

Press Release

## **Hon'ble Chief Minister M.K. Stalin Inaugurates Ankuran Science Centre, Madurai**

**District hub to serve 11,000+ students from 27 schools, fostering innovation through experiential science learning.**

**Madurai, Tamil Nadu – February 21, 2026** – The **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, today, inaugurated the Ankuran Science Centre in Madurai, a state-of-the-art facility designed to ignite curiosity and foster innovation among school students. The Chief Minister formally opened the centre and interacted with young learners.

The event was also attended by **Thiru. K. N. Nehru, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply, Tamil Nadu**, and **Thiru Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister of IT & Digital Services, Tamil Nadu**. Developed through a strategic MoU with the Madurai Municipal Corporation, the 0.56-acre campus serves as a district hub for hands-on learning, directly benefiting 11,000+ local students and over 20,000 students across the state through dedicated membership programs.

This initiative specifically empowers the students from schools in and around Madurai by providing advanced experiential tools that bridge the gap between academic theory and practical application, nurturing a generation of thinkers capable of leading global innovation.

The 12,000 sq. ft. built-up facility features advanced laboratories for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Robotics, and Programming. The centre also includes:

- **AI and Simulation Lab:** Integrating cutting-edge technology with creative problem-solving.
- **Interactive Exhibits:** Curiosity-led zones that shift learning from memorization to exploration.
- **Sky-Gazing Space:** A dedicated area for exploring astronomy and the natural world.
- **Sustainability:** The campus is powered by an extensive rooftop solar array, reflecting its commitment to eco-friendly infrastructure.

*“Given the current prevalence of artificial intelligence, school education requires a fundamental evolution. Ankuran is taking strategic steps to prepare the next generation for this new world order,”* said **Bimal Patwari, Managing Trustee of the Ankuran Foundation**.

By transforming science into a tangible experience that students explore firsthand, this world-class Ankuran Centre will empower learners in the region and foster an innovation mindset that bridges the gap between academic learning and industry excellence.

*“We designed this centre to feel warm, open, and inspiring. The moment a child builds a circuit, sees a cell through a microscope, or learns robotics, their perspective changes. That sense of possibility is exactly what we want every student to experience. We hope this centre fills young minds across Madurai with a spirit of discovery.”* **Sapna Patwari, Managing Trustee, explained.**

Ankuran already has a Centre in Durgapur, West Bengal, and another centre is coming up in Trichy. With the launch of the Madurai facility, the Ankuran Foundation reinforces its long-term mission to establish science centres in every district of India by 2030, ensuring high-quality experiential education is accessible to all schoolchildren. **Ramesh Venkataraman, Managing Trustee, noted,** *“The Madurai centre is a critical step in building a national network of science learning spaces that strengthen critical thinking and problem-solving from an early age.”*

**About Ankuran Foundation:** Ankuran Foundation is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to transforming science education in India. By creating environments where children can tinker, observe, and collaborate, the foundation bridges the gap between textbooks and reality. This initiative aligns with UNESCO’s 4th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 4) for inclusive, equitable, and quality education. To know about Ankuran, visit: <https://ankuran.org/>

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