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1. Drowned fisherman's spouse gets solatium

*The Hindu* dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006 reported that The Collector Tenkasi S Jawahar handed over a cheque for Rs. 50,000 to Kanakavalli, wife of Jayapal (40) a fisher man of Samanthanpettai who was drowned in the sea on Saturday. His body was washed ashore on the Nagapattinam Coast on Monday. The Collector went to Samanthanpettai and handed over the amount of Rs.50000 from the Chief Minister's relief fund. He also pointed out that all the missing fishermen in the district were traced and rescued. He also pointed out that about 200 fisher men who ventured in to the sea on Friday in 66 fibre glass boats and were reported missing in the heavy wind and rain were rescued by the Navy and Coast Guard personnel. All the fishermen returned to their respective hamlets of Serudur, Velankanni, Vedaranyam, Kodiakarai and Thirumallaivasal.

2. Steel boat for tsunami survivor

*The Indian Express* dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 reported that "District Collector Tenkasi. S.Jawahar formally inaugurated the steel boat construction work for Selvam a tsunami survivor Kuttiyandiyur. Selvam has been shown the gesture under the ongoing tsunami rehabilitation efforts of the government. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) provides loans to the tune of Rs.20 lakh for tsunami hit fishermen to buy steel boats. Rs. 5 lakh is being given as subsidy and a nominal interest rate of 7 per cent per annum is being levied. The steel boat costs Rs.20 lakh and weighs about 20 tones. It is approximately 45 feet long and 15 feet broad. Right from life jackets, it contains generators, high speed diesel engines, stove, cold storage facilities and other equipment that would enable fishermen to continue fishing non-stop for more than seven days and store up to five tones of catch.

3. CII, Deutsche Bank reach out tsunami-hit farmers

*On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006, Hindu Cuddalore reported that* The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Deutsche bank jointly organized a function at Periyakattupalayam near here to give away farm implements to the tsunami affected farmers. District Collector Gagandeep Singh Bedi said that CII had so far spent Rs.16 crore in the tsunami affected areas in Cuddalore district. The CII had given away new boats, engines and nets to the affected fishermen of

Thevanampattinam and Sonanchavadi. Besides it had also constructed community halls in Kallai and M.G.R. Thittu.

CII and Deutsche Bank are helping the affected farmers by providing them with sickles, spades, and pesticides sprayers, etc. Deutsche Bank had funded the digging of three 650 ft deep bore wells and for fitting motors.

#### **4. Fishermen dies in boat capsized**

*The Hindu reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006 that* “A boat in which three fishermen of Tharangambadi ventured in to the sea early on Friday morning for fishing capsized off Tharangambadi. One fisherman lost his life and two others managed to swim and reach the coast.

According to sources, Panchavarnam (52) his son Baskar and Panchavarnam’s brother Kathan started off for fishing from Tharangambadi in a fibre glass boat. Reacting to this issue the Collector appealed: Following the cyclone warning given by the meteorological Department, Nagapattinam Collector Tenkasi S Jawahar has appealed to the fishermen of Nagai district not to venture in to the sea till the weather cleared.

#### **5. On a tour with a mission**

*The Hindu dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2006 reported that* Eight persons from the United States, mostly elderly women who run voluntary organizations, visited Thanjavur on Thursday on a mission to interact with and “understand people”. Guided by Poongothai, senior advocate and consumer activist, they spoke to members of the women self help groups.

The SHG members from Ambabavani, Saraswathi, Bharathi and Mullai explained the concept of savings popularized by the Government and entrepreneurship development. Joan Poulos, U.S. delegation leader said that such a concept was not present in United States. “We go to various countries to talk to people, try to understand them and have them understand us. We raise money to give a few women a chance to come to the U.S. for short study projects.