

PRESS NOTE

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Vanakkam.

On the auspicious occasion of our nation's Republic Day, I convey my heartiest greetings to all the people of our country and to the Indians living abroad. I extend my warm greetings to the Armed Forces, Paramilitary forces and congratulate them for their committed and dedicated service in safeguarding our nation.

We have obtained our nation's freedom through non-violent and peaceful means. It was the sacrifice of our forefathers, who had contributed their all, for our nation's freedom from the foreign yoke. Let us on this day pay our homage to the Father of our Nation, to the known and unknown martyrs, and to all those freedom fighters who participated in the struggle for our nation's liberation.

It was on this day in 1950, our country was welded into a Sovereign, Socialistic, Secular Democratic Republic assuring people justice, liberty and equality. It is a national rejoice.

India has achieved tremendous progress in various fields after attaining Independence. Now we are on the path towards becoming a developed nation. Many a nations across the world are looking for our guidance and support. We have a great demand for our knowledge, skill and man power. Yet we have a lot to achieve. We have to put in a joint and concerted effort to achieve self sufficiency in all fields.

I am privileged to serve the people of this enlightened and front ranking state of Tamil Nadu which stands as a symbol of peace and harmony. Be it in concentrating on the development of the State or in preserving the rich culture and heritage, Tamil Nadu has been performing remarkably well. I congratulate the Election Commission for holding free and fair elections in Tamil Nadu and the people of Tamil Nadu for their active participation in the Legislative Assembly and the Local Body elections held last year.

The new Government within the short span of eight months has succeeded in launching several schemes for the benefit of the weaker section of the people of Tamil Nadu. The people's Government has set new trends in the state. The administrative promptness, quick identification of problems, pragmatic approach and its swift action at the recent 'Thane Cyclone' in providing relief measures deserve a special mention.

I am sure that the Government will stand up to the expectations of the people and would lead the state in all spheres. The Tamil Nadu Government deserves appreciation for its initiatives for working with a mission to provide every one in the State a reasonably comfortable life. Distribution of fans, mixies and grinders, providing milch cows and goats (or) sheep at no cost to rural poor families are laudable.

Marching in symphony with the spirit of this great nation, the State of Tamil Nadu has been making vital contributions attributing to the development of the State and the nation. On the road to progress and economic development the State Government's initiatives to promote industrial development in the Rural Districts augurs well. Creation of a self sustainable Industrial growth corridor on the Madurai – Thoothukudi Highway, will bring about development in Southern Districts. This will give raise to increase in manufacturing capabilities and export.

Tamil Nadu is a destination for foreign investors to start new ventures. The conducive climate, investor-friendly approach, abundant human resource and manpower have made Tamil Nadu a hub for IT, Automobile and Pharmaceutical industries. The distribution of Laptops at no cost to students and imparting of soft skill training to youth would further hone the skills of the workforce attracting new foreign-investments.

It is befitting that Tamil Nadu has taken the lead to attract the investors from Korea, Japan and Thailand to start their new ventures in Tamil Nadu. I am confident that recent signing of MOU with the Japanese External Trade Organisation will open new vistas for upcoming entrepreneurs.

Health of its citizen is one of the prime pursuits of the State and the nation. The launching of Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme aiming to cater to the health of the people underlines its determination to give a quality health-care. Catering to the basic needs and welfare of the people are the characters of good governance of a people's

Government. Ensuring safety and welfare of people are the hallmarks of the Government.

Distribution of 35 kg of free rice to card holders under Anthyodhaya Anna Yojana scheme, Marriage assistance of 4 grams of Gold and Rs.25,000 to poor women and Rs. 50,000 with 4 grams of Gold to poor women graduates and diploma holders for their marriage, increased financial assistance to Fishermen, Chief Minister's Farmers Protection Scheme to the poor, needy and other deserving people need a special mention.

The Tamil Nadu State Government's approach in formulation of broad based programmes and implementation of them with due attention and sincerity showcases its committedness and people's welfare approach initiatives.

A progress of state depends on the committed efforts and contribution of its people. Democracy does not mean just rights of the citizen. It also denotes the duties and responsibilities of every one to contribute our might for the development of the State and the Nation.

Let us join together to build a brighter and prosperous India through discipline in thought, word and deed and through unity and selfless service to the nation.

My greetings to all of you.
Jai Hind.

GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU

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for Secretary to Governor