & Technology	Materials Joining

	Department of Manufacturing Engineering, Annamalai University Annamalai Nagar		(Welding), Mechanical Behaviour of Materials, Nano Materials
3	Dr.T.Sherene jenita Rajammal Assistant Professor Cotton Research Station Veppanthattai Perambalur-621 116	Environmental Sciences	Soil Environmental Chemistry (Heavy Metal Pollution)
4	Dr.T.Poongodi Vijayakumar Assistant Professor Department of Food Science Periyar University Salem-636 011	Home Sciences	Food Science and Nutrition
5	Dr.K.Pandima Devi Assistant Professor Department of Biotechnology Alagappa University Karaikudi – 630 003	Life Sciences	Biochemistry
6	Dr.Vimala Manivasakan Assistant Professor Department of Mathematics Anna University Chennai-600 025	Mathematical Sciences	Fluid Mechanics
7	Dr.K.Udaya Lakshmi Sr. Lecturer Department of Physics Saveetha School of Engineering Saveetha University Thandalam – 602 105	Physical Sciences	Synthesis and Crystal Growth of Nonlinear optical materials, Synthesis of nanomaterials

**Thiru P Palaniappan**, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Chairman of Science City will inaugurate the “ **Chennai Science Festival -2012**” Exhibition and present the awards and **Dr. T.S.Sridhar I.A.S** , Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department will preside over the function at **10.00 a.m** on **27<sup>th</sup> January 2012** at **Anna Gem Science Park School**, Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai 600 025. Senior Government officials and Scientists from various institutions will be participating in the function.

**VICE CHAIRMAN**  
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