

HIGHLIGHTS FOR BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-26

Tamil Development

- ❖ To fulfill this noble objective of spreading Vanpughazh Valluvam's fame across the globe, the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, in collaboration with other educational institutions, will complete this translation project within the next three years and a sum of Rs.133 lakh has been allocated for this purpose.
- ❖ 100 books will be translated annually and 500 books will be translated into English in the next five years. An initial allocation of Rs.10 crore has been made for this purpose.
- ❖ For the digitization of ancient Tamil palm-leaf manuscripts, rare publications, and the handwritten records of eminent personalities, an amount of Rs.2 crore has been allocated in the coming financial year.
- ❖ To systematically introduce Tamil heritage to the younger Tamil generations living abroad, a sum of Rs.10 crore has been allocated for conducting in-person classes through Non-Resident Tamils'

Welfare Board, engaging 100 Tamil teachers and artists to teach Tamil language and folk arts.

- ❖ With the aim of disseminating the glory of classical Tamil and the excellence of Tamil culture among Tamil youths across the globe, the '**World Tamil Olympiad**' competition will be held every year.
- ❖ The '**Agaram – Museum of Languages**' will be established at the Madurai World Tamil Sangam campus to educate the younger generation about the antiquity and continuity of Tamil.

Culture

- ❖ Focusing on the Kodumanal excavations, a '**Noyyal Museum**' will be established in Erode district at an estimated cost of Rs.22 crore, and to highlight the maritime trade excellence of the Pandyas during the Sangam period, a '**Naavaai Museum**' will be established in Ramanathapuram district at an estimated cost of Rs.21 crore.
- ❖ An 'Indus Valley Cultural Gallery' will be established at the Egmore Museum in Chennai to commemorate

the centenary of the Indus Valley Civilization discovery.

- ❖ A gallery with traditional architectural design will be constructed within the museum complex at an estimated cost of Rs.40 crore.

Rural Development

- ❖ The '**Kalaigñar Kanavu Illam**' scheme was launched last year, vision of creating a hut-free Tamil Nadu. An additional 1 lakh houses will be taken up for construction in 2025-26 at a cost of Rs.3,500 crore.
- ❖ Under the '**Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam**' (MGSMT) scheme, which was introduced with the aim of creating quality road facilities to reach even the remotest hamlets of Tamil Nadu, a length of 6,100 kilometers of rural roads will be improved at a cost of Rs.2,200 crore in 2025-26.
- ❖ The Government has decided to reconstruct new houses in lieu of dilapidated houses built for marginalized sections of the society in rural areas under various schemes prior to 2001. Under this

scheme, 25,000 new houses will be constructed in the year 2025-26 at an estimated cost of Rs.600 crore.

Municipal Administration

- ❖ Works worth Rs.4,132 crore have been undertaken under the '**Kalaignar Nagarpura Mempattu Thittam**' over the last four years. In the coming financial year, an amount of Rs.2,000 crore has been allocated to complete the works sanctioned under this scheme.
- ❖ In the year 2025-26, roads measuring a length of 6,483 km in all Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats in Tamil Nadu will be upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.3,750 crore. In particular, roads to an extent of 570 km will be taken up at a cost of Rs.486 crore in Greater Chennai Corporation, Rs.200 crore in Coimbatore Corporation and Rs.130 crore in Madurai Corporation.
- ❖ The flyover connecting Velachery Bypass Road to Gurunanak College Junction, for a length of 3 km which will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.310 crore. A railway flyover at Korukkupet will be developed by Greater Chennai Corporation, in

collaboration with the Ministry of Railways at an estimated cost of Rs.70 crore.

- ❖ Under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Project of the Greater Chennai Corporation, a Bio CNG plant, a composting plant, an Automatic Material Recovery Facility, a plant for generation of 21 MW of electricity from solid waste will be commenced in Kodungaiyur dump yard at an estimated life-cycle cost of Rs.3,450 crore. A Waste to Energy Plant will be set up in the Tambaram Corporation. Under this initiative, 1,500 tons of non-recyclable solid waste will be processed with electricity generation capacity of 15 - 18 MW.
- ❖ Riverside development works such as sewage treatment plants, footpaths, street lights, modern toilets, children's park and other modern facilities for the use of public will be commenced in Trichy, Madurai, Erode, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli Corporations at an estimated cost of Rs.400 crore in the ensuing financial year.
- ❖ A new project, '**Ring Main Pipeline Project**', will be implemented for connecting all the water distribution stations to ensure equitable distribution

of water supply to all the water distribution stations in Chennai city.

- ❖ Retrofitting works in a total of 102 such schemes will be undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs.675 crore this year.
- ❖ The following Combined Water Supply Schemes will be implemented
- ❖ In Pudukottai district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of 1,820 crore, benefitting 4.07 lakh people in Pudukottai Corporation, Aranthangi Municipality and 526 rural habitations.
- ❖ In Mayiladuthurai district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of Rs.2,200 crore, benefitting 11.22 lakh people in Mayiladuthurai and Sirkazhi Municipalities, Tharangampadi, Manalmedu and Kuthalam Town Panchayats and 1,042 rural habitations.
- ❖ In Tenkasi district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of Rs.864 crore, benefitting 5.64 lakh people in Kadayannallur Municipality and 493 rural habitations.

- ❖ In Thoothukudi district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of Rs.370 crore, benefitting 1.3 lakh people in 639 rural habitations.
- ❖ In Tiruppur district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of Rs.890 crore, benefitting 4.91 lakh people in 1,252 rural habitations.
- ❖ In Erode district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of Rs.374 crore, benefitting approximately 92,000 people in 214 rural habitations.
- ❖ In Tiruvallur district, a CWSS will be implemented at a cost of Rs.150 crore, benefitting approximately 76,000 people in 138 rural habitations.

Balanced Growth

- ❖ A new city will be developed near Chennai spread over an extent of 2,000 acres.
- ❖ The works for the first phase of the 'Global City' project, offering world-class facilities, will be commenced by TIDCO soon.

Women Welfare

- ❖ 10,000 new SHGs will be formed in the next financial year to include women from marginalized sections who have not yet been part of the SHG network. Furthermore, a target has been set to provide bank loans of Rs.37,000 crore to Self-Help Groups in the coming financial year.
- ❖ **'Thozhi'** working women's hostels, will be constructed in 10 more places including Kanchipuram, Erode, Karur and Ranipet in the next financial year at an estimated cost of Rs.77 crore, benefiting 800 women.
- ❖ The Government has planned to establish three girl student hostels with modern facilities in Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai in the upcoming financial year. Each hostel will accommodate 1,000 girl students and will be built at an estimated total cost of Rs.275 crore.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is a frontrunner in the country in successful implementation of several innovative schemes for the welfare of the third gender. The scheme of providing a monthly scholarship of Rs.1,000 to students pursuing higher education

under the Puthumai Penn and Tamizh Puthalvan Scheme will be extended to them as well.

- ❖ It has been planned to provide transgenders with appropriate training and induct them in the Home Guard Force to carry out tasks such as traffic management and crowd control during festival seasons. In the first phase, this pilot project will be implemented with 50 transgenders in Chennai, Tambaram and Avadi cities.

Welfare of Senior Citizen

- ❖ To ensure the overall well-being of senior citizens, 25 '**Anbucholai**' centres will be established in Municipal Corporations, including Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Salem, Tiruppur, Erode, Thoothukudi, Vellore, Thanjavur, and Dindigul, with a financial allocation of Rs.10 crore.

Child Welfare

- ❖ '**The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme**' will be further expanded in the next academic year to include Government aided schools in urban areas also, thus benefitting an additional 3.14 lakh students enrolled from class I to class V.

- ❖ To ensure essential facilities in Anganwadi Centres, new buildings will be constructed for 500 centres currently operating in rented premises at an estimated cost of Rs.83 crore in the upcoming financial year.

School Education

- ❖ In 2025-26, computer labs will be upgraded in 2,000 schools at an estimated cost of Rs.160 crore and 880 hi-tech laboratories in schools, with a large number of students, will be upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.56 crore. Further, smart classrooms will be setup in 2,676 Government schools in 2025-26 at an estimated cost of Rs.65 crore.
- ❖ In the year 2025-26, a total of 1,721 postgraduate teachers and 841 graduate teachers will be appointed through direct recruitment. The Teachers Recruitment Board will soon release the necessary recruitment notification for this process.
- ❖ The Government will undertake firm steps through '**Naan Mudhalvan-Kalloori Kanavu**', to ensure that students across Tamil Nadu are well-informed about scholarship opportunities for graduation

courses in over 350 premier educational institutions in India and foreign universities across 20 different fields of study. In the first phase, awareness programs and specialized training on higher education will be introduced in 500 Government schools spread across all 388 panchayat unions in the state.

- ❖ 14 high schools in remote hilly regions, including Pappireddipatti in Dharmapuri district, Sathyamangalam and Thalavadi in Erode district, Chinnasalem and Kalvarayan hills in Kallakurichi district, Thally in Krishnagiri district, Kotagiri in the Nilgiris district and Jawadhu hills in Tiruvannamalai district will be upgraded to higher secondary schools.
- ❖ New libraries—each housing 1 lakh books, along with conference hall facilities—will be established in Salem, Cuddalore, and Tirunelveli.

Higher Education

- ❖ A roadmap will be drawn up to make Anna University- among the top 10 institutions in the country and top 150 in the global QS rankings, within the next five years.

- ❖ To mitigate the fiscal constraints faced by State Universities, block grant will be enhanced to Rs.700 crore. To enhance academic performance, strengthen research and development, provide continuous teacher training, modernize the curricula, reform the examination system and administration in State universities across Tamil Nadu, a dedicated corpus fund of Rs.200 crore will be established.
- ❖ An amount of Rs.25 crore has been allocated towards setting up of Industrial Research and Innovation Fund which will facilitate Industry-Academia Partnership.
- ❖ In Government Engineering Colleges across Tamil Nadu, new degree courses in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Robotics, Electric Vehicles Technology and Environmental Engineering will be introduced from the next academic year.
- ❖ New diploma courses in Smart Manufacturing Technology, Cyber Security and Networking, Food Technology, Renewable Energy Technology, and

Drone Design and Application will be introduced in Government Polytechnic Colleges.

- ❖ An additional 15,000 seats will be introduced for the first and second shifts in the most sought-after courses in Government Arts and Science Colleges from the upcoming academic year.
- ❖ Under the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar College Development Scheme, infrastructure facilities such as smart classrooms, modern laboratories, e-libraries, and student hostels will be developed in all Government Polytechnic Colleges, Government Arts and Science Colleges, Government Engineering Colleges, and Anna University-affiliated colleges across Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs.300 crore in the financial year 2025-26.
- ❖ New Government Arts and Science Colleges will be started in Coonoor in the Niligiris district, Natham in Dindigul district, Alandhur in Chennai district, Vikravandi in Villupuram district, Cheyyur in Chengalpattu district, Manamadurai in Sivagangai district, Muthupettai in Tiruvarur district, Tiruvidaimaruthur in Thanjavur district, Perambalur

in Perambalur district and Ottapidaram in Thoothukudi district.

- ❖ A state-of-the-art Chennai Science Centre will be established in collaboration with the Singapore Science Centre.
- ❖ The Government will provide a sum of Rs.100 crore for establishing two Basic Sciences and Mathematics Research Centres in Chennai and Coimbatore, in collaboration with renowned research institutes like Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).

Naan Mudalvan

- ❖ An incentive of Rs.50,000 will be provided to the youth who pass the main examination and prepare for the interview.
- ❖ A fund of Rs.10 crore will be provided to provide scholarships for pursuing postgraduate and research studies at prestigious universities abroad. The Government will facilitate educational loans worth Rs.2,500 crore for one lakh college students in 2025-26 through various banks, based on their need.

Youth Welfare and Sports

- ❖ To promote chess among students and nurture future champions, the physical education curriculum will be modified to incorporate chess into the school curriculum.
- ❖ An incentive of Rs.10 lakh will be awarded to male and female athletes belonging to Tamil Nadu who successfully scale Mount Everest.

Labour Welfare

- ❖ New Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) will be established in ten locations: Thisayanvilai in Tirunelveli district, Embal in Pudukkottai district, Salavakkam in Kanchipuram district, Sembanorkoil in Mayiladuthurai district, Tha.Pazhur in Ariyalur district, Thiruuthirakosamangai in Ramanathapuram district, Manapparai in Trichy district, Kangeyam in Tiruppur district, Kurukkalpatti in Tenkasi district and Tiruchengode in Namakkal district. Each institute will offer training in 4 trades, with a total investment of Rs.152 crore, benefiting an additional 1,308 students per year.

- ❖ 7 new Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) with hostel facilities will be established in districts with a high concentration of construction workers, namely Krishnagiri, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram, Madurai (Thiruparankundram), Trichy (Mannachanallur), Coimbatore (Perur) and Dharmapuri (Karimangalam). These ITIs will provide training in 6 trades to an additional 1,370 students annually and will be established with financial assistance of Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board at an estimated cost of Rs.148 crore.
- ❖ Construction workers above the age of 40 who are registered with the Construction Workers Welfare Board will be entitled to receive a Master Health Checkup.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Platform-Based Gig Workers Welfare Board has been established to promote the welfare of workers. A new scheme will be launched to support the livelihood of workers registered with the welfare board by providing a subsidy of Rs.20,000 each to 2,000 internet-based service workers for purchasing a new electric vehicle (e-scooter).

- ❖ To strengthen the social security of internet-based service workers in Tamil Nadu, a group insurance scheme will be introduced to provide compensation for accidental death and disability.

Health and Family Welfare

- ❖ The Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Institute in Karapettai, Kanchipuram district, has been designated as a state-level nodal cancer centre. It is set to be upgraded and will function as an autonomous facility with 800 beds, offering world-class cancer diagnosis, treatment, palliative care, and related services.
- ❖ With the aim of introducing early cancer detection using advanced diagnostic methods, the Government intends to progressively enhance medical equipment and manpower in secondary and medical college hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs.110 crore in the next three years.
- ❖ In order to prevent cervical cancer and completely eradicate the disease in Tamil Nadu, the Government has planned to progressively provide HPV vaccination to all girls aged 14 years.

Industries

- ❖ The Government will launch and implement the **'Tamil Nadu Semiconductor Mission-2030'** over the next five years with an estimated allocation of Rs.500 crore. A 'Semiconductor Fabless Lab' will be established in Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.100 crore in collaboration with leading industry and academic institutions.
- ❖ **Semiconductor manufacturing parks will be established in Sulur, Coimbatore, spanning 100 acres, and near Palladam, covering an extent of 100 acres.**
- ❖ A Tidel Park with high-end office facilities will be developed in Hosur, covering an area of 5 lakh sq. ft. at a cost of Rs.400 crore and a mini-tidel park will be set up in Virudhunagar in the coming year, creating employment for 6,600 people.
- ❖ A **'Hosur Knowledge Corridor'** with world-class infrastructure facilities will be set up along Hosur city, akin to the transformation of Old Mamallapuram Road (OMR) in Chennai into an IT corridor.

- ❖ Two new footwear parks in this manufacturing sector will be set up—one in Melur, Madurai district, creating 10,000 jobs, and another in Cuddalore, generating 10,000 jobs at a total investment of Rs.250 crore.
- ❖ A dedicated industrial park for the engineering and fabrication industry will be established in Trichy district, covering an area of 250 acres and creating 5,000 jobs in the central region.
- ❖ In Thoothukudi, which has already drawn substantial investments in the green hydrogen and automobile sectors, a Man-Made Fibers (MMF) and Technical Textiles Industrial Park will be established.
- ❖ New industrial parks will be established in Cuddalore district over an area of 500 acres and in Pudukottai district over an area of 200 acres.
- ❖ TIDCO will establish a Centre of Excellence for advanced pump motor manufacturing and a Centre of Excellence for foundry in Coimbatore.
- ❖ **New airport will be developed in the Rameshwaram area of Ramanathapuram district.**

- ❖ The Government will introduce the '**Tamil Nadu Maritime Transport Manufacturing Policy 2025**'.
- ❖ To strengthen the life sciences ecosystem and establish Tamil Nadu as a leader in emerging fields like biosimilars and therapeutics, a state-of-the-art bioscience park will be developed near Chennai.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation (SIDCO) will establish **new industrial estates at 9 locations this year, including Thirumudivakkam in Kanchipuram district, Saram and Nayanur in Villupuram district, Nagampalli in Karur district, Sooriyur in Tiruchirappalli district, Karuttapuliyampatti in Madurai district, Thanichyam in Ramanathapuram district, Naduvur in Thanjavur district, and Narasinghanallur in Tirunelveli district** on a total land extent of 398 acres at an estimated total project cost of Rs.366 crore.
- ❖ For MSMEs involved in spices in Theni district, egg-based food industries in Namakkal district, electrical

line materials in Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram district, handicrafts in Thanjavur district, and engineering goods in Chennai, common facility centres, along with other essential infrastructure, will be established at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.

Promotion of Startups

- ❖ To encourage such Space-tech Startups, a '**Space Tech Fund**' with an allocation of Rs.10 crore will be set up.

Mudhalvar Padaippagam

- ❖ **Mudhalvar Padaippagam** (CM Spaces) will be established at 30 locations in all corporations, including Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Trichy, Salem, Tambaram, and Avadi, at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore each.

Information Technology

- ❖ Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT) will set up an AVGC-XR Centre of Excellence in Chennai named '**Viyana AVGC-XR Hub**' at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.

- ❖ A scheme to provide vouchers for availing data centre services worth up to Rs.5 lakh each to startups registered with iTNT and StartUp TN will be implemented by ELCOT through the '**Tamil Nadu StartUp Data Server Services Scheme**' at an allocation of Rs.10 crore.

Water Resources

- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu will implement the '**Comprehensive Water Resources Development Programme**' (CWRDP) at a cost of Rs.2,000 crore from the coming financial year.
- ❖ A new reservoir will be constructed in the Kovalam sub-basin near Chennai, utilizing a portion of the floodwater available during the monsoon season. This project will fulfill the demand of the people in Chennai city by a significant and long-term supply of potable water at 170 MLD for every year.

Green Energy

- ❖ Pumped Storage Projects with a capacity of 1,100 MW in the Vellimalai area and 1,800 MW in the Aliyar area will be developed through Public Private

Partnership (PPP) mode, with a total investment of Rs.11,721 crore.

- ❖ In order to provide clean renewable energy throughout the day, even beyond solar hours, the Government will take steps to develop a 4,000 MWhr Battery Energy Storage System in 2025-26 alone.
- ❖ The Government will also come out with an '**Integrated Renewable Energy Policy**' to consolidate and streamline the different existing policies for promotion of Renewable Energy in the state.

Climate Change

- ❖ The Government will establish a '**Marine Resource Foundation**', with an initial funding of Rs.50 crore.
- ❖ Measures will be taken to ensure that six beaches, Tiruvanmiyur, Palavakkam, Uthandi in Chennai, Kulasekarapattinam in Thoothukudi district, Keezhputhupattu in Villupuram district and Samiyarpettai in Cuddalore district to receive Blue Flag certification in 2025-26, at an estimated amount of Rs.24 crore.

- ❖ 700 diesel buses operated by State Transport Corporations will be converted to CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) buses at a cost of Rs.70 crore.
- ❖ A '**Raptors Research Foundation**' will be established to develop conservation strategies and raise awareness among local communities.
- ❖ Steps will be taken to notify Dhanushkodi as a Greater Flamingo Sanctuary, ensuring the protection of migratory wetland birds and their natural ecosystem.
- ❖ A biodiversity park spanning 1,000 hectares will be developed in Melchengam, focusing on protecting endangered tree species native to the Tamil landscape, promoting eco-tourism, and supporting biodiversity conservation.
- ❖ By systematically maintaining and upgrading roads in Tamil Nadu's forest areas, forest management will be strengthened, a length of 500 kms of forest roads will be upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.250 crore.

Transport

- ❖ 950 electric buses in Chennai, 75 electric buses in Coimbatore and 100 electric buses in Madurai, in total, 1,125 electric buses will be deployed for public use starting this year.
- ❖ A multimodal transport terminal in Guindy will be established at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore, with modern passenger facilities integrating these modes of transport. Further, another multimodal transport terminal will be established in the Washermanpet area of Chennai, featuring state-of-the-art passenger amenities at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.
- ❖ The Mini Bus scheme is being expanded with revised rules and regulations in around 2,000 routes.
- ❖ In order to improve the operational efficiency, service delivery and financial condition of the State Transport Undertakings (STUs), an incentive fund of Rs.2,000 crore will be created in the coming financial year to provide performance-linked incentive to STUs.

Chennai Metro Rail

- ❖ Detailed project reports for the metro rail projects on the Avinashi Road and Sathyamangalam Road routes in Coimbatore, estimated at Rs.10,740 crore, and for the Thirumangalam–Othakadai corridor in Madurai, estimated at Rs.11,368 crore, have been submitted for equity contribution from the Union Government. Construction work in both the cities will commence as soon as the approval is granted.
- ❖ For extending the Chennai Airport metro line to Kalaingar Centenary Bus Terminus in Kilambakkam, covering 15.46 km at a cost of Rs.9,335 crore; extending the Koyambedu line to Pattabiram via Avadi, spanning 21.76 km at a cost of Rs.9,744 crore; and for extending 27.9 km of metro line from Poonamallee to sunkuvarchatram via Sriperumpudur at a cost of Rs.8,779 crore, the Detailed Project Reports were received and the same will be submitted to the Union Government for their equity contribution.
- ❖ Detailed project reports will be prepared for the routes between Tambaram to Velachery via Guindy covering 21 km length and Light house to High Court covering 6 km length.

- ❖ The Chennai Metro Rail Corporation will conduct detailed feasibility studies for setting up an SHR system with a speed of 160 kmph on the following routes:
 - Chennai–Chengalpattu–Tindivanam–Villupuram (167 km)
 - Chennai – Kanchipuram – Vellore (140 km)
 - Coimbatore – Tiruppur – Erode – Salem (185 km)
- ❖ The Chennai Metro Rail Corporation will conduct feasibility studies for the establishment of a high-altitude transport system, such as a ropeway, in Mamallapuram, Udhagamandalam, and Kodaikanal.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

- ❖ 120 Village Knowledge Centres are being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.117 crore.
- ❖ To enable talented students to study at world-renowned institutions, a sum of Rs.65 crore has been allocated under the '**Annal Ambedkar Overseas Higher Education Assistance Scheme**' for the financial year 2025-26.

- ❖ The Government has launched the '**Nannilam**' Women Land Ownership Scheme to empower women agricultural workers from the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe communities by making them landowners. A sum of Rs.20 crore has been allocated for this scheme in the financial year 2025-26.
- ❖ '**Tholkudi**' scheme is formulated and being implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.1,000 crore over four years, with an annual allocation of Rs.250 crore. Additionally, a '**Tribal Livelihood Policy**' will be developed to preserve and leverage traditional tribal knowledge while enhancing biodiversity.

Social Harmony Award

- ❖ To recognize and encourage Panchayats that uphold social harmony, social unity and avoid caste based discrimination, the Government will present the Social Harmony Panchayat Award to 10 deserving village panchayats.

Welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

- ❖ A new scheme will be formulated to upgrade and refurbish 27 college student hostels with high student enrollment, and 36 college students hostels for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities, and Minorities that were upgraded to college hostels in the last 4 years, through infrastructure development, special repairs, and renovation works over the next 2 years.

Minorities Welfare

- ❖ For the repair and maintenance of heritage mosques and dargahs, a grant of Rs.10 crore will be provided in the coming financial year. Similarly, a grant of Rs.10 crore will be provided for the repair and renovation of heritage churches in several locations.

Welfare of Differently Abled

- ❖ In order to encourage the employment of differently abled persons in the private sector, the Government will offer a wage subsidy of Rs.2,000 per person per month for one year to every private firm that employs at least 10 differently-abled persons.

- ❖ 82 subdivision-level Integrated Service Centres and 400 block-level Integrated Service Centres will be set up across all districts at a cost of Rs.60 crore.
- ❖ A project will be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.125 crore to provide various modern assistive devices tailored to the needs of individuals with different disabilities such as high-tech Smart Vision Glasses, Teaching Learning Materials (TLM-Kits) for children with intellectual disabilities, and advanced equipment to support individuals with mobility impairments.
- ❖ A suitable bill will be passed in the current assembly session to ensure appropriate representation for persons with disabilities in all types of local Government bodies in the state through nomination.

Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Thittam

- ❖ Approximately 50,000 poorest of the poor families have been identified where children have lost both parents and are being raised under the care of their relatives. To ensure that these children receive the motherly care and protection, a monthly stipend of Rs.2,000 will be provided to help them continue

their education without interruption until they turn 18 years of age.

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

- ❖ Since this Government took office, 2,662 temples have been renovated and consecrated over the past four years. Due to the Government's dedicated efforts to safeguard temple properties and assets, 7,327 acres of land, 36.38 lakh sq.ft. of plots, and 5.98 lakh sq.ft. buildings have been reclaimed by the temples. The total value of these recovered assets amounts to Rs.7,185 crore.
- ❖ Renovation work has been carried out to restore 84 sacred temple tanks at an estimated cost of Rs.72 crore. In the year 2025-26, an amount of Rs.125 crore has been allocated for the restoration of temples that are over a thousand years old.

Tourism

- ❖ To attract greater investment in the tourism sector, promote economic growth across all sections of society, and support hospitality industries, the Government will introduce the '**Tamil Nadu Tourism Promotion and Facilitation Act**'.

- ❖ An investment of Rs.300 crore will be made in developing modern infrastructure facilities in major tourist hubs such as Mamallapuram, Tiruvannamalai, Rameswaram, Kanniyakumari, Tiruchendur, Palani and Nagore-Velankanni, separate development authorities will be formed for Mamallapuram, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruchendur and Rameswaram. Additionally, to promote lesser-known tourist destinations across the state, a sum of Rs.100 crore has been allocated for the development of tourism infrastructure in these areas.

- ❖ In the heart of Udthagamandalam in the Nilgiris district, an Eco Park covering an extent of 52 acres will be established in the Race Course area at an estimated cost of Rs.70 crore

Animal Husbandry

- ❖ A '**Bovine Breeding Policy**' will be formulated to enhance livestock resources.

- ❖ To prevent dog bites on livestock and humans, Animal Birth Control (ABC) programs for community dogs, along with post-operative medical care

facilities, will be established in 100 veterinary hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore.

Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare

- ❖ Infrastructure facilities including fish landing centres and fishing net mending facilities will be established in the districts of Kanyakumari, Nagapattinam, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram, Cuddalore, Thiruvarur, Pudukkottai, Mayiladuthurai, Thanjavur, Villupuram, Thiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Chennai.

Dairy Development

- ❖ An eco-friendly effluent treatment plant will be established at the Salem dairy at a cost of Rs.15 crore. Additionally, the Erode dairy will be modernized with an investment of Rs.10 crore, and Chennai and other dairies will be provided with a mass flow meter, silo level transmitter, and data logger at a cost of Rs.5 crore. Moreover, butter chiplet and mini pouch packing facilities will be set up in Thiruvannamalai at a cost of Rs.10 crore to enhance the marketability of dairy products.

Handlooms

- ❖ **Powerloom Modernization Scheme** will be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore. This project will provide capital subsidies to upgrade three-year-old conventional powerlooms into modern ones, enabling the production of high-value fabrics.
- ❖ The Handloom Support Scheme – Under this scheme, an additional corpus fund of Rs.10 crore will be provided to the Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies to provide credit for working capital requirements to strengthen their financial base.
- ❖ A capital subsidy of up to 50 per cent will be provided for installing new, fully computerized fabric cutting machines with CAD/CAM software in Common Facility Centres.
- ❖ To promote the production of technical textiles and to encourage investment in this sector in Tamil Nadu, the '**Tamil Nadu Technical Textile Mission**' will be implemented. A fund of Rs.15 crore will be provided for this initiative.

Housing

- ❖ Dedicated Master Plans for Hill Areas will be formulated for approximately 1,200 square kilometers, covering Nilgiris District, including Udhagamandalam, Coonoor, Kotagiri, Gudalur and Nelliyalam, Valparai in Coimbatore District, Kodaikanal in Dindigul District and Yercaud in Salem District.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board is reconstructing 6,424 dilapidated tenements at an estimated cost of Rs.1,148 crore. In the next phase, 5,256 houses will be rebuilt at an estimated cost of Rs.1,051 crore over a period of the next two years.

Public Works

- ❖ 17 heritage structures including the heritage buildings of the Oriental Research Institute (ORI) in the Marina Campus of the University of Madras in Chennai, Desingu Raja Rani Memorial in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University - Research Institute in Coimbatore, office buildings in Rani Mangammal Fort complex in Trichirappalli and Mahakavi Bharathiyar Illam in Ettayapuram town of

Thoothukudi District will be renovated, without altering their heritage value, at an estimated cost of Rs.150 crore.

Highways

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority (TANSHA) will construct a 14.2 km long four-lane elevated road from Thiruvanmiyur to Uthandi along the East Coast Road at an estimated cost of Rs.2,100 crore.
- ❖ In the first phase of this initiative, the Oragadam-Cheyyar Industrial Corridor will be established. This corridor will enhance the export potential of products manufactured in the Cheyyar Industrial Park. In the first phase, development work worth Rs.250 crore will be undertaken this year.
- ❖ The feasibility of constructing a new four-lane road of about 28 km in length from Karunguzhi in Chengalpattu district to Mamallapuram on the East Coast Road via Thirukkazhukundram will be examined.
- ❖ The construction of 14 bypasses will begin this year with a total investment of Rs.1,713 crore, including the 12.5 km long Coimbatore Western Bypass at an

estimated cost of Rs.348 crore and the 12.4 km long Tirunelveli Western Bypass at Rs.225 crore.

- ❖ Ten lakh trees of native species such as 'Vembu' (Neem), 'Pungai' (Indian Beech), 'Naval' (Jamun), and 'Puliyamaram' (Tamarind) will be planted, geotagged, and systematically maintained.
- ❖ Suitable improvements in high-risk accident-prone areas, including narrow curves and road junctions, at an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore.
- ❖ Roadside facilities at 10 selected locations on state highways, including food stalls, accommodation, rest rooms, power supply facilities for electric vehicles, first-aid and basic medical facilities, along with shopping malls.
- ❖ Additional passenger boats will be operated from Chinna Muttam Port as a second terminal to the Thiruvalluvar statue.

Ex-Servicemen Welfare

- ❖ The '**Mudhalvarin Kaakkum Karangal Scheme**' was launched by the Government. In the financial

year 2025-26, this scheme is expected to benefit 400 ex-servicemen and their dependents.

Welfare of Government Employees

- ❖ The Government is actively working to fill 40,000 more positions within the next financial year.
- ❖ For Government employees, it is planned to construct 190 Type C quarters, covering a total area of 2 lakh square feet, at a cost of Rs.110 crore in Saidapet, Todhunter Nagar, Chennai.
- ❖ Various concessions free of cost to the Government employees and their families.
- ❖ Personal accident insurance cover of one crore rupees will be given by banks to Government employees in case of accidental death or permanent disability due to accident.
- ❖ Financial assistance of Rs.5 lakh each, up to a total of Rs.10 lakh, will be given by banks for the marriage expenses of daughters, of the Government servant deceased due to accident, who have attained the eligible age for marriage.

- ❖ Higher education assistance of up to Rs.10 lakh will be given by banks to the daughter, of the Government servant deceased due to accident, who has completed school and is pursuing higher studies.
- ❖ In the event of natural death during service period, a sum of Rs.10 lakh will be given by banks as term life insurance cover.

Human Resource Management

- ❖ Under the Simple Gov project, in the coming year, 150 services belonging to various departments will be undertaken under this initiative.

Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils

- ❖ To ensure the welfare and rehabilitation of Sri Lankan construction work for 7,469 new houses is currently underway. An additional 3,000 houses will be provided for Sri Lankan Tamils living in camps at an estimated cost of Rs.206 crore.

Registration

- ❖ 50 sub-registrar offices in corporation areas, including those of Chennai, Coimbatore, and

Madurai, will be upgraded at a total cost of Rs.30 crore with all amenities.

Disaster Management

- ❖ Separate Heat Wave Action Plans will be developed for 11 cities — Greater Chennai Corporation, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Vellore, Salem, Tambaram, and Avadi — alongside the State-Level Heat Wave Action Plan.
- ❖ A state-of-the-art '**Tamil Nadu State Institute of Disaster Management**' (TNSIDM) will be established in Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.

Revenue Department

- ❖ So far, more than 10 lakh house site pattas have been provided to various sections of the people across the state and an another 5 lakh pattas will be provided this year.
- ❖ The ban on restriction for granting house site pattas will be relaxed as a one-time measure for eligible families who are residing on unobjectionable porambokes for over 10 years in Chennai

Metropolitan City and its surrounding areas, as well as those residing within a 16 km radius of district headquarters and 8 km radius of municipalities and town panchayats. Further, individuals who have been residing on such lands for more than 5 years will be granted house site pattas.

- ❖ Our state will develop a High-Resolution Large-Scale Map (HRLM) using advanced technologies and high-resolution satellite imagery.

Financial Management

- ❖ The Government has set an ambitious target of Rs.9.5 lakh crore for banks to extend credit to priority sectors such as agriculture, micro, small, and medium enterprises, women's self-help groups, and education in the upcoming financial year.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with the Innovation Hub of the Reserve Bank of India, is set to introduce the '**Unified Lending Interface**' technology through various banks in the state.
- ❖ To enhance the accuracy of measurement of Tamil Nadu's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), this Government will design and implement large-

scale enterprise surveys to capture sector-wise GSDP, especially in service-related sectors.

- ❖ Government will implement a '**Comprehensive Work Management System**' to integrate the existing system of manual measurement book, contract management, estimate preparation and bill payments and bring it online.