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Policy Notes and Schemes

WELFARE MEASURES FOR SCHEDULED CASTE AND SCHEDULED TRIBE

- **SC/ST Population (2011 Census):**
  o 20.01% (1.44 crore) of Tamil Nadu's population are from Adi Dravidar communities.

- **TAHDCO (Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation):**
  o Provides subsidized economic programs.
  o Offers skill training for youth to promote self-employment.
  o Undertakes housing and development projects for SC/ST communities.

- **Centre for Social Justice and Equity (Madras School of Social Work):**
  o Conducts research.
  o Offers certificate courses on social justice.

- **Tribal Research Centre (Nilgiris, 1983-84):**
  o Studies language and culture of 37 tribal communities.
  o Preserves tribal art and heritage.

STATE COMMISSIONS AND WELFARE BOARDS

- **State Commission for Adi Dravidars and Tribals (2021):**
  Formed on 13.10.2021 to protect the rights and entitlements of Adi Dravidars and Tribals.

- **Tribal Welfare Board (2007, reconstituted 2023):**
  Reconstituted on 09.08.2023 to strengthen welfare schemes for Tribals.

- **Sanitary Workers Welfare Board (2007, reconstituted 2023):**
  Reconstituted on 08.09.2023 to improve welfare programs for sanitary workers.

- **Tribal Advisory Council (1961, reconstituted 2023):**
  Reconstituted on 30.11.2023 to advise on new schemes for tribal development.

INITIATIVES & WELFARE SCHEMES FOR ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL STUDENTS

1. **Internship Support**
   - ₹10,000 stipend for final-year Government Law College students for legal internships.

2. **Overseas Scholarship (Annal Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship)**
   - **Income ≤ ₹8 lakh/year**: Up to ₹36 lakh/year.
   - **Income ≤ ₹12 lakh/year**: Up to ₹24 lakh/year.
   - Renamed in FY 2025-26.

3. **Post Matric Scholarship**
   - For students from Class 11 onwards.
   - Family income limit: ₹2.5 lakh/year.

4. **Research Scholarship**
   - For students in Medicine, Engineering, Arts, Science, and Law.
   - Income limit: ₹8 lakh/year.

5. **Pre Matric Scholarship (Class IX & X)**
   - For Adi Dravidar students.
   - Income limit: ₹2.5 lakh/year.

6. **Pre Matric Scholarship (Hazardous Occupations)**
   - For students (Class 1 to 10) whose parents are in health-risk jobs.

7. **Girls Education Incentive Scheme**

Class	Annual Incentive
III–V	₹500
VI	₹1,000
VII–VIII	₹1,500

8. **Skill Voucher Scheme**
   - Up to ₹25,000 for skill training.
   - For graduates/postgraduates scoring 60%+.

9. **Student Hostels**
   - **MC Raja Hostel (Chennai)**: Expanding accommodation for students in and around Chennai.
   - **8 New Hostels**: Built in Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, and Nilgiris with full amenities (Cost: ₹100 crore).

IYOTHEE THASS PANDITHAR HABITATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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- **Started**: FY 2023–24 | **Budget**: ₹1,000 crore over 5 years.

- **Aim**: Improve roads, streetlights, drinking water in Adi Dravidar areas (urban + rural).

- **Executing Bodies**: TAHDCO, Rural Development, Town Panchayat, TNUHDB.

SAMATHUVAM KAANBOM (SEEKING EQUALITY)

- **771 Police & Revenue Officers** trained in empathy and response to violence victims.

- **Conducted by**: Anna Management Training Centre.

PRADHAN MANTRI ADARSH GRAM YOJANA (PMAGY)

- **Focus**: Development of villages with 40%+ Adi Dravidar population.

- **Facilities Provided**: Water, sanitation, education, healthcare, roads, housing, electricity, nutrition, digital access, etc.

- **Declared Model Villages**: 1,543 out of 2,924.

- **FY 2024–25 Budget**: ₹116.79 crore.

FREE HOUSE SITE PATTAS

- Free land pattas for housing are given to homeless Adi Dravidar and Tribal families.

LEGAL PROTECTIONS

- **Acts Enforced**:

o Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955

o SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 + Amendments (2015, 2016, 2018)

o Forest Rights Act, 2006

DR. AMBEDKAR AWARD

- **Started**: 1998 by the Government of Tamil Nadu

- **Purpose**: To honour individuals contributing to the upliftment of Adi Dravidar and Tribal communities

- **Award Includes**:

o ₹5,00,000 cash prize

o Certificate of merit

o Gold medal

Recent Recipients:

- **2023**: *Mr. P. Shanmugam* – For securing justice for tribal women of Vachathi (Dharmapuri District)

- **2024**: *Dr. D. Ravikumar*, MP – For his contributions to social justice

TRIBAL WELFARE

- **Directorate of Tribal Welfare** established in **April 2000** for the socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities.

- Since **2018**, functions independently with full **financial and administrative powers**.

- **2011 Census**:

o **8.41 lakh tribals** in Tamil Nadu belonging to **37 tribal communities**

o Include **Narikuravar** (added in 2023)

o Tribals form **1.17%** of Tamil Nadu's total population

Special Initiative

- **"Thottuvidum Thoorathil Ilakku"** workshop held in **Salem**

o Aimed at 11th and 12th tribal students

o Provided **guidance and counselling** for competitive exams like **JEE, NEET, CLAT, NIFT, CUET**

o Encouraged tribal youth to pursue **higher education**

EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS (EMRS) – 1998

- **Launched in 1998** by **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**, Government of India.

- Aim: Provide **quality education** to **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** children in **remote areas**.

- **Fully residential** schools for **Class VI to XII**.

- Follow **CBSE curriculum**.

- Focus on **academic excellence** and **overall development** of tribal students.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AND PROGRAMS FOR TRIBAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELFARE

1. **TOLKUDIYINAR VELANMAI MELANMAI THITTAM – AINTHINAI**

   - **Launched on 06.03.2024** in **Namakkal district**.

   - Aim: Promote **self-employment** and **cooperative employment**.

- Focus areas include:

o **Agriculture & allied activities**

o **Non-farming enterprises**

o **Livestock & fish farming**

o **Traditional industries**

o **Minor forest produce** collection & processing

2. THOLKUDI – SPECIAL SCHEME

- Aimed at **improving infrastructure** in tribal habitations:

o **Housing**, **roads**, **drinking water**, and **street lighting**

- Also supports **livelihood development** for tribal communities

- Implemented over **4 years**

- Total fund: **₹1,000 crore** (₹250 crore per year)

Financial Assistance under Article 275(1)

- Funds used to enhance **education**, **health**, **drinking water**, **roads**, **internet**, and **economy** in tribal areas

- **₹15 crore** allocated for **2024–2025**

3. PM JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Jan Jatiya Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan)

- National scheme for justice and inclusive development of tribal communities, especially in remote and forest areas.

- Implemented with support from **9 departments**.

4. Multi-Purpose Centres (MPC)

- Provide **education, healthcare, skill training**, and **welfare services** under one roof for tribals.

5. MSP for MFP Scheme

- Ensures **minimum support price** for tribal products like **honey, tamarind, kadukkai, mountain broom**.

- Promotes **fair pricing** and **market access**.

- Implemented by **TRIFED**, New Delhi.

YOUTH & EDUCATION INITIATIVES

- **"En Kalloori Kanavu"**: Career guidance for final-year school students across all districts.

- **"I Have a Dream!"**: Art and leadership camp for **8th & 9th std. students** in Ambattur.

- **"Puthiyathor Ulagu Sei"**: Innovation training for **Higher Secondary Headmasters**.

- **"Nallosai"**: Skill development for **college hostel students** in arts, science, tech & jobs.

- **"Katral Inithe"**: Academic support for **school hostel students**.

Helpline for Violence Prevention

- Legal help and violence reporting helpline numbers: **14566** and **1800 2021 1989**

WELFARE, DEVELOPMENT, AND CULTURAL PROMOTION INITIATIVES FOR ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Tholkudi Fellowship Scheme

- Fellowship for students researching tribal-related subjects (UG, PG, Ph.D., Postdoctoral).

- **Eligibility**: Annual family income below **₹8 lakh.**

- **Fellowship amounts:**

o **₹10,000 per month** for 6 months (Undergraduate and Postgraduate).

o **₹25,000 per month** for 3 years (Doctorate and Postdoctoral scholars).

Tribal Awareness and Celebration

- **Tolkudiyinar Thinam (National Tribal Day)**

o Celebrated annually on **November 15** in tribal schools.

Socio-Economic Development Schemes

- **Chief Minister's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Socio-Economic Development Scheme (CM ARISE)**

o Aims to enhance livelihood, skill development, and sustainable growth.

o **Financial assistance includes:**

▪ **35% subsidy or up to ₹3.5 lakh** on total project cost.

▪ **6% interest subsidy** for beneficiaries who repay loans regularly.

- **Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)**

o Launched in 2021-22 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

o Three main components:

▪ Adarsh Gram (model villages).

▪ Grants-in-aid for district/state socio-economic projects for Scheduled Castes.

▪ Hostel facilities.

o **Eligibility**: Villages with more than 40% Scheduled Caste population and total population over 500.

• **Nannilam - Magalir Nilavudamai Thittam**

o Land ownership scheme to help Adi Dravidar and tribal agricultural laborers become landowners.

o Aims to improve social status and economic empowerment.

Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Culture

• **TN BEAT (Tamil Nadu Business Entrepreneurs in Adi Dravidar and Tribal)**

o Special exhibition and seminar to promote products made by Adi Dravidar and tribal entrepreneurs.

o Platform to explore new opportunities and share entrepreneurial ideas.

• **Adi Kalaikol - Art and Literature Conclave**

o Held on **December 2, 2024**, at **Chennai** Trade Centre.

o Showcased over 300 photographs and 100 paintings and sculptures.

o Focus on depicting **the lifestyle and culture of Adi Dravidar and tribal communities.**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

• **Formation:**

o The Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agribusiness became a separate department in 1977-78.

• **State Profile:**

o Tamil Nadu is the **11th largest** state in India by area **(1.30 lakh sq. km).**

o According to the 2011 Census, it is the **7th most populous** state with **7.21 crore people.**

• **National Share:**

o Tamil Nadu accounts for:

▪ 4% of India's total land area

▪ 6% of India's population

▪ 3% of India's water resources

Source	Availability (Nos)	Net Area Irrigated (lakh Ha.)	% with reference to Net Area Irrigated
Canals	2,241	6.03	20.91
Tanks	41,123	4.00	13.87
Tube Wells & Bore Wells	3,74,060	5.72	19.83
Open Wells	14,68,532	13.04	45.21
Others	46,482	0.05	0.18
Total		**28.84**	**100.00**

Agricultural Irrigation and Rainfall in Tamil Nadu

• **Annual Average Rainfall:**

o 919.8 mm

• **Irrigation Sources:**

o 65% of cultivated land is irrigated by wells, borewells, and open wells

o 21% is irrigated by canals

o 14% is irrigated by tanks

Agricultural Development Schemes and Initiatives in Tamil Nadu and National level

Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme (CM MK MKS) 2025-26

• Launched in **2024-25** with a budget of **₹206 crore**

• Promotes **organic farming**, improves **soil fertility**, and ensures **pesticide residue-free food**

• Implements **22 components** including:

o Distribution of **green manure seeds**

o Issuing **Soil Health Cards**

o Establishing **Integrated Farming System (IFS) units**

o Setting up **small, big, and hi-tech nurseries**

o Encouraging organic farming under **Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana**

Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme

• Focuses on **village development** alongside Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam

• Aims to create **fallow land clusters**, **water sources**, and **electricity/solar-powered irrigation**

• Promotes **micro irrigation**, planting **perennial fruit/tree crops**, and cultivating **short duration crops**

One Village, One Crop (2024-25)

- Demonstrated agricultural technologies in **15,280 villages**

- Focus on **one crop per village**, covering **5 to 10 acres**

- Technologies include **land preparation, high-yield seeds, seed treatment, sowing, and integrated nutrient management**

Nammazhvar Award

- Honors farmers who promote and practice **organic farming**

- Supports farmers in **organic agriculture handholding**

Digital Agriculture

- Mobile app **"Uzhavar"** offers **24 services** including:

o Real-time **input availability**, **market prices**, **weather forecasts**, **reservoir water levels**, and scheme info

- **GRAINS Portal** (Grower Online Registration of Agriculture Inputs System):

o Enables farmers to register for **subsidies** and benefits online

o Features **Unified Farmer Database**, **Geo-referencing of villages**, and **Digital Crop Survey**

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) / RAFTAAR

- Launched in **2007** to ensure **4% annual agriculture growth**

- RKVY-Paddy project spent **₹6.63 crore** in 2024-25 benefiting **22,358 farmers**

- Supports increased **paddy area, production, and productivity**

Bio-Pesticides & Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

- Department produces **bio-pesticides** distributed at **subsidized cost**

- Encourages farmers to adopt **IPM technologies** for pest and disease control

Quality Control and Farmer Support Initiatives in Agriculture:

- **Fertilizer Quality Testing:** 14 Fertilizer Control Labs, 2 Organic Fertilizer Labs, and 1 Bio-Fertilizer Lab test fertilizer samples to ensure quality for farmers.

- **Bio-Control Agents Lab:** A lab in **Trichy** tests bio-control agents like Trichoderma and Pseudomonas as per the **Insecticides Act, 1968.**

- **Tamil Mannvalam Portal:** Launched in June 2023, it helps farmers check soil nutrient status, fertilizer recommendations, and crop suitability based on their land's soil tests.

- **Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA):** Present in every district to coordinate farmer training, exposure visits, demos, Kisan Melas, and farm schools to raise awareness about new agricultural technologies.

- **Textile Industry Note:** Tamil Nadu's textile and apparel sector contributes about 13% to India's total industrial output.

Agricultural Extension Scheme

- **Coordination:** Multiple departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Universities work together to deliver better farming technologies to farmers.

- **Training Institutes:**

o **STAMIN, Kudumianmalai:** Trains extension officials in latest agriculture tech, office management, and computer skills.

o **Water Management Training Centre, Madurai:** Provides training on water management and efficient water use.

- **Uzhavar Aluvalar Thodarbu Thittam:** Extension officers regularly visit village panchayats to share modern farming techniques and scheme benefits.

- **Uzhavar Aluvalar Thodarbu Thittam 2.0:** Updated scheme for 2025-26 integrates agriculture, horticulture, and marketing departments for better implementation.

- **Digital Monitoring:** A mobile app is used by officers to record village visits, enabling real-time monitoring by senior officials.

Disaster Management

- The State government provides **Agricultural Input Subsidy** under the **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)** to support farmers facing crop loss and protect their livelihoods.

Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme

- Launched in **1998** to provide **timely credit** to farmers via nationalized, cooperative, and regional rural banks.

- Offers **collateral-free loans** up to ₹1.60 lakh based on land and crop extent.

  - Available to both **individual and tenant farmers**.

Free Electricity for Agriculture

- Tamil Nadu introduced a **free electricity scheme** in **1990** to support groundwater irrigation.

- In 2024-25, ₹6,962.93 crore was spent supplying free electricity to **23.74 lakh agricultural connections**.

- The scheme continues in 2025-26 with an allocation of ₹8,186 crore.

Agricultural Awards

- **Thiru C. Narayanasamy Naidu Award:** For highest paddy productivity using **System of Rice Intensification (SRI)**; prize includes ₹5 lakh and a gold-plated silver medal.

- **Bharat Ratna Dr. M.G.R Traditional Paddy Variety Conservator Award:** Since 2018-19, awarded to farmers conserving traditional paddy varieties.

- **Innovation Awards:** Cash prizes of ₹2.5 lakh (1st), ₹1.5 lakh (2nd), and ₹1 lakh (3rd) for farmers adopting modern technologies to increase production and income.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- Central scheme started in Tamil Nadu from **2019**.

- Provides **₹6,000 per year** directly to eligible farmers' bank accounts in **3 equal instalments**.

- Supports farmers in buying agricultural inputs for better crop yields.

Tamil Nadu – National Ranking in Area under Horticultural Crops (2023–24)

Rank	Crops
1st	Banana, Tapioca, Jasmine, Clove, Tamarind, Curry Leaf, Watermelon
2nd	Cocoa, Chrysanthemum, Tuberose, Elephant Foot Yam, Nutmeg
3rd	Coconut, Aonla, Black Pepper

Tamil Nadu – National Ranking in Production of Horticultural Crops (2023–24)

Rank	Crops
1st	Tapioca, Jasmine, Clove, Tamarind, Tuberose, Curry Leaf
2nd	Coconut, Nutmeg, Chrysanthemum
3rd	Aonla, Banana, Turmeric, Watermelon, Elephant Foot Yam

Nutrition Farming Mission

- A new scheme to **improve nutrition security** and **increase farmers' income** through higher crop production.

- Distribution of **15 lakh vegetable seed kits**, **9 lakh fruit plant kits**, and **1 lakh pulses seed kits** (Cowpea, Redgram).

- Expanding cultivation area by **4,693 hectares for fruits** and **5,600 hectares for vegetables**.

Per Drop More Crop (Under RKVY)

- Focuses on **increasing irrigation water availability**.

- Enhances **groundwater augmentation** and **improves irrigation water use efficiency** to expand crop cultivation area.

National Horticulture Mission (NHM)

- Sub-scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

- Implemented in 26 districts since 2014-15 with 60:40 funding by Centre and State.

- Now under Krishionatti Yojana since 2022-23 and will cover all districts from 2025-26.

PM Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) DPR Projects

- Supports farmers' new initiatives and infrastructure development.

- Promotes new horticultural techniques to increase production and productivity.

Rainfed Area Development (RAD)

- Aims to conserve natural resources and ensure sustainable use.

- Promotes integrated farming systems to make agriculture productive, profitable, and climate-resilient.

Agroforestry Programme

- Key activities include:

- Hi-tech nursery establishment (₹100 lakh)

- Big nurseries (₹48 lakh)

- Small nurseries (₹40 lakh)

o Raising tree saplings (₹135 lakh)

National Bamboo Mission (NBM)

• Increases bamboo plantation area on government and private lands outside forests.

• Centrally sponsored scheme with 60:40 funding between Centre and State.

Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)

• First notified in 1991 under Environmental Protection Act, revised in 2011 and 2019.

• Ensures sustainable coastal development considering natural hazards and sea-level rise.

Village and Agricultural Development Programmes

Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme (KAVIADP)

• Started in 2021-22 to achieve agricultural self-sufficiency in selected villages.

• Implemented in 10,187 village panchayats with 100% state funding.

Distribution of Agricultural Machinery with Subsidy

• Provides tractors, rotavators, power tillers, paddy transplanters, seed drills, power weeders, chaff cutters, crop reapers, balers, solar driers, and value addition machines with subsidies.

Hiring of Agricultural Machinery

• Farmers can book machinery online through the e-Vaadagai feature in the Uzhavar app and pay advance hire charges.

Solar Powered Irrigation and Protection

• Solar-powered pumpsets installed with subsidies for uninterrupted irrigation.

• Solar fencing installed to protect crops from animals, with 50% subsidy under PM-RKVY.

Agricultural Marketing and Infrastructure

e-National Agriculture Market (eNAM)

• Implemented in 157 regulated markets to connect farmers with buyers digitally.

Uzhavar Sandhai

• Launched in 1999 to enable direct sales from farmers to consumers, eliminating middlemen.

• Subsidy of Rs. 53.5 lakh provided for 30 mobile vegetable shops in six districts.

• FSSAI certification ensures quality of vegetables sold.

Cold Storage Facilities

• 275 cold storages with 40,365 MT capacity set up to reduce fruit and vegetable losses.

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

• Promoted under Tamil Nadu Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium (TNSFAC) and Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TNIAMP).

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TNIAMP)

• Implemented since 2017-18 in 66 sub-basins with Rs. 125 crore project cost.

• Rs. 8.75 crore financial aid given to agro-entrepreneurs.

Tamil Nadu Millet Mission

• Five-year mission (2023-28) to boost millet production in 25 districts.

• Two millet processing centers to be set up in 2025-26 at Rs. 15 lakh cost.

Agricultural Finance and Quality Certification

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Scheme

• Provides 3% interest subvention and credit guarantee for 7 years on loans up to Rs. 2 crore for farmers, FPOs, agri-entrepreneurs, and co-ops.

AGMARK Certification

• Quality certification for clean and pure agricultural products.

• Tamil Nadu has 30 State AGMARK Grading Laboratories.

Food Processing and Education

Mega Food Park

• Established on 50 acres in SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Gangaikondan, Tirunelveli with Rs. 77.02 crore investment.

Uzhavar Angadis (Farmers Markets)

• 100 markets to be set up in major cities for better market access and quality food availability.

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Agricultural Education

- New Horticulture College and Research Institute at Paiyur, Krishnagiri.

- Three Agricultural Colleges and Research Institutes established in Manavasi (Karur), Keezhvelur (Nagapattinam), and Chettinad (Sivagangai) in 2021-22.

Agricultural Research and Extension

- **Agro Climate Research Centre (ACRC), TNAU** Provides village-level medium-range weather forecasts every hour for six days covering 3 sq. km. Accuracy: 70–80%.

- **Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)** 15 KVKs conducted on-farm trials, demonstrations, training for 2,64,881 farmers in 2024-25. 10,741 women farmers (Krishi Sakhis) trained on natural farming.

- **TNAU Agritech Portal** Offers 12 lakh pages of agriculture info in Tamil & English. Updated with AI technology.

- **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Agri-Hackathon (2025-26)** Innovation contest with Rs. 1 crore funding to develop farmer-friendly technologies and promote agri-entrepreneurship.

Awards and Recognitions

- **TNAU** won Best Institution National Water Award 2023 for water management innovations.

- **Dept. of Food Process Engineering, TNAU Coimbatore** received Best Centre Award (AICRP-PHET) in 2024.

- **Forest College, Mettupalayam** won Best Institution Award for Agroforestry (2023).

- **Nammazhvar Organic Farming Research Centre** awarded Best Organic Farming Centre by ICAR-IISFR.

- **CRP on Integrated Farming Systems** received Best Centre Award nationally in 2024.

Seed and Genetic Testing

- **Coimbatore Seed Testing Laboratory** First Indian public lab accredited by International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) since 2014.

- **DNA Finger Printing Laboratory, Coimbatore** Established 2007, first in India for seed genetic purity testing; designated as State DNA Fingerprinting Lab in 2014.

Organic Farming Certification

- **Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department** Established 2007, APEDA-accredited, issues the highest number of organic scope certificates in India. Farmers who achieve organic certification receive Rs. 5,000 incentive.

Climate and Watershed Missions

- **Watershed Development Component 2.0** under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.

- **Climate Proofing of Rainfed Watersheds** in Salem and Virudhunagar districts under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

- Other Missions:

  o Green Tamil Nadu Mission (GTM)

  o Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission (TNWM)

  o Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission (TN-SHORE)

  o Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission (TNCCM)

Agricultural Development Schemes

Schemes under National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP/RKVY):

1. DPR-based Projects
2. Rainfed Area Development
3. Soil Health and Fertility
4. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (Organic Farming)
5. Agroforestry
6. Crop Diversification Programme
7. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation
8. Per Drop More Crop (Water-saving irrigation)

Schemes under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY):

1. Har Khet Ko Pani (Water to every field)
2. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE MISSIONS

Green Tamil Nadu Mission:

- Increase forest and tree cover area in the State.

- Established 75 **Maragatha Pooncholai** (Village Woodlots) across districts.

- Tamil Nadu's forest cover: **20.34% (26,450.22 km²).**

- Total forest & tree cover: **24.47% (31,820.94 km²).**

Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission:

- Identify and map 100 wetlands in 5 years.

- Restore ecological balance and support livelihoods.

- Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites (20) in India.

Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission (TN-SHORE):

- Enhance resilience and sustainable use of coastal resources.

- Focus on blue economy and multi-pronged coastal management.

Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission:

- Integrated, evidence-based planning for climate mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable development.

- Governed by a 26-member Council chaired by the Chief Minister.

Health and Innovation Initiatives

One Health Initiative:

- Promotes collaboration among human, animal, and environmental health sectors.

- Organizes forums and workshops with government, NGOs, academia, and communities.

SustainTN:

- Encourages students, individuals, teams, and startups to create innovative environmental solutions.

- Selected startups receive mentorship and market support from Startup TN.

Awards and Recognitions

Chief Minister's Waterbody Conservator Award:

- Honors individuals, institutions, and civil society groups for waterbody conservation efforts.

- Applications invited from all districts via the TN Awards portal.

Nature and Climate Stewardship Initiatives

My TN Initiative – Nature Stewardship Programme

- Promotes conservation and restoration of Tamil Nadu's natural environment.

- Engages youth volunteers to raise awareness and push for climate action.

- Online platform 'Puthiyathor Ulagam Seivom' is being developed with UNICEF – YuWaah.

Lifestyle For Climate

- Part of Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission.

- Develops a certification program for existing buildings based on sustainable practices.

- Rajapalayam, Rameshwaram, Nilgiris, and Coimbatore chosen as 'Carbon Neutral Hubs'.

Carbon Enrichment Programme

- Promotes soil carbon storage and tree growth.

- Uses nutrient-rich soil from bio-mining of municipal solid waste.

Climate Adaptation and Awareness

Climate Resilient Green Monuments

- Pilot projects at Annai Velankanni Church (Nagapattinam) and Meenakshi Amman Temple (Madurai).

- Demonstrates climate adaptation and mitigation measures.

Climate Literacy

- Focus on climate change awareness through media and digital platforms.

- Students participate in campaigns, group discussions, posters, street plays, podcasts, etc.

District and Youth Engagement

District Climate Change Mission (DCCM)

- Established in all 38 districts.

- District Collector as Mission Director and District Forest Officer as Climate Officer.

- Strengthens local climate action and response.

Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme (CMGFP)

- Engages youth and students to spread climate awareness.

- Creates a pool of green ideas and technology solutions.

- Fellows support district-level climate actions.

Green Schools Programme

- Builds climate-resilient school infrastructure.

- Promotes solar lighting, solar pumps, rainwater harvesting, bore wells.

- Encourages composting, vegetable and medicinal gardens, fruit tree planting.

- Focuses on water conservation and wastewater recycling.

Coastal Zone Management

- Tamil Nadu has a 1,076 km coastline, 15% of India's total coastline.

- The State Department of Environment and Climate Change clears projects in the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ).

- GIS Cell and Green Squad use GPS to monitor CRZ violations.

Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification 2011

- CRZ-I: Ecologically sensitive areas

- CRZ-II: Developed areas

- CRZ-III: Rural areas

- CRZ-IV: Water areas up to 12 nautical miles, including tide-affected waters

- CRZ-V: Areas needing special protection for critical coastal environment

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT)

- Autonomous agency formed in 2002.

- Coordinates Govt and NGOs for National River and Lake Conservation Programmes.

Environment Education Programme (EEP)

- Formerly National Green Corps, launched in 2002 with 100 Eco-clubs per district.

- Promotes environmental awareness among government school students.

- Revamped as EEP since 2023-24.

Climate Change Research and Coastal Conservation

Climate Studio (CCCDM)

- Climate Change Research Center at Anna University.

- Uses advanced software (SWAT, MIKE, DSSAT, etc.) for spatial climate impact analysis.

Blue Flag Certification for Beaches

- BEAMS program promotes sustainable tourism and beach management.

- Kovalam Beach (Chengalpattu) awarded Blue Flag since Oct 2021 for high environmental standards.

Strategic Climate Knowledge Mission

National Mission on Strategic Knowledge on Climate Change (SCCC-NMSKCC)

- Phase II project approved for Tamil Nadu.

- Develops Climate Smart Integrated Decision Support System (CSIDSS) for local adaptation planning.

Achievements 2024-25

- Tamil Nadu ranked **1st in Climate Action (SDG Goal 13)** with a score of 81 (NITI Aayog SDG India Index 2023-24).

- Ranked **1st in Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG Goal 7)** with a perfect score of 100.

- First Indian state to organize a **Climate Summit** with national and international experts to address climate and biodiversity issues.

Major Projects

Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery

- Approved Rs 11,250 crore project to rejuvenate waterbodies linked to the Cauvery river.

- Focus on reducing pollution via sewage treatment plants and ecological conservation.

Waste Management Initiatives

Battery Waste Management

- Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022, apply to producers, dealers, consumers for proper handling and recycling.

Solid Waste Management

- SWM Rules, 2016 mandate local bodies to manage municipal solid waste responsibly.

Plastic Waste Management

- 277 authorized plastic waste recyclers and 38 compostable plastic manufacturers registered in Tamil Nadu.

- Ban on Single-Use Plastics (including plastic bags) effective since 01.01.2019.

E-Waste Management

- E-Waste Rules, 2022 revised; 14 recyclers and 839 producers registered with CPCB.

National Hazardous Waste Tracking System (NHWTS)

- CPCB's system tracks hazardous waste generation, transport, recycling, and disposal nationwide.

Awards and Campaigns

Green Champion Awards

- Since 2021, TNPCB honors organizations, institutions, and individuals for outstanding environmental work.

Soil Quality Mapping

- Joint initiative by TNPCB and TNAU to assess soil health near industrial areas for sustainable land use.

Meendum Manjappai Campaign

- Promotes "Manjappai" (eco-friendly yellow bags) as an alternative to single-use plastics to change public habits and support local eco-products.

Innovative Environmental Efforts

Tamil Nadu Fishnet Initiative (TNFI)

- First in India to set up a Discarded Fishnet Collection Centre at Kasimedu, Chennai.

- Collected over 13,679 kg of abandoned fishnets and marine plastic for recycling.

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT

Official Language

- Tamil Nadu Official Language Act **1956** was enacted on December 27, 1956 under Article 345, to establish **Tamil as the official language of Tamil Nadu** and the same came into effect on 23.01.1957.
- Official Language Act Week: December 21st to 27th every year
- Tamil on Name Boards of Commercial Establishments:
- The name boards of shops and business establishments in Tamil Nadu must comply with Rule 15 of the **Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 948**, and the name boards of food
establishments must comply with Rule 42-B of the Tamil Nadu Catering Establishments Rules, 1959.
- Name boards must primarily be in Tamil, with English as second language.
- Name boards of factories must comply with Rule 133 of Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950.

Tamil Nadu State Government Awards (Established in 1971)

Award Name	Established	Eligibility/Criteria	Cash Prize / Honor	2025 Awardee
Pavendar Bharathidasan (1891–1964) Award	Since 1978	Tamil scholars	₹10,000	*Pon. Selvaganapathy*
Tamilthendral Thiru. Vi. Ka (1883–1953) Award	Since 1979	Tamil writers excelling in Thiru. Vi. Ka's literary style	–	*Medical Professional G. R. Ravindranath*
Ayyan Thiruvalluvar Award	Annually since 1986 on Thiruvalluvar Day	Individuals promoting Thiruvalluvar's legacy	–	*M. Padikkaramu*
Mahakavi Bharathiyar (1882–1921) Award	Since 1997	Scholars of Bharathi's works	₹3 lakh + certificate	*Poet Kabilan*
Muthamizh Kaavalar Ki. Aa. Pe. Viswanatham (1899–1994) Award	Since 2000	Ki. Aa. Pe. Viswanatham established "Pulavar Kuzhu" contributions to Tamil	–	*Ve. Mu. Pothiyaverpan*

Perarignar Anna (1909–1969) Award	Since 2006	Individuals working for betterment of Tamil society	–	*DMK Leader L. Ganesan*
Perunthalaivar Kamarajar (1903–1975) Award	Since 2006	Individuals contributing to Tamil people's progress	₹2 lakh (since 2022)	–
Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Award	From 2024	Noted Tamil scholar or contributor	₹10 lakh + one sovereign gold medal	*Thiru. Muthu. Vavasi* (first recipient)

TamilNadu Awards

Since 2022, the cash prize for this award (among 14 others) has been revised from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakhs.

Tamil Thai Award

- **Introduced**: 2012

- **Purpose**: Honors Tamil organizations in India or abroad for their contributions.

- **Original Prize**: ₹5 lakhs, a shield, and a citation.

Kabilar Award

- **Introduced**: 2012

- **Purpose**: Recognizes individuals who creatively compose traditional Tamil poetry and verses.

- **Original Prize**: ₹5 lakhs, a shield, and a citation.

U.Ve.Sa. Award

- **Introduced**: 2012

- **Purpose**: Awarded to distinguished scholars for their research and publications on inscriptions, archaeological excavations, and palm-leaf manuscripts.

Kambar Award

- **Introduced**: 2013

- **Purpose**: Given to individuals who excel in analyzing and studying the works of the Tamil poet Kambar.

Sollin Selvar Award

- **Introduced**: 2013

- **Purpose**: Honors individuals with exceptional oratory skills in Tamil.

Chief Minister's Computer Tamil Award

- **Introduced**: 2013

- **Purpose**: Recognizes individuals who have developed outstanding software to advance the Tamil language.

Umarupulavar Award

- **Purpose**: Awarded to poets

Umarupulavar who have studied Tamil under Kadaikai Muthuppulavar, the court poet of the Ettayapuram king. His contributions like Seerapuranam, a significant work in Islamic Tamil literature.

G.U. Pope Award

- **Introduced**: 2014

  - **Purpose**: Honors the best Tamil translator who translates Tamil literary works into foreign languages.

- **Background**: Named after G.U. Pope, born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and a professor at Oxford University, England. In 1886, he completed the English translation of Thirukkural and also translated other Tamil works like Naaladiyaar, Purapporul Venpamaalai, Purananuru, Thiruvaarutpaayan, and Thiruvasagam.

Ilango Adigal Award

- **Introduced**: 2015

- **Purpose**: Recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to spreading the glory of Silappathikaram worldwide.

Amma Literary Award

- **Introduced**: 2016

- **Purpose**: Awarded to a woman writer who has dedicated herself to feminist literary creations.

Sinthanai Sirpi Singaravelar Award (Born in Chennai)

- **Introduced**: 2018

- **Purpose**: Honors individuals who have devoted their lives to social advancement, equality, and labor welfare.

Ayothidasa Pandithar (1845-1914) Award

- **Introduced**: 2019

- **Purpose**: Recognizes individuals working toward social causes.

- **Background**: Named after Ayothidasa Pandithar, known as the "Father of Social Reforms in South India" and a traditional Siddha practitioner. He edited journals like "Dravida Pandiyan" and "Oru Paisa Tamilan." The Ayothidasa Pandithar Memorial Hall was inaugurated by the Chief Minister on January 12, 2023.

Arutperunjothi Vallalar (1823-1874) Award

- **Introduced**: 2020

- **Purpose**: Honors individuals who follow the path of spiritual service, unity, and harmony.

- **Background**: Named after Vallalar, who rejected caste, religious divisions, and ritualistic practices, advocated "Jyothi" worship (God as a light form), and founded the Sarva Samaya Samarasa Suddha Sanmarka Sangam to emphasize unity across religions.

Karaikkal Ammaiyar Award

- **Introduced**: 2020

- **Purpose**: Recognizes women who continue to serve in the fields of Tamil devotion and literature.

Tamilar Thanthai Si.Pa. Adithanar (1905-1981) Monthly Magazine Award

- **Introduced**: Not specified

- **Purpose**: Honors contributions to Tamil journalism, following the principle "a picture is worth a thousand words" by including images alongside news, and promoting Tamil culture and civilization in pure Tamil.

- **Background**: Named after Si.Pa. Adithanar, who launched the Dina Thanthi newspaper on November 1, 1942.

Tamil Chemmal Award

- **Introduced**: 2015

- **Purpose**: Given to those who organize associations and events at the district level (one individual per district).

- **Prize**: ₹25,000 cash, a certificate, and a shawl.

Thagaisal Tamizhar Award

- **Introduced**: 2021

Purpose: From 2021 to 2023, presented through Public Department; from 2024 onwards, presented through Tamil Development Department. Cash prize of ₹10 lakh along with a certificate of appreciation.

2024Awardee : 'Ilakkiya Selvar' Dr. Kumari Ananthan.

Tamil Language Martyrs' Commemoration Day

- Observed on January 25 from 2025.

- Honors martyrs who died protecting Tamil from other languages.

- Chief Minister inaugurated renovated memorial for Thaalamuthu and Natarasan in Chennai on January 25, 2025.

Tamil Literary Renaissance Day

- Celebrated on February 19.

- Commemorates Dr. U.Ve. Saminatha Iyer ("Tamil Thatha").

- Recognizes his work in researching and compiling ancient Tamil manuscripts.

International Mother Tongue Day

- Observed on February 21, declared by UNESCO in 1999.

- Honors students in Bangladesh who died protecting their languages.

- Celebrated by Tamil Development Department since 2014.

- From February 21, 2025, an oath will be taken in government offices, District Collectorates, schools, and colleges.

Tamil Poets' Day and Classical Tamil Language Day

- Observed on April 29 to honor revolutionary poet Pavendar Bharathidasan.

- On October 12, 2004, Tamil was declared a Classical Language by the Government of India.

- Classical Language Day competitions are held for 11th and 12th standard school and college students.

Tamil Nadu Day

- In 1967, when Perarignar Anna was Chief Minister, Madras Province was officially renamed Tamil Nadu.

- Celebrated annually since July 18, 2022.

Silver Jubilee Celebration for Thiruvalluvar Statue

- 133-feet statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar at Kanniyakumari offshore, inaugurated on January 1, 2000.

- Silver Jubilee celebrated on December 30 and 31, 2024.

- Chief Minister inaugurated a Glass Bridge Connecting Thiruvallur statue and Vivekananda rock

- 22 scholars honored with a Special Prize of ₹25,000 each and a certificate.

- Debate conducted by Sollin Selvar Suki Sivam on "Thirukkural: More Benefit to the Individual? Or to the Society?"

- Chief Minister released the Silver Jubilee Souvenir 2025.
- Kural Week' to be celebrated during the last week of December every year, starting from 2025.

Honouring Sangam Poets' Memorial Pillars

- Okkur Masathiyar – Okkur, Sivagangai
- Nallur Nathathanar -Idaikazhinadu, Chengalpattu
- Mangudi Maruthanar -Mangudi, Tenkasi
- Kabilar -Tirukovilur, Kallakurichi
- Kaniyan Poongundranar -Mahibalanpatti, Sivagangai

Dream House Scheme

Dream House (Literature)

o For Tamil writers who received awards: Sahitya Akademi Award, Jnanpith Award, Tholkappiyar Award (Central Institute of Classical Tamil), Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award, or Nobel Prize (for Tamil literature).

o High-Income Group (HIG) houses provided through Tamil Nadu Housing Board or a 1,500 square feet house constructed in a district of the recipient's choice.

o Up to 10 awardees benefit annually.

Dream House (Translation)

o Supports Tamil translators who received the Sahitya Akademi Award for Translation.

o Middle-Income Group (MIG) houses valued up to ₹40,00,000 (including registration charges).

Thirukkural Prize Scheme: Introduced by Kalignar, in 2000. Prize amount of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) is awarded to all students who memorize and recite the 1330 couplets of the Thirukkural.

"Thamizhal Mudiyum" - Life Guidance Training ƒ Aims to instill confidence among Tamil literature students in colleges and universities, as well as students studying other subjects through Tamil medium.

Poetry, Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions: 11th and 12th standard students as well as college students at both the District and State levels, every year since 2004.

Kavignar Tamil Oli Trust Competitions :In remembrance of Poet Tamizholi , as a disciple of poet Bharathiyar and inspired by the teachings of Bharathidasan., who passed away at the age of 41.

Statue of Poet Mudiyarasan: Rs.50 lakh in Sivagangai. Poet Mudiyarasan, who was praised by Pavendhar as 'Kavignar Mudiyarasan is my successor' and honored with titles like 'Valaiya Mudiyarasar' and 'Vananga Mudiyarasar'

Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project

Tamil Etymological Dictionary Initiatives

- In 1974, the Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project was launched by Kalaignar.

- Revised edition of the comprehensive Tamil Etymological Dictionary (7 volumes) released.

- All 31 volumes digitized and uploaded on Inaiya Kalvikkazhagam website (www.tamilvu.org).

- Pure Tamil Dictionary with colorful pictures printed and distributed free to students in classes 1 to 5.

Tamil Kalaikkazhagam Sorkuvai Website

- Compiles all Tamil words from the Sangam period to the AI era on one platform.

- Website: www.sorkuvai.tn.gov.in.

Tamil Lexicography Day

- Celebrated annually on November 8 to honor Veeramamunivar (Father of Tamil Lexicography, birth anniversary).

Agarathi Aaivu Malar

- A souvenir with research articles by professors, authors, research scholars, and lexicographers.

- Distributed free to Tamil Anbargal (Tamil enthusiasts).

Thooya Tamil Pattalar Prize

- Awarded to three people to encourage the use of pure Tamil words.

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- Cash prize of ₹5,000 each.

Devaneya Pavinar Award

- Since 2020, awarded to Indian lexicographers excelling in research on Tamil words and Tamil lexicography.

- Cash prize of ₹2,00,000 and one sovereign Gold Medal.

Veeramamunivar Award

- Since 2020, awarded to non-native Tamils or foreigners (by birth) residing outside Tamil Nadu or in Tamil Nadu who significantly contributed to Tamil lexicography.

- Cash prize of ₹2,00,000 and one sovereign Gold Medal.

- Not presented in 2021 and 2022 due to lack of eligible applications.

Thooya Tamil Pattalar Award

- Since 2020, awarded to individuals who consistently use pure Tamil words without mixing other languages in daily life.

- One person from each district selected annually, with a cash prize of ₹20,000.

Thooya Tamil Oodagam (Pure Tamil Media) Award

• Introduced in 2020. One visual media outlet (e.g., television channel), One print media outlet (e.g., newspaper) • They must publish or broadcast news using pure Tamil words.

• Cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, gold medal worth Rs. 25,000

Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training for Young Lexicographer: since 2020. Every year, 200 college students are selected. Awarded a certificate titled "Sorkuvai Manavar Thoothuvar / Young Lexicographer".

International Institute of Tamil Studies

- Established in 1970 by Chief Minister Kalaignar under the Societies Registration Act.

- Vice Chairpersons: Secretary to Tamil Development Department, Vice-Chancellors of University of Madras, Madurai Kamaraj University, Annamalai University, and Tamil University.

- International Association for Tamil Research (IATR), Mysore.

- Research fellowship of ₹5,000 per month provided to eight selected Ph.D. students.

- Thirukkural Art Gallery: ₹10 lakh, spanning 2,500 sq.ft, established in the institute.

- 15 research chairs established since 2013 with private contributions to support research work.

- Institute Research Library established in 1970.

- Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Student Tamil Forum established.

Journal of Tamil Studies (Tamililyal)

- Quarterly journal in Tamil and English, publishing its 126th issue over 50 years.

- All issues uploaded to the institute's website (www.ulakathamizh.in).

- Included in the UGC CARE List (Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics).

World Tamil Sangam, Madurai

Established in 1986. In 2012, it was expanded

World Tamil Sangam was conceptualized by former Chief Minister Dr. M.G. Ramachandran. His birth anniversary, 17th January, is observed as Founder's Day

"Overseas Tamil Book Park" has been created in the World Tamil Sangam's library

'World Tamil Sangam awards' presented annually to recognize Tamils living abroad who contribute to the growth of the Tamil language.

Tamil University, Thanjavur

Established on 15th September, 1981 on birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna.

In the five letters த-மி-ழ்-நா-டு, it includes five faculties namely Arts, Manuscriptlogy, Developing Tamil, Languages and Science and 24 departments under them.

Exploring the performing arts and fine arts of medieval Tamil Nadu history (from 600 to 1600 AD) as revealed through inscriptions, conducting folklore studies and to establish a folklore museum.

"Comparative Studies of Dravidian Languages" under Tamil Scholar Robert Caldwell Chair.

INDUSTRIES

- Tamil Nadu is a bulwark State in India's economic growth and is the second largest State economy, growing annually at a rate of 13.74% (current prices)
- Tamil Nadu leads the country with the highest number of factories at 38,837 contributing 11.04% of the gross value addition to India's manufacturing GDP.
- Tamil Nadu's world-class ports infrastructure makes the State the third largest exporting State in India

contributing 8.96% (April 2022-January 2023) of country's total exports, registering a 7.57% growth over the previous year.

- Tamil Nadu being ranked 3rd in 2022 in the Ease of Doing Business rankings.
- The latest ASI report published for the year 2019-20 highlights that Tamil Nadu **ranked 1st** in the number of factories (38,837) and number of people employed in factories (26.63 lakh workers)

Investments

- The State is home to over 130 fortune 500 companies with several globally consumed products being manufactured in Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu has also earned the moniker of 'EV capital of India' with big names viz. Ola Electric, Ather Energy, Simple Energy, Switch Mobility to name a few, making the State their base.
- As per Projex Survey, in the first half of 2022-23 alone, the State was able to rope-in investments worth Rs.1.06 lakh crore in 265 projects. With respect **to foreign direct investments,** Tamil Nadu, since April 2021 has attracted US$ 4567 Million

Infrastructure

- SIPCOT is creating a land bank of 45,000 acres with upcoming and proposed industrial parks.
- Mega Textile Park / Integrated Apparel Park – site at E.Kumaralingapuram, Virudhunagar selected for the development of India's first PM MITRA Park.
- International Furniture Park at Thoothukudi
- Medical Devices Park at Oragadam- will start construction shortly.
- Mega Food Parks at Manapparai, Tindivanam and Theni - infrastructure at Manaparai Food Park is completed, and works for other two Food Parks will commence shortly.
- E-Vehicle Park and Future Mobility Park. Manallur

Tamil Nadu has been a top performer across national and international rankings:

- India Today's State of States Survey in 2022, ranked Tamil Nadu as the best performing State in India.
- The State has been a top performer in human capital formation, knowledge diffusion & knowledge output as per the India Innovation Index.
- Tamil Nadu is 3rd position in fast becoming an epicentre for R&D investments.
- CareEdge, a knowledge based analytical group company of CARE Ratings, has ranked Tamil Nadu as the 3rd best performing State (amongst large States) on its composite score in the State Ranking 2023.
- Mumbai based Projects Today, has reported that Tamil Nadu ranked 3rd amongst States with investments worth Rs.1.72 lakh crore in 2021-22.

- The Public Affairs Index (PAI – 2021) published by the Public Affairs Centre placed Tamil Nadu second nationally in terms of overall performance and sustainability.
- A study by Avtar – a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion solutions firm, shows **Chennai, Coimbatore & Madurai as the 1st, 9th, and 10th ranked favoured cities for women in India for cities with a population greater than 1 million**
- Tamil Nadu **ranked second** in the SDG India Index 2021 by Niti Aayog and also ranked 2nd in Goal 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure.

Guidance (formerly known as the Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau) was established in 1992

- Tamil Nadu, Guidance was awarded the '**Best Investment Promotion Agency'** Award in the Asia Oceania Region at the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) in 2022 in Dubai.
- Tamil Nadu Lounge also hosted a fireside chat with Dr. Raghuram Rajan, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, where he elaborated on the importance of India's skilling system, the availability of exceptional talent in Tamil Nadu.
- **FinTech Promotion Cell** To further the adoption of digital financial tools by startups and budding entrepreneurs, TN Tecxperience program was launched in collaboration with global players viz PayU, Vakil Search, Vyapar, M2P etc. offering 'fintech-in-a box' platforms free of cost during incubation window.
- **TN PitchFest** in July 2022 as a platform for start ups in Tamil Nadu to pitch to marquee venture capital firms and angel investors.
- Export Promotion Cell Guidance has set up an Export Cell in line with the Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy 2021 to focus on export intelligence, facilitation and outreach.

- **Export Promotion Cell:** Established under Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy 2021, focusing on food processing, footwear, electronics; MoU with Foundation for Economic Development (FED).

- **Impact of Incentives (Deloitte Study):**

o Beneficiary companies invested more than committed and created jobs threefold the commitment (87.5% jobs to Tamil Nadu residents).

> o For every Rs. 1 of incentive, the state gained Rs. 4.95 in returns.

Policies Released (2022-23)

- **Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Policy 2022:** Targets Rs. 20,000 crore investment, 50,000 jobs in 5 years.

- **Tamil Nadu R&D Policy 2022:** Aims to boost R&D ecosystem, attract GCC investments.

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- **Tamil Nadu Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022:** Targets Rs. 20,000 crore investment, 2 lakh jobs by 2025.

- **Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicles Policy 2023:** Strengthens Tamil Nadu as EV capital, focuses on charging infrastructure, circular economy, and 6 EV cities (Chennai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Salem, Tirunelveli).

- **Tamil Nadu Ethanol Blending Policy 2023:** Promotes green fuel, revives sugar industry, enhances farmer income.

- **Special Scheme for Technical Textiles, MMF Yarn, Fabric & Apparel Manufacturing 2023:** Catalyzes growth in niche segments.

- **Aerospace and Defence Industrial Policy 2023 (TIDCO)**

- **Tamil Nadu Logistics Policy & Integrated Logistics Plan 2023 (TIDCO)**

- **City Gas Distribution Policy 2023 (TIDCO)**

Digital Governance

- **Single Window Portal 2.0:** Hosts 154 of 236 targeted services; 12,000+ applications in 2022, 90% approval rate.

- **Tamil Nadu Land Information Portal:** Supports investors with land acquisition; Tamil Nadu has 19,505 hectares of industrial land (2nd largest in India).

- **Biz Buddy Portal:** Multi-lingual help desk; 306 calls received, 96% resolution rate as of February 15, 2023.

- **Ease of Doing Business Measures:** 300+ measures implemented, 165 redundant Acts repealed, 200 compliances under review.

International Engagement

- **MoUs Signed:** With Hannoverimpuls (Germany), Enterprise Singapore, Taiwan Footwear Manufacturers Association (TFMA).

- **Key Visits:**

o US (San Francisco, Seattle): SEMICON West conference, IT/semiconductor firms.

  o Malaysia (December 2022): Delegation led by Penang Deputy Chief Minister.

o Germany (September 2022): Thuringia delegation to Coimbatore.

o Denmark (March 2023): Visit by Crown Prince & Princess.

- **World Tamil Diaspora Day (January 12, 2023):** Panel discussion on investments and bilateral engagements.

Workforce Development

- **Naan Mudhalvan Scheme (Launched March 2022):** Targets skilling 1 million youth annually; 120+ industries partnered.

- **Work Labs Initiatives:**

o Revamped polytechnic programs with 40+ industry experts.

o 7 MoUs for sandwich/work-integrated degree programs.

o 1,500 internship opportunities for polytechnic students.

o Faculty immersion for 65 professors.

Advanced Manufacturing

- **Centre for Advanced Manufacturing:** Collaboration with World Economic Forum; Industry 4.0 Readiness Survey launched in June 2022.

- **Offshore Wind Potential:** 35 GW potential; 8 zones identified off Tamil Nadu coast; 2 GW capacity offered by MNRE.

Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2024

- **Dates:** January 10-11, 2024.

- **Budget:** Rs. 100 crore.

- **Activities:** Exhibitions, roundtables, B2G meetings, buyer-seller meets, industrial tours, cultural events, hackathons.

Schemes

1. **Naan Mudhalvan Scheme (Launched March 2022):** Flagship skill development program to skill 1 million youth annually; 120+ industries partnered.

2. **TN Tecxperience Program:** Offers 'fintech-in-a-box' platforms free to startups during incubation.

3. **TN PitchFest (July 2022):** Platform for startups to pitch to venture capital firms; 250+ applications, 8 shortlisted.

4. **Tamil Nadu Export Promotion Strategy 2021:** Focuses on export intelligence, facilitation, and outreach; prioritizes food processing, footwear, electronics.

5. **Special Scheme for Technical Textiles, MMF Yarn, Fabric & Apparel Manufacturing 2023:** Catalyzes growth in niche segments.

6. **Industry 4.0 Readiness Survey (June 2022):** Jointly developed by Guidance, Infosys, IIT Madras, and University of Nottingham to help companies achieve Industry 4.0 goals.

Mega Textile Park/Integrated Apparel Park Often called the 'Yarn Bowl of India', Tamil Nadu has an overwhelming presence in spinning, handloom weaving, power loom weaving, processing, knitwear, apparel and garmenting. Mega Textile Park at Virudunagar selected under PM MITRA Scheme by Government of India.

Amma Cement Supply Scheme (TANCEM): Cement at Rs. 216/bag; 56,36,000.75 MT sold.

Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP) (TIIC): For youth entrepreneurship.

New Entrepreneur cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) (TIIC): 25% capital subsidy (up to Rs. 75 lakh); Rs. 599.02 crore sanctioned.

Financial Assistance to Salt Workers (TNSC): Rs. 5,000 during rainy season; Rs. 3.23 crore (2021-22)

Single Window Portal: Excellence in Cloud Adoption (NASSCOM, 2022).

TNPL:

- Golden Peacock National Award for CSR (2021).
- 8th CSR India Award (Corona Warrior, 2021).
- Green Champion Award (2021).
- 22nd Greentech Environment Award (2022).
- **TIIC (1949):**
  - Focus: MSMEs (90% assistance).
  - Loan Portfolio (2022-23): Rs. 2,526.77 crore.
  - Net Profit (2022-23): Rs. 105 crore.
- **TNPL (1979):**
  - Capacity: 6,40,000 tons/annum.
  - Production (2022): 3,11,833 MT paper, 1,27,592 MT board.
  - Profit (2022): Rs. 285 crore (after tax).

- **TANCEM (1976):**
  - Cement Capacity: 15 lakh MT/annum.
  - Sales (2022-23): 13.18 lakh MT.

- Net Profit (2022-23): Rs. 154.65 crore.

- **TNSC (1974):**
  - Salt Production (2022-23): 1,30,870 MT.
  - Sales Turnover (2022-23): Rs. 40.70 crore.
  - Employment: 1,250 direct, 500 indirect.

Initiatives

- **Workforce Development:** Naan Mudhalvan, Work Labs (1,500 internships, faculty immersion).
- **Advanced Manufacturing:** Centre for Advanced Manufacturing (WEF collaboration), Industry 4.0 Survey (2022).
- **Offshore Wind:** 35 GW potential; 8 zones identified.
- **Valimai Cement (TANCEM):** Launched 2021; 10,01,049 MT sold in 2022-23.
- **Neithal Salt (TNSC):** Launched 2022 for open market sales.
- **Housing for Workers (SIPCOT):** 12,500 units built, 10,000 more planned.

Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO)

- **Greenfield Airport at Parandur (Kancheepuram District):** Planned with a capacity of 100 million passengers annually, to be developed in phases over 30 years. TIDCO is the nodal agency; site clearance application submitted to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC)

- Established in 1949, TIIC focuses on MSME financing, with 90% of assistance to MSMEs and 40% to first-generation entrepreneurs.

Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL)

- Established in 1979, TNPL produces newsprint and writing paper using bagasse.
- Unit I (Pugalur, Karur): Capacity increased to 4,40,000 tons per annum.

Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM)

- Established in 1976, TANCEM operates cement plants in Alangulam (2 lakh MT/annum) and Ariyalur (15 lakh MT/annum, including a new 10 lakh MT plant commissioned in 2019).

Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation Limited (TNSC)

- **Overview:**

o Established in 1974, TNSC produces salt in Ramanathapuram (5,236 acres) and Thiruporur (3,010 acres).

- **Production (2022-23):**

o Valinokkam: 1,30,870 MT.

o Thiruporur: Production started in June 2022 but halted due to rain.

o Fortified Salt: 23,716 MT supplied via PDS; 1,794 MT Double Fortified Salt for Noon Meal Centers.

o Semi-Mechanized Production: 15,836 MT in Valinokkam.

Awards Mentioned

1. **Golden Peacock National Award for CSR (June 2021):** TNPL received this from the Institute of Directors, India.

2. **8th CSR India Award 2021 (November 2021):** TNPL awarded under "Corona Warrior" category by Greentech Foundation, New Delhi.

3. **Industry Excellence Award 2021 (December 2021):** TNPL received from Institution of Engineers (IEI), Kolkata.

4. **Green Champion Award 2021 (June 2022):** TNPL Unit 2 awarded by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for green zone development and conservation.

5. **22nd Annual Greentech Environment Awards 2022 (August 2022):** TNPL won under Environment Protection Category.

6. **16th CII National Awards for Excellence in Water Management 2022 (September 2022):** TNPL awarded "Noteworthy Water Efficient Award Within the Fence" by CII-Triveni Water Institute.

7. **CII - Environmental Best Practices Award 2022 (September 2022):** TNPL's project on "Restoration and Conservation of Bio-Diversity" selected as "Most Innovative Environment Project."

8. **Top Most Manufacturing Company Award 2022 (December 2022):** TNPL awarded by World Manufacturing Congress and Awards, Chennai.

9. **Best Investment Promotion Agency Award (2022):** Guidance received this award in the Asia Oceania Region at the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) in Dubai.

10. **Excellence in Cloud Adoption in Government (2022):** Awarded to the System Integrator of the Single Window Portal by NASSCOM.

11. **Best Innovative Concept Award (2023):** Won by the Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department at the 47th Indian Tourist and Industrial Fair.

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department

Women Population (Census 2011): Women constitute 48.5% of India's total population.

Child Welfare

- **Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme**:

o Repeated mention in the document, indicating focus on protecting and empowering girl children.

o Financial assistance:

▪ Rs. 50,000 for girls completing 12th standard pursuing professional courses.

▪ Rs. 30,000 for girls pursuing Degree/Diploma courses.

o Annual recognition on National Girl Child Day (January 24):

▪ Rs. 1.00 lakh cheque and Appreciation Certificate.

▪ 2024 recipient: Selvi G. Sowmiya from Cuddalore.

o Tamil Nadu State Girl Child Protection Day (February 24):

▪ Awards for three districts excelling in improving Girl Child Sex Ratio (2024: Kanniyakumari, Kancheepuram, Coimbatore).

▪ Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals with certificates.

- **Child Marriage Prevention**:

o 2,002 child marriages prevented in 2024.

o Village-Level Child Protection Committees established, led by Village Panchayat Presidents.

- **Service Homes**:

o Established since 1948 for widows, destitute women, deserted women, and their children.

o Locations: Chengalpattu (Tambaram), Salem, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Sivagangai (6 homes).

- **Self-Defense Training**:

o Introduced in February 2025, teaching silambam and karate to girl children.

3. Women Welfare

- **Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance - Pudhumai Penn Scheme**:

o Launched on September 5, 2022.

o Provides Rs. 1,000/month to girl students who studied from 6th to 12th in government schools and are pursuing higher education.

o Extended on December 30, 2024, to include girls from government-aided schools in Tamil medium

o Stream-wise beneficiaries: Arts & Science (highest).

- **Free Bus Travel (Vidiyal Payanam Scheme)**:

o Implemented since May 7, 2021, for women.

o Extended to transgender individuals since June 3, 2021 (requires Transgender ID card for verification).

- **Nirbhaya Safe City Scheme**:

o Allocation: Rs. 2.50 crore for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department.

o Subsidy of Rs. 1 lakh each for 250 female auto drivers to purchase CNG/Hybrid autos (total expenditure: Rs. 2.50 crore).

o 250 **Pink Autos in Chennai,** equipped with GPS trackers linked to police emergency helplines.

o Prioritizes destitute or widowed women.

o Inaugurated by Chief Minister on International Women's Day (March 8, 2025) with distribution to 100 women.

- **Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme**:

o Launched on August 9, 2024, at Government Arts College, Coimbatore.

o Provides Rs. 1,000/month to boy students who studied from 6th to 12th in government or government-aided schools (Tamil medium), regardless of income criteria.

o Eligible for students in other states at institutions like IIT, NIT, IISER.

- **Tamil Nadu Working Women Hostel Corporation Limited ("Thozhi")**:

o Repeated mention, indicating focus on providing safe accommodation for working women

Gender Equality and Women Safety

- **Tripartite MoU (August 14, 2024)**:

o Implemented in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, Karur, and Dindigul for three years.

o Focus: Devising protocols for zero tolerance against violence and sexual harassment of women.

- **Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women (1993)**:

o Established under Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women Act, 2008 (quasi-judicial body).

o Reconstituted every 3 years; current commission includes a Chairperson and seven members.

- **Widows and Destitute Women Welfare Board**:

o Addresses issues faced by widows, destitute women, and spinsters.

o Self-employment opportunities: Rs. 50,000 as seed money for 200 registered members (total cost: Rs. 1.00 crore) through Tamil Nadu Adidravidar Housing and Development Corporation and District Industries Centre.

- **State Awards**:

o **Avvaiyar Award (March 8)**: Rs. 1.50 lakh cheque for excellent service in social reform, women development, communal harmony, and language service.

o **Best Social Worker Award (August 15)**: Rs. 50,000 cash award.

o **Best Institution Award (August 15)**: Rs. 1,00,000 cash award.

o **Kalpana Chawla Award (August 15)**: Gold-coated silver medal, Rs. 5,00,000 cash prize for women's courage and daring enterprises.

Transgender Welfare

- **Supreme Court Judgment (2014)**:

o National Legal Services Authority vs. Union of India recognized transgender people (transwomen, transmen, inter-sex persons) and granted constitutional rights.

- **Tamil Nadu Transgenders Welfare Board (2008)**:

o Chaired by the Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment.

  o Composition: 11 official members, 13 non-official members.

  o Programs:

  ▪ Mobile app 'Thirunangaigal' (since February 2021) for registration and online identity cards.

  ▪ Monthly pension for destitute transgenders above 40 years: Increased from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,500 (March 2023).

- Higher Education Scheme (2024): Covers all educational expenses (tuition, hostel fees).

- Self-employment assistance: Rs. 50,000 for 200 persons annually.

- **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019**:

o Tamil Nadu State Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2022.

o Published a first-of-its-kind glossary in English and Tamil for LGBTQIA+ terms in 2022.

o Identity certificates issued without medical/physical examination.

- **Transgender Award**:

o Since 2020, awarded annually on Transgender Day (April 15).

o Includes Rs. 1.00 lakh cheque and a citation.

Senior Citizen Welfare

- **Demographic Projection**:

o Elderly population in Tamil Nadu projected to increase to 18.20% by 2031 (Elderly in India 2021 Report).

- **Old Age Homes**:

o For destitute elders above 60 years, run by NGOs with state grants (5:1 sharing ratio).

o Services: Food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, recreational facilities, and final rites expenses.

- **Integrated Complexes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children**:

o Financial support with 75:25 sharing ratio (State: NGOs).

- **Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)**:

o Union Government grants with 90:10 ratio (GoI: NGO), recommended by the state.

- **Senior Citizen Helpline (14567)**:

o Operational since April 28, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

- **Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007**:

o State rules framed in 2009.

o Maintenance Tribunal (Revenue Divisional Officers) handles petitions for up to Rs. 10,000/month maintenance, disposed within 90 days.

o Includes biological, adoptive, step-parents.

o Abandonment punishable by up to 3 months imprisonment, Rs. 5,000 fine, or both.

o Appeals must be filed within 60 days; settlements within 30 days.

- **State Council for Senior Citizens**:

o High-Level Advisory Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary.

o District Committees chaired by District Collectors.

o Special stay facilities at spiritual tourist places with yoga, breathing exercises, and meditation training.

Nutrition Programs

- **Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS)**:

o Launched on September 15, 2022, in Madurai (pilot).

o Expanded to all government primary schools (August 25, 2023) and government-aided primary schools in rural areas (July 15, 2024).

o Rural schools use Self-Help Group kitchens; urban areas use centralized kitchens.

o Real-time monitoring via mobile app and web-based dashboard.

o Budget allocation: Rs. 600.25 crore for 2025.

- **Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Nutritious Meal Programme**:

o Initiated in 1920 by Madras Municipal Corporation; extended statewide in 1962 by K. Kamaraj.

o Structured as Nutritious Meal Programme in 1982 by M.G. Ramachandran.

o Eggs introduced in 1989 by M. Karunanidhi (46-52 grams).

o Provides hot cooked meals to primary, middle, and high school students (up to 10th standard).

o Variety meals with masala eggs introduced in 2014.

o Uses double-fortified salt (iodine, iron) and oil (vitamins A, D).

o Aligned with PM POSHAN (60:40 funding ratio GoI: State).

o Tamil Nadu pioneered ISO certification for 100 nutritious meal centers.

o All centers registered under FSSAI Act, renewed annually.

o Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) provided to staff.

o Budget allocation: Rs. 3,492.19 crore for 2025.

- **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)**:

o Introduced in 1975; beneficiaries: children under 6, antenatal/postnatal mothers, girls/women aged 14-49.

o Services via Anganwadi centers: Supplementary nutrition, pre-school education, health education, health check-ups, immunization, referral services.

o **POSHAN 2.0 Vision**: Addresses malnutrition in children under 6, adolescent girls (14-18), pregnant/lactating mothers.

o **Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)**: Targets girls aged 14-18 in aspirational districts (Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram); Aadhaar mandatory.

o **Sathu Mavu**: Meets BIS Standards (400 Kcal, 15g protein per 100g).

o **National Food Security Act, 2013**: Children aged 3-6 years receive 500 calories, 12-15g protein daily.

o **Saksham Anganwadi**: Includes Nutri-Gardens, internet/Wi-Fi, LED screens.

o **National Creche Scheme (PALNA)**: Supports working mothers' children; funding ratio 60:30:10 (Central: State: NGO).

o **PM-JANMAN**: Focuses on tribal communities.

o **POSHAN Tracker**: Mobile app launched by GoI in January 2021; data uploaded via TNICDS application with TNeGA.

o **Uttachathai Uruthi Sei (Ensure Nutrition)**:

▪ **Phase-I**: Announced May 7, 2022; medical assistance for children under 6.

▪ **Phase-II**: Launched November 15, 2024, in Ariyalur (Rs. 22.20 crore) to address low birth weight children.

o **Jan Andolan**: People's movement under National Nutrition Mission; includes Samudhaya Valaigappu, POSHAN Maah (September 2024), POSHAN Pakhwada.

o **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)**: "Aadi Paadi Vilaiyadu Pappa" curriculum (11 theme-based activities, quarterly assessments via TNICDS).

o **Aadhaar Enrollment**: ICDS Director notified as Registrar for children aged 0-5+ years.

Children Welfare and Special Services Department

- **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)**:

o Adopted in 1989, enforced in 1990, ratified by India in 1992.

- **Historical Context**:

o Reformatory Schools Act, 1876: Established reformatory schools in 1887.

o Madras Children's Act, 1920: First legislation for child welfare.

- **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015**:

o Tamil Nadu implemented Juvenile Justice Rules, 2017 (amended 2024).

o Handles children in conflict with the law and those needing care/protection (below 18 years).

- **Child Adoption**:

o Managed by Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

o State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) facilitates coordination.

o Special Adoption Agencies (SAAs) handle domestic and inter-country adoptions.

- **Other Schemes**:

o Non-formal education and skill development in temporary care homes.

o Girls from government children homes admitted to Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife (ANM) training.

o Annual educational tours for children in 36 government children homes.

o **Pathai Project**: NGO-implemented (Rs. 40.00 lakh) to prevent re-involvement in illegal activities.

- **Child Helpline Services (1098)**:

o 24-hour toll-free national helpline, operational in Tamil Nadu since August 1, 2023.

o Related helplines: Cyber Crime (1930), Student and Exam (14417).

- **Child Protection Information Management and Monitoring System**:

o Operational since September 10, 2022 (https://dsdcpimms.tn.gov.in).

o Prepares Individual Care Plans for Juvenile Justice Board and CWC decisions.

- **De-addiction Centres for Children**:

o 25 Integrated Rehabilitation Centres (IRCAS) run by NGOs with state funds.

o Supported by National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR, 2018) and Drug Free India Campaign (Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan).

- **One-Man Committee (Justice K. Chandru)**:

o Recommended improvements in infrastructure and facilities.

o Renamed Directorate of Social Defence to Directorate of Children Welfare and Special Services.

o Model Observation Home '**Pooncholai**' in Coimbatore to be constructed for Rs. 10.00 crore with child-friendly facilities.

- **National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21)**:

o Tamil Nadu: Stunting (25%), Wasting (14.6%), Underweight (22%).

Social Security Schemes

- **Pioneering Efforts**:

o Tamil Nadu leads in implementing social security schemes.

o Pension for differently abled: Rs. 1,500/month since January 2023.

o Other pension schemes: Increased to Rs. 1,200/month since August 2023.

o Applications processed by Tahsildar (SSS) within 30 days.

o Budget allocation: Rs. 5,151.80 crore for 2025.

- **National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)**:

o **Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGN-OAPS)**:

▪ For destitute individuals below poverty line, aged 60+ years.

o **Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGN-WPS)**:

▪ For destitute widows below poverty line, aged 40+ years.

o **Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGN-DPS)**:

▪ For individuals below poverty line, aged 18+ years, with 80%+ disability.

- **State-Funded Schemes**:

o **Chief Minister's Uzhavar Padhukaapu Thittam (CMUPT)**:

▪ For destitute landless agricultural laborers, aged 60+ years, with fixed assets not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.

- **Other Benefits**:

o One saree (female) or dhoti (male) distributed twice yearly (Pongal, Deepavali).

o 5 kg rice distributed to all pensioners per Food Security Act, 2013.

Social Reforms Department

- Established in 1999; merged with Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department in 2002.

- Revived in 2006 by Kalaignar.

- **Social Justice Monitoring Committee (2021)**:

o Chaired by Prof. Suba. Veerapandian with 7 members.

o Conducted 14 meetings.

Important Days

- **National Girl Child Day**: January 24

- **State Girl Child Protection Day**: February 24

- **Thirunangaiyar (Transgender) Day**: April 15

- **Anti Child Labour Day**: June 12

- **Elders Abuse Awareness Day**: June 15

- **International Day of Older Persons**: October 1

- **International Girl Child Day**: October 11

- **International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women**: November 25

- **Dowry Prohibition Day**: November 26

- **Human Rights Day**: December 10

Health and Family Welfare Department

Healthcare Delivery Model

- **Three-Tier System**:

o Tertiary care, secondary care, and primary health services.

- **Tamil Nadu Clinical Establishments (Regulation) Act, 1997**:

o Regulates clinical establishments; amended in 2018.

- **Chennai as Medical Tourism Hub**: Recognized for advanced healthcare facilities.

- **Legislation**:

o **Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994**: Prevents sex selection; child sex ratio in 2024: 938.

o **Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994**: Implemented since 2011.

o **Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021**: Regulates ART clinics and banks.

o **Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021**: Prevents exploitation of surrogates and protects rights of children born through surrogacy.

Healthcare Schemes

- **Innuyir Kaappom - Nammai Kaakkum-48 (IK-NK 48)**:

o Launched on December 18, 2021, to reduce deaths and disabilities from road traffic accidents.

o Provides free emergency medical care for the first 48 hours.

o Cashless treatment up to Rs. 2 lakh per individual.

o Implemented through United India Insurance Company.

- **Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam**:

o Launched on August 5, 2021; received United Nations Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award in 2024.

o Home-based healthcare for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

o Beneficiaries: Over 2 crore people.

o Services: Delivery of hypertension/diabetes drugs, palliative care, physiotherapy for individuals aged 45+.

- **Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS)**:

o Initially launched as Kalaignar's Insurance Scheme (July 23, 2009); re-launched on January 11, 2012.

o Cashless treatment for life-saving procedures in government and private hospitals.

o Coverage: Rs. 5 lakh per family per year (increased from Rs. 1 lakh).

o Eligibility: Families with annual income up to Rs. 1.2 lakh; 1.48 crore families enrolled.

o Integrated with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) since September 23, 2018.

- **Kalaignarin Varumun Kappom Thittam (KVKT)**:

o First launched in 1999; revamped on September 29, 2021, in Vazhapadi, Salem.

o Focuses on promoting wellness attitudes.

- **Free 108 Emergency Ambulance Service**:

o Launched on September 15, 2008.

o Includes First Responder Bike Ambulances; average response time for road traffic accidents: 10 minutes 59 seconds.

o Related services: '155377' Free Hearse Vehicles,

o '102' Drop Back Services (under JSSK).

- **104 Health Helpline**: Provides counseling for NEET aspirants.

National Health Mission (NHM)

o Launched as National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005; expanded to National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) in 2013.

o Operates through State Health Society (SHS) and District Health Society (DHS).

o Budget allocation for 2025: Rs. 2,899.08 crore (60:40 funding ratio, Union: State).

- **Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC)**:

o Established in rural areas, chaired by Panchayat President with Village Health Nurse as member secretary.

- **National Urban Health Mission (NUHM)**:

o Urban population: 48.45%, with 16.6% in slums.

o Infrastructure:

  ▪ Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC): 1 per 50,000 population.

  ▪ Urban Community Health Centre (UCHC): 1 per 2.5 lakh population.

  ▪ Polyclinic: 1 per 5-6 UPHCs.

o **Mahila Arogya Samiti**: 10-12 women promote community participation; MoU with Tamil Nadu Urban Livelihood Mission (TNULM) for Self-Help Group implementation.

- **Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)**:

o Screens children aged 0-18 years for 4Ds (Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, Developmental delays).

- o Referrals to District Early Intervention Centers (DEICs); DEICs with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) centers in Tenkasi, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, and Coimbatore.

- **Anaivarukum Nalavazhvu Thittam (Universal Health Coverage)**:

  - o Assisted tele-consultation via e-Sanjeevani Program at Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs).

  - **Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS) / Makkal Nalavazhu Kuzhu (MNK)**:

  - o Constituted in 2023 to support community health initiatives.

Maternal Health

- **Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)**:

- o Tamil Nadu surpassed SDG 3 target (<70/lakh live births); reduced from 54/lakh (2018-20) to 40.6/lakh (March 2025).

- **Pregnancy and Infant Cohort Monitoring and Evaluation (PICME 3.0)**:

- o Online portal; 'red flags' high-risk mothers with alerts.

- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)**:

- o Fixed-day quality antenatal care on the 9th and 24th of every month.

- **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)**:

- o Cash assistance: Rs. 700 (rural), Rs. 600 (urban) for deliveries in government institutions.

- **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)**:

- o Cashless childbirth, including C-sections, with drop-back services after 48 hours.

- **Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN)**:

- o Integrates maternal healthcare initiatives; includes Basic Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care (BEmONC).

- **Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC)**:

- o Institutional deliveries: 99.9% (56% in government institutions, 44% in private hospitals).

- o Primary Caesarean Section Rate in government institutions: 50.6% (2024).

- **Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme (MRMBS)**:

- o Launched on September 15, 2006; enhanced to Rs. 18,000 (from Rs. 6,000 in 2011).

- o Disbursement: Rs. 14,000 cash (Rs. 6,000 in 4th month of pregnancy, Rs. 6,000 post-delivery, Rs. 2,000 after 9th month vaccination) + two nutrition kits (Rs. 2,000 each).

- **Menstrual Hygiene Programme (MHP)**:

- o Launched in 2011; free sanitary napkins for adolescent girls (10-19 years).

Child Health

- **Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A)**:

- o Key pillars: Newborn and child health.

- **Mortality Rates (SRS 2020)**:

- o Infant Mortality Rate (IMR): 13/1,000 live births (Rural: 15, Urban: 10; National: 28).

- o Under-5 Mortality Rate: 13/1,000 live births (National: 32).

- o Neonatal Mortality Rate: 9/1,000 live births (National: 20).

- **Mother's Absolute Affection (MAA) Programme**:

- o Focuses on first 1,000 days (conception to 2 years); promotes breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth and up to 2 years.

- **Anemia Mukt Bharat**:

- o Bi-weekly Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) syrup for children aged 6 months to 5 years.

- o Pink tablets (45 mg iron) for school children (5-9 years).

- **National Deworming Day**: Conducted to reduce parasitic infections.

- **Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF)**:

- o Conducted during monsoon season to raise awareness.

- **Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS)**:

- o Focuses on pneumonia prevention and treatment.

- **Rashtriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK)**:

- o Targets adolescents (10-19 years); implemented in phases (Phase I: 2014, 9 districts; Phase II: 2017, 15 districts; Phase III: 2024, 14 districts).

- **Helplines**:

- o Adolescent Helpline: 104.

o Child Helpline: 1098.

o Mental Health Helpline: 14416.

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

- **Prevalence (ICMR-NIE STEPS 2019)**:

o Hypertension: 33.09%.

o Diabetes: 17.2%.

- **National NCD Monitoring Survey 2023**:

o Hypertension: 23.9%.

o Diabetes: 7.2%.

- **Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam**:

o Home-based services for hypertension, diabetes, palliative care, and physiotherapy.

- **Paadham Paadhukappom Thittam**:

o Launched on October 28, 2024, for diabetic foot care; Tamil Nadu Integrated Diabetic Foot Care Programme.

- **Idhayam Kaapom Thittam**:

o Prevents deaths from sudden cardiac arrest.

- **Urine Dipstick Testing**:

o Launched on July 10, 2023, at UPHC Kadayampatty, Salem, for early detection of Chronic Kidney Disease (age 30+ or with risk factors).

- **8 km Health Walk (Nadappom Nalam Peruvom)**:

o Launched on November 4, 2023, to promote physical activity.

- **School Oral Health Program (SOHP)**:

o "Punnagai: Pailigalil Pai Paadhukaappu Thittam" for oral health screening and care.

- **National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD)**:

o Second state to introduce Universal Neonatal Deafness Screening Program.

- **Palli Sirar Kannoli Kappom Thittam**:

o Launched in 2009; screens students (6th-12th) for refractive errors; provides free spectacles.

Communicable Diseases

- **National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (2018)**:

o Aims to eliminate Hepatitis C by 2030.

o Hepatitis B Immunoglobin (HBIG) administered to newborns of HbsAg-positive mothers.

- **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)**:

o Goal: Eliminate TB by 2030; "TB Free Tamil Nadu" strategy (Detect, Treat, Prevent, Build).

o **Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY)**: Monetary support increased from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000/month.

o **Nikshay Shivir**: 100-day intensified active case-finding campaign.

o **Nikshay Mitra**: Provides diagnostic, nutritional, and vocational support.

o **BPaL-M Regimen**: For drug-resistant TB (Bedaquiline, Pretomanid, Linezolid, Moxifloxacin).

o 1,712 panchayats declared "TB Free" in 2024.

- **Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society (TNSBCS)**:

o Blindness prevalence: 0.33%.

o Tamil Nadu excels in cataract surgeries; Rs. 1,000 grant per eyeball collected by eye banks.

o **Kannoli Kappom Thittam**: Screens school children and provides free spectacles.

Mental Health Programme

- **State Mental Health Authority (SMHA)**:

o Established under Mental Healthcare Act, 2017; Institute of Mental Health (IMH), Kilpauk, as apex institute.

- **District Mental Health Programme**:

o Started in 1996 (Bellary Model); expanded in 1986 under National Mental Health Programme.

- **Tamil Nadu State Policy for Homeless Persons with Mental Illness (2024)**:

o First-of-its-kind in India; includes implementation framework.

- **MaNaM Thittam (Mana Nala Nallaatharavu Mandram)**:

o 24/7 tele-counseling via '14416' (Natpudan Ungalodu Mananala Sevai).

o Tele-MANAS Cells for tele-mental health services.

- **Tamil Nadu Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience (TNIMHANS)**:

o Established at IMH Campus for Rs. 40 crore.

Medical Education and Research

CHINMAYA ACADEMY FOR CIVIL SERVICES

- **Directorate of Medical Education and Research**:

o Formed in 1966; renamed on October 26, 2023.

o Annual MBBS admission capacity: 11,700 seats (5,050 in 36 government medical colleges).

- **Kalaignar Centenary Integrated Research Foundation (2024)**:

o Promotes medical research innovations.

- **Admission Policies**:

o High-Level Committee (Justice A.K. Rajan, June 5, 2021): Undergraduate admissions based on 12th standard marks.

o 50% state quota seats reserved for in-service candidates (postgraduate courses).

o 7.5% reservation for government school students qualifying NEET-UG (Tamil Nadu Act 34/2020).

o Support: Fees, books, and hostel expenses for eligible students.

- **Goal**: One government medical college per district.

- **Tamil Nadu Government Dental College and Hospital, Chennai**:

o Established in 1953; third oldest in India, first in South India.

- **Organ Transplantation**:

o Tamil Nadu leads in organ transplantation; brain-dead donors honored.

o **Vidiyal Mobile Application**: Facilitates organ registration and allocation (first in India).

- **Integrated Essential Laboratory Services (IELS)**:

o Launched on February 5, 2024; uses Hub and Spoke Model for sample transportation.

- **Da Vinci Robotic Surgical System**:

o Introduced at Tamil Nadu Government Multi-Speciality Hospital for precise surgeries.

- **National Centre for Ageing, Guindy, Chennai**:

o 200-bedded geriatric care center; inaugurated on February 25, 2024, by the Prime Minister.

o Cost: Rs. 151.17 crore (Government of India grant); second such facility after AIIMS, New Delhi.

Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy

- **Systems Covered**: Siddha, Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Homoeopathy- AYUSH

- **Magapperu Sanjeevi Scheme**:

o Distributes three kits to pregnant mothers before delivery and one kit post-delivery.

- **State AYUSH Society**:

o Established in 2015 under National AYUSH Mission (60:40 funding ratio).

- **Tamil Nadu State Medicinal Plants Board (TNSMPB)**:

o Formed on October 26, 2009; chaired by Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare.

Family Welfare Programme

Introduced in India in 1952; in Tamil Nadu in 1956; renamed Family Welfare Programme in 1977. Shifted from target-based to Community Needs Assessment Approach.

- **Total Fertility Rate (TFR)**:

o Tamil Nadu: 1.4 (2020; reduced from 3.9 in 1971, 2.1 in 2000).

- **SDG Targets (2030)**:

o Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (mCPR): 70% (from 65.5%, NFHS-V 2019-21).

o Unmet Need: Nil (from 7.5%, NFHS-V).

- **Vital Rates (2020, SRS)**:

o Crude Birth Rate: Tamil Nadu: 13.8 (India: 19.5).

o Crude Death Rate: Tamil Nadu: 6.1 (India: 6.0).

- **Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP)**:

o MTP Act, 1971; amended in 2021 (allows termination beyond 24 weeks for fetal abnormalities with Medical Board approval).

o Methods: Medical Method of Abortion (MMA), Manual/Electrical Vacuum Aspiration (MVA/EVA), Surgical.

- **Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (FPIS)**:

o Launched on April 1, 2013; insurance benefits:

▪ Death within 7 days of sterilization: Rs. 2 lakh.

▪ Death within 8-30 days: Rs. 50,000.

▪ Sterilization failure: Rs. 30,000.

- **Awareness Programmes**:

o World Population Day: July 11.

o Vasectomy Fortnight: November 21–December 4.

o 52 Family Welfare Help Desks.

Public Health and Preventive Medicine

- **Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine**:

o Celebrated 100th anniversary in 2022.

- **Infrastructure**:

o Primary Health Centres (PHCs): 1 per 30,000 population, >8 km from other medical institutions.

o Health Sub Centres (HSCs): 1 per 5,000 (plain areas) or 3,000 (hilly areas).

o 500 Urban Health and Wellness Centres inaugurated on June 6, 2023.

- **Immunization**:

o **Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)**: Covers 11 vaccines for 12 Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs); coverage >98%.

o **U-WIN**: Tracks vaccine administration; features self-registration, QR-based certificates, SMS alerts.

o **Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (e-VIN)**: Digitizes vaccine stock and temperature data (implemented since October 2019).

o **Safe-Vac Portal**: Monitors Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI).

- **National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme**:

o Annual surveys in five districts; 97% of salt contains iodine >15 PPM.

Communicable Disease Management

- **Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) / Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP)**:

o Launched on April 1, 2021.

- **State Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH)**:

o Launched on October 29, 2024; Tamil Nadu is the first state to assess district-level climate vulnerabilities.

o District Action Plans (DAPCCHH) submitted to National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

- **Heat Wave Criteria**:

o Maximum temperature ≥45°C (heatwave) or ≥47°C (severe heatwave) for two consecutive days at two stations (per World Meteorological Organization).

Food Safety

- **Tamil Nadu Food Safety Department**:

o Formed on August 5, 2011, under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

o **State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2023**: Tamil Nadu ranked second.

o **Eat Right Initiatives**: Promote safe and healthy food.

o Six Food Analysis Laboratories: Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli.

- **Directorate of Drugs Control Administration**:

o Enforces Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940; Drugs Rules, 1945; Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013; Medical Devices Rules, 2017; Cosmetics Rules, 2020.

o Monitors habit-forming drugs (e.g., Tapentadol, Tramadol, Codeine Phosphate, Nitrazepam).

o **Mudhalvar Marunthagam**: Inaugurated on February 24, 2025.

Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited (TNMSC)

- **Established**: July 1, 1994, under Companies Act, 1956; ISO 9001:2015 certified.

- **Role**: Centralized procurement of drugs and medical supplies.

- **Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998**: Governs procurement processes.

Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS)

- **Established**: April 22, 1994; works under National AIDS Control Organization (NACO).

- **HIV Prevalence (2023)**: Tamil Nadu: 0.16% (National: 0.23%).

- **National AIDS Control Programme Phase-V (2021-2026)**:

o Targets: 95-95-95 (95% diagnosed, 95% on treatment, 95% virally suppressed) by 2026.

- **Suga Vazhvu Maiyam**: NACO-supported centers for Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) / Reproductive Tract Infection (RTI) services.

Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Healthcare: Located in Guindy.

Tamil Nadu Health System Project (TNHSRP)

- **Funding**: World Bank-supported; total cost: Rs. 3,248.67 crore (World Bank: 70%, Tamil Nadu: 30%).

- **Period**: 2019–2024.

- Program for Results (P for R).

Tamil Nadu Urban Healthcare Project

- **Funding**: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); total cost: Rs. 1,633.75 crore (JICA loan: Rs. 1,387.88 crore, Tamil Nadu: Rs. 245.87 crore).

- **Period**: April 1, 2016–July 28, 2024.

- Strengthens healthcare infrastructure, especially for NCDs.

Quality Assurance and Awards

- **National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) Programme (2013)**:

  o Tamil Nadu ranks second nationally in NQAS certification.

- **LaQshya Programme (2018)**:

  o Enhances quality in labour rooms and maternity operation theatres; Tamil Nadu ranks third (Quality Darpan Report, June 2024).

  - **NABH Accreditation**:

  o Awarded to government medical colleges in Thiruvannamalai, Theni, and Kanyakumari.

- **Kayakalp Award**: Promotes cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation in government health facilities.

- **Best Hospital Award**: Recognizes patient safety excellence in five categories across four zones (North, West, South, Central).

Health Management Information System (TN-HMIS)

- **Transition**: From HMIS 2.0 to HMIS 3.0 (developed by C-DAC).

- **Population Health Registry (PHR)**:

  o Launched in November 2021; piloted in Krishnagiri.

  o Provides Unique Health ID (UHID) to every citizen.

- **ABHA IDs**: Created for outpatient and inpatient services.

Important Days

- **World Population Day**: July 11.

- **Vasectomy Fortnight**: November 21–December 4.

- **Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign**: March 30–February 13.

School Education Department

1. Budget Allocation

- **Total Grant**: Rs. 46,767 crore allocated for the School Education Department in the 2025 Budget estimates.

2. Key Educational Schemes

- **Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme**:

  o Launched on September 15, 2022, by the Chief Minister, implemented through the Department of Social Welfare and Women's Rights.

  o Provides breakfast to students in Classes 1–5 in government schools; expanded to government-aided schools in rural areas.

  o Impact: Increased on-time school attendance and enhanced memory retention in over 90% of children (per State Planning Commission).

  o Global influence: Canada, UK, and Telangana plan to adopt similar schemes.

- **Illam Thedi Kalvi (Education at Doorstep)**:

  o Launched on October 27, 2021, to address learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic for Classes 1–8.

  o Recovered ~25% of learning loss (study by University of California, San Diego).

- **Ennum Ezhuthum Scheme**:

  o Launched in 2022 with a budget of Rs. 152 crore to ensure all 8-year-olds in Classes 1–3 can read, write, and perform basic math by 2025.

  o Expanded to Classes 4–5 in 2023 and to government-aided schools for Classes 1–5.

- **Massive Reading Movement**:

  o Launched on July 21, 2023, for Classes 1–12 to foster reading habits.

  o Uses 16-page child-friendly books categorized into four levels: Enter, Walk, Run, Fly.

- **Tamizh Mozhi Karpom**:

  o Launched in 2023 to teach Tamil fluency to children of migrant workers (Classes 1–8).

  o Cost: Rs. 1.21 crore for 2 years.

  o Subjects taught in students' mother tongue alongside Tamil.

- **Namma School Namma Ooru School (NSNOP)**:

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o Launched on December 19, 2022, to transform government schools through contributions from corporates, charities, alumni, and individuals.

o Mobilized over Rs. 658.67 crore for school development.

- **IIT for All Scheme**:

o Launched to provide opportunities for government and government-aided school students to study at premier institutions like IITs.

o Mentored over 1 lakh students.

- **Vanavil Manram (Mobile Science Laboratory)**:

   o Launched on November 28, 2022, to foster scientific thinking in Classes 6–8 across 13,236 government schools.

   o Cost: Rs. 11.69 crore.

   - **Kodai Kondattam**:

o Training camps conducted in 2024 for Class 11 students in hilly regions (Yercaud, Kolli Hills, Kodaikanal, Kutralam).

- **Kalathiruvizha (Art Festival)**:

o Annual competitions since 2022 for Classes 1–12 in government and government-aided schools across five categories.

o Winners receive Kalaiyarasan and Kalaiarasi titles, certificates, prizes, and foreign educational tours (UAE, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong).

3. Infrastructure Development

- **Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Infrastructure Development Scheme**:

o Implemented since 2022 to improve government school infrastructure.

o 2025 Budget: Rs. 1,000 crore allocated.

- **Hi-Tech Labs**:

o 8,209 labs established in government Middle, High, and Higher Secondary Schools at Rs. 519.73 crore.

o Rs. 41.86 crore sanctioned for 654 government-aided Higher Secondary Schools, including minority institutions.

o Extended to Panchayat Union Middle Schools.

- **Smart Classrooms**:

o 22,931 smart classrooms set up for Classes 1–5 in government schools at Rs. 455.32 crore.

- **Model Schools**:

o One residential government model school per district for Classes 9–12, with special training for higher education admissions.

o 38 model schools established at Rs. 352.42 crore.

- **Schools of Excellence**:

o 28 government schools upgraded in 2023 across 28 districts at Rs. 160.82 crore.

- **Accessibility**:

o 92% of schools have ramps and handrails for students with disabilities.

   - **Child-Friendly School Infrastructure Development Scheme**:

      o Implemented by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

Scholarships and Talent Recognition

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Aptitude Test**:

o Provides Rs. 10,000 annual scholarship (Rs. 1,000/month for 10 months) to 1,000 Class 10 government school students for two years.

- **Tamil Language and Literature Talent Test**:

o Introduced in 2023 for Class 11 students; 1,500 students receive Rs. 1,500/month for two years.

o Thirukkural Student Conference planned in Kanyakumari at Rs. 40 lakh to mark the 25th anniversary of the Thiruvalluvar statue.

- **Tamil Nadu Rural Students Talent Search Examination (TRUST)**:

o Launched in 1991 for Class 9 rural students; 100 students per district (50 boys, 50 girls) receive Rs. 1,000/year for four years.

- **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS)**:

o For economically weaker Class 8 students scoring ≥55%; provides Rs. 12,000/year from Classes 9–12.

- **Naan Mudhalvan UPSC Prelims Scholarship Screening Test**:

o Conducted by Directorate of Government Examinations (DGE) for Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC).

o Selects 1,000 UPSC aspirants annually for Rs. 7,500/month for 10 months.

- **Naan Mudhalvan Residential Coaching Program**:

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o Free hostel, food, and coaching for 300 SSC/Railway and 700 Banking aspirants annually.

- **Higher Education Scholarship for Teachers' Children**:

o Increased from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 50,000 from 2023 for children of government school teachers.

Student Support and Welfare

- **Nalam Nadi App**:

o Identifies 21 types of disabilities in government school students to provide special education and support.

o Enrollment ratio of children with disabilities (5–19 years) increased from 76.64% (2015) to 85.19% (2023).

- **Aadhaar Enrollment**:

o 70% of students covered; Tamil Nadu secured first position nationally, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from UIDAI on April 8, 2025.

- **Self-Defense Training**:

o Karate, Judo, Taekwondo, and Silambam training for schoolgirls to boost confidence and safety.

- **Career Guidance Cells**:

o Established in all government Higher Secondary Schools.

- **14417 Student Helpline**:

o Provides academic support and counseling.

- **Welfare Assistance**:

o Educational equipment, textbooks, notebooks, school bags extended to Classes 1–10 in private self-financing Tamil-medium schools.

- **Fee Exemptions**:

o Rs. 200 special fee for Computer Science (Classes 11–12) withdrawn in government Higher Secondary Schools.

o Tamil-medium students exempted from SSLC and Higher Secondary exam fees.

o Tatkal fee for supplementary exams waived for government and government-aided school students; application period extended from 7 to 15 days.

- **Out-of-School Children (2023)**:

o Primary level: Decreased from 0.90% to 0.13%.

o Upper primary level: Decreased from 1.55% to 0.17%.

- **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)**:

o Operates in 44 Educationally Backward Blocks across 15 districts with low female literacy.

o 61 residential schools and 44 girls' hostels for girls aged 14–18.

o Monthly stipend: Rs. 200.

- **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Avasya Vidyalaya (NSCBAV)**:

o 15 residential schools in 11 districts and 4 hostels in 4 districts.

o Monthly stipend: Rs. 200.

Teacher and Leadership Development

- **Arigar Anna Leadership Awards**:

o Awarded to headmasters of Primary/Middle schools (50) and High/Higher Secondary Schools (50) for exemplary implementation of welfare schemes.

- **Kannavu Asiriyar Scheme**:

o 380 selected teachers participated in an international educational tour to France in 2024.

- **State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT)**:

o **Teacher Professional Development (TPD)**:

▪ Vasippu Iyakkam: Enhances reading competency for Classes 4–9.

▪ Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act: Addresses 21 disability types.

▪ Archaeological Training: 6-day residential program for 1,000 graduate teachers to promote Tamil heritage awareness.

o **School Leadership Training Programme (SLTP)**:

▪ For head teachers of Middle Schools.

o **Assessment Cell**:

▪ Prepares students for National Achievement Surveys (NAS) with competency-based tests via hi-tech labs.

- **School Management Committee (SMC)**:

o Constituted in 2022 under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, for all government schools.

o Reconstituted in August 2024 with a 24-member committee for a 2-year term.

- **Directorate of Private Schools**:

o Established in January 2023 as the nodal agency for enforcing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

o Beneficiaries: Children from LKG to Class 8.

- **Regulatory Compliance**:

o Regulatory Compliance Portal and Inspection App launched on December 31, 2022.

- **Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006**:

o Mandates Tamil as a compulsory subject for Classes 1–10; extended to other educational boards since 2014.

- **Welfare Support**:

o Tamil-medium students in self-financing schools (Classes 1–10) receive cost-free welfare schemes.

Examinations and Certifications

- **Directorate of Government Examinations (DGE)**:

o Conducts 40 types of examinations.

o Nodal agency for UPSC and SSC examinations in Chennai.

    o **Services**:

▪ Digi Locker: Provides digital mark certificates.

▪ e-SANAD: Supports e-attestation for students applying abroad.

o **Supplementary Examinations**:

▪ Held in June/July for SSLC, Class 11, and Class 12 students.

o Budget 2025: Rs. 133.90 crore.

- **Eighth Standard Examination**:

o Offers minimum educational qualification for private candidates.

Non-Formal and Adult Education

- **Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education (DNFAE)**:

o Established in 1976 to eradicate illiteracy and achieve 100% literacy.

- **Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam**:

o Ongoing from 2022–2027 across 38 districts for illiterate adults (15+ years).

o 60:40 funding (Union: State); facilitated by volunteer teachers.

o Goal: 100% literacy by 2027.

- **Special Literacy Programme for Prisoners**:

o Targets literacy among incarcerated individuals.

- **Basic Education Programme for Neo-Literates**:

o Equivalent to Class 5 for those completing foundational literacy training.

- **Budget 2025**: Rs. 16.30 crore.

Public Libraries

- **Directorate of Public Libraries**:

o Formed in 1972 under the Tamil Nadu Public Library Act, 1948.

o Budget 2025: Rs. 946.04 crore.

Key Libraries:

o **Kalaignar Centenary Library, Madurai**: Established at Rs. 218.19 crore (opened July 2023).

o **Anna Centenary Library, Chennai**: Inaugurated in 2010; includes Senthamizh Sirpigal Arangam (Rs. 40 lakh) to honor Tamil writers.

o **Connemara Public Library, Chennai**: National depository since 1896 under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers Act, 1954.

o **S.R. Ranganathan Library, Sirkazhi**: Built at Rs. 1.32 crore.

o **A. Karmeganar Library, Abiramam, Ramanathapuram**: New building at Rs. 40 lakh.

o **Thanthai Periyar Grand Library & Science Center, Coimbatore**: Rs. 300 crore project; foundation laid on November 6, 2024.

- **Initiatives**:

o **e-Library Services**: Wi-Fi-enabled in 1,469 rural libraries; access to 10 lakh books via Kindle app.

o **Book Fairs**: Conducted district-wide since 2022.

o **Literary Festivals**: Chennai, Vaigai (Madurai), Kaveri (Trichy), Porunai (Tirunelveli), Siruvani (Coimbatore), and youth festivals in all districts.

o **Chennai International Book Fair (CIBF)**: Launched in 2023.

o **TN Talk**: Program at Anna Centenary Library to inform readers about modern developments; 25 sessions conducted.

o **Transparent Book Procurement Policy (2024)**: Ensures fair book acquisition.

o **100 Special Part-Time Libraries**: Planned for high-footfall areas (e.g., District Collector Offices, hospitals, bus terminals).

Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation

- **History**:

o Established as Bureau of Tamil Publications in 1961; restructured as Tamil Nadu Textbook Society in 1970; renamed Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation in 1993.

o Registered as a Section 8 company under Companies Act, 2013, from July 2, 2024.

- **Publications**:

o **Thisaithorum Dravidam**: Translates Tamil literary and historical works into Dravidian and international languages; 68 books published.

o **Muthamizharignar Mozhipeyarppu Thittam**: Translates books on arts, science, medicine, engineering, and technology into Tamil.

o **Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Thittam**: Introduces children to literature through age-appropriate books.

o **Periyar's Teachings**: Translated into 21 languages; 20 books published at Rs. 50.25 lakh.

  o **V.O. Chidambaranar Works**: Four volumes published at Rs. 2.57 crore.

  o **Kalai Kalanjiyam and Siraar Kalai Kalanjiyam**: 20 volumes published at Rs. 36,000.

  o **Kalaignarin Padaippulagam**: Compiled by Imayam, released on December 27, 2024.

  o **Social Justice and Reservation**: Book released with BC, MBC & Minority Welfare Department.

  o **Thirukkural – A Gem for Each Day**: Reprinted with Kalaignar's commentary, released on December 31, 2024, for the 25th anniversary of the Thiruvalluvar statue.

- **Magazines**:

o **Pudhu Oonjal and Thenchittu**: Bimonthly children's magazines for Classes 4–5 and 6–9, sent to government schools.

o **Kanavu Aasiriyar**: Monthly magazine for teachers, sent free to government schools.

- **Comparative Etymological Dictionary of Tamil and Indo-European Languages**:

o Agreement with Oxford University Press for 12 volumes at Rs. 8 crore.

o First volume and preface released by Chief Minister on March 25, 2025.

International Exposure:

o Rs. 3 crore allocated annually for international educational tours for students excelling in club activities, book reading, fine arts, children's films, sports, and science.

o One student and one teacher participated in the Tsunami Summit in Kumamoto, Japan, on World Tsunami Awareness Day (October 19–25, 2025).

Other Initiatives

- **Perasiriyar Anbazhagan Award**:

o Awarded to 76 best schools (2 per district: one for Elementary, one for School Education) with certificates.

o Rs. 10 crore allocated for 100 schools (Rs. 10 lakh each).

- **Kalaignar Karunanidhi Centenary**:

o Jamboree held in Manapparai, Trichy, for the Bharat Scouts and Guides' 75th Diamond Jubilee.

o Silver Elephant Award announced for the Minister of School Education, to be presented by the President of India.

- **Manarkeni Digital Education Platform**:

o Launched in July 2023; offers high-quality Tamil and English digital content.

  o 4.1-star rating with 8,91,261 downloads on Play Store.

- **National Service Scheme (NSS)**:

o Develops volunteerism and life skills for Classes 11–12 students.

- **Teacher Recruitment Age Limit**:

o Increased for aided schools under Tamil Nadu Private Schools Regulation Act: General category (45 to 53 years), others (50 to 58 years).

Digital and Technological Interventions

- **Accessible Digital Textbooks (ADT)**:

o Uploaded at adt.tnschools.gov.in for visually impaired students.

- **Digital Content Cell**:

o Digitized Puthaga Poongothu stories for a digital library.

- **Kalvi TV**:

o Upgraded with four high-tech studios and a virtual studio.

o Offers video lectures, animations, and simulations for Classes 1–12, TNPSC, and competitive exams.

o Documents Tamil Nadu's flagship initiatives.

- **Fundamentals of Computer Science & AI Curriculum**:

o Introduced for Classes 6–9.

- **Budget 2025 for Digital Initiatives**: Rs. 176.14 crore.

1. Nambikkai Inaiyam (Tamil Nadu Blockchain Backbone)

- Nambikkai Inaiyam, also known as the Tamil Nadu Blockchain Backbone, is an initiative by the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA).

- It leverages blockchain technology to provide paperless, contactless, and transparent government services proactively to citizens.

- The project enhances security, transparency, and efficiency in governance by creating a tamper-proof digital infrastructure.

- It supports data-driven governance by ensuring secure and immutable data management.

  - Aligns with Tamil Nadu's goal of improving service delivery and fostering trust in digital systems.

  - Complements other key initiatives like the State Family Database (SFDB) for streamlined data management.

2. Tamil Nadu State Data Centre (TNSDC)

- The Tamil Nadu State Data Centre (TNSDC) is a critical IT infrastructure hosting e-Governance applications for government departments.

- TNSDC-I was established in 2011 as India's first ISO-certified state data centre, with 62 racks hosting 318+ applications.

- TNSDC-II became operational in 2020, featuring a modular design with an initial 35 racks (expandable to 138), currently hosting 50+ applications.

- Ensures secure, reliable, and scalable hosting for government services.

- Supports e-Governance by providing a highly available and disaster-resilient infrastructure.

3. Thamizh Megam (TN Cloud Computing Services)

- Thamizh Megam is Tamil Nadu's state cloud infrastructure, operational since 2016.

- Provides Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) and Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) for government departments.

- Hosts 180+ applications/services with optimal resource sharing and minimal management overhead.

- Enhanced with disaster recovery capabilities to ensure business continuity.

- Designed for scalability and efficiency in government cloud computing.

4. BharatNet and TamilNet

- BharatNet is a national project providing high-speed internet via optical fibre to 12,525 village panchayats in Tamil Nadu.

- TamilNet is a state-specific initiative extending high-speed connectivity to urban areas.

- Together with TNSWAN, they form the Unified Digital Infrastructure (UDI), transforming Tamil Nadu into a fully digital state.

- Ensures seamless connectivity for voice, data, and audiovisual services across urban and rural regions.

- Enhances e-Governance, digital inclusion, and service delivery.

5. ELCOT (Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited)

- ELCOT is a state-owned PSU established in 1977, serving as the nodal agency for IT and electronics development.

  - Manages eight IT Special Economic Zones (ELCOSEZs)

Key ELCOSEZs:

- Sholinganallur, Chennai: 377.08 acres, leased to companies like Wipro, HCL, and Cognizant, with 68,516 employees and 109.31 lakh sq.ft. built-up space. New IT Tower under construction (₹88.21 crore).

- Vilankurichi, Coimbatore: 61.59 acres, 16,809 employees, new IT Tower (₹114.16 crore).

- Ilandhaikulam & Vadapalanji, Madurai: Supporting companies like HCL and Honeywell with ~8,040 and 1,077 employees, respectively.

- Navalpattu, Tiruchirappalli: 1,482 employees, new IT Tower completed (₹48.10 crore).

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- Gangaikondan, Tirunelveli: 152 employees, leased to Syntel International.

- Jagirammapalayam, Salem: 787 employees.

- Viswanathapuram, Hosur: 100 employees.

- These zones span 1,288.2 acres with an investment of ₹844.57 crore, hosting major IT/ITeS companies like Wipro, HCL, and Cognizant.

- Generated ₹2 lakh crore in software exports and employed 3,50,000 people in 2022-23.

- Promotes IT investments through events like UMAGINE 2023 and global summits.

6. TNSWAN (Tamil Nadu State Wide Area Network)

- TNSWAN is a state-wide network operational since 2007, connecting 20,000+ government offices.

- Provides voice, data, internet, and audiovisual services for e-Governance.

- Expanded from 708 to 829 Points of Presence (PoPs).

- Integrated with the National Knowledge Network (NKN) for enhanced bandwidth.

- Supports secure access to applications hosted at TNSDC.

- Offers MPLS VPN, Internet Leased Line, and VPNoBB connectivity to government offices.

7. TNDRC (Tamil Nadu Disaster Recovery Centre)

- TNDRC, operational since 2018, is located at ELCOSEZ, Tiruchirappalli.

- Ensures business continuity for critical e-Governance applications during disasters.

- Provides a redundant and secure environment to maintain service availability.

  - Acts as a backup for TNSDC to prevent disruptions in government operations.

8. TNeGA (Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency)

- TNeGA implements e-Governance initiatives for citizen-centric services.

- Manages projects like State Family Database (SFDB), Tamil Nadu Geographic Information System (TNGIS), and Nambikkai Inaiyam.

- Oversees Digital Tamil Nadu (DiTN) for G2C services and Digital Office Tamil Nadu (DoTN) for paperless governance.

- Supports Aadhaar services, e-Sign, and IT security audits.

- Operates District e-Governance Societies (DeGS) for localized service delivery.

9. TACTV (Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Limited)

- TACTV is a state-owned digital cable TV provider.

- Operates Arasu e-Sevai Centres for citizen services.

- Facilitates Aadhaar enrolment through Permanent Enrolment Centres (PECs).

- Offers internet services via Tamil Nadu Internet and Connectivity Services Limited (TANICS).

10. TANFINET (Tamil Nadu Fibrenet Corporation Limited)

- TANFINET implements BharatNet (rural) and TamilNet (urban) for high-speed internet.

- Part of the Unified Digital Infrastructure (UDI) with TNSWAN.

- Aims to enhance e-Governance, digital inclusion, and socio-economic development.

11. TVA (Tamil Virtual Academy)

- Promotes Tamil language, literature, and culture digitally.

- Offers academic programs (Primary, Certificate, Higher Certificate, B.A. in Tamilology) via 135 contact centres in 27 countries.

- Tamilnaiyam Digital Library hosts 70,000+ books, 768,097 palm-leaf manuscripts, with 44.1 million views.

- Digitizes historical works and develops Tamil computing tools (chatbots, speech recognition).

12. Kani Tamil Peravai (Tamil Computing Initiative)

- Description: A Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA) initiative to promote Tamil computing and develop digital tools.

- Details:

o Launched in 2022-2023, including a hackathon on Tamil Computing in 2022 to encourage innovation (page 130).

o Focused on developing tools like chatbots, speech recognition systems, and Tamil language processing software.

o Supports the digitization of Tamil literature and cultural resources, enhancing accessibility (pages 124-130).

- Impact: Promotes Tamil language adoption in digital platforms, preserving cultural heritage and enabling Tamil-based IT solutions.

13. UMAGINE - Annual Technology Leadership Summit

- Description: A flagship event organized by ELCOT to promote Tamil Nadu as a global IT investment destination.

- Details:

o Held in February 2023 in Chennai with a financial sanction of Rs. 6.25 crore.

o Showcased Tamil Nadu's IT infrastructure, policies, and investment opportunities.

o Attracted global IT/ITeS companies and fostered industry-government collaboration.

o Aligned with the state's goal of increasing software exports and employment.

- Impact: Boosted Tamil Nadu's visibility as an IT hub, contributing to Rs. 2 lakh crore in software exports in 2022-2023

14. e-Office Implementation

- Description: Expansion of the e-Office system to digitize administrative processes across government departments.

- Details:

o Implemented in Heads of Departments (HODs) and subordinate offices at a cost of Rs. 19.03 crore, with administrative and financial sanction issued on March 5, 2024.

o Builds on the existing e-Office system in the Secretariat, aiming for paperless governance (pages 58-60).

o In 2022-2023, TNeGA focused on scaling this initiative to improve workflow efficiency and transparency.

- Impact: Reduces paper usage, speeds up administrative processes, and enhances transparency in governance.