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Tamil Nadu Government Welfare Schemes

ILLAM THEDI KALVI:

- ✓ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the scheme 'IllamThediKalvi' at Mudaliarkuppam in Villupuram District on 27.10.2021.
- ✓ Under the 'IllamThediKalvi' scheme, it has been planned to make students participate gradually in learning activities through volunteers for six hours in a week for six months in this academic year.
- ✓ The scheme will be implemented as a pilot project in the selected 12 Districts (Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Madurai, Dindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari, Krishnagiri and the Nilgiris) for two weeks.
- ✓ Registered volunteers will be selected by the School Development Committee at the village level.
- ✓ This scheme is an extension of teaching duty beyond the school.

TEXTILES:

- ✓ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated at the Secretariat on 23.10.2021, the new Textile Department created out of the Department of Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi and released the GI tags issued by the Geographical Indication Registry for Kallakurichi and Arumbavur wood carving products, KaruppurKalamkari paintings and ThanjavurNetti (pith) works. GI tag is a sign legally granted to manufacturers of traditional goods exclusive to a particular part/State/ or Country, for usage and marketisation.
- ✓ Chief Minister introduced through Co-optex, for the Deepavali festival, a collection of textile goods under the name 'Tamil Loom'.
- ✓ Also inaugurated the sales schemes of palm jaggery in fair price shops under the name 'Karpagam' for improving the livelihood of palm farmers and that of 'Karuppatti' (a variety of palm jaggery) under the name 'Karumpanai' in super markets.
- ✓ Chief Minister of introduced a mobile application 'tnkhadi' in android/iOS phones and declared open the training centre for production of palm jaggery and palm-related goods at a place in Sayalkudi , Ramanathapuram District .

200 MAJOR INFRA Projects:

- ✓ Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the Secretariat on 22.10.2021, on behalf of the Information Technology Department, launched e-munnnetram

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(e-progress) and e-IT Nanban (IT friend) web portals, and on behalf of the Tamil Virtual Academy released 2 upgraded Tamil software namely Keezhadi-internet keyboard and Tamizhi-Internet Unicode convertor.

- ✓ The high-level committee appointed by the State Government, under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, has been monitoring over 200 important infrastructure projects costing over Rs. 1 lakh crore in aggregate.
- ✓ To review the progress of these infrastructure projects, the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency has developed a separate portal (<https://emunnetram.tn.gov.in>).
- ✓ This portal provides details about various projects, including contract date, date of beginning of the project, venue of the project, financial position, project development on a monthly basis, financial ceiling of the project, consecutive photographs of project growth etc.
- ✓ The functioning of important Government Departments can also be monitored through this site. The portal has been designed to enable Department Headquarters to report the growth of the projects, crucial issues and reasons for any delay.

TAMIL NADU GETS ITS FIRST MULTI – MODAL LOGISTICS PARK ON 158 ACRES AT THIRUVALLUR:

- ✓ This is the first multi-modal logistics park in Tamil Nadu. The park is to be developed 158-acres at an estimated cost of Rs.1,200 crore.
- ✓ The park is to be set up near Sriperumbudu, Pillaipakkam and Oragadam where big industries are located.
- ✓ The purpose of the park is to cut transport expenses to a major extent.
- ✓ To improve the freight transport infrastructure, we have started implementing many schemes.
- ✓ Government is planning a Freight Transport Scheme for the State.
- ✓ TIDCO has appointed an advisor to prepare the scheme. The scheme is to be released soon.
- ✓ This venture, to be implemented jointly by TIDCO, Chennai Port Trust and the National Highways Authority will facilitate employment opportunities for 10,000 youth of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Similar Multi-Modal Logistics Parks should be set up in Coimbatore and Thoothukudi.

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Upgraded single window portal 2.0:

- ✓ CM of Tamil Nadu inaugurated an upgraded single window portal 2.0 to facilitate investors to implement their plans speedily and easily by getting all the clearances for starting industries immediately.
- ✓ Very first target is to attract new investments on a large scale. For that we have planned to create global standard infrastructure.
- ✓ Now Government's aim is to improve Tamil Nadu by making it the most congenial State for industrial enterprises in the whole of South Asia.

Construction Workers Welfare Board:

- ✓ Tamil Nadu is at the forefront in the whole of India in safeguarding the interests of workers.
- ✓ The Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Work) Act was passed in 1982 to provide social security to workers in the unorganized sector.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board was set up in 1994.
- ✓ As the Board had not been re-organized in the last 5 years, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin issued orders for its re-constitution.
- ✓ The fee for registration and renewal for construction workers was totally abolished on 01.09.2006 by the then Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighar paving the way for all workers to avail themselves of the Government's welfare schemes.
- ✓ The then Chief Minister Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighar also created offices for the Assistant Commissioner of Labour (Social Security Scheme) from 01.11.2008 in all Districts so that all workers in the un-organized sector including construction workers of could easily contact the District office concerned for getting the welfare assistance.
- ✓ There are 13,41,494 registered construction workers in the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board and enjoy the benefits.

Kalvi TV:

- ✓ For students from Classes 1 to Classes 12, who have not been able to attend school due to the Corona pandemic, the Chief Minister inaugurated educational programmes to enable them to study from home itself through Kalvi TV on 19.06.2021.
- ✓ This programme has been implemented at a cost of Rs. 292 crore.
- ✓ This programme will benefit about 69 lakh students studying in the Government and Government-aided Schools in the State.