

**PRESS RELEASE**

Text of the D.O. letter dated 31.8.2017 by **Thiru Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to **Shri Prakash Javadekar**, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.

"Thank you very much for your immediate response to my letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

I am glad that you have clarified that the Central Government's policy is to promote all Indian languages.

I would like to reiterate that the Government of Tamil Nadu have handed over 17 acres of land at Perumbakkam, Kanchipuram District for the construction of a permanent building for the Central Institute of Classical Tamil. Government of India have already sanctioned Rs.24 crore and the Central Public Works Department have already commenced the Civil works.

In the above circumstances, I request you to kindly drop any move to attach/affiliate this institute to the Central University, Thiruvavur or any other University and protect the autonomous character of the Institute. It would be prudent to initiate steps to strengthen this Institute, so that it would graduate as a Centre of Research and Learning in Classical Tamil."

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