



# TAMILNADU BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (TNBA)

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## **President's Statement on Annual General body Meeting 2021**

To  
All District Presidents, Secretaries  
& Office bearers,  
District Basketball Associations

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TNBA is very proud in announcing that it has successfully conducted its remarkable Annual General Body meeting on 26.09.2021 under the Chairmanship of its newly elected President, Mr.Aadhav Arjuna. This General Body meeting marks importance as this comes immediately following the elections where all the office bearers of the State Association and all District Basketball Associations were elected without any contest, showing the unity and strength amongst the basketball fraternity in Tamil Nadu to bring laurels to the State and the beautiful game of basketball. This unity is once again proved in this Annual General Body Meeting where all the agendas were passed unanimously by the members, showing their strong support and enthusiasm to the proposals and ideas brought out by the Association for the everlasting growth of the Association. This massive event has also gained significance as the Association has strived hard to resurrect to its glorious path after the covid-19 pandemic, which left the morale of the entire country in shambles.

TNBA appreciates the unity and support from its members and is confident that this will directly reflect in the upcoming developments in the sport in all arenas, be it infrastructure for players, improved training methods amongst coaches, conducting coaches clinic and referee clinics, establishment of talent research wings (TRWs) to hunt and nurture the young talents to participate in international tournaments. TNBA strongly believes that unity is the powerful weapon to overcome any crisis and acknowledges the strong urge of its members to bring internationally competent talents in the State.

TNBA is also very much proud to announce that the Basketball Federation of India has assigned the task of conducting three national tournaments - under 18 years Junior National Basketball Championship - South Zone (Boys & Girls), Senior National Basketball Championship - South Zone (Men & Women), Senior National Basketball Championship - Inter Zone Final (Men and Women) – in Tamil Nadu,



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which justifies the faith that the National body has reposed on TNBA and we will continue to do justice for the same.

The members of TNBA have showed their strong support in establishing Talent Research Wings (TRWs) in all the four zones of Tamil Nadu, which will hunt and nurture the young talents under the age of 11 years and train them to participate in international tournaments, and also provide them with international level sports hostel facility. The members of TNBA have also decided to establish coaches committee to enable coaches to develop the training methods to meet the international standards which will enable our players to reach and secure their places in not just the nation, but also at the international level.

TNBA is very honored to have the presence of Smt.Anitha Pauldurai at its Annual General Body Meeting and to felicitate her. TNBA has taken oath to bring out talents like Padma Shri Awardee, Smt.Anitha Pauldurai who will always remain as an inspiration and role model to all the basketball players – both men and women, all over the country. TNBA took this meeting as an opportunity to felicitate her and gifted her with Renault Kwid car worth Rs. 6 Lakhs in token of appreciation. Such incredible achievements by players are made possible by sincere coaches like Mr.Sampath, who has been coaching players for over 30 years and bringing out talent in many women players like Smt. Anitha Pauldurai. He has been the backbone of her achievements. Smt. Anitha Pauldurai's coach Mr. Sampath was also felicitated with a cheque of Rs. 2,00,000/- as a token of appreciation to him. This initiative of TNBA is the first of its kind in Tamil Nadu to felicitate such talents which will encourage many players to develop their focus in the game.

TNBA is very happy to see the overwhelming support received from its members to bring in equal women representation in the administration of the sports by having women office bearers in the State Association as well as its district bodies. Such an initiative has started reaping fruits, where in the history of India, TNBA is the first association to have five women office bearers being elected at its recent Elections -2021 and to have them participated in the Annual General Body meeting and ensuring their contribution in the decisions towards growth path for TNBA. The members of TNBA have elected an uncompromisable General Secretary, Mr.Aezaz Ahmed, under whose administration, TNBA can step nowhere other than the path of glory in upkeeping its principle of impartiality and ensuring equal representation from all groups.



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As yet another feather in the cap of TNBA, TNBA is also very much honored to have a half a century experienced Basketball veteran, Mr. V.V.D.Bramanandam, President of Tuticorin District Basketball Association as its Chairman, who was gracious enough to mentor the Association, and the Association will scale great heights under his guidance.

TNBA takes this opportunity to thank all its players, coaches, referees, office bearers, other officers and well-wishers for their support and impulse to develop the game, and make the world recognize and look up for talents from Tamil Nadu. The talent pool from Tamil Nadu will elevate India's standing in the International arena of sports. Let us walk hand in hand to create remarkable history!

**Thanks and Regards**

**Aadhav Arjuna**  
President - TNBA