

## **Highlights FOR REVISED Budget ESTIMATES 2021-2022**

*A king is he who treasure gains, stores up, defends,  
And duty for his kingdom's weal expends  
(Kural 385)*

- ❖ Muthamizharnigar Kalaignar was a member of this House continuously since 1957, and his pervasive presence and direct gaze as his portrait keeps vigil over all of us present in this Chamber.
- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has made several promises to the people in the Election Manifesto, which find place in the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Vision Document for a New Dawn. Many elements of the Vision Document have been converted into schemes and projects in the budget to be implemented by various Government departments.
- ❖ Arresting and reversing fiscal mismanagement is one of the important commitments we made to the people. The task is daunting and cannot be completed at one go or in one year. It will need sustained efforts over at least two to three years.
- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also clearly established the model for this Government's approach, with transparency, engagement with society, inputs from experts, and decisive action as the four key components.
- ❖ While improving the fiscal situation, will prioritise the promises made in the election manifesto and implement them in stages. The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the day of assumption of office passed five orders implementing important promises contained in the Election Manifesto.
- ❖ One of the promises made in the election manifesto was the presentation of a separate Agriculture Budget. The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will present the Agriculture Budget tomorrow.

### **Ungal Thokuthiyil Muthalamaichar**

- ❖ All the 4,57,645 petitions received under the programme have been acted upon. After due field verification, 2,29,216 grievances have been positively redressed.

### **Union-State Fiscal Relations**

- ❖ Nowhere is this dilution of the spirit of federalism more apparent than in the taxation of petrol and diesel at the pump. The overall Union levies on petrol were increased from Rs.10.39 per litre in May 2014 to Rs.32.90 per litre today.
- ❖ Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has pointed out that the Union Government cesses levied for a specific purpose have not been fully utilised for the intended purpose, and surcharges which are meant for a limited time have continued almost indefinitely.
- ❖ This Government will establish an advisory council to develop a Federal Fiscal Model with renowned experts on legislation involving revenue and taxation (including GST).

### **Data Centric Governance**

- ❖ Following major initiatives relating to Data Centric Governance Reforms.
  - A cross-departmental initiative to link all available Government data sources to better understand the true economic status of all citizens and households will be undertaken.
  - Hence, a major initiative for smart metering for all public utilities in the State will be launched.
  - E-procurement will be mandatorily adopted across all procuring entities. A separate e-procurement portal will be created for the Government of Tamil Nadu to enhance transparency in Government procurement.
  - The entire workflow process of all engineering departments including, updated standard data book and schedule of rates, planning and design, estimate preparation, tendering, measurement of works, payment of bills and recording completion will be fully electronically enabled to increase efficiency and transparency.

### **Government Assets & Risk Management**

- ❖ To improve management of the public land, an advanced Government Land Management System will be created which will contain full details of all Government lands.
- ❖ A Litigation Risk Management System will be established which will monitor all high-risk litigations relating to taxation, land matters, personnel matters and procurement issues to ensure that the public interest is effectively protected, and resources accrue to Government without delay.
- ❖ The Litigation Management System will be overseen by an experienced team of retired judges and senior legal experts.

### **Increased Accountability and Productivity**

- ❖ Fundamental reform of the audit system within Government will be taken up. All Audit Departments functioning in Government will be brought under the Finance Department and will be integrated seamlessly to ensure that internal audit functions are effectively carried out across all Government departments and agencies.

### **Fortifying the Role of the Legislature**

- ❖ As an observance of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Assembly, an initiative will be undertaken to completely digitize the entire documentary archives and records of this historic house from its inception in 1921. To help strengthen the functioning of the Finance Committees of the Assembly (Estimates, Public Accounts and Public Undertakings) a computerized special secretariat will be created and staffed with the appropriate resources.

### **Tamil Development and Culture**

- ❖ This Government will take all necessary steps to revive the Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Chennai. The Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamil Award, which has not been presented since 2010, will hereafter be awarded on June 3rd every year with a prize of Rs.10 lakh.
- ❖ The use of Tamil as the official language will be strengthened in all departments from the Secretariat down to the field level.

- ❖ World famous literary classics will be translated into Tamil and internationally acclaimed Tamil works will be translated into different languages.
- ❖ Rs.5 crore will be allocated this financial year carry out archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu, which is the highest among all States in the country.
- ❖ The areas in Keezhadi, Sivakalai and Kodumanal where excavations have been carried out will be declared as protected archaeological sites.
- ❖ The first stage of deep-sea excavations will be undertaken in the areas where the Sangam Age harbours of Korkai and Azhagankulam were located, in co-ordination with National Institute of Oceanography, National Institute of Ocean Technology and Indian Maritime University.

### **Social Security Pensions**

- ❖ This Government will revamp the implementation of Old Age Pensions scheme in Tamil Nadu and expand coverage to all deserving beneficiaries. Tamil Nadu will reclaim its legitimate position as the leader in provision of social security to the people of the State. In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22, an enhanced amount of Rs.4,807.56 crore is provided for social security pensions.

### **Land Administration**

- ❖ This Government will undertake a modern survey of the entire State utilizing Differential and Global Positioning System (DGPS) and other modern technologies.
- ❖ A separate Tamil Nadu Social Impact Assessment and Rehabilitation and Resettlement unit will be established under the Commissioner of Land Administration for this purpose.

### **Disaster Management**

- ❖ We urge the Union Government to enhance the size of the SDRMF and in the meanwhile release funds to Tamil Nadu from the National Disaster Relief Fund.

**Police**

- ❖ Effective measures will be taken to ensure that the remaining 14,317 vacancies in the police force against the sanctioned strength of 1,33,198 are filled.
- ❖ There will be a special focus on swift and effective investigation of serious crimes, specifically crimes against women and children, cyber crimes and economic crimes

**Fire and Rescue Services**

- ❖ The existing Fire Services Act, 1985 will be thoroughly overhauled. The location of new fire stations will be on the basis of a scientific mapping exercise to reduce response time.

**Road Safety**

- ❖ An Integrated Road Safety Mission will be revamped and the Commissioner of Transport will be re-designated as Commissioner of Transport and Road Safety

**Administration of Justice**

- ❖ It will be ensured that all courts have adequate buildings in the next five years. This Government will render necessary support to fill all vacancies in civil and criminal courts and support the application of Information and Communication technology for more effective functioning of the courts.

**Public Distribution System**

- ❖ All the 2.1 crore rice ration card holders in the State have been given a special Covid assistance package comprising cash worth Rs.4,000 released in two instalments in May and June, 2021 and a special grocery kit at the peak of the second wave of the Covid pandemic. At a total cost of Rs.9,370.11 crore, this was the largest COVID-19 relief package undertaken by any State.
- ❖ A Committee will be appointed to review the guidelines for opening new ration shops in places where they are needed.

**Irrigation**

- ❖ This Government demonstrated the emphasis it places on conserving and appropriately utilising the limited water

resources of the State by creating a new Ministry for Water Resources. To carry forward the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister 1,000 check dams and barrages are planned to be constructed over the next 10 years.

- ❖ This Government will formulate schemes to restore the reservoir capacity for important dams including Mettur, Amaravathi, Vaigai and Pechiparai.
- ❖ Under the Repairs, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies component of the Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayi Yojana, 200 tanks will be taken up for upgradation in 2021-22 at a cost of Rs.111.24 crore.
- ❖ This Government will launch a special scheme for standardisation of 50 system minor irrigation tanks every year starting from 2021-22.
- ❖ The functioning of the Water Resources Department would be modernised and updated through the use of modern technology including UAV based survey, deploying differential global positioning system (DGPS) and GIS based computer system.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Water Resource Information and Management System will be implemented at a total cost of Rs.30 crore.
- ❖ The Extension, Renovation and Modernisation programme of the Grand Anaicut Canal System at a total cost of Rs.2,639.15 crore has been taken up with the assistance from the AIIB.
- ❖ The second phase of the Climate Change Adaptation Programme in the Cauvery Delta area will be taken up at a total cost of Rs.1,825 crore with the assistance from the Asian Development Bank.

### **Fisheries**

- ❖ Kasimedu Fishing Harbour in Chennai will be upgraded at a total cost of Rs.150 crore in association with Chennai Port Trust. A total sum of Rs.433.97 crore has been allocated for construction of fishing harbours and fish landing centres in the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22 and Rs.143.46 crore has been allocated for improvement to fish landing facilities.

- ❖ The overall allocation for the welfare of the fishermen in Tamil Nadu in the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22 is Rs.1,149.79 crore.

### **Environment and Climate Change**

- ❖ This Government will launch the Green Tamil Nadu Mission to increase the total area under the forest and tree cover in Tamil Nadu to 33 per cent of the land area of the State. Under the Mission a massive tree plantation programme of indigenous and diverse species, in co-ordination with multiple departments, public and private institutions will be taken up with people's participation over 10 years.
- ❖ This Government will launch the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission under the Hon'ble Chief Minister to focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation activities with a total outlay of Rs.500 crores.
- ❖ Special attention will be paid to the modernization of the forest force by equipping them with modern equipment and technology including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), artificial intelligence, GIS and MIS based management systems, updated weaponry and forest worthy vehicles.
- ❖ Over the next 5 years, 10 beaches will be upgraded with the active support of local bodies to achieve the prestigious Blue Flag Certification which mandates higher standards of quality, safety, environmental education and information and safety services.
- ❖ India's first Integrated Environment Monitoring Studio will be established for forecasting air quality on a real time basis with an early warning system.
- ❖ Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, this Government will launch the 'Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission' with the objective of ecological restoration of wetlands in Tamil Nadu. The mission will identify and map 100 wetlands in 5 years and restore the ecological balance with focus on livelihood options at a cost of Rs.150 crore.

### **Construction Technology**

- ❖ This Government will enable the adoption of advanced information technology including Building Information Modelling and use innovative rapid construction technology, automation and sustainable materials.
- ❖ Standard data books of construction will be revised and updated. The entire estimation, tendering, project supervision and monitoring and billing processes will be fully automated and IT enabled within a year.

### **Rural Development**

- ❖ At least 55 litres per capita per day of good quality drinking water will be supplied to all the 79,395 habitations in the State. Household connections will be enabled for all the 1.27 crore dwelling units situated in rural areas. The 83.92 lakh households which currently do not have household water supply connections will be provided access to such connections by March, 2024.
- ❖ To achieve this objective, the Jal Jeevan Mission will be implemented at a total cost of Rs.2,000 crore during 2021-22.
- ❖ This Government will ensure that all the incomplete houses are taken up and completed at the earliest. In 2021-22 a further 2,89,877 houses at a total cost of Rs.8,017.41 crore will be taken up for construction.
- ❖ This Government will ensure that 8,03,924 houseless families in rural areas are provided a house in the next 5 years. With a provision of an additional Rs.70,000 per house from the State Government's side in addition to the existing roofing cost of Rs.50,000, the unit cost has been raised to Rs.2.76 lakh per house. The Government will encourage adoption of modern low cost construction techniques on a large scale to ensure speedy, affordable construction for the poorest beneficiaries.
- ❖ In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22 Rs.3,548 crore has been provided for the rural housing scheme.
- ❖ Funding for the MLA Constituency Development Scheme will be restored to Rs.3 crore per constituency from the current year onwards.

- ❖ This Government will re-launch the Anna Marumalarchi Thittam with an outlay of Rs.1,200 crore during 2021-22.
- ❖ The Namakku Namae Thittam was a highly popular scheme introduced by late Hon'ble Chief Minister Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. A provision of Rs.100 crore has been made for this programme during 2021-22.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission will be revamped and implemented at a total cost of Rs.809.79 crore during 2021-22 to benefit one lakh Self Help Groups (SHG). A bank linked fund flow of Rs.20,000 crore including a special Covid loan will be provided to SHGs in Tamil Nadu during 2021-22.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project will be revitalised and implemented at a total outlay of Rs.212.69 crore during 2021-22.

#### **Municipal Administration and Water Supply**

- ❖ 27 cities with a population of above one lakh will be fully covered with underground sewerage systems.
- ❖ Will be created litter free cities by ensuring 100 per cent source segregation and door to door collection.
- ❖ All unpaved roads in Municipalities and Town Panchayats will be paved. Pedestrian friendly and differently abled friendly streets will be created in all urban areas.
- ❖ Those who contribute significantly towards such works in Namakku Naame Thittam will be awarded the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Special Award every year. A provision of Rs.300 crore has been made for this scheme.
- ❖ Online provision of services to all citizens would be ensured through the Makkal Sevaiyil Managaratchi and Namadhu Sevaiyil Nagaratchi schemes.
- ❖ An integrated bus stand cum commercial centre will be established in Tiruchirapalli with the financial assistance of TUFIDCO.

- ❖ To meet the aspirational needs of the people in urban areas while bridging the resource gap, this Government will launch the Kalaignar Nagarjuna Membattu Thittam with an allocation of Rs.1,000 crore in 2021-22.
- ❖ In the Budget Estimates for 2021-22, Rs.2,350 crore has been provided for the Smart Cities Mission and Rs.1,450 crore for AMRUT.
- ❖ The Integrated Storm Water Drain Network project in the Kosasthalaiyar River Basin assisted by the Asian Development Bank will be implemented and in the Budget Estimates for 2021-22, a provision of Rs.87 crore has been made.
- ❖ Singara Chennai 2.0 will be launched with an emphasis on clean and green Chennai.
- ❖ Chennai will become a city without wall posters
- ❖ New flyovers and over bridges will be constructed at 3 places in Chennai city at Ganesapuram subway; at the intersection of Konnur High Road – Strahans Road; and at South Usman Road at an estimated cost of Rs.335 crore.
- ❖ In the Budget Estimates 2021-22, Rs.500 crore has been provided for Singara Chennai 2.0.
- ❖ Underground sewerage systems will be provided to all the added areas of Chennai city at a total cost of Rs.2,056 crore. The scheme to prevent outflow of sewage into waterways in Chennai will be vigorously implemented at a total cost of Rs.2,371 crore.
- ❖ A Feasibility Report would be prepared for transmitting Krishna water through pipelines from Andhra Pradesh to the reservoirs of Chennai.

### **Chennai City Partnership**

- ❖ The Chennai City Partnership Programme will be launched with assistance from the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank shortly.

### **Urban Wage Employment**

- ❖ This Government will implement a wage employment scheme, on a pilot basis, to provide gainful employment to urban poor by engaging them in the creation and maintenance of public assets like parks, play fields, storm water drains, roads, buildings and rejuvenation of water bodies.
- ❖ An initial allocation of Rs.100 crore has been made for this programme in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22.

### **Housing and Urban Development**

- ❖ Some of the older legislations in the housing sector including the Tamil Nadu Housing Board Act, 1961, Tamil Nadu Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1971, Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, and Tamil Nadu Apartment Ownership Act, 1994 be reviewed.
- ❖ This Government will ensure that the coverage under Master Plans is enhanced to 22%.
- ❖ New Urban Development Authorities will be formed for Madurai, the Coimbatore – Tiruppur Area, and for the fast growing Hosur area.
- ❖ This Government is committed to ensure Tamil Nadu is made entirely slum free within a period of 10 years.
- ❖ The total provision for the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 is Rs.3,954.44 crore.
- ❖ A new Slum Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy will be formulated in consultation with all stakeholders to ensure that slum dwellers are treated fairly and humanely when they are resettled from objectionable poramboke lands including water courses.
- ❖ The Second Tamil Nadu Housing Sector Strengthening Project with World Bank assistance will be taken up shortly. The negotiations for the first phase of the Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Housing for the Urban Poor with Asian Development Bank assistance have been recently concluded.

## Highways

- ❖ This Government will launch the Chief Minister's Road Development Programme under which 2,200 KMs of State Highways that connect District Headquarters will be widened to 4 lane roads and 6,700 KMs of single and intermediate lane roads connecting taluk headquarters will be upgraded to double lane highways over the next 10 years. 59 Municipalities which currently do not have bye pass roads will be prioritized for the construction of bye pass roads.
- ❖ The overall provision for the Highways Department in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 has been fixed at Rs.17,899.17 crore.

## Transport

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that women, persons with disabilities and third gender persons will travel free on town white board buses in the State. In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22, a sum of Rs.703 crore has been provided as subsidy for this purpose. Rs.750 crore has also been provided as diesel subsidy to insulate against diesel price increases.
- ❖ Rs.623.59 crore has also been provided under the KfW assistance programme for procurement of 1,000 new buses.
- ❖ The Government will take measures to ensure that Transport Corporations are cost efficient and meet norm based performance indicators.
- ❖ Where Government desires free or subsidized ridership, or operation of uneconomical routes explicit subsidy will be paid based on normative cost parameters. This new mechanism will be put in place during the current financial year.

## Metro Rail

- ❖ Services on the Kodambakkam to Poonamallee bye pass section of the Metro Rail Project will be commenced within four years, by June, 2025 and the entire Metro Rail Project Phase II will be completed by December, 2026.

- ❖ In parallel, this Government will speedily take up the extension of the metro rail project from Airport to Kilambakkam Bus Terminus via Tambaram.
- ❖ Detailed Feasibility Report for the Metro Rail in Madurai will be prepared.

### **Energy**

- ❖ Almost 2,500 MW of power has had to be bought on the power exchanges to meet peak needs. Thus the statement that Tamil Nadu turned a power surplus State over the last few years is inaccurate.
- ❖ Under the ADB assisted Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) Power Sector Investment Project, a strategic study of TANGEDCO and TANTRANSCO's governance and financial restructuring will be undertaken. The Government will act speedily on the findings of the study to revamp the electricity utilities and to save them from collapse.
- ❖ A total of 17,980 MW of power generation capacity will be added through own generating stations in the next 10 years.
- ❖ A total provision of Rs.19,872.77 crore has been made in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 towards subsidies to free supply of agricultural power, domestic supply and for take over of losses of TANGEDCO.

### **State Education Policy**

- ❖ This Government will appoint a High Level Committee of educationists and experts to formulate a distinct State Education Policy for Tamil Nadu in keeping with the historical legacy, present situation and future aspirations of the State.

### **School Education**

- ❖ School Education is accorded the highest importance in this Budget, with an overall allocation of Rs.32,599.54 crore.
- ❖ This Government is determined to ensure that Tamil Nadu is brought within the first three States in terms of learning outcomes in India.

- ❖ All teachers will be able to receive technology enabled monitorable and evidence based training through the 40 tablets to be supplied to each of the 413 Blocks at a total cost of Rs.13.22 crore.
- ❖ The Ennum Ezhuthum Mission to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy will be implemented to ensure that by 2025 all students in Tamil Nadu by age 8 are able to read with comprehension and possess basic arithmetic skills. A provision of Rs.66.70 crore is made for this purpose.
- ❖ High tech laboratories will be set up in 1,784 Government Middle Schools at a cost of Rs.114.18 crore and smart class rooms will be established in 865 Government High and Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.20.76 crore.
- ❖ To ensure that students who study in Government schools are afforded the opportunity to excel in academics, fine arts and sports, a special scheme will be implemented to establish model schools.
- ❖ The immediate priority of this Government is to minimise the learning losses to students due to the pandemic.
- ❖ All teachers have been trained in the necessary Covid protocols and will be vaccinated so that schools can reopen and function at the earliest. A comprehensive plan for remedial education both within and outside the school hours and school premises will be launched to address learning losses.

### **Higher Education**

- ❖ This year 10 new Government Arts and Science Colleges will be commenced.
- ❖ To further enhance quality, the Government will enable more institutions to obtain accreditation under the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The large number of vacancies, particularly of teaching staff will be filled on a priority basis.
- ❖ A Learning Management System integrated with an Enterprise Resource Planning Software will be established for all Higher Education Institutions in Tamil Nadu for which a Detailed Project Report will be prepared.

- ❖ Smart class rooms will be provided in 25 Government Polytechnic Colleges at a cost of Rs.10 crore. New Hostel buildings will be constructed in four Government Engineering Colleges to reduce over crowding.
- ❖ The decision to make Raja Muthiah Medical College as the Government Medical College for Cuddalore district and Annamalai University an affiliating university for Cuddalore, Villupuram, Kallakurichi and Mayiladuthurai districts will ease the financial crisis of Annamalai University and better serve the people.
- ❖ In a unique and pioneering initiative, the Government will establish the Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Corporation in partnership with Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University.
- ❖ A total of Rs.5,369.09 crore has been provided in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 for Higher Education.

### **Health and Family Welfare**

- ❖ Intensifying the vaccination drive is the highest priority. Against a capacity to vaccinate 8 lakh persons a day, we receive on an average 2.4 lakh vaccines. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has repeatedly taken up the issue of adequate supply of vaccines for the people of Tamil Nadu with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister had conceptualised and launched the game changing 'Makklai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme with a total outlay of Rs.257.16 crore.
- ❖ Muthamizharnigar Kalaingar introduced the widely appreciated 108 Ambulance Services programme from 15.9.2008. The number of 108 ambulances operated will be expanded to 1,303 vehicles and the quality of services further enhanced.
- ❖ The Kalaingar Kaappeettu Thittam was introduced on 23.7.2009 and continues to be implemented as the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. The coverage of care and procedures have been expanded by this Government during the Covid pandemic to ensure that the poor had access to the best medical facilities even in private institutions.

- ❖ Muthamizharignar Kalaignar had envisioned the establishment of a Tamil Nadu Siddha University and a suitable land was also identified for the purpose. This project had subsequently been shelved. This Government will establish the Tamil Nadu Siddha University to ensure that Siddha occupies its due place alongside other indigenous systems of medicine.

### **Labour Welfare and Skill Development**

- ❖ An allocation of Rs.215.64 crore has been made in the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22 towards grants to the Unorganised Sector Workers Welfare Boards.
- ❖ In partnership with industry, ITIs located near industrial clusters will be upgraded to Industry 4.0 standards so that the youth are skilled in advanced manufacturing techniques and can find better employment opportunities. A new ITI will be set up in Neyveli in partnership with NLC.
- ❖ Skill Development Centres will be established in 15 selected Government ITIs at a cost of Rs.60 crore to take up the Futuristic Employable Skill Training (FEST) initiative through the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation

### **Industries**

- ❖ The single window system will be effectively implemented and 100 more services have been brought under the single window portal by July 2021 and a further 110 services by March, 2022.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 will be amended to enable new industrial units including MSMEs to establish and operate based on self certification without inspections and obtaining clearances under various State laws for the initial three years.
- ❖ A new Policy for “Life Sciences – Research and Development and Manufacturing” will be released shortly to enable Tamil Nadu to strengthen its presence in these emerging sectors.
- ❖ An industrial data base with more detailed and accurate information about the whole State will be prepared to enable better planning and to support investment decisions by prospective investors.

- ❖ A Land Bank of 45,000 acres will be created in the next 5 years, with focus on industrially backward districts.
- ❖ An International Furniture Park will be set up at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore on 1100 acres of land in Thoothukudi district, to attract investment of Rs.4,500 crore and enable employment of 3.5 lakh persons.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has a huge potential in Fin Tech and a separate Fin Tech policy will be released shortly. A separate 'FinTech Cell' will be formed in guidance to facilitate the establishment of FinTech companies in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A Fintech city in Chennai will be developed in 2 phases at Nandambakkam and Kavanur. The first phase will be developed at Nandambakkam at an estimated cost of Rs.165 crore.
- ❖ The establishment of Tidel Park in Chennai in 2000 by Muthamizharnagar Kalaingar fueled the growth of the OMR IT corridor. Tidel parks will now be established in Tier II and Tier III towns across Tamil Nadu, and in the first stage at Thoothukudi, Vellore, Tiruppur and at Thiruchitrambalam in Villupuram district.
- ❖ Although the Union Government announced establishment of Defence Industrial Corridors connecting Hosur, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Coimbatore, the support of the Union Government has been limited. The State Government will take this project forward with the establishment of a defence component manufacturing park at Coimbatore over 500 acres at a cost of Rs.225 crore. This park is expected to attract investment of Rs.3,500 crore.
- ❖ New SIPCOT parks will be created in industrially backward districts such as Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Villupuram, Namakkal, Theni and Nagapattinam.

### **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**

- ❖ A committee chaired by Dr.N.Sundaradevan, I.A.S. (Retd) has been established to study the financial, infrastructural and other issues faced by MSMEs in Tamil Nadu and suggest measures to enable them to thrive.

- ❖ This Government will launch a State Level Credit Guarantee Scheme to enable more MSMEs, particularly micro enterprises to access credit. A digital data driven credit rating system for MSMEs will be established to enable FIs and new age fintech companies to lend more to MSMEs based on their business potential. TAICO Bank will be repurposed to enable lending to MSMEs.
- ❖ The Government will handhold MSMEs which want to raise equity capital from stock exchanges and the cost of listing, up to Rs.30 lakhs will be borne by the Government.
- ❖ The Government, based on advice received from the Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, will launch an innovative scheme wherein MSMEs and their creditors, will be facilitated to reach agreement on restructuring their liabilities
- ❖ To ensure that MSMEs have faster channels for realization of their dues, all State Public Sector Undertakings, Statutory Boards, Municipal Corporations and apex co-operatives will be mandated to join the Trade Receivables and Discounting Platform (TReDs).
- ❖ Five mega clusters in Pharmaceutical, Petro Chemicals, Precision Manufacturing, Defence and Aerospace, and Smart Mobility sectors will be established at a cost of Rs.100 crore each.
- ❖ TANSIDCO will also establish land banks at five places over a total extent of 265 acres. The pricing policy of unsold plots in TANSIDCO Industrial Parks will be rationalized to ensure they are put to beneficial use early.

### **Mines and Minerals**

- ❖ This Government will formulate a Sustainable Mining Policy to ensure that mining activity is carried out without affecting the environment and the ecology.
- ❖ A Green Fund will be created based on the levy of the green seignorage cess to ensure that abandoned quarry sites are appropriately secured and restored. A Fossil Geological Park will be developed in Ariyalur and Perambalur districts at a cost of Rs.10 crore

### **Handloom Handicraft, Textiles and Khadi**

- ❖ To provide a focus on the textile sector, a separate Directorate of Textiles will be created.

### **Information Technology**

- ❖ At present, 131 services are being provided to e-sevai centres and 55 services through open portals directly. Progressively over 600 services offered by 29 departments will be provided electronically.

### **Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment**

- ❖ Encroachments have been evicted and 187.91 acres of land, 161.70 grounds of vacant plots, 1887.13 sq.ft area of buildings, 15.60 grounds of temple tanks bunds worth Rs.626 crore have been retrieved and restored to the control of temples as on date.
- ❖ An additional corpus of Rs.130 crore will be created to provide for assistance to perform one time pooja (Oru Kaala Poojai) for 12,959 temples which do not have their own resources.
- ❖ The ancient healing wisdom of Siddhars will be promoted by establishing a Siddha Medical College by Arulmigu Baladhandayuthapani Swamy Temple, Palani.
- ❖ Master Plans will be developed for 539 temples to conserve their rich heritage and enhance the devotees' experience.

### **Tourism**

- ❖ Tourism industry is critical for increasing local employment.
- ❖ The facilities at the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue in Kanniyakumari and at Poompohar will be upgraded and restored to original glory.

### **Social Welfare**

- ❖ The Marriage Assistance Schemes originally launched by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar to promote the cause of women education and empowerment will be implemented with renewed vigour with an allocation of Rs.762.23 crore.

- ❖ Special attention is paid to the welfare of transgender persons. An amount of Rs.1.50 crore has been allocated for the transgender pension scheme, benefiting 1,071 destitute transgender persons.
- ❖ The Government has taken special efforts to protect children who have lost either both or one parent in the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ So far 5,963 children have been identified and Rs.95.96 crore provided as assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.
- ❖ Accordingly, ICDS will be reinvigorated to ensure that early childhood care including early childhood education is provided to the youngest children. A special provision of Rs.48.48 crore has been provided for upgradation of Anganwadi Centres for the year 2021-22 and Rs.23.33 crore has been allocated for provision of pre-school educational materials.
- ❖ The procurement process of eggs and other supplies for the Noon Meal Programme and ICDS have been streamlined and will result in substantial cost savings.

### **Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare**

- ❖ In the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 Rs.14,696.60 crore is the overall outlay for Special Component Plan and Rs.1,306.02 crore for the Tribal Sub Plan.
- ❖ The Post Matric Scholarship scheme is the flagship scheme for the educational advancement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with a provision of Rs.1,884.70 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22. To enhance opportunities for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to pursue higher education, the scheme for scholarship to study abroad will be revamped.
- ❖ The scheme for scholarship for Ph.D courses will also be restructured and the scholarship enhanced to Rupees one lakh per annum to benefit more students.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.123.02 crore has been provided in Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 to upgrade infrastructure facilities including

additional class room and laboratories with assistance from NABARD RIDF.

- ❖ The monthly miscellaneous expenditure allowance for hostel students will be doubled to Rs.100 for school students and Rs.150 for college students. This Government will completely overhaul the existing hostels for school and college students and a special capital allocation for upgradation of hostels of Rs.25 crore has been made.
- ❖ The overall provision for Adi-Draavidar and Tribal Welfare is enhanced to Rs.4,142.33 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22.

### **Welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities**

- ❖ In view of the continuous efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and by seeking legal remedies in the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court, the Union Government has decided to grant 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the All India Quota for undergraduate and postgraduate medical courses from the current academic year.

### **Welfare of Differently Abled**

- ❖ To ensure that all the 9,173 eligible persons in the wait list are immediately provided maintenance allowance of Rs.1,500 per month the budget for payment of maintenance allowance is being enhanced to Rs.404.64 crore.
- ❖ The budget provision for aids and appliances has been enhanced to Rs.50.66 crore to ensure that 9,185 persons in the waiting list are provided with the appliances of their choice during 2021-22.
- ❖ This Government will introduce a direct subsidy payment mechanism for various types of rehabilitation devices and equipment to offer eligible persons a greater range of choice.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will launch the RIGHTS programme with the assistance from the World Bank to cover early detection and prevention of disabilities, greater access to maintenance, rehabilitation and educational services; promotion of skilling and establishment of productive enterprises by differently abled

persons and expanding the implementation capacity of the Department of the Differently Aabled, with outreach to all parts of the State.

### **Youth Welfare and Sports Development**

- ❖ Mini stadia at a cost of Rs.3 crore each will be established in all Assembly constituencies of the State where such sporting facilities are not currently available.
- ❖ A financing mechanism to maintain infrastructure of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu will be put in place.

### **Integrated Financial and Human Resources Management System (IFHRMS)**

- ❖ In the next stage, the implementation of IFHRMS will enable a further expansion and upgradation of the Treasury network with pre audit functions and an eventual role as a payments bank for Government of Tamil Nadu and all local bodies.

### **Public Financial Management**

- ❖ The Government will also publish a Citizen's Budget along with the Budget from 2022-23 onwards in simple and non-technical language to encourage greater public understanding and informed debate on Government's finances.

### **Welfare of Government Employees**

- ❖ This Government will implement the commitment made in the Election Manifesto of enhancing the period of maternity leave from 9 months to 12 months for women Government employees with less than two surviving children with effect from 1.7.2021.
- ❖ The lumpsum grant from the Family Security Fund paid to the family of a Government employee who dies while in service will be enhanced from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.5 lakh.
- ❖ Enhanced Dearness Allowance to Government servants and to pensioners will be paid with effect from 1.4.2022.

### **Entitlement to a Basic Income**

- ❖ The intention of the Government is to provide this assistance to “home makers” (இல்லத்தரசி) and there is no need to change the name of the head of the household in ration cards on this account.

### **Co-operative Loan Waiver**

- ❖ The Government will waive loans to the tune of Rs.2,756 crore due from self help groups to the co-operative credit societies.
- ❖ In the Revised Budget Estimates for 2021-22 a provision of Rs.600 crore has been made for this purpose.

### **Petrol Prices**

- ❖ This Government has decided to reduce the effective rate of tax on petrol by Rs.3 per litre and thereby provide major relief to the toiling working class people in the State. This measure will result in a loss of revenue of Rs.1,160 crore a year.

## **PART B**

### **Resources for Financing the Budget**

- ❖ The total revenue receipt estimates from Rs.2,18,991.96 crore in the Interim Budget Estimates to Rs.2,02,495.89 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22.
- ❖ As against the Interim Budget Estimates of Rs.1,35,641.78 crore, the State's Own Tax Revenue estimates in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 are expected to be Rs.1,26,644.15 crore.
- ❖ Non tax revenue estimated at Rs.14,139.01 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 which are marginally lower than the Interim Budget Estimates 2021-22, on account of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ The overall revenue expenditure is expected to be Rs.2,61,188.57 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22.

- ❖ Given that the economy is still just recovering from the impact of successive waves of the Covid-19 pandemic, the time is not yet ripe for fiscal consolidation. Hence, revenue deficit for the year 2021-22 is expected to go up from the unrealistic Interim Budget Estimates of Rs.41,417.30 crore to Rs.58,692.68 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22. This increase in revenue deficit is on account of the exceptional times that we find ourselves in and does not detract in the least from the Government's commitment to fiscal rectitude and consolidation in the coming years, so emphatically indicated in the White Paper.
- ❖ The overall capital outlay for the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 has been scaled down to Rs.42,180.97 crore from the Rs.43,170.61 crore provided in the Interim Budget Estimates.
- ❖ On this basis, the fiscal deficit for the financial year 2021-22 is estimated to be at Rs.92,529.43 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22.
- ❖ The fiscal deficit for 2021-22 at 4.33% of GSDP will still be within the overall norms prescribed by the 15th Finance Commission.
- ❖ As soon as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is overcome, deeper reforms will be undertaken to ensure that Tamil Nadu's debt overhang is corrected without any delay..
- ❖ The most critical reform that we need to undertake is to increase the tax GSDP ratio of Tamil Nadu. The most significant finding in the White Paper is the deterioration of the tax GSDP ratio of Tamil Nadu by 3.02 per cent from 8.48 per cent in 2006-07 to just 5.46 per cent in 2020-21. In current GSDP terms, this represents loss of about Rs.65,000 crore worth of revenue per annum.
- ❖ Through improved administration and plugging of leakages, revenue collections can be substantially stepped up.
- ❖ Targeted actions would be taken against tax evasion based on advanced data analytics. The total number of roving squads will be increased to 100 and equipped with vehicles and RFID reading devices to prevent movement of vehicles without bills. Stringent action including criminal action will be taken against

tax evaders, especially bill traders, whose activities under cut compliant businesses.

- ❖ An effective Samadhan Scheme will be launched to clear the pending dues of Rs.28,000 crore under Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax and other legacy legislations.
- ❖ To provide relief to genuine property owners who are victims of fraud and fake registration of document, the Registration Act, 1908 will be amended to empower the Inspector General of Registration to cancel such registration. Criminal action will also be pursued in such cases.
- ❖ A High Level Committee will be constituted to study the on-ground situation and make recommendations on the mechanism of fixation of guideline value. Online registration of documents like Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds and rental agreements will be enabled. Currently encumbrance certificates registered from 1.1.1975 can be viewed online. This facility will be extended to documents registered after 1.1.1950, and as more records are digitised and indexed, the facility will be enabled for older documents.