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TN gives warm send off to Amit Shah

Seeks support for river linking projects, pharma, textile parks in TN

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In a letter to Union Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Palaniswami said, The Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project with a total length of 118.9 km with estimated completion cost of Rs.61,843 crore has been approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India has suggested to provide only 10% cost as grant instead of providing 15% as share capital. Since the contribution of Government of India as grant will affect the present share holding pattern and such grant is also revenue expenditure, we have been requesting Government of India to consider the support as share capital, which is taken as capital expenditure with a sharing pattern of 50:50 between Centre and State.

Therefore, I request your kind intervention for early approval of the project with participation of Government of India in Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II Project with 50:50 Equity Sharing Model, as was done for Phase-I Project. I also request you to kindly get the revised cost of Chennai Metro Rail Phase-I Project, which is now under examination by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, sanctioned as early as possible.

Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase-I covering 45 km is fully operational from 10.2.2019. It was an honour for the State of Tamil Nadu that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the final 10 km stretch.

The Phase-I Extension of Chennai Metro Rail Project covering 9 km is under construction and is expected to be commissioned in January 2021.

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Home Minister Amit Shah was given warm send off by Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam, Ministers K.A. Sengottaiyan, P.Thangamani at the Chennai Airport.

PM lays foundation stone for rural drinking water projects in UP

Lucknow, Nov 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday laid the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts of Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing.

He also interacted with village water and sanitation committee members during the event.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was present on the occasion.

The projects will provide tap water connections in all rural households of 2,995 villages and will benefit about 42 lakh

population of these districts. Village water and sanitation committees have been constituted in all these villages, and they will have the responsibility of operation and maintenance.

The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs 5,555.38 crore. The projects are planned to be completed in 24 months under the "Jal Jeevan Mission" announced by the prime minister on August 15 last year.

The projects aim at providing functional household tap connections to every rural house of the country by 2024.

Special camps for electoral roll revision held across TN

Chennai, Nov 22:

As the Election Commission of India (ECI) fixing January 1, 2021, as the final date for the preparation of voters' roll, door-to-door verification of voters and corrections in the roll by party workers and poll officials have picked up in Tamil Nadu.

The ECI had also appointed 10 IAS officers in the State to monitor the poll revision works in all the 234 Assembly constituencies.

In Chennai today, the monitoring officials visited booths to check the availability of applications for inclusion of names and other request pertaining to electoral rolls.

Residents are requested to visit their polling booths to verify the names on the rolls. Residents who do not have their names on the rolls will receive assistance in inclusion of names. On Saturday, 18637 residents submitted Form 6 for inclusion of names on the electoral rolls in the 16 constituencies.

Chennai district election office has intensified monitoring of all booths to check if residents are able to submit applications for inclusion, deletion and correction of electors' data during special camps.

As many as 16 monitoring officials including IAS officers checked most of the

booths to facilitate inclusion of names on the rolls. Chennai Corporation Deputy Commissioner (Revenue and Finance) Meghanatha Reddy said officials on Saturday received 23856 applications from residents at the special camps of 16 Assembly constituencies in Chennai.

As many as 2070 applications were received in R.K.Nagar Assembly constituency on Saturday. Officials in booths located in Perambur received 2233 applications, Egmore 948, Royapuram 1111, Harbour 700, Kolathur 2166, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar 1238, Villivakkam 1532,

Anna Nagar 2055, Chepauk 1259, Thousand Lights 1137, Mylapore 1132, Virugambakkam 1869, Thiyagarayanagar 1337, Saidapet 1432 and Velachery 1637.

As many as 524 applications in Form 7, 2113 applications in Form 8 and 2582 applications in Form 8A were received on Saturday.

The Greater Chennai Corporation will conduct special camps for electoral roll revision on weekends and these would be held at all the polling centres in the city from 10 am to 5 pm on November 21, November 22, December 12 and December 13.

TN forms three panels to oversee COVID-19 vaccination drive

Chennai, Nov 22: Tamil Nadu sets up three committees to oversee preparations for Covid-19 vaccination such as identifying frontline workers and assessing cold chain space.

Central Government had asked states to constitute committees for coordination and overseeing Covid-19 vaccination drive while ensuring minimal disruptions in other routine healthcare services. These committees will also carry out stressed early tracking of social

media to dispel rumours which could impact the community acceptance of coronavirus inoculation.

The constitution of committees at the state and district levels which will review preparatory activities in terms of cold chain preparedness, operational planning, strategies for state-specific challenges in terms of geographical terrain and hard-to-reach areas, etc.

The state reported 1,663 new cases and 18 deaths, taking the case tally to 7,68,340 and cumulative

toll to 11,586. A state steering committee chaired by chief secretary will meet every month, a state task force headed by the health secretary will meet every 15 days and district task forces headed by district magistrates will meet every week.

"Initially, the meetings may take up review of cold chain preparedness and status of database on health workers, while plan for other activities such as site micro planning, IEC plan, capacity

building will be added later," health secretary J Radhakrishnan said.

On Saturday, the northern districts had 7,573 people still seeking treatment followed by 3,115 people in the eight western districts. Active cases in the central zone and south zone were 1,182 and 1,033 respectively.

The number of people who underwent RTPCR tests marginally increased to 68,479 from 67,309 on Friday. Fresh cases in the 11 northern districts dropped below the 1,000 mark, while cases in the three other zones were below 500 on Saturday. The 11 northern districts together reported 58% of fresh cases and 55% of deaths. Together, the eleven districts reported 978 cases and 10 deaths. After the north, new cases were highest in the western districts (404) followed by the 10 southern districts (145) and central districts (135).

Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for less than Rs. 3000

Frankfurt, Nov 22: Moderna will charge governments between Rs 1875 (\$25) and Rs 2775 (\$37) per dose of its COV-19 vaccine candidate, depending on the amount ordered, Chief Executive Stephane Bancel told German weekly Welt am Sonntag (WamS).

"Our vaccine therefore costs about the same as a flu shot, which is between \$10 and \$50," he was quoted as saying. An EU official involved in the talks said the European Commission wanted to reach a deal with Moderna for the supply of millions of doses of its vaccine candidate for a price below \$25 per dose.

Moderna has said its experimental vaccine is 94.5% effective in preventing COVID-19, based on interim data from a late-stage clinical trial, becoming the second developer to report results that far exceeded expectations after Pfizer and its partner BioNTech.

COVID-19 caseload reaches 90.95 lakh; fatality 1.5%

New Delhi, Nov. 22: India's COVID-19 tally rose to 90.95 lakh on Sunday with 45,209 new cases, while the recoveries surged to 85,21,617, according to the Union Health Ministry's data.

The death toll reached 1,33,227 with 501 more fatalities, while total coronavirus cases mounted to 90,95,806, the data updated at 8 am showed. The number of active cases remained below five lakh for the 12th

consecutive day.

The total recoveries have surged to 85,21,617, pushing the national recovery rate to 93.69 per cent, while the COVID-19 case fatality rate has declined to 1.46 per cent.

There are 4,40,962 active cases in the country as on date which comprise 4.85 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated. India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August

23 and 40 lakh on September 5.

It went past 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, and surpassed 90 lakh on November 20. According to the ICMR, over 13.17 crore samples have been tested up to November 22 with 10,75,326 samples being tested on Saturday.

The 501 new fatalities include 111 from Delhi, 62 from Maharashtra, 53 from West Bengal, 25 each from Kerala and Haryana, 24 from Uttar Pradesh, 23 from Punjab, 22 from Chhattisgarh and 20 from Karnataka. Total 1,33,227 deaths reported so far in the country include 46,573 from Maharashtra followed by 11,641 from Karnataka, 11,586 from Tamil Nadu, 8,270 from Delhi, 7,976 from West Bengal, 7,524 from Uttar Pradesh, 6,927 from Andhra Pradesh, 4,595 from Punjab and 3,846 from Gujarat.

'Work from Anywhere' is the new norm, Modi tells G20

New Delhi/ Riyadh, Nov. 22: Terming the COVID-19 pandemic an important turning point in history of humanity and the biggest challenge the world is facing since World War II, Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G20 summit on Saturday called for a new global index based on talent, technology, transparency and trusteeship towards the planet in the post-corona world.

Modi also said that "Work from Anywhere" is a new normal in the post-COVID world and suggested creation of a virtual G20 secretariat as a follow up and documentation repository. Saudi Arabia's King Salman opened the Group of 20 Summit as the coronavirus pandemic overshadowed this year's gathering of heads of state that is being held in the virtual format. India is scheduled to host the G20 summit in 2022.

"Had a very fruitful discussion with G20 leaders. Coordinated efforts by the largest economies of the world will surely lead to faster recovery from this pandemic. Thanked Saudi Arabia for hosting the Virtual Summit," Prime Minister Modi tweeted.

At the G20 Summit, Modi said that he put forward a need to develop a new global index based on talent, technology, transparency and trusteeship towards the planet.

Multi-skilling and

re-skilling to build a talent pool will enhance dignity and resilience of workers, he said, adding that the value of new technologies should be measured by their benefit to humanity.

"Transparency in our processes helps in inspiring our societies to fight crisis collectively and with confidence.

Resolve rows through dialogue: Xi

Beijing, Nov. 22: China is ready to pursue peaceful coexistence with all countries on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, President Xi Jinping said on Saturday, and suggested narrowing differences through dialogue and resolving disputes through negotiation.

Addressing the virtual G20 Summit hosted by Saudi Arabia's King Salman, Xi said China will always be a builder of global peace, a contributor to global development and a defender of international order.

"On the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, China stands ready to pursue peaceful coexistence and common development with all countries.

"We may bridge differences through dialogue, resolve disputes through negotiation, and make a joint effort for world peace and

Spirit of trusteeship towards planet Earth will inspire us for a healthy and holistic lifestyle," he said in a series of tweets.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in a statement on Modi's participation in the G20, said the Prime Minister termed the COVID-19 pandemic as an important

development," Xi said in remarks in the backdrop of the over six-month-long military standoff between India and China in eastern Ladakh. Calling on international community to jointly fight the COVID-19, President Xi said the G20 members should help build a global firewall against the disease.

"We must first put the disease under control at home and, on that basis, strengthen exchanges and cooperation to help countries in need," he said.

Xi noted that several G20 members have made progress in vaccine R&D and production.

We should speed up action and support the World Health Organisation in mobilising and consolidating resources and distributing vaccines fairly and efficiently.

China actively supports and participates in international cooperation on COVID-19 vaccines, he said.

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He called for a decisive action by the G20, not limited to economic recovery, jobs and trade, but focussing on preserving planet Earth, noting that "all of us are trustees of humanity's future".

The Prime Minister called for a new Global Index for the post-corona world that comprises four key elements creation of a vast talent pool, ensuring that technology reaches all segments of the society, transparency in systems of governance, and dealing with Mother Earth with a spirit of trusteeship, according to the MEA.

Based on this, the G20 can lay the foundation for a new world, he said.

Modi also offered India's IT prowess to further develop digital facilities for efficient functioning of the G20. The summit under the Saudi presidency centred on the theme 'Realizing Opportunities of 21st Century for All'.

The agenda of the summit is spread out over two days with two sessions focused on overcoming the pandemic, economic recovery and restoring jobs, and building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future.

Twitter to hand over @POTUS account to Biden on Jan 20

Los Angeles, Nov. 22: Micro-blogging site Twitter will hand control of the presidential @POTUS account to President-elect Joe Biden the moment he is sworn in on inauguration day on January 20, even if President Donald Trump has not conceded his election loss, the company has said.

The @POTUS account is the official account of the President of the United States

Match-fixing: Tennis player banned for life

London, Nov. 22: The Tennis Integrity Unit has banned Bulgarian player Aleksandrina Naydenova for life and fined her \$150,000 for match-fixing offenses.

Naydenova had partaken in match-fixing activity multiple times between 2015 and 2019, the anti-corruption body said in a statement Friday.

The 28-year-old Naydenova, whose highest WTA singles ranking was 218, had been provisionally suspended on December 27 last year prior to a disciplinary hearing.

The TIU said Naydenova committed 13 breaches of the Tennis Anti-corruption Programme with 12 of them relating to match-fixing and one relating to several incidents of non-cooperation with the investigation.

The sanction means that Naydenova is permanently prohibited from playing in or attending any tennis event authorized or sanctioned by the governing bodies of tennis.

and is separate from the @realDonaldTrump account that Trump uses to tweet.

Biden, 78, will be the 46th US President when he is sworn in.

The handover requires no sharing of information between the outgoing Trump team and the incoming Biden team, Twitter said, adding that all existing tweets on those accounts will be archived and Twitter will transfer the accounts reset to zero tweets to the Biden White House that day.

"Twitter is actively preparing to support

the transition of White House institutional Twitter accounts on January 20th, 2021," Twitter spokesperson Nick Pacilio told Politico in an email.

"As we did for the presidential transition in 2017, this process is being done in close consultation with the National Archives and Records Administration," Pacilio said.

The same goes for @whitehouse, @VP, @FLOTUS, and a handful of other official accounts associated with the presidency, the report said on Friday.

Twitter also confirmed that staffers will meet with representatives from the Biden-Harris transition team in the coming months to review how the new administration plans to use its government-related accounts. The Hill reported.

The @POTUS account has more than 32 million followers and will provide Biden with another way to communicate with the public while in office. An archive of Obama's @POTUS account can be found under the handle @POTUS44.

Pennsylvania court throws out Trump lawsuit

Washington, Nov. 22: Donald Trump presented "strained" legal arguments without merit and "speculative accusations" that were not supported by evidence, a federal judge has ruled as she dismissed the Pennsylvania lawsuit of his campaign, in a major setback to the US president's efforts to challenge the November 3 election results.

US Middle District of Pennsylvania Judge Matthew Brann on Saturday turned down a request for an injunction in the case in Pennsylvania to challenge the poll results, which has been won by Trump's Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Judge Brann, who had a few days ago alleged that she had received harassing phone calls, ruled that the Trump campaign "presented strained legal arguments without merit and

speculative accusations that were unsupported by evidence." In the United States of America, this cannot justify the disenfranchisement of a single voter, let alone all the voters of its sixth most populated state. Our people, laws, and institutions demand more," the judge wrote dismissing the lawsuit filed by the Trump campaign earlier this month alleging irregularities in the voting process.

In her scathing opinion, Judge Brann said the Trump campaign asked the court to "disenfranchise" almost seven million voters.

"This court has been unable to find any case in which a plaintiff has sought such a drastic remedy in the contest of an election, in terms of the sheer volume of votes asked to be invalidated," she said.

"One might expect

that when seeking such a startling outcome, a plaintiff would come armed with compelling legal arguments and factual proof of rampant corruption, such that this court would have no option but to regrettably grant the proposed injunctive relief despite the impact it would have on such a large group of citizens," the judge said. The President-elect leads by more than 81,000 votes in Pennsylvania, a battleground state that has 20 electoral college seats.

Rudy Giuliani, Attorney to President Trump and Jenna Ellis, Senior Legal Adviser to Trump 2020 Campaign, in a joint statement said the decision of a federal court in Pennsylvania turns out to help the Trump campaign in their strategy to get expeditiously to the US Supreme Court.

Air bubble postponed

Singapore and Hong Kong on Saturday postponed a planned air travel bubble amid a spike in coronavirus infections in Hong Kong. Flights were originally scheduled to start from Sunday but have been suspended as the pandemic in Hong Kong escalates.

Under the original deal which was announced in mid-October, the bubble flights will be suspended for two weeks if the seven-day moving average of the daily number of unlinked local COVID-19 cases is more than five for either Singapore or Hong Kong. Travel bubble has been postponed, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development Edward Yau said, adding that the two governments will announce in early December as to when the flights will restart. Yau said it was a mutual agreement to delay plans by two weeks "for the Hong Kong coronavirus wave to settle a bit".

Japan sees record spike

The daily tally of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Japan hit a record for the fourth day at 2,508, the Health Ministry said Sunday. Japan has had fewer than 2,000 coronavirus-related deaths so far, avoiding the toll of harder hit nations. But fears are growing about another surge. A flurry of criticism from opposition legislators and the public slammed the government for being too slow in halting its GoTo tourism campaign, which encouraged travel and dining out.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga scrapped the campaign but only after many people had already made travel reservations for a three-day Thanksgiving weekend in Japan. Some say the government should have offered to pay for cancellations, or stepped up PCR testing instead, if the goal is to keep the economy going. Tutorials are circulating online on the proper way to eat and drink at restaurants while wearing masks.

Lockdown ends on Dec 2

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson plans to end an England-wide lockdown as scheduled on December 2 and to announce a return to regional restrictions as statistics show coronavirus infections have stabilised. Johnson's office said late Saturday that the government plans to return to using a three-tiered system of localised restrictions in England, with areas facing different measures based on the severity of their outbreaks. More communities are expected to be placed in the two highest virus alert categories, Johnson's office said in a statement.

The government put England under a four-week lockdown that started Nov. 5. The Cabinet is scheduled to discuss the plans Sunday, and the prime minister is aiming to give Parliament the details on Monday, according to the statement. Johnson's office also confirmed plans to begin a nationwide COVID-19 vaccination program next month, assuming regulators approve a vaccine against the virus.

6 months protection

A new UK study suggests that individuals who have previously had COVID-19 are highly unlikely to contract the illness again for at least six months following their first infection. The study, done as part of a major collaboration between the University of Oxford and Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS Foundation Trust involving frontline healthcare workers, suggests that most people are unlikely to get COVID-19 again if they have already had

it in the previous six months.

This ongoing study involving a large cohort of healthcare workers has shown that being infected with COVID-19 does offer protection against reinfection for most people for at least six months we found no new symptomatic infections in any of the participants who had tested positive for antibodies, while 89 of those who had tested negative did contract the virus, a health expert said.

Republicans to wait till Dec. 14 to call Trump's bluff

Washington, Nov. 22: Republicans in Congress are engaged in a risky but calculated bet that once President Donald Trump has exhausted his legal challenges to the election, he will come to grips with his loss to President-elect Joe Biden.

States are expected to certify election results by December 6, and Republican lawmakers have been eyeing the December 14 Electoral College deadline as their own off-ramp from Trump's presidency.

That's when GOP lawmakers believe they can start saying publicly what many of them already suggest in private that Biden, in fact, won the election.

As one Trump court case after another falls by the wayside, Trump is doubling down on efforts to disrupt the election outcome. Rather than accept the reality of the vote, the President is using the weight of his office to try to squash it.

He summoned Michigan state lawmakers to the White House on Friday after personally reaching out to GOP officials ahead of next week's deadline to certify election results. Others from Pennsylvania may similarly be invited in.

Republicans are standing by as it all unfolds. What started as a GOP strategy to give the president the time and space he needed to process his defeat is now spiralling into an unprecedented challenge to the election outcome like nothing since the Civil War.

"It's hit the point where the Republican Party's letting Trump's pout go on too long," said presidential historian Douglas Brinkley, a professor at Rice University in Texas.

"It's making future stars of the Republican Party look tiny and small," Brinkley said. "All of these senators are going to carry a dark mark on their legacy for

coddling Trump after he lost." Republicans started with a simple premise: If Trump had concerns about fraudulent voting, as he widely claimed, go to court and make the case. It was a way to buy time, give Trump a chance to bring evidence, and perhaps convince some of his most ardent supporters of the outcome. Biden now has won 80 million votes to Trump's 74 million.

But in one state after another, from Arizona

to Georgia, the Trump cases are failing. Trump forced recounts on Friday in two counties in Wisconsin. More legal action is expected there and cases are pending elsewhere. Nowhere has evidence been presented of widespread voter fraud on a scale that could alter the outcome.

The Republican lawmakers will soon be forced into a moment of truth with key upcoming deadlines.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that, my client P. SENTHILKUMAR, residing at 1410, LIG -1, Tamilnadu Housing Board Colony, Tenth Street, Velacherry- 6000042 had lost his Original Sale Deed Document No.7305/2012, registered at Arcot Sub Registrar Office on 17.09.2012, vide Survey No.32 (part) pertaining to the property of Tamilnadu Housing Board Scheme Arcot Rural Project, Part II (Land Bank Scheme)Plot No.L- 63, EWS Type, 431 sq.ft extent in Veppur Village, Arcot Taluk, Vellore District. The above said document was missent during transit near Velachery By pass road.

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NOTICE OF 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that 31st Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on Monday, 14th December, 2020 at 3.00 P.M. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in compliance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 and all other applicable laws and circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the Meeting.

In compliance with the said MCA circulars and SEBI circulars, electronic copies of the Notice of 31st AGM and the Annual Report for FY 2019-20 were sent to all the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depository Participants. Members may note that the Notice of 31st AGM and Annual Report for the FY 2019 will also be made in the Company's Website www.southernlatex.in. The Registrar of Members and Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from 8th December, 2020 to 14th December, 2020 (both days inclusive). In terms of Section 108 of Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015, the Company has availed the services of CDSL for providing an E-voting platform to the Members of the Company for transacting the business of the Annual General Meeting. Additionally the Company is providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM. Detailed procedure for joining the AGM and remote e-voting/e-voting is provided in the notice. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Company has fixed 7th December, 2020 as the "cut off" date to ascertain the eligibility of members for E-Voting. The e-voting shall commence on 11th December, 2020 at 9.00 A.M and end on Sunday, 13th December, 2020 at 5.00 P.M. Thereafter the e-voting module shall be disabled. Members who have cast their vote through remote e-voting prior to the Annual General Meeting may also attend the meeting but such members shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

For detailed instructions pertaining to E-voting, members may please refer to the Notes of Notice of the Annual General Meeting. In case of any queries/grievances relating to e-voting members may refer the e-voting user manual available at the CDSL website: www.evotingindia.com

For SOUTHERN LATEX LIMITED
Sd/-
KAVITHA C
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that M.SUBASH CHAND KOTHARI, S/o. Mangal chand Kothari (late) aged 49, residing at Main Door No.138, Block No.5 A, Fifth Floor, Perambur Parex Road, Veperi Purasaiwakkam, Chennai - 600007 have purchased plots from M.Ashok Chand Kothari the General Power Agent of D.Mohan and G.K.Murali Plot Nos. 44, 45, 46, 74 & 75, measuring total extent of 5540 sq.ft, at Sree Ganapathy Nagar in Survey No.474/2B, Minal Village, registered in my claim name at Arakonam Joint Sub Registrar Office, Vellore District on 19.11.2014 vide Document No.9563/2014 and purchased Plot Nos. 9, 10, 63, 64, 66 & 67 from D.Mohan and G.K.MURALI, at Sree Ganapathy Nagar total extent measuring 7059 sq.ft in Survey Nos 473/2B and 474/2B, Minna Village registered in my claim name at Arakonam 1 Joint Sub Registrar Office, Vellore District on 19.11.2014 vide Document No.9564/2014. Both the above mentioned original Sale Deed Documents were lost while going to take Xerox at Allikulam Court Premises on 29.9.2020, morning 11 am. Those who find or in possession of the above mentioned original Sale Deed Document Nos.9563/2014 and 9564/2014 is/ are requested to inform or handover the same to my client Or to me at the below mentioned address.

A.MANNULINGAM,
Advocate,
Commissioner of Oaths,
Room No.3, Sri vari Complex
Door No.341/2, Paper Mills Road,
Perambur, Chennai- 600 011

SIVANANDHA PIPE FITTINGS LIMITED

Regd. Office: Plot No.18-20, Ambit Park Road,
Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai - 600 058.
CIN : U02520T21979PLC111041

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the FORTIETH (40) Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Saturday the 12th DECEMBER 2020 at 11.15 am at Ambattur Industrial Estate Manufacturers' Association (AIEMA), ATC Road, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai - 600 058 to transact the item of business set out in the Notice.

Notice convening the meeting along with the Annual Report for the year 2019-20 have been sent to the members by Registered Post, whose names appear on the Register of Members as on 20th November 2020.

Notice is given pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Agent Books will remain closed from 05th December 2020 to 12th December 2020 (both days inclusive).

In compliance with the provisions of section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read together with the Companies [Management and Administration] Rules, 2014, the Company has offered E-Voting facility for transacting all the business items as mentioned in the Notice to the AGM through Central Depository Services Limited [CDSL] to enable the members to cast their votes electronically. The E-Voting commences on 07th December 2020 at 9.00 AM and ends on 11th December 2020 at 5.00 PM. During this period shareholders of the Company, holding shares as on the cut-off date of 20th November 2020 (record date) may cast their vote electronically. No E-Voting shall be allowed beyond the said date and time.

The Company has also offered to its members the option of voting through Ballot and the relevant instruction in relation to the casting of votes through the Ballot is also mentioned in the Notice to the AGM. The duly completed Ballot form should reach the scrutiner before the close of the working hours [5.00 pm] on 11th December 2020.

Any Query/information/assistance, please contact SKDC Consultants Limited, Coimbatore at the following phone numbers 0422-6549995, 2539835 & 2539836.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
For SIVANANDHA PIPE FITTINGS LIMITED,

Sd/-
Place : Chennai
Date : 30.09.2020

Sd/-
P. Venkatesan
Chairman



Amit Shah's Mission accomplished

V.V.S. Manian

Amit Shah timed his arrival well at a time when there was friction and fireworks between BJP and AIADMK. AIADMK was giving an impression that it will go alone in the assembly election just to create a flutter and not flood. Murugan's Vel Yatra is an innovative venture inspired by BJP mentor Advani's Ayodhya Yatra. The long march towards Tiruchendur created ripples and not a tsunami. Yet the effort has established the BJP as blooming brightly in the nooks and corner of the Dravidian state. With the multitude of welfare programmes and goal to be a farmer's friend in the agrarian country, Modi's hard work, charisma and care has made a definite impact amidst the youth of Tamil Nadu. BJP is yet to have a strong infrastructure and cadre to work for its success in the state. It has no strong and protected vote banks like the Dravidian parties AIADMK and DMK. It has to work towards achieving this goal, if it has to succeed in Tamil Nadu.

The DMK has a lacklustre leadership and, is solely depending upon the anti-incumbency votes which may not fructify. The party is also trying to continue with dynastic politics by inducting Udayanidhi Stalin with a dramatic 'Kalyana Mandapam' arrest in the usual political dramatic style

which was more viewed as a stunt to project the perceived heir to the throne of future Tamil Nadu. DMK's dream of forming the next government is near impossible as it has a bad company - Congress, plus few more new parties, plus aspiring independents who will erode into DMK's vote shares. Besides, the DMK has nothing to offer as they were out of power for over eight years. Amit Shah and Modi have successfully won the battle in Bihar and are now poised to take on Bengal and Tamil Nadu. Bengal is the worst battle field and BJP is bound to change the polluted reign of fierce Mamata, who is ready to go any length to stop BJP's progress in Bengal.

Tamil Nadu has more challenges. Kamal Hassan is no threat. He lacks the political nous to make thunderstorms and happy with tweeting and blurring about some ambitions and ambiguous plans. His fans are not prepared to raise him to the political platform in the Fort. The smartest is Rajinikath who has given up even before the battle bugle sounded. A wise decision as one more party is too much for Tamil Nadu.

In this multiple speculated political scenario, the AIADMK took a rational decision to go with BJP. It is no doubt that the BJP is gaining ground in Tamil Nadu. The party has also done a right thing to end the doubtful duel leadership

by projecting EPS as the Chief Minister. It is also more sensible and realistic for OPS to end gossips and consolidate the party position. The co-ordination and control exhibited by both EPS and OPS have to a great extent reassured the rank and file that Chinnama's (Ms. Sasikalas) entry into politics after release will not change the AIADMK's robust status. At best a few disgruntled AIADMK members might join the bandwagon of Sasikala. With her acumen and experience gained from Jayalalithaa, she can hope to take away a few seats from Congress and DMK.

BJP has the advantage of active support of the AIADMK's cadre in the election. Both will gain in the refurbished and reinforced alliance. The formation of government will only be known after



the election. As of now, BJP will be a winner in the race with a better show. This is the pulse of public response gauged by the enormous publicity and tweets that appeared before and after the arrival of Amit Shah. He is construed as a great game changer and Chanakya in politics. The enthusiastic existing members of BJP especially the youth and women folk hailed Amit Shah and expect his



magical presence to mesmerise the cadre to enlist more members for BJP and lay a strong platform. AIADMK has done remarkably well under the leadership of EPS. He has done a marathon job in containing COVID compared to all other states. He has made it a dictum of announcing daily welfare programs and new projects. He also knows like J.Jayalithaa, where the real power of the state remains - in the women. He ensured special care of pregnant women and Tamil Nadu is an example to other states.

Today, despite DMK accusing the ruling party of corruption and nepotism, it is the best governed state in the country. The credit goes to EPS and Modi, who gave the best support to Tamil Nadu. The laurels of the past are not enough. The mantra for a winning performance for both BJP and AIADMK is "hard work" and a welfare-oriented manifesto from both sides. Both have realised the reason for the rout in the Lok Sabha elections. With the grand alliance and brilliant and brainy leadership, both at the centre and state, the AIADMK is all set for a new era in Tamil Nadu politics of the people.



APEDA organises virtual buyer seller meets for promotion of agri products

Chennai, Nov 22: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry facilitates export of its scheduled products through several export promotional activities, such as organizing International Buyer Seller Meets, participation of exporters in leading trade events in the potential importing countries, and product promotion programmes in specific

markets. These initiatives have popularized the Indian agri products globally and facilitated exporters to reach the global market.

During the COVID 19 pandemic period, physical meetings and market promotion programmes were not possible. In its endeavour to promote export of Agri products, APEDA explored the virtual medium and continued its initiative of export market promotion by organizing several Vir-

tual Buyer Seller Meets (VBSM), in collaboration with the Indian Missions abroad.

During April to October 2020, APEDA organised Virtual Buyer Seller Meets (VBSM) with potential importing Countries such as UAE, South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Kuwait and Iran, for product promotion of all APEDA Products.

Besides, product specific Virtual Networking Meets were also organised with Countries such as

Singapore, Russia, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden & Latvia for fresh fruits and vegetables, with Canada for organic products and with USA and UAE for GI products.

These Virtual Meetings provided a platform for interaction between the India exporters and importers on the strength of India in export of agri products such as Basmati and Non Basmati Rice, Grapes, Mangoes, Banana, Pomegranates, Fresh vegetables, Organic products etc.

These events are expected to further strengthen the confidence of the Importers in Indian agri products to facilitate exports.



Tiruvalur District Collector P.Ponnaiah visited the special election camp organised for two days for the enrollment of new voters at TELC Middle School and inspected the applications and other registers. Tiruvalur Tahsildar Vijayakumari and other government officials were present at the camp.

ENROLMENT NOTICE
After 10 days of the publication of this notice and within three months thereafter. I, Vignesh.A, S/o. K.R.Anil Kumar, aged 25 years, permanently residing at F1, Evergreen Flats, 7th Street, Ashtalakshmi Nagar, Mudichur, Chennai - 600 048. Intend having my enrolment as an Advocate moved before the bar council of tamilnadu, bar council building, high court campus, chennai-600 104. Those who have any valid objections may notify the same to the bar council within ten days.
Vignesh.A

Bob's Banter

Robert Clements

Hold Me Lord..!

A few years ago I saw a case of suicide.

It was a sweet seventeen-year old girl. I reached the first place after the police had already pulled down the body from the fan where she had hung herself. They laid her on the bed. She wore a pair of jeans and a white T-Shirt. I had tears as I watched her lying dead.

"Why did you do it?" I asked silently. Her parents had been informed and they were in a state of shock, "Why did she do it?" they asked, broken over the phone.

It must have been something she couldn't handle: A broken relationship, shattered trust, loneliness, hurt, pain. I looked at her body as it lay on the bed, a pretty girl, gone forever.

There is a story about a man who had lost his leg in an accident. After he had learned to walk on crutches, he visited a holy place. The place was crowded with sick people who all

went there seeking miracles.

The man suddenly overheard one of the pilgrims say about him, "This is preposterous. Has he come to ask God to give him back his leg?"

With a smile on his face the handicapped man turned round and replied, "Of course I have not come here to ask God back for my leg. I have come to pray to God to help me live without it..!"

Can you see the handicapped man. With missing leg he enters the place of worship. He does not ask for healing. He does not ask for miracle. All he asks for is strength. I can bet my last rupee that he got the strength he asked for.

That he must have left that place of worship with a smile on his face and all those watching him must have asked themselves, "What fool is this who smiles although there is no healing?" And he must have smiled to himself and murmured, "A fool who has just received a healing of

his mind!"

Yesterday in the 'Writer's Course', I conduct through Zoom, the electricity went off, because of a cable fault. "Bring the electricity back before my class Lord!" I prayed with a smile, and the smile slowly disappeared as the bulbs, the air-conditioner and laptop stared blankly at me. I started the class, my laptop battery gave up the ghost half way, switched on my phone, moved to the terrace as it was getting dark, and the class went off well. All along, I prayed, "Hold me Lord!" and His hand guided me.

And He's holding you when someone else gets the promotion you deserve, when the markets crash and you face bankruptcy and ruin. He's there when the university keeps you back another year.

"He's always there..!
bobsbanter@gmail.com

IHRA appoints Deepak Tater Jain as State Secretary

Chennai, Nov 22: The International Human Rights Association has appointed Deepak Tater Jain as the State Secretary for Women Empowerment at a function held in Chennai.

Deepak Tater Jain has Organized the India's Biggest Women Empowerment Program in 2019 and is the

L&T selected as consulting service provider for Amazon

Chennai, Nov 22: L&T Technology Services Limited, a leading global pure-play engineering services company, recently announced that it has been selected as a Consulting and Professional Services (CPS) provider to support Amazon Alexa Voice Service (AVS) integration in various connected devices spanning multiple domains and industries. Alexa, the Amazon

cloud-based voice service, is available on devices from both Amazon and third-party manufacturers and powers connected devices. AVS also manages the services and infrastructure required for Alexa experiences on Alexa built-in devices, and provides a suite of device APIs, SDKs, hardware kits, and documentation to enterprises across the world.

LIC launches digital application 'Ananda' for agents

Chennai, Nov 22: Life Insurance Corporation of India launched its first digital application, "Ananda", an acronym for Atma Nirbhar Agents NewBusiness Digital Application.

The application was launched by M R Kumar, Chairman, LIC of India in the presence of the Managing Directors, T C Suseel Kumar, Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Raj Kumar and other Senior Officials of the Corporation.

The Digital application is a tool for the onboarding process to get the Life Insurance policy through a Paperless module with the help of the Agent / Intermediary. It is built on

paperless KYC process using Aadhaar based e-authentication of the Life Proposed.

Ananda is a first of its kind in the Indian Life Insurance industry with LIC of India pioneering the process through its in-house IT enabled systems. This tool has been brought out at the right time, to enable and empower the Marketing force of LIC to face the current challenges and propel insurance selling to a higher level. With social distancing being the new normal, prospective customers can avail the facility of taking a New Life Insurance Policy in the comfort of their homes/offices without having to

meet the Agent / Intermediary in person, thereby throwing a new level of opportunity in the purchase of Life Insurance policy.

The event was marked with the release of an e-training video for the Agents, depicting the salient features of the application and the process from introduction to completion of a Life Insurance policy.

The launch had generated tremendous enthusiasm among the Marketing Officials and Intermediaries of LIC of India. The first Life Insurance policy under the Paperless Digital application was issued by the Chairman which was followed by issue of New

NAME CHANGE
I, Mohamed Shariff Mohamed Yacoub, S/o: Muhammed Yakub, Date of Birth: 15.03.1988, Residing at No.8/4, Kamber Street, T.M.P. Nagar, Padai, Chennai -600 050. shall henceforth be known as **MOHAMMED SHERIFF MUHAMMED YAKUP.**
Mohamed Shariff Mohamed Yacoub

NAME CHANGE
I, Yuvaraj Prakash Alandur, S/o: Thiru. Yuvaraj Reddy, Date of Birth: 25.10.2001, (Native District: Hyderabad- Telangana), Residing at -1/620, 6th Floor, Ceebros Boulevard Near A.K.D.R. Golf Village, Oggiamthorai Pakkam, Chennai -600 097. shall henceforth be known as **PRAKASH REDDY.**
Yuvaraj Prakash Alandur

NAME CHANGE
I, Khairunnisa Nisar Ahamed Syed, W/o: Syed Nisar Ahamed, Date of Birth: 23.01.1979, Residing at No.16/56, S2, Greenwich Apts, Seshachalam Street, Saidapet, Chennai - 600015, shall henceforth be known as **SYEDA KHAIRUNNISA NISAR AHAMED SYED.**
Khairunnisa Nisar Ahamed Syed

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform to the general public that my client Mrs. R.Kamala, aged 70 years residing at No. 7/4, Subramaneya Kovil Street, Subramaneya Nagar, Perambur, Chennai -600011, who is the owner of the property at Plot No. 200, comprised in Old S.No. 157/15, T.S. No. 215 of Block No.2, Drivers Colony, Sekkadu Village, Soranjeri 'B', Avadi Taluk, Tiruvallur District, vide revised Layout approved by CMDA PPD.A.No. 5/91, letter No. L2/12095/91, dated 09.10.1991, lost of original Allotment Order, allotted through Collector's Office Proc. No. 29454/39-83 dated 26.04.1991 and Taluk Office Sripurambudur Ref. 12185/86-B1, dated 26.04.1991 while travelling on the O.P. Line Main Road, Ganesapuram Vyasarpadi, on 15.10.2020. Those who may find the above document is requested to hand over or inform the same to me at below mentioned address.
B. SUGANYA, Advocate,
No 203, Addl. Law Chambers, High Court Building, Chennai-104
Mobile: 7395971537

NAME CHANGE
I, SELVADURAI, S/o: Kattamuthu, Date of Birth: 04.06.1951, Residing at No.46/47, Kaspaa 2nd Street, Vriddhachalam, Cuddalore District - 606001, shall henceforth be known as **SELVADURAI.**
SELVADURAI

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Mr.G.SENTHIL RAJ S/o.Gangadharam, residing at No.2-1/8, E Type, 5th Street, SSIDCO Nagar, Viliyakkam, Chennai 600 049, would like to inform the general public that the original title deed bearing Doc.No.838/1994, registered at Sub-Registrar Office of Padappai, South Chennai of the schedule of the property has been misplaced/ lost irretrievably and unable to trace the same. My client further states that he had lost the relevant documents of the Schedule of the Property.
Schedule of the Property
All that piece and parcel of land situated in the sanctioned plan of Survey No.331/1B, and 329/2, Plot No.109, of Varadharaipuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, presently Kundrathur Taluk, Chengai MGR district, presently Kancheepuram, and measuring 1784Sq.ft., bounded as follows North by: Plot No.108, East By: Survey No.330, South By: Plot No.110, West By: 16 Feet Road, measuring the north 35 Feet, on the east 37 Feet on the south 52 Feet on the West by 32 feet, in all admeasuring 1784Sq.ft., within. Sub-Registration District of Padappai, South Chennai. It is requested if anyone finds the documents kindly contact us at the below mentioned address within in 15days of this Notice.
K.Tishwanth (Advocate),
No.5, Law Chambers, High Court Buildings, Chennai - 104.
Mobile 9940247524

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Mr.R.Raja, S/o.Mr.R.M.Rajamani, residing at No.348/221 & 222, 1st Floor, Loyds Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai - 600 086 misplaced the original General Power of Attorney dated 21.02.2002 in Adj.No.64/2002 before Joint I SRO Saidapet pertaining to the property at Jalladianpet Village, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District comprised in S.Nos.225/7 & 225/8 measuring 4640 Sq.Ft., while on transit. Hence it is informed to the general public that any one who is/ are in possession of the said documents are directed/requested to handover the same to the under signed within 7 days from the date of publication of the notice. It is further informed that any body tries to create any encumbrance on the said property by misusing the misplaced documents the same would not have any legal sanctity and are punishable under law.
R.Ramesh Chander
Advocate
43/11, Srinivasaperumal Koil 1st Street, Thiruvottiyur, Chennai-600 019.
Mobile No.98410 18689 Phone No.044-2573 1119

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Mrs.V.K.Roohinaz W/o.Mr.K.Mansoor residing at No.8/1, Jawahar Nagar 3rd Street, Peravallur, Chennai - 600 082 misplaced the 6th Page of the original Settlement Deed dated 13.05.2010 in Doc.No.3906/2010 before SRO Sembium pertaining to the property bearing Plot No.C-143(part), Door No.8/1, North Cross Street (3rd Circular Road) Jawahar Nagar, Chennai - 600 082 of Peravallur Village comprised in R.S.No.327/3(part), Patta No.66 dated 26.09.1997, S.D.No.249/97-98, T.S.No.38/1, Block No.38 measuring 1023 Sq.Ft., together with the building thereon and amenities while taking Photocopies for legal purposes. Hence it is informed to the general public that any one who is/ are in possession of the said documents are directed/requested to handover the same to the under signed within 7 days from the date of publication of the notice. It is further informed that any body tries to create any encumbrance on the said property by misusing the misplaced documents the same would not have any legal sanctity and are punishable under law.
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***Hails EPS, OPS leadership**

***DMK will face rout in 2021 elections**

Modi waging battle to end dynasty politics, corruption, casteism in the country

Amit Shah launches fifth reservoir, lays foundation for infra projects in TN

Chennai, Nov 22: India's result-oriented battle against COVID-19 under the "charismatic leadership" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with people rallying behind him has put the country in a better position vis-a-vis the pandemic, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Saturday.

As a result, it fared better than even some developed nations, Shah said.

In his address after dedicating a fifth reservoir for Chennai and laying the foundation stone for various infrastructure projects in the state, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has waged a battle to end dynasty politics, corruption and casteism in the country.

Amid a global grip of the contagion, governments and their machinery battled the pandemic in most countries, but in India people too joined the efforts, he said.

"The world and the country are fighting

COVID-19. The nation has successfully faced it under PM Modi.

"Modi's charismatic leadership gave a new direction and we are in a good situation due to taking up a result-oriented battle," the Minister said.

Patting Palaniswami and Panneerselvam over Tamil Nadu's handling of the pandemic, he lauded them on the state being one of the best. Tamil Nadu has a COVID recovery rate of 97 per cent.

Shah hailed the leadership of Palaniswami and O Panneerselvam in the development of Tamil Nadu. "Under their leadership, the State is progressing well.

Shah said "Tamil people have been leaders in science and arts. The contribution of its leaders and people to the Independence movement cannot be forgotten," Shah said. He then paid tributes to late Chief Ministers MG Ramachandran and J Jayalithaa. Recalling their contributions to the

development of Tamil Nadu.

DMK will face rout
Taking on DMK and Congress, he asked them to provide an account of what they did for the state while being in power for ten years starting 2014 and said he was ready for a public debate to list out what the NDA did for Tamil Nadu.

"The DMK would face rout in the elections...only 'democratic forces' will prevail," Shah said, while reminding the public about the 2G scam. In comparison, he said.

Attacking the M K Stalin-led DMK on

"In the last Union budget of the Manmohan Singh government in 2013-14, Rs 16,155 crore was allocated to Tamil Nadu. In our latest Union budget we increased this to Rs 32,850 crore," he said and assured NDA's "rock-solid" support to Tamil Nadu.

The Modi government has given the state its due place and rights, something which no other government at the Centre had been able to do, he added.

Attacking the M K Stalin-led DMK on

corruption and dynasty politics, he said it would face a rout in next year's Assembly polls in the state, where "democratic forces" will prevail.

Taking on both DMK and its ally Congress, Shah said the two had no right to talk about corruption, asking "under whose leadership did the 2G (spectrum allocation scam) happen." He said the party under Modi has handed defeats to dynasty parties in states and asserted that DMK would face a similar fate in the 2021 elections.

On the security scenario, Shah said the morale of the country's security forces was high under Modi and that the Nagrota encounter, in which four heavily-armed terrorists were killed, was an example of this.

He exuded confidence that the borders would also become more secure under the leadership of the PM. Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam, Assembly Speaker P. Dhanapal, Industries Minister M.C. Sampath, several MPs, MLAs and other senior officials were also present.

Mr. Shah, Mr. Palaniswami and Mr. Panneerselvam also paid floral tributes to the portraits of former Chief Ministers M.G. Ramachandran and Jayalalithaa.

New projects

Union Home Minister Amit Shah dedicated a new reservoir at Kannankottai-Therovy Kandigai in Tiruvallur district, unveiled the foundation stone for Phase-II of the Chennai Metro Rail Project.

Foundation stones for the construction of a barrage across the

Cauvery at Nanjai-Pugalur in Karur (Rs. 406 crore); the expansion of the Chennai Trade Centre (Rs. 309 crore); the Indian Oil Corporation Limited POL Terminal at Vallur (Rs. 900 crore); a lube plant at Amullaivoyal (Rs. 1,400 crore); and a new jetty at Kamarajar Port (Rs. 900 crore).

OPS, EPS announce alliance with BJP for 2021 elections to continue

Chennai, Nov 22: The AIADMK in Tamil Nadu on Saturday said its alliance with the BJP will continue for the 2021 Assembly elections and exuded confidence it will win a hatrick poll next year.

AIADMK top leaders O Panneerselvam and K Palaniswami made the announcement at a government event here, attended by Union Home Minister and BJP veteran Amit Shah.

Chief Minister Palaniswami is the AIADMK Co-Coordinator while Coordinator Panneerselvam is his deputy.

"I would like to inform through this meeting that in the coming election (2021), the victorious alliance of AIADMK and BJP will continue," Panneerselvam said.

Palaniswami, who said Prime Minister Modi and Shah were working towards making the

country a superpower, asserted that "the alliance formed for the Lok Sabha polls will continue." "Our alliance will win maximum seats and AIADMK will retain power," he said.

The AIADMK and the BJP aligned for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, along with others, including PMK, but the combine could win only the lone Theni seat out of the 39 segments in Tamil Nadu, with the ruling party clinching it.



AIADMK provided best governance in the last 10 years, received several awards: CM

AIADMK alliance will win majority of the seats in 2021

Chennai, Nov 22: Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami said the AIADMK government had provided best governance in the last 10 years and had been receiving several awards for various departments.

"I wish to state that AIADMK-BJP alliance will win majority of the seats in 2021 polls and the AIADMK will form the government," the CM said.

He congratulated the Central government for kick starting the national economic recovery through multiple stimulus packages. Speaking at the inaugural event, Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami said, Tamil Nadu, has been a pioneer, in the construction of system tanks and effective water management, since early Chola period.

Jayalalithaa accorded top priority for drinking water, agriculture needs and implemented Rain Water Harvesting as a people's movement.

Continuing her legacy, several schemes like Kudimaramathu, Check Dams etc., are taken up in a big way across the State.

Under Kudimaramathu Scheme 6,278 Tanks

and water bodies were renovated at a total cost of 1,433 crore rupees with people's participation.

Further, 5,186 Minor Irrigation Tanks and 25,987 Ponds and Oorannies in rural areas were also renovated at a total cost of 805 crore rupees by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

This has largely augmented our water storage capacity.

To ramp up the water conservation efforts and increase the collective storage capacity of irrigation tanks and water bodies, Hon'ble Amma's Government launched "Tamil Nadu Water Resources Conservation and Augmentation Mission" in 2019.

Moreover, to prevent rain water from draining unnecessarily into the sea and to ensure its availability for drinking water, agriculture needs and for ground water recharge, I have sanctioned 1,000 crore rupees for construction of check dams across rivers and streams over a period of three years.

In the last two years, 160 check dams have been constructed by Public Works Department and many more are being constructed.

Further, 42,635 small Check Dams were constructed at a cost of 959 crore rupees by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

These initiatives yielded tremendous results with significant increase in ground water level and water storage, thereby increasing the crop coverage area.

The widespread rains during South-West and the current North-East monsoon periods have greatly improved the storage level in all the water bodies which were renovated in the last four years.

Due to the meticulous planning in the desilting of channels in the delta area, after I opened the shutters of Mettur Dam for Kuruvai cultivation on June 12th, the water reached the tail end areas 10 days earlier than usual.

This had a major impact wherein the delta farmers have brought 4.12 lakh acres under cultivation breaking a 30 year old

record.

Due to this, Tamil Nadu has achieved a record procurement of 32 Lakh MT of paddy.

The initiatives in Water Management and conservation was recognized by the Ministry of Jal Sakthi, Government of India and recently Tamil Nadu was awarded the First Place in the country for the year 2019-2020.

Tamil Nadu is the most favoured destination for investments in the country.

I am happy to inform that my Government has signed 55 MoUs in the current financial year, with an investment of 40,719 crorerupees, providing employment of over 65,000 persons.

The fact that this was achieved during the COVID pandemic makes it extra special.

I must congratulate and thank the Central Government for kick-starting the national economic recovery through multiple stimulus packages.

Tamil Nadu benefited immensely from the steps taken by Government of India for post COVID economic recovery. I am happy to inform the Hon'ble Home Minister, that Tamil Nadu stands second in the country in providing assistance under the 'Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme'.

The Public Sector Banks in Tamil Nadu have disbursed loans amounting to 6,980 crore Rupees so far, under this scheme.

Indian Oil Corporation's POL terminal, Integrated Lube Complex and captive jetty at Kamarajar Port at a cost of 3,200 crore rupees will contribute significantly to the energy security of the state.

The expansion of Chennai Trade Centre at a cost of 309 crorerupees will add over 20,000 square metres of additional convention space to Chennai City and will help to position the city as a destination for global conventions and conferences.

It will also contribute towards business development and export promotion.

At this juncture, I would like to inform you that various measures were taken by the Amma's Government in controlling the spread of COVID 19 pandemic successfully.



From a postal audit job to Kadhal Mannan's manager, actor

M Rafi Ahmed

Like Kadhal Mannan, who got the prefix 'Gemini' to his name, his manager and actor Mahalingam stepping into his shoes added Gemini to get an identity as Gemini Mahalingam. Thus, Gemini Mahalingam even while serving as his manager did small roles mostly in his boss films.

This scribe met him at his Harrington Road residence in 2005 when he opened up his heart about his closeness with Gemini Ganesan. In his hour-long interview, he said that he spotted his acting talent during

an English play and recommended him for radio plays in All India Radio. His role in the play Nesavali Namachivayam aired in Madras AIR turned out to be big hit then.

Interestingly, Gemini Mahalingam had acted with music director K V Mahadevan's wife Leela in AIR plays more so in Sivakamiyin Sabatham that was staged in Madurai AIR. To his credit, he has over 65 films and 150 stage plays starting with YGP's troupe in the play Under Secretary wherein Jayalalithaa acted with Cho Ramasamy in 1958. Notably, Gemini

Mahalingam's acting interest forced him to resign his postal audit job to make his passion a profession in 1957. Since then, he worked as manager to Gemini Ganesan besides doing cameo roles in movies. And he was fortunate to do small roles in three movies-Sakthi Leelai, Ganga Gowri and Annai Velankanni wherein Jayalalithaa had acted.

Gemini Mahalingam had shown his acting prowess in Meenda Sorgam, Then Nilavu, Iru Kodugal, Kaviyathalaivi, Annavin Aasai, Athi Parasakthi, Rani Yaar Kolandai, Pirarthanai, Mangudi Minor, Unnakkaga Naan,

Idhaya Malar, Chakkaram, Naan Avanillai and Pammal K Sambandam besides his stage plays include Marina's Thanikudithanam and Engamma, Savi's Washingtonnil Thurumanam, Kovai Anuradha's Appadiye Agattum, Costly Manbumigu Maamiyar and Green Signal. And he was actively involved in small screen too. His spouse Mohana retired as Income Tax Officer and the couple has a son Ganesh and daughter Mahalakshmi. He passed away on April 11, 2009 at the age of 75.