

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HON'BLE TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER ORDERS CHIEF MINISTER'S MEDAL AWARDED TO POLICE OFFICERS / PERSONNEL ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING, 2023**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 09.05.2022 on the floor of the Assembly announced a new medal in the name and style of "Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Police Medal for outstanding work in eradicating the drug production and illicit trafficking in the State" to the Police Officers/personnel for their outstanding work in eradicating the drug production and illicit trafficking in the State. Accordingly, orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.411, Home (SC) Department, dated 03.08.2022. On the basis of the recommendations of the DGP/HoPF, the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has awarded the Medal to the following Police officers/personnel:-

- 1) V.Badrinarayanan, IPS., Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore District.
- 2) Dongare Pravin Umesh, IPS., Superintendent of Police, Theni District.
- 3) M.Gunasekaran, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Railways Salem Sub-Division.
- 4) S.Murugan, Sub-Inspector of Police, Namakkal District.
- 5) R.Kumar, Grade I PC 1380, Namakkal District.

In recognition of remarkable work done in fighting the evil of drug menace and curb illicit trafficking of drugs by Thiru Asra Garg, IPS, Inspector General of Police, South Zone, Madurai awarded this "Special Medal" without cash prize, as a special case.

He has taken personal efforts and dedicated follow-up led to freezing of properties worth several Crores of Rupees of the Accused involved in offences under NDPS Act. He trained the senior officers and 1843 number of persons were bound over in 2022-2023. This created a significant impact in the society and was widely appreciated.

- i. Thiru V.Badri Narayanan, IPS., SP, Coimbatore District has focused on the Student community to create Anti-Drug Clubs in 128 Colleges, which resulted in seizure of several KGs of Ganja, Ganja Chocolates, new age synthetic drugs including LSD, MDMA, Ecstasy and Methamphetamine etc., valued several Crores of Rupees and arrested many persons under the NDPS Act. Further, a massive awareness campaign involving Village Panchayat Presidents was taken up by him leading to a community led solution of declaring 108 Village panchayats as "Ganja Free Villages"
- ii. Thiru Dongare Pravin Umesh, IPS., SP, while working as ASP, Thiruvermbur Sub-Division, Trichy District had conducted special raid in Karur, unearthed a large scale Ganja plantation of 3584 well grown Ganja plants weighing about 2790 Kgs. As a SP, Theni registered 320 cases under NDPS Act against the Drug offenders and arrested main

accused Thiru Krishna Kanth Vallabh in Andipatti PS and seized 1200 KGs of Ganja in Malakangiri District, Orrisa. 345 bank accounts of the narcotic offenders involved in NDPS offences were frozen u/s 102 CrPC. He has been coordinating special teams operating in 10 Districts of South Zone.

- iii. Thiru Gunasekaran, DSP, Railways Salem Sub-Division has decelerated operation 'Gnaja Vettai 2.0' and 'Ganja Vettai 3.0' resulted in detaining of active criminals involved in NDPS cases in 2022. In the Railway Division he has secured 77 accused, seizing 119 kgs Ganja and registration of 131 cases in a span of one year.
- iv. Thiru S.Murugan, Sub-Inspector of Police and Thiru R.Kumar, Gr-I PC 1380, Namakkal District, as a member of Special Team formed by the SP, Namakkal. They took greater efforts for identifying the offenders and gathering intelligence for 3 months by setting up of sources in around 10 districts in Tamil Nadu. He has assisted to seize Ganja and Ghutka.

These Medals a will be presented by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the occasion of Independence Day.

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