

PRESS RELEASE

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami on 17.8.2017 had announced that the residence of the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J Jayalalithaa (Late) will be converted as a Memorial and will be opened to the public, in remembrance of her achievements and sacrifices for the people of Tamil Nadu.

In order to implement the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, an administrative sanction was given by the Tamil Development and Information Department on 5.10.2017 for acquisition of "Veda Nilayam" located in Poes Garden, Chennai. Action has been initiated to acquire the land and building and preliminary notification was published on 28.6.2019 and thereafter a declaration has also been published on 6.5.2020.

The building of "Veda Nilayam" including the movable items such as furniture, books, jewels, etc. are in a state of disuse for more than three years. So, the Government decided to transfer all the immovable and movable properties to the Government for its upkeep until the acquisition process is complete.

Hence, the Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru Banwarilal Purohit has promulgated an Ordinance to temporarily take possession of "Veda Nilayam" and movable items therein to the State Government and to establish 'Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Memorial Foundation' for making long term arrangements to convert 'Veda Nilayam' as a Memorial.

The Foundation will have the Hon'ble Chief Minister as the Chairperson and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Hon'ble Minister (Information and Publicity), Government officials as Members and the Director of Information and Public Relations as Member Secretary.

The Foundation will take necessary steps to maintain the 'Veda Nilayam' and take necessary steps for the maintenance, upkeep and safety of all movable properties therein.

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