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THE HINDU

Take up rainwater harvesting to ensure long-term water security in villages: CM

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday urged representatives of local bodies to take up rainwater harvesting, stating that it would replenish groundwater levels and provide long-term water security to villages.

The Chief Minister, who interacted with around 10,000 representatives of local bodies during a webinar, dedicated a major portion of his speech to cleanliness, sanitation, reduction in the use of plastics, waste management, disease prevention, and environmental protection.

Mr. Stalin said water scarcity was an important issue that required immediate attention. "There is a saying, 'spending money like water'. But in reality, we have to use water as if we were spending money. Rainwater harvesting alone can prevent water scarcity," he said. He also drew the representatives' attention to global warming.

"We are not receiving adequate rainfall at the right time. Climate change is one of the reasons for this. We must create awareness among the public about this issue," he said. The Chief Minister said the representatives should educate the public and create awareness on waste management and sewage treatment.

"You may wonder whether there is any need for the Chief Minister to speak about these issues. But if we pay attention to small matters, we will reap major benefits. Health is wealth, and it can be achieved only through sanitation," he said.

'Focus on sanitation'

Mr. Stalin stated that if medical officers and local representatives worked together, it would improve public health.

"There should be no lacuna in keeping our villages clean," he said, adding that everyone should keep their villages clean and reduce the use of plastic. "Do not litter on the streets. We have a responsibility as our village is like our home. Segregate bio-degradable and non-degradable waste," he said.

The Chief Minister advised local body representatives to prepare for the monsoon and the prevention of diseases such as dengue and kungunya.

"Take all precautions and ensure basic amenities such as water supply and electricity are not affected. Form committees comprising social groups and local residents to plan in advance for the monsoon. It will help reduce disasters," he said.

Stressing the need for transparency in financial transactions and the management of local bodies, Mr. Stalin said the public should be informed about all expenditures. "Your suggestions in this meeting will be considered and implemented," Mr. Stalin assured them.

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M.K. STALIN
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

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Stalin addresses grama sabha online

CM: Ensure Transparency In Admin, Fin Management

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Chief minister M K Stalin on Saturday urged heads of village panchayats in Tamil Nadu to ensure transparency in administration and financial management.

Stalin participated in a grama sabha meeting, connecting with more than 10,000 panchayats online. "This is the first time a chief minister is participating in a grama sabha meeting," he said.

At the meeting, Stalin said, "The most important thing is to ensure transparency in administration and financial management. The income and expenditure should be explained to people, and their approval should be obtained. Information should be provided to people on the expenditure incurred by every panchayat."

District administrations should identify the needs of panchayats and resolve them," he said.

After his speech, Stalin interacted with residents from five panchayats in Chengalpattu Villupuram, Thanjavur, Tenkasi and Coimbatore districts, inquiring whether govt schemes are being implemented properly.

A resident of Kulathupagam in Varapatti panchayat under Sathiyapur block in Coimbatore, Hamsarajan highlighted the lack of bus services in his village while talking to Stalin. He said absence of bus services caused difficulties for college students and those commuting to city for work.

While interacting with CM Gunasekaran, a farmer from Thirumalaisamudram village in Thanjavur district highlighted the absence of a direct procurement centre (DPC) in his locality. He said the absence of a DPC is forcing farmers to take their produce to Pudukkottai district.

Shobana Thangam, a resident of Kovalam panchayat in Chengalpattu district spoke to CM said demanded street lights for Kilambakkam road from Kovalam junction, water supply to Kuzhumada village in ECR and a long-overdue road to Kattur Nagar of Kovalam.

Sevathi, a resident of Kottangi panchayat in Villupuram district, sought a new overhead water tank in her village, street lights and a road to prevent flood water. Murugan, a resident of Mallikkam and Chanar in Tenkasi district sought construction of a cement road and some other demands in his village.

NAMMA OORU NAMMA ARASU: Stalin launches new scheme to resolve long-pending issues in panchayats

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Stalin calls for elimination of child labour at all costs

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR, D. SEKAR | DC
CHENNAI, OCT. 11

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday stressed on the elimination of child labour completely by urging the people to report if they come across any cases of children being made to work as it was a prime responsibility of every citizen.

Addressing participants of the 12,480 gramsabha village council meetings across the state through video conference on Saturday, Mr Stalin listed out the various government schemes aimed at uplifting the rural areas and said that it was important for the part of the people to lift their villages to the next level and ensure that them was no child labour.

Among the many things that he mentioned as the social responsibility of the people were to ensure the proper implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) scheme, which is popularly called as the 100 days work. Employees should monitor the scheme in their own by finding out details of the scheme's accounts in their villages, he said.

The people should also know how many days of jobs were given to the beneficiaries and see to it that all records on the scheme were maintained in a transparent manner. He said, emphasising the cleanliness by asking people not to litter and throw garbage piled up inside the house making it easily and unclean.

Speaking about the importance of cleanliness he said the use of plastics should be minimised and garbage should be segregated into the battery vehicles collected from the village and sent to the segregating sheds for biodegradable and non-biodegradable categories.

Littering should be completely stopped and officials of the village administration should educate and guide the people towards awareness on the important

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Rainwater harvesting, which would improve the groundwater table, was another key issue. Stressing water shortage in many villages, he said water security is a big challenge, he said.

Seeking the people's support to all the efforts of the government and the panchayat administration, he said emergency measures should be taken in the wake of the onset of the north east monsoon to prevent dengue and other seasonal ailments. Mr Stalin said the ill-effects of climate change were already being felt with erratic and heavy/large rains and said the people that security water was important for their future.

should know the income and expenses and hence information should be shared with everyone.

Assuring that the demands placed in the government through the gram sabha meeting would be sent through official channels to the departments concerned, he said the growth of the state Mr Stalin also interacted with the participants of village councils in five panchayats and villages in Tenkasi, Villupuram, Thanjavur, Chennai and Coimbatore districts. Some of the demands included better roads for the people, and free access to the necessary

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CM addresses gram sabha meets in 12.5K villages via video conference

Each panchayat identifies and approves three essential development needs in the village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AS many as 12,480 village panchayats across Tamil Nadu conducted gram sabha meetings on Saturday with Chief Minister M K Stalin addressing the meetings virtually from his camp office.

Speaking on the occasion, Stalin said gram sabhas are the foundation of democracy and called for framing rural development schemes keeping people's needs, social justice, and equality in mind.

During the interaction, representatives and residents from Kovalam panchayat (Chengalpattu district), Mullikulam (Tenkasi), Varapatti (Coimbatore), Kondangi (Villupuram), and Thirumalaisamudram (Thanjavur) shared their views on local development priorities with the CM.

Each gram sabha meeting identified and approved three essential development needs of their villages. Resolutions were also passed to rename streets, habitations, and public places bearing devaatory caste-related names with socially appropriate alternatives to promote harmony. Beneficiaries were also identified under the Thayumanavar Scheme.

The meetings reviewed progress under key programmes, including the "Namma Ooru, Namma Arasu" initiative, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Amitha Urban, Marunalai Swachh (Grameen). The gram

harvesting, dengue prevention, preparedness for the northeast monsoon, and the evaluation of child labour. Steps to implement Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) for rural youth skill training were also reviewed.

In total, 16 major resolutions were adopted including approval for preparing village development plans under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) for 2025-26 and uploading video/audio recordings of proceedings from 7,515 selected panchayats on the state government's portal.

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(Chief Minister M.K. Stalin spoke during the online meeting of the 12,480 village councils across the state in Chennai on Saturday.)

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

If language is destroyed, we will lose our identity: Stalin

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Chief minister M K Stalin on Saturday emphasised the importance of language in preserving Tigull race and tradition, warning that its destruction would lead to a loss of identity.

At a function held at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai, Stalin presented Kalaimamani awards for 2021, 2022, and 2023, along with Bharathiyar, M S Subbulakshmi, and Balasaraswathi awards to various artists. He lauded different art forms for their role in maintaining Tamil language.

"These arts play a great role in developing Tamil language. Writing, speech, literature and arts together develop a language and preserve it. If a language is destroyed, our race and tradition will also be destroyed, and we will lose our identity. If we lose our identity we will lose our right to call ourselves 'Tamils,'" he said, while conferring the Kalaimamani awards of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Winners of other awards received ₹1 lakh along with a gold medal of the same weight.

Praising the awardees, Stalin said selections encompassed all forms of art, including acting, music, drama, dance, cinema, serial artistes, and folk arts.

(LUMINARIES: Stalin presented Kalaimamani awards, along with Bharathiyar, M S Subbulakshmi, and Balasaraswathi awards to artists)

M S Subbulakshmi award. Yesudas was unable to attend the ceremony in person as he was in the US. His son Vijay Yesudas accepted the award on his behalf.

Recipients of Kalaimamani award were presented with a gold medal weighing three sovereigns and a title deed.

Art forms nurtured Tamil language, says CM

The Dravidian movement has promoted Tamil music, writing, and theatre; it enriched the language on public platforms and revived society, says Stalin while conferring Kalaimamani awards; he urges artists from the State to spread Tamil art forms and culture throughout the world

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Saturday that art forms had played and continued to play – a significant role in nurturing the Tamil language, and it was the Dravidian movement that introduced ideology and propaganda through theatre.

"Writings, oratory, literature, and art nurture languages. If a language is destroyed, it will pave the way for destruction of a race, culture, and identity. If we lose our identity, we will lose our right to call ourselves 'Tamils,'" he said, while conferring the Kalaimamani awards of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Recognising excellence: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin with the recipients of the Kalaimamani awards at a function held in Chennai on Saturday. | M. MOORTHI

ing without the ministry of Tamils and self-respect? Let us protect the arts, our language, and our race.

on the world and spread our art forms and culture," he said.

The Chief Minister also presented the M.S. Subbulakshmi award to Vasudha and playback singer K.J. Yesudas, the Bharathiyar award to S. Murugarajan and the Balasaraswathi award to Muthukamalam Rajadhy the contributions of TMS founder C.N. Annadurai, poet Bharathidasan, writer S.S. Thenarasu, actors M.A. Radha, K.R. Ramasamy, Sivaji Ganesan, S.S. Rajendran and others. Mr. Stalin said the ideas of the Dravidian Movement reached the theatre, cinema, and literature.

Mr. Stalin said the government is looking to give the Tamil language its due. Tamil is recognised as a classical language, and the Government of India has recognised Tamil dance, music, and other religious traditions. The Dravidian movement promoted Tamil dance, writing, and theatre. It enriched the language on public platforms and revived society.

The Chief Minister said the Kalaimamani awards were extended to 30 people in every art form, and those who practised them.

The objective is to bring out the talents in the Tamil land and protect and nurture the art forms.

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Art forms have nurtured Tamil language, says CM

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Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said that art forms had played a significant role in nurturing the Tamil language. He said this while conferring Kalaimamani awards of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram. | PHOTO: T.

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Inclusive panchayats key for a thriving democracy, says CM

Chennai: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday reiterated his government's commitment to social equality, saying steps were being taken to rename streets based on existing caste-based names with derogatory connotations and replace them with neutral names.

Speaking through the state-wide gram sabha meetings held in 12,480 panchayats, he said, "Our administration is committed to ensuring social equality, dignity and respect for all citizens."

Stalin said the State has ensured social justice, and women empowerment through initiatives such as Kalaignar Kanavu Illam and Mahalir Urimai Thogai. He noted that the "Namma Oru, Namma Arasu" initiative is a "Village Our Government" initiative which seeks to help people identify and prioritise their key local needs.

and Thanjavur districts, referring to the fact that the first Chief Minister in the State to directly interact with people through gram sabhas emphasised that such engagements would be essential. Gram sabhas would be conducted and implemented under various rural development schemes, he said.

He said the gram sabhas have created a new culture of democracy, where people actively participate in village affairs, strengthening the foundation of democracy.

Steps taken to rename streets and areas bearing caste-based names with derogatory connotations, replacing them with neutral ones, says CM Stalin

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CM opens India's first int'l-grade ornamental fish trade hub in city

Built by CMDA at ₹53 cr in Kolathur, the centre would generate 1K jobs, boost industry growth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin on Saturday inaugurated what is said to be India's first international-standard ornamental fish trade centre in Kolathur, built at a cost of ₹53 crore by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA).

Kolathur, long recognised as a hub for ornamental fish breeding and trade, is home to nearly 188 retailers dependent on the Chennai Fish Dry Dock. Soon after the centre's opening, 188 fish breeders on June 25, 2025, expressed their challenges and sought better spaces to expand the ornamental fish trade in global markets. Following this consultation, the state government allotted 188 shops in the new complex to accommodate ornamental fish traders in Kolathur.

Spread over 15,845 sq m, with a built-up area of 11,850 sq m, the complex includes 188 shops and five common rooms.

There are 94 shops on the ground floor. It has the first floor and 54 on the second floor, with facilities for people with disabilities too. The centre includes three staircases, water storage facilities and parking for 300 cars, wheelers and 100 four wheelers.

It will serve as a hub for wholesale and retail ornamental fish sales with aquarium retailers, a training room, an aquarium, and meeting spaces for producers, sellers and exporters. It is planned to create more than 1,000 direct and indirect jobs, significantly boosting the local economy.

(Chief Minister M.K. Stalin speaks during the inaugural function of the ornamental fish market in Kolathur on Saturday.)

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Modern ornamental fish trade centre with 188 shops inaugurated in Kolathur

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday inaugurated the ornamental fish trade centre in Kolathur.

Ornamental fish traders received allotment orders for the trade outlets from the Chief Minister.

The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority had developed 188 shops for ornamental fish traders at the centre located on a 4-acre area near Padi Flyover in Villivakkam, with modern laboratories, conference hall to promote export of ornamental fish, parking lots for 185 cars, and 200 motorcycles.

Job opportunities

CMDA and HR and CE Minister P.K. Sekarbabu said the work on the ₹53-crore project was expedited owing to the rising demand from traders. "The centre is expected to provide employment opportunities for 1,000 people. In addition, Chief Minister raised a question in the Assembly while he was Leader of Opposition. He has given an answer for the question today. The foundation stone for the centre was laid in August last year. The project has been completed in 14 months," he said.

Babu, an ornamental fish trader in the centre, said: "I have been in this business for 32 years. This centre is one of the most important in the country. Ornamental fish trade was affected in Kolathur because of traffic congestion. We requested the Chief Minister to create a centre similar to Uthavar Santhai."

'Attraction for children'

Abitha Begum, another trader, said: "We did not expect such a modern centre of international standard. This trade centre will be an attraction for children. The aesthetics, technical aspects, laboratories, incinerator, and conference hall has attracted foreign clients. The centre will facilitate growth and development of fisheries courses for students," she said.

Over 500 families in Kolathur depend on ornamental fish breeding for their livelihood.

Kolathur is an important hub of the trade in the country.

Fisheries Minister Anitha R. Radakrishnan, Central Chennai Member of Parliament Dayanidhi Maran, North Chennai Member of Parliament Kalanidhi Veeraswamy, Mayor R. Priya, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Kakarla Usha, and CMDA Member Secretary G. Prakash participated.

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P.K. SEKARBABU
HR & CE Minister

Marine market: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the ornamental fish trade centre in Kolathur on Saturday

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Stalin opens Kolathur ornamental fish market

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Chennai: Chief minister M K Stalin on Saturday inaugurated a sprawling complex at Kolathur to house the hitherto unorganised ornamental fish market, one of the largest of its kind in South India. The project was developed by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) at a cost of ₹50.35 crore. Stalin also issued shop allotment orders to producers and sellers.

Kolathur is a key hub for the ornamental fish trade in India, with around 500 families involved in production and trade. Recognising this, the chief minister, upon assuming office, consulted with local producers in June 2021 to understand their needs and aspirations for international trade.

Subsequently, a budget announcement in 2021-22 declared the establishment of a world-class exclusive ornamental fish trade centre. In collaboration with the department of fisheries and fishermen welfare, the CMDA initiated the project on Aug 26, 2024, in Villivakkam, Chennai.

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BOOST FOR LOCAL TRADE: CM at Kolathur ornamental fish market

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No use losing Tamil identity: CM

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Life would lose its meaning if self respect and Tamil identity were lost, Chief Minister M K Stalin said, pledging to protect the arts, language, culture and race and urging artistes from the State to go around the world and popularize Tamil arts and art forms.

Speaking at a government event, organised to distribute Kalaimamani awards to various artistes for the years 2021, 2022 and 200 and the conferring of M S. Subbulakshmi Award to playback singer K.J Yesudas on Saturday, Stalin said no art form had been left out in the selection of award winners.

He thanked the Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Sangam (Literary, Music, and Drama association) for organizing the event and said the selection of awardees was made from all age groups, ranging from 50-year-old Muthukamalamnul to a young music director Anirudh (35 years).

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Following the footsteps of M Karunanidhi, the DMK government had been honouring artistes representing diffrent art forms, he said, and quoted Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, who spoke ahead of him at the event and recalled Karunanidhi receiving the Kalaimamani award from C N Annadurai in 1967.

Recollecting the past contribution of the Dravidian movement to the promotion of arts and culture through the staging of plays, he said drama was a chosen form of medium to propagate the ideals of the self-respect movement.

It was the Dravidian movement that infused thought provoking lyrics and propagandas into drama, he said, adding that it helped promote the development of Tamil language along with other forms of arts like literature, writing and oratory.

STALIN HAILS KALAIMAMANI AWARDEES

CM sees artistes as emissaries of Tamil identity

CHENNAI: Celebrating Tamil Nadu's rich artistic heritage, Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday presented the prestigious Kalaimamani Awards for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 to 90 distinguished artistes from various creative fields, including literature, music, dance, theatre, cinema, and folk arts. The grand ceremony, held at Kalaivanar Arangam in the city, was a glittering tribute to Tamil artistry and cultural legacy.

Among the notable awardees were composer Anirudh Ravichander, actors K.J. Harry, Vikram Prabhu, Sai Pallavi, and choreographer Shanty alias Sivakhadi, along with acclaimed Carnatic and folk artistes from across the state. Veteran singer Vijay Yesudas, on behalf of his father Dr K.J. Yesudas, received the MS Subbulakshmi Award for excellence in music, while renowned Bharatanatyam exponent Padma Shri Muthukamalamnul was honoured with the Balasaraswati Award for dance. Adaptive Micrographer Prabhu received the Bharathiyar Award for literature.

The Tamil Isai Sangam (Sabha Association) Musicians in Chennai was awarded the best cultural institution, and the Kalaimamani M K Muthusamy Memorial Drama Troupe from Madurai received the award for the best theatre group.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Stalin described the event as a "celebration of Tamil talent and identity," remarking that the Kalaimamani title bestowed by the Tamil Nadu government carried more value than gold itself. "Gold prices may rise every day, but the glory of the Kalaimamani title will only grow with time," he said.

Stressing the intimate link between art, language, and identity, the Chief Minister said, "If a language decays, its people and culture will crumble. We lose our identity, and when identity fades, the pride of being Tamil disappears. Without that self-respect, life has no meaning. So, let us protect our arts, preserve our language, and safeguard our Tamil identity."

Stalin also highlighted the Dravidian model government's continued commitment to supporting artists. He cited several welfare measures, including a monthly pension of Rs 1,500 for financially struggling artistes, annual financial assistance of Rs 10,000 each to 300 needy artists, and enhanced grants for the Iyal Isai Nataka Mandrams. "The government remains steadfast in its support to every form of art that strengthens Tamil culture and inspires future generations," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, ministers M P Samiappan, Ma Subramanian, and P K Sekarbabu, Chennai Mayor R Priya, MPs Dayanidhi Maran and Kalanidhi Veeraswamy, and actor-artiste officials participated in the ceremony.

Chief Minister M K Stalin presents the Kalaimamani Award to actor Sai Pallavi, in Chennai on Saturday

ADDING GLITTER TO TALENT

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Chief Minister Mk Stalin awarding Kalaimamani to music director Anirudh Ravichander at an event on Saturday

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