உள்ளத்தில் பொங்கும் மகிழ்ச்சி; இல்லத்தில் கொண்டாட்டமாக நிறையும்!

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலினுக்கு மனமார்ந்த நன்றி!

பொங்கல் தொகுப்பு பெற்ற பொதுமக்கள் மகிழ்ச்சி மழையில் வாழ்த்து!

தமிழர் திருநாளாம் பொங்கல் திருநாளை முன்னிட்டு, பொதுமக்களுக்கு சர்க்கரை, அரிசி, கரும்பு மற்றும் ரொக்கம் ரூபாய் 3000 வழங்கும் மகத்தான திட்டத்தினை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் நேற்று காலை ஆலந்தூரில் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

பொங்கல் பரிசுத் தொகுப்பு மற்றும் ரொக்கம் 3000 ரூபாய் பெற்ற பொதுமக்கள் குறிப்பாக தாய்மார்கள் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்களுக்கு பாராட்டுக்களையும் மனமார்ந்த நன்றியையும் முகத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சி பொங்கிட தெரிவித்த காட்சியை செய்தியாக வெளியிட்டுள்ளோம்.

அது வருமாறு:-

திலகம் (தஞ்சை): பொங்கல் பரிசுத் தொகுப்பு கொடுத்து இருக்கிறார்கள் மிகுந்த சந்தோஷமாக இருக்கிறது. வேஷ்டி, சேலை, ரொக்கப் பணம் 3000 ரூபாய், அரிசி, கரும்பு, சர்க்கரை என்று எல்லாமே கொடுத்து இருக்கிறார் முதல்வர். பொதுமக்களுக்கு ரொம்ப உபயோகமாக இருக்கும். இது எல்லோருக்குமே சந்தோஷம்.

நாகேஸ்வரி (தஞ்சை): பொங்கலுக்காக ஒரு கிலோ அரிசி, ஒரு கிலோ சர்க்கரை, கரும்பு, 3000 ரூபாய் ரொக்கப் பணம் அய்யா முதல்வர் அவர்கள் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார். இதனாலே கஷ்டப்படுகிற மக்கள் எல்லாம் நல்லா பயன்பெறுகிறார்கள். இந்தப்

பொங்கலை நாங்கள் சந்தோஷமாக கொண்டாடுவோம். இந்த ஆண்டு நல்லா இருக்கும். மீண்டும் அய்யா அவர்கள் ஆட்சிக்கு வருவாங்கன்னு நான் வாழ்த்துகிறேன். எங்களுடைய பிள்ளைதான் அவர். அவரை நான் மீண்டும் வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

சுசிலா (தஞ்சை): (ஒரு முழு கரும்பை கையில் ஏந்தியவாரே சந்தோஷத்துடன் கூறுகிறார்)

பொங்கலுக்காக எல்லாமே மக்களுக்காக செய்கிறார். இவையெல்லாம் ரொம்ப சந்தோஷமாக இருக்கிறது. ரூபாய் 3000 கொடுத்து இருக்கிறார். நல்லபடியாக அடுத்த முறையும் வருவார். எங்களுக்கெல்லாம் ரொம்ப சந்தோஷம்.

திவ்யா (நெல்லை) பொங்கலுக்காக சிறப்பு தொகையாக ரூபாய் 3000 கொடுத்து இருக்கிறார்.

கஷ்டப்படுகிற எல்லோருக்குமே இதனை யூஸ் செய்து கொள்ளலாம். இந்த பொங்கலை கொண்டாடிட இந்த முறை யாரிடமும் கடன் வாங்க வேண்டிய அவசியமில்லை. இந்த பொங்கலுக்கு கரும்பு, சர்க்கரை, அரிசி மட்டுமில்லாமல் ரொக்கம் மூவாயிரம் கொடுத்து இருப்பதினால் எங்களை மாதிரி கஷ்டப்படுகிற பேமிலிக்கு இந்தப் பொங்கல் சந்தோஷமான பொங்கலாக இருக்கும், சிறப்பான பொங்கலாகவும் இருக்கும்.

இந்தப் பொங்கலுக்காக ரூபாய் 3000 கொடுத்தது எங்களுக்கு நல்ல உதவியாக இருக்கிறது. அதுமட்டுமல்லாமல் பச்சரிசி, சர்க்கரை, கரும்பு கொடுத்ததினால் இது எங்களுக்கு உதவிகரமாக இருக்கிறது. பொங்கலுக்காக எங்களுக்கு 3000 ரூபாய் கொடுத்த முதலமைச்சருக்கு நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

முத்துலட்சுமி (திருச்செந்தூர்): தமிழக முதல்வர் அவர்கள் பொங்கலை முன்னிட்டு

3000 ரூபாய் ரொக்கத் தொகையும் பரிசுத் தொகுப்பும் இன்று வழங்கி இருக்கிறார்கள். அது எங்களுக்கு மிகுந்த சந்தோஷமாக இருக்கிறது. இந்த பொங்கலை நாங்கள் சிறப்பாக கொண்டாடிட உதவிய முதல்வருக்கு மிகுந்த நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். தமிழக முதல்வர் அவர்கள் எங்களுக்கு பொங்கல் பரிசுத் தொகையாக 3000 ரூபாயும், பச்சரிசி, சீனி, கரும்பு இதையெல்லாம் எங்களுக்கு தந்திருக்கிறார்கள். பொங்கல் கொண்டாடிட எங்களுக்கு ரொம்ப வசதியாக இருக்கும். முதல்வர் அவர்களுக்கு ரொம்ப நன்றி.

முருகேஸ்வரி (திருச்செந்தூர்): (முழு கரும்பை கையில் ஏந்தியவாரே பேட்டியளிக்கிறார்) முதல்வர் அவர்கள் ரொக்கம் 3000, பொங்கல் பரிசு தொகுப்பு கொடுத்ததற்கு முதலில் நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

எங்களை மாதிரி இருக்கின்ற ஏழை எளிய மக்களுக்கு மிகவும் பயனுள்ளதாக இருக்கும். ரொம்ப சந்தோஷமாக இருக்கிறோம். முதல்வருக்கு நன்றி.

காஞ்சனா (சோழிங்க நல்லூர்): (ஒருமுழு கரும்பை கையில் ஏந்தியவாரே மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் கூறுகிறார்) மாசம், மாசம் ஆயிரம்

ரூபாய் கொடுப்பதோடு இப்போது இந்த மாதம் அதோடு சேர்த்து 3000 ரூபாயும் பொங்கலுக்கு ரொக்கமாக கொடுத்தது ரொம்ப சந்தோஷமாக இருக்கிறது. எங்கள் முதல்வருக்கு ரொம்ப ரொம்ப நன்றி சொல்ல நாங்கள் கடமைப்பட்டு இருக்கிறோம். இந்த வருஷம் பொங்கலை நாங்கள் ரொம்ப ஹாப்பியாக கொண்டாடுவோம். ரொம்ப ரொம்ப சந்தோஷமாக இருக்கிறது எல்லோருக்குமே. முதல்வருக்கு நன்றி.

ஜெயலட்சுமி (சோழிங்க நல்லூர்): நன்றிங்க, முதல்வருக்கு மிக்க நன்றி. மூவாயிரம் ரூபாய் கொடுத்து இருக்கிறார் முதல்வர். எனக்கு ரொம்ப சந்தோஷமா இருக்கு. முதல்வருக்கு ரொம்ப நன்றி. அனைத்து மந்திரிகளுக்கும் ரொம்ப நன்றி.

இலஞ்சியா (சேலம்): இதில் கிறிஸ்தவர்களும் இருக்கிறார்கள், இஸ்லாமியர்களும் இருக்கிறார்கள், இந்துக்களும் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

நாங்கள் எல்லாம் சமத்துவமாக சமத்துவ பொங்கலை கொண்டாடுகிறோம். இந்த சமத்துவ பொங்கலை கொண்டாடுவதற்கு அய்யா எங்களுக்கு உதவி செய்திருக்கிறார். அய்யாவுக்கு ரொம்ப நன்றி.

சுபா (சேலம்): இந்த பொங்கலுக்கு சாதாரண குடும்பமாக இருந்தால் சற்று குறைந்த செலவு ஆகும். பெரிய குடும்பமாக இருந்தால் சற்று செலவு அதிகமாகும். பொங்கலுக்கு எல்லோருமே ஊர் உலகத்தில் இருந்தெல்லாம் வருவாங்க. இந்தத்தொகையை வைத்து சிறப்பாக பொங்கலை கொண்டாடலாம். சந்தோஷமாக பிள்ளைகளோடு இருக்கலாம். ரொம்ப மகிழ்ச்சி முதல்வர் அய்யா கொடுத்ததற்கு ரொம்ப மகிழ்ச்சி. ரொம்ப ரொம்ப நன்றிங்க.

சுதித்ரா (சேலம்) பொங்கல் பண்டிகைக்காக எங்களுக்கு கொடுத்திருப்பதற்கு முதல்வருக்கு ரொம்ப நன்றி. என்னைப் போன்ற மிடில்கிளாஸ் பேமிலிக்கு இந்த பொங்கல் தொகுப்பு, ரொக்கம் மிகவும் யூஸ்புல்லா இருக்கும். இந்த பண்டிகைக்கு வேண்டியவற்றையெல்லாம் இதில் வாங்கிக் கொள்வோம். இந்த பொங்கல் திருநாளை முதல்வர் அவர்களால் நாங்கள் நல்லபடியாக கொண்டாடுவோம்.

இவ்வாறு அனைத்துத்தரப்பு பெண்களும் முகத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சி பொங்க முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்களுக்கு தங்களது நெஞ்சார்ந்த நன்றியை தெரிவித்துக் கொண்டனர்.

அமித்ஷா வருகையும் முதல்வரின் பதிலடியும்!

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Amit Shah's claims on Hindus in TN aimed at creating division, says CM

2026 polls will decide whether state should be ruled by DMK or someone from Delhi: Stalin

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CHIEF Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday said that Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2026 will determine whether TN should be ruled by the DMK or someone from New Delhi, even as the CM condemned and refuted the claim of Union Home Minister Amit Shah that the DMK government was consistently disrespecting Hinduism and the sentiments of Hindus in the state.

Addressing a public meeting in Dindigul, the CM said, "Union Minister Amit Shah, during his recent visit to Tamil Nadu, alleged that the state government is suppressing the religious rights and beliefs of Hindus. Is he truly Amit Shah or 'Avadoor' Shah? I strongly oppose such statements."

Elaborating on it, Stalin said, "Over the last four years, TN has organised 'kumbhabhishekam' for 4,000 Hindu temples. Furthermore, the government has successfully reclaimed 7,655 acres of land and assets, valued at Rs 7,701 crore, which were encroached upon and belonged to 997 Hindu temples. True devotees and spiritual leaders appreciated the efforts of the Dravidian model of governance. I personally oversee initiatives related to the HR&CE department at the secretariat nearly twice a week to ensure their effective implementation. So, the union minister must avoid spreading misinformation about TN."

The CM said there are indications that this rhetoric was aimed at creating division and serving propaganda for an audience beyond the state, especially in North India. "Such divisive attempts have repeatedly failed in TN, and they will not succeed under my governance. We will not allow it to happen," Stalin said, adding that Shah had asked the people, "Should there be PM Modi's rule in TN or not?" The CM said the 2026 Assembly election is all about deciding "whether the state should be ruled by the DMK government or by someone from New Delhi. This election is a challenge posed to the self-respect of the Tamils."

Stalin alleged that the union government is forcibly imposing NEET, refusing to release education funds meant for TN, thrusting the National Education Policy, weakening TN's democratic strength in the name of constituency delimitation, and belittling Tamils in North Indian states.

"Despite these issues, opposition leader Edappadi K Palaniswami is striving only to bring a BJP government to power. If people vote for the AIADMK alliance, the BJP will rule TN. Shah himself has made that statement. One must note that after the death of former CM J Jayalalithaa, the BJP's proxy rule was established in TN. People of TN will not trust Palaniswami who did nothing for the state. Despite election defeats in 2019, 2021, 2024, EPS refuses to understand this!" Stalin said that in 2019 Palaniswami (then CM) had stopped the free laptop scheme meant for students.

On the occasion, Stalin inaugurated 111 completed projects worth ₹338 crore. He also initiated and laid the foundation stone for 212 new projects worth ₹174 crore in the district.

The CM announced eight new schemes for Dindigul including a processing centre for drumstick at a cost of ₹7 crore, tourism centre in Kodaikanal spreading over 100 acres, and fixing minimum price for Flame Lily plants in Oddanchatram by coordinating with the union government.

Chief Minister MK Stalin distributing welfare assistance to beneficiaries during his visit to Dindigul on Wednesday | EXPRESS

CM's convoy vehicle develops puncture

Chief Minister MK Stalin's convoy vehicle had a puncture when it was on its way to Madurai airport on Wednesday afternoon. However, it did not disrupt the routine of the CM's schedule. According to a police source, the car tyre had a puncture near Thanakkankulam Kanmoi along NH-44, just 15 km from the airport, around 1.15 pm. The CM was shifted to another vehicle that was brought as a spare as part of the protocol

THE HINDU

CM Stalin hits out at Amit Shah for 'slandering' DMK

Criticising the Union Home Minister for accusing the DMK government of working against the beliefs of Hindus, he pointed out that it had performed the consecration of over 4,000 temples

The Hindu Bureau
DINDIGUL

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday criticised Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his recent accusation that the DMK government was functioning against the beliefs of Hindus.

Accusing Mr. Shah of indulging in slander, he said the Home Minister was not aware of what was happening in Tamil Nadu. He wondered if the Minister's name was Amit Shah or "Avathooru" (slander) Shah.

Mr. Stalin was inaugurating various government projects and initiating new schemes for Dindigul district, which he praised for its historic valour.

The Chief Minister said the DMK government had performed the consecration of more than 4,000 temples. "Has this feat been achieved by any BJP-ruled State? Definitely not. The DMK government has also retrieved over 7,000 acres of temple lands. True devotees and spiritual leaders have praised the DMK government," he said.

The government respects all faiths and protects their rights. For the Home Minister to make such a remark was unbecoming of his position. "Any plan to divide the people of Tamil Nadu and spread hate propaganda will not work here," Mr. Stalin said.

The DMK leader pointed out that Mr. Shah, during his recent visit to Pudukottai, had asked the people there whether Modi's government should be established in Tamil Nadu or not. "We are asking the same question. Should we (DMK front) establish the government in Tamil Nadu or should someone unrelated to us from Delhi rule over us? It is a question of self-respect of the Tamil people. We don't have to explain to the people of Tamil Nadu that if they vote for the AIADMK alliance, the BJP will rule Tamil Nadu," Mr Stalin said.

According to him, AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami is in alliance with the BJP that worked against the interest of the Tamils. "After the demise of former AIADMK leader Jayalalithaa, the BJP had established a proxy rule in Tamil Nadu," he said.

He added that the people of Tamil Nadu had no faith in the NDA "that had done nothing for the people" and that was why it had faced crushing defeats in the 2019, 2021, and 2024 elections.

"When you won't change your biased treatment of Tamil Nadu, do you think the Tamil people will change their decision? The people were on the side of the DMK government," Mr. Stalin said.

The DMK government had worked for the benefit of everyone, and welfare schemes were introduced. The government focused on a balanced development of both urban and rural areas, he added.

Expressing confidence that the DMK front would win the upcoming Assembly election, he said the "good governance of the 'Dravidian Model' government" would continue and take Tamil Nadu to greater heights. The 'Dravidian Model Government 2.0' would witness greater achievements, he said.

Ministers I. Periyasamy, K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran, K.R. Periyakaruppan, R. Sakkarapani, Karur MP S. Jothimani, Dindigul MP R. Sachithanantham, MLAs I.P. Senthil Kumar and S. Gandhirajan, Dindigul Collector S. Saravanan, and other officials participated.

Strong stance: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at a function held in Dindigul district on Wednesday.

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CM accuses Shah of slander, says he's inventing issues

Stalin: Hindu Devotees Back DMK

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Dindigul: Chief minister M K Stalin on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on Union home minister Amit Shah, calling him "Avathooru Shah" (Slander Shah) for accusing DMK govt of acting against Hindu religious beliefs and practices. At a welfare assistance distribution programme in Dindigul district, Stalin said leaders who failed to find fault with the state government were inventing "imaginary issues" in TN. Referring to Shah's recent visit to the state, Stalin said Shah had made baseless allegations without understanding ground reality.

"Amit Shah accused TN govt of acting against Hindu beliefs and practices. I strongly condemn this. Does he even know what is happening here," Stalin asked. He said consecration was performed for more than 4,000 temples after DMK came to power. In addition, 7,655 acres of temple land worth ₹7,701 crore belonging to 997 temples were retrieved from encroachers. "Have you done this in any of the BJP-ruled states," he asked.

Stalin said Hindu devotees and spiritual leaders appreciated the govt's efforts and wanted DMK to continue in power. DMK respected all religions and protected religious rights, Stalin said and added that Shah's accusations were "unbecoming of a Union home minister". "Is he Amit Shah or 'Avathooru' Shah," Stalin asked. The only thing that has failed in TN was the intention of those who wanted to incite communal discord, he said. "Those who want to create riots and divide people have not succeeded, and they never will. As long as I am here, it will not happen," he said.

Stalin said the upcoming assembly polls would decide whether TN would be governed by its own people or "ruled from Delhi". Calling it a question of TN's self-respect, he alleged that a vote for AIADMK-led alliance would effectively bring BJP to power. Stalin said Amit Shah himself had indicated this during his Pudukkottai visit by asking voters whether they wanted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule in TN or not. He accused AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami of attempting to facilitate BJP rule.

"After the death of J Jayalalithaa, TN was under BJP's proxy rule. Only in last five years under DMK has the state begun to recover," Stalin said. He said people of the state were unwilling to trust BJP, which was evident from the "resounding defeats" in TN in 2019, 2021 and 2024 elections. "The people stand with us. We will retain power and take TN towards unprecedented growth under Dravidian model govt 2.0," Stalin said.

AT DINDIGUL: CM Stalin distributed welfare measures to beneficiaries in Dindigul on Wednesday

CM's car tyre gets deflated

Madurai: Chief minister M K Stalin escaped unhurt after his car tyre got deflated on the Dindigul–Madurai four-lane highway near Thanakkankulam here on Wednesday afternoon. Police said CM was heading for Madurai airport to fly to Chennai after attending a govt function in Dindigul district. When his car approached Koothiyarkundu junction on the highway around 1.30pm, the front left wheel tyre got deflated. The car, dragged on for nearly 20 metres before the driver managed to safely pull over to the roadside. Stalin was shifted to another car and taken to the airport safely. TNN

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Stalin rejects Shah charges, says govt has devotees' confidence

■ 'Union home min's charges are based on rumours, not facts'

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Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday mounted a strong attack on Union home minister Amit Shah over his recent remarks on the Tamil Nadu state administration, accusing him of making factually incorrect and defamatory statements.

Addressing the public at a state government function here on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said those who are unable to fault the government's welfare initiatives were resorting to the creation of imaginary controversies. Referring to Mr Shah's recent remarks on Tamil Nadu, he mockingly questioned whether he was Amit Shah or "Avathooru Shah", suggesting that the allegation that the DMK government was acting against Hindu religion and customs was rooted in rumours and misinformation rather than facts.

Rejecting the charge that the DMK government was acting against Hindu religious practices, the Chief Minister said since assuming office, his government had conducted consecration ceremonies at more than 4,000 temples and reclaimed 7,655 acres of temple land. He said genuine devotees had welcomed these efforts and questioned whether any of the BJP ruled states had achieved comparable results.

Listing the achievements of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department alone would take an entire day, Mr Stalin said, adding that the DMK government enjoyed the confidence of devotees, respected all religions and safeguarded religious rights, brushing aside the allegations against his administration as completely baseless.

He said the BJP and its allied Hindutva outfits are trying to create unrest in the state in the name of religion. "As long as I remain the Chief Minister of the state any attempt to foment trouble would fail," he declared.

Drawing a comparison between his administration and that of the previous AIADMK, Mr Stalin said while the AIADMK regime collected 1.79 crore metric tonnes of paddy in 10 years, the DMK government procured 1.99 crore metric tonnes in four-and-a-half years. He pointed out that the AIADMK had discontinued the free laptop scheme in 2019, whereas the present government has reintroduced the scheme to benefit around 10 lakh students.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presents an extra-wheeled vehicle for a physically challenged person at a function in Dindigul on Wednesday.

CM FIGHTS BACK

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CM: Shah lowered HM post's stature by claiming Hindus' rights snatched in TN

DINDIGUL: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday said Union Home Minister Amit Shah's accusation that the rights of Hindus are being snatched away in Tamil Nadu is completely false and unbecoming of his position.

Addressing a government function here, the chief minister said his dispensation respects the beliefs of people belonging to all religions and protects their religious rights.

"In a state such as ours, the Home Minister's accusation that the rights of Hindus are being snatched away is completely false and unbecoming of his position. To tell the truth, it is the mindset of those who wish to create riots and division that has not succeeded in Tamil Nadu," he said.

Such a thing will never happen in the future either, and "we will not allow it to happen."

"As long as this Stalin is here, it will absolutely not happen," the ruling DMK president asserted.

At a public meeting in Pudukottai on Sunday, Shah had accused the DMK of consistently disrespecting Hinduism and the sentiments of Hindus in the state.

The BJP veteran also slammed the Stalin government over "atrocities" on Hindus. He alleged Hindu forms of worship were being "insulted," and claimed that during the Ayodhya Ram Temple bhoomi puja, an "unannounced curfew was imposed" in the state.

"Their senior leaders call Sanatan Dharma dengue, malaria. Hindu processions and visarjan (immersion of idols of Hindu deities) have been stopped. I want to tell Stalin: you have broken the constitutional ethos by committing atrocities against Hindus," he had then said.

Chief Minister Stalin handing over welfare aid to a beneficiary at an event in Dindigul on Wednesday

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