

**Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit released a sum of Rs.2 Crore as financial assistance from the discretionary grants for construction of centralized kitchen to provide breakfast for Corporation School students**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit released a sum of Rs.2 Crore as financial assistance from the discretionary grants of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, for construction of centralized kitchen along with required infrastructure to provide breakfast to **12,000** poor students studying in Corporation Schools in Chennai.

In February 2019, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru Banwarilal Purohit has inaugurated **Kaalai Unnavu Thittam**, a breakfast programme run by **Akshaya Patra Foundation** for 5,000 students studying in Schools run by Greater Chennai Corporation. The programme is successfully going on till date.

The Akshaya Patra Foundation a reputed NGO which is providing breakfast to 18 lakh underprivileged children every day in 12 states. This is the first of its kind in the country. Seeing the success of this program and with a view to expand it to more schools, the Greater Chennai Corporation has permitted **The Akshaya Patra Foundation** to set up a centralized Kitchen at its land in Greams Road. Accordingly Akshaya Patra Foundation has prepared a project with approximate cost of Rs.5 crore.

The Raj Bhavan, to further its objective of serving the underprivileged children of Tamil Nadu has come forward to donate a sum of Rs. 5 crore towards the construction of this kitchen along with required infrastructure to

provide breakfast for 12,000 students in schools of Greater Chennai Corporation.

The Raj Bhavan has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with **The Akshaya Patra Foundation** for the same on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Today, the Raj Bhavan has released a cheque of Rs 2 crore as a first installment of the donation. The cheque was handed over by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu to Thiru Kodandarama Dasa, Vice President of the Akshaya Patra Foundation. Balance funds will be released in phased manner based on the progress. It is expected that this facility will be ready within six months.

The Raj Bhavan will continue to support various initiatives to support the education of underprivileged children of Tamil Nadu and also invites all stakeholders to come forward and support this noble cause.

On this occasion Thiru. Anandrao V. Patil., I.A.S., Secretary to Governor was present.

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