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### **GOVERNOR'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE**

Following is the Condolence message given by Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu on demise of Dr.M.Karunanidhi.

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"I am deeply shocked and grieved to know about the death of Dr. M. Karunanidhi, President of DMK and Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Dr. M. Karunanidhi who was fondly called Kalaignar was a versatile leader who held the masses mesmerized by his oratory. He was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for more than 18 years, during which period he authored and implemented a number of welfare schemes for the poor and underprivileged. The Maternity Assistance schemes the Marriage Assistance scheme the creation of the Slum Clearance Board, the provision of free electricity for the benefit of Farmers, the formation of many labour welfare boards, the nationalization of bus transport services were some of the most notable of them.

His contribution to the development of the Tamil Language both as a writer and administrator will always remain unforgettable. His dialogues aimed at the promotion of social justice enlivened many a film and attracted the audience in large

number to his brand of ideology. He was the author of several books including the famous commentary on the Thirukkural, the Kuraloviyam.

He remained undefeated in all the elections he contested from 1957 to 2016 and was respected for his political acumen, and ability to strategise by political leaders from all parts of India. With a political span covering nearly seven decades he was familiar with all the Prime Ministers, Presidents and the Chief Ministers of various States and Heads of Political Parties.

The nation joins the people of Tamil Nadu in this hour of grief.

I convey my deep condolences to the bereaved family members and pray that his soul may rest in peace.

BANWARILAL PUROHIT  
GOVERNOR OF TAMILNADU

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