

**LOK BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE
GOVERNOR'S AWARDS-2025 UNDER THE CATEGORIES OF
'SOCIAL SERVICE' AND 'ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'**

Lok Bhavan, Tamil Nadu, is pleased to announce the winners of the **GOVERNOR'S AWARDS-2025**, marking the fourth consecutive year since their institution, under the categories of '**Social Service**' and '**Environmental Protection**'. Nominations for the awards were invited on 17th June 2025 to recognize, felicitate and encourage individuals and institutions for their exceptional and distinguished services to society.

The applications were scrutinized by a Selection Committee chaired by a retired distinguished High Court Judge and comprising eminent personalities. Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, the winners of the awards under the two categories '**Social Service**' and '**Environmental Protection**' is as follows:

Categories	Institution	Individual
Social Service	Venkatraman Memorial Trust (Chengalpattu District)	1. Thiru. R. Siva (Chennai District) 2. Thiru. P. Vijayakumar (Tiruchirappalli District)
Environmental Protection	Green Rameshwaram Trust (Ramanathapuram District)	Thiru. R. Manikandan (Coimbatore District)

Social Service – Institution

Venkatraman Memorial Trust (Chengalpattu District) has made significant contributions towards uplifting government schools in Kovalam Village and enhancing the overall quality of education. In recognition of these efforts, the award will be conferred, along with a cash prize of ₹5 lakh (Rupees Five Lakh) and a citation.

Social Service – Individuals

- **Thiru. R. Siva** (Chennai District) has devoted himself to the rehabilitation and social reintegration of persons affected by leprosy, helping them achieve inclusion and a better quality of life. For his exceptional contributions, he will receive the award, along with a cash prize of ₹2 lakh (Rupees Two Lakh) and a citation.
- **Thiru. P. Vijayakumar** (Tiruchirappalli District) selflessly conducts the final rites for abandoned and unclaimed corpses, ensuring they are accorded dignified last rites. In addition, he has established a free library and provides daily Annadhanam to the underprivileged, reflecting his unwavering commitment to marginalized communities. In recognition of his service, he will be conferred the award, along with a cash prize of ₹2 lakh (Rupees Two Lakh) and a citation.

Environmental Protection – Institution

Green Rameswaram Trust (Ramanathapuram District) has made outstanding contributions to the rejuvenation of water bodies and the conservation of flora and fauna in the Rameswaram area, including its Coastal Zone. The Trust also promotes waste management, renewable energy and environmental awareness among school children, fostering ecological sustainability. In recognition of these efforts, the Trust will be conferred the award, along with a cash prize of ₹5 lakh (Rupees Five Lakh) and a citation.

Environment Protection – Individual

Thiru. R. Manikandan (Coimbatore District) the founder of 'Kovai Kulangal Padhukappu Amaippu', has played a pivotal role in rejuvenating water bodies across Coimbatore and restoring biodiversity, contributing significantly to environmental conservation through community

engagement. For his exceptional service, he will receive the award, together with a cash prize of ₹2 lakh (Rupees Two Lakh) and a citation.

The awardees will receive their awards from the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu during the 'AT HOME' reception on Republic Day on **26.01.2026** at Lok Bhavan, Chennai.

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