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CAG: TN in top three economies, but fiscal deficit above ₹90K cr

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Chennai: Tamil Nadu's gross state domestic product (GSDP) grew 13.7% to ₹27.21 lakh crore in 2023-24, against the national growth rate of 9.6%, keeping the state among India's top three economies, according to the report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on state finances for 2023-24. Per capita GSDP of TN for the year was ₹3.5 lakh while that of the country was ₹2.1 lakh, said the report released on Friday. Fiscal deficit, however, widened to ₹90,430 crore. The deficit-to-GSDP ratio of 3.32%, exceeds TN Fiscal Responsibility Act's target of 3%. CAG said this reflects higher spending on welfare and subsidies, outpacing growth in tax and grant receipts.

Spending was dominated by recurring commitments — salaries (₹81,000 crore), pensions (₹33,000 crore), interest payments (₹49,000 crore), and subsidies (₹37,749 crore) — accounting for more than half of TN's total revenue expenditure in 2023-24. About one-fifth of the revenue was directed toward capital outlay and development schemes that build long-term assets.

The state continued to invest ₹49,162 crore (11% of total expenditure) in capital projects such as roads, bridges, education, and water supply. CAG said this investment was backed by stronger revenue mobilisation, with own tax receipts rising 13.15% to ₹1.73

TN's NUMBERS

Indicator	2022-23	2023-24
Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)	₹23,93,364 crore	₹27,21,571 crore
Fiscal Deficit	₹81,886 crore	₹90,430 crore
Fiscal Deficit as % of GSDP	3.46%	3.32%

lakh crore, supported by vehicle registration, excise, and commercial tax. Non-tax revenue increased 7.37% to ₹25,904 crore. The total liabilities rose to ₹7.62 lakh crore, but the debt-to-GSDP ratio remained within the statutory limit at 28% against the 29.1% ceiling. The report said more than 80% of the state's loans have maturities beyond five years, reducing refinancing risk and ensuring repayment stability. It also recorded full utilisation of Fifteenth Finance Commission grants to local bodies — ₹4,927 crore spent out of ₹5,075 crore allocated — indicating effective transfer and use of funds for sanitation, decentralized development, and public services.

In its recommendations, CAG said govt should focus on mobilizing resources to reduce dependence on borrowings, and that rising expenditure on interest payments requires careful attention, stressing the need to bring all taxes under Consolidated Fund of state.

Source: *The Times of India*, 18 October 2025, p. 6

TN drafting roadmap to position itself as India's low-altitude economy hub

C SHIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu is preparing an infrastructure roadmap for the low-altitude economy (LAE) as it seeks to position itself as India's centre for drones and advanced aerial mobility. A top official told *TNIE* that the State Planning Commission has begun work on a strategy paper that will underpin the emerging sector.

LAE refers to the economic ecosystem centred around activities, businesses, and services conducted at altitudes below 3,000 metres above ground level. This sector is mainly

driven by advancements in drone technology and the concept of advanced air mobility. The LAE — covering operations up to 1,000 metres above ground and extending to 3,000 metres — spans manned and unmanned aerial systems and is seen globally as a transformative economic frontier. Tamil Nadu already has a head start. It set up India's first common testing centre for drones at SIP-COT Vallam Vadagal with a ₹45 crore investment, and through TIDCO it's developing an ecosystem for beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) training, testing and operations at Chet-



Tamil Nadu's robust aerospace and defence base, anchored by HAL, BEL and DRDO facilities, alongside its 60-km automotive corridor, gives it a strong industrial foundation

Govt sources

tinad Airport under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII). "Tamil Nadu's robust aerospace and defence base, anchored by HAL, BEL and DRDO facilities, alongside its 60-km automotive corridor known as the 'Detroit of Asia', gives it a strong industrial foundation," sources in the industries department said.

The state plans to unveil its master plan at the Tamil Nadu Low Altitude Economy Forum 2025 next month. The roadmap is expected to outline vertiport development, drone corridors, training and certification pipelines, regulatory sandboxes

Zuppa Geo, IIT-M & IAF sign MoU for joint research

CHENNAI: Chennai-based Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies, IIT-Madras and the Indian Air Force's 8 Base Repair Depot (8 BRD) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly develop unmanned aerial and navigation systems for defence use. The MoU signed on Friday brings together Zuppa's deep-tech expertise in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) and navigation systems, IIT-Madras's research and innovation ecosystem, and the operational experience of one of the Air Force's key maintenance and overhaul units. ENS

and industry partnerships. Global players such as Airbus, Boeing's Wisk Aero and China's EHang are slated to participate along with Indian startups, in-

cluding Garuda Aerospace, Dhaksha and ePlane.

Officials say the push is being enabled by India's liberalised regulatory regime — from

the Drone Rules 2021 and the National UTM Policy Framework to a production-linked incentive scheme for drones worth \$16 million. Recent DGCA guidelines on eVTOL (electric vertical takeoff and landing) certification and vertiport standards also signal regulatory readiness for advanced air mobility. Globally, the LAE is expanding at pace. China's market grew from \$49 billion in 2021 to \$65 billion in 2023 and is projected to hit \$450 billion by 2035. India's drone market, though smaller at \$562 million in 2024, is forecast to nearly triple by 2033.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 06 October 2025, p. 4

Exports, manufacturing spur growth but agri sector, fiscal strain could slow it down

WILL TN HIT TRILLION-DOLLAR MARK BY 2030? IT DEPENDS

STRENGTH & SCALE

Sectors and strategies that are helping to make TN among the most dynamic state economies

TN'S BIG DRIVERS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH (2024-25)



SECONDARY SECTOR (13.4%)

KEY CONTRIBUTORS:

National average 4.5%

Manufacturing grew 14.7%

Construction rose by 11.6%

SERVICES SECTOR (11.3%)

Real estate 12.4%

Public administration 14.2%

Transport, hotels and restaurants 11.3%

Miscellaneous services 12.5%

MANUFACTURING SURGE

PRE-PANDEMIC

2015-2016 and 2018-19; TN's real GSDP grew at 7.8%

COVID-19 YEARS

2019-20

3.4%

2020-2021

0.07%

POST-PANDEMIC

2021-2022 to

2024-2025

9.4%

highest in India



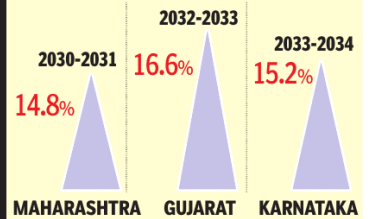
TN ON TRACK FOR HIGH-INCOME STATUS | World Bank's high-income threshold projected to rise to US\$16,122 by 2034-2035. At 16% nominal growth rate, TN could cross threshold by then

WHAT TN HAS GOING FOR IT

Building on legacy in textiles and leather, TN has developed diverse industrial ecosystem, ranging from automobiles and auto components (Chennai); Textiles and garments (Tirupur, Coimbatore); Leather (Vellore, Ambur); Electronics and IT (Chennai, Hosur, Sriperumbudur); Renewable energy (wind power corridor from Coimbatore to Tirunelveli). Every district is now part of one or more industrial corridor projects, a distinction no other state in India holds

THE TRILLION DOLLAR RACE

TN, if it maintains nominal growth rate of 16% will hit target in 2032-2033



Nadu to register negative growth in 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, largely due to adverse climatic conditions. Although agriculture contributes only about 6% to GSDP, a revival in crop output could add 0.5% to 1% to overall growth. Efforts to enhance irrigation efficiency, promote crop diversification and expand access to agri-tech solutions would be essential to revive this sector and strengthen its resilience against climate variability.

One area where the state needs its attention is fiscal management. While TN has controlled its fiscal deficit to around 3% of GSDP, its revenue deficit remains above 1%, constraining the capital expenditure-to-GSDP ratio to below 3%. The outstanding liabilities stands at 26% of GSDP, exceeding the 20% sustainable level suggested by the New Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management committee. Going forward, TN will need to pursue prudent fiscal management and ensure that borrowed resources are directed toward productive, growth-enhancing assets.

Tamil Nadu's economic trajectory stands out as a story of visionary policy, resilient industry, and inclusive development and is well-positioned not only to achieve its trillion-dollar ambition but also to lead India's transformation into a developed economy by 2047.

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Tamil Nadu aspires to be a \$1 trillion economy by 2030, a goal that holds transformative potential for its 7.7cr citizens, particularly its young workforce. The prospect of achieving this ambitious target has strengthened with the state's recent surge in the economic growth rate.

In 2024-2025, TN, India's second largest economy, emerged as the fastest-growing state, recording a double-digit growth rate of 11.19%, exceeding the national average of 6.5%. In 2023-2024, the state maintained momentum with a growth rate of 9.26%.

However, the state would need to sustain a nominal gross state domestic product (GSDP) growth rate of 20.48% per year to hit the target by 2030-2031, an unlikely pace implying a real growth rate of 15.48%. Based on current strategies and growth trends, the state is more likely to reach its target by 2032.

Nevertheless, TN continues to perform strongly despite global headwinds. While India's overall FDI inflows declined from 2022 to 2025 due to global investment uncertainty and tighter financial conditions, Tamil Nadu's inflow has continued to rise, reflecting the effectiveness of its proactive investment promotion policies.

At the Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2024, the state signed 631 MoUs worth ₹6.64 trillion, signalling strong investor confidence. The chief minister's investment promotion visits to the United States, United Kingdom and Germany

in 2024-2025 secured new industrial commitments of ₹23,000cr:

TN's textile exports, which account for a major share of its outward trade, are feeling the pinch of the recent 50% hike in US tariffs as a third of the state's textile exports are directed to this market. While it poses a temporary setback, the Union govt's suspension of 11% customs duty on cotton until Dec offers partial relief to the sector. At the same time, TN is diversifying its export markets to reduce dependence on traditional destinations, which are expected to sustain its momentum and help it reach the trillion-dollar mark in 2032.

A key strength also lies in TN's MSME ecosystem, comprising more than two million enterprises that play a vital role in driving exports and employment. In recent years, the state has made remarkable strides in high-technology exports, overtaking Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh to become India's leading exporter of electronic goods, with export volumes rising sharply to \$14.65 billion in 2024-2025.

Merchandise exports too have nearly doubled from \$26.1 billion in 2020-2021 to \$52 billion in 2024-2025, highlighting its growing global competitiveness and industrial diversification. The state has strategies in export promotion to reach \$100 billion by 2030 and investments expansion which is a major ingredient to boost growth. The result of these reflects in 9.3% real growth in 2023-2024 and 11.2% in 2024-2025. It is expected that in the next year, the growth will be closer to 12%.

Tamil Nadu continues to rank among the top Indian states in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). India's overall FDI equity inflows declined sharply from \$49.38 billion in 2022 to \$27.56 billion in 2024 amid global investment uncertainty and tighter financial conditions, but Tamil Nadu defied the trend. The state's FDI inflows rose steadily from \$2,169 million in 2022-2023 to US\$3,681 million in the following year.

On the economic growth front, agriculture was the only sector in Tamil

Source: *The Times of India*, 27 October 2025, p. 6

PE-VC investments in T.N. plummet during third quarter of 2025 amid 'uncertainties'

Sangeetha Kandavel
CHENNAI

Private Equity and Venture Capital (PE-VC) firms invested \$126 million across 11 deals in companies based in Tamil Nadu during the third quarter of 2025.

During the same quarter in 2024, the State attracted PE-VC investments to the tune of \$728 million across 11 deals, according to the data shared by Venture Intelligence, a research service focused on private company financials, transactions, and their valuations. The data includes venture capital type investments, but exclude PE investments in real estate.

Big investment

In September of this quarter, private equity firm Westbridge Capital invested \$72 million in Kovai Pazhamudir Nilayam as part of

Rise and fall

A look at the PE-VC and angel investments and deals secured by Tamil Nadu from 2023

PE-VC INVESTMENTS IN COMPANIES BASED IN TAMIL NADU

Quarter	Number of Deals	Amount (\$M)
Q3 2025	11	126
Q2 2025	19	104
Q1 2025	14	1,534
Q4 2024	14	106
Q3 2024	11	728
Q2 2024	22	2,548
Q1 2024	9	53
Q4 2023	17	349
Q3 2023	14	351
Q2 2023	22	500
Q1 2023	25	386



ANGEL INVESTMENTS IN COMPANIES BASED IN TAMIL NADU

Quarter	Number of Deals
Q3 2025	6
Q2 2025	11
Q1 2025	9
Q4 2024	10
Q3 2024	11
Q2 2024	13
Q1 2024	12
Q4 2023	9
Q3 2023	16
Q2 2023	23
Q1 2023	28

Source: Venture Intelligence

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SaaS firms hit

Arun Natarajan, founder and managing director of Venture Intelligence, said "Investors have raised enough money. And there is more money in the system. But there are lot of uncertainties."

Earlier, investors were betting on SaaS firms. But now, SaaS firms are impacted because of AI (Artificial Intelligence). And if

the SaaS sector is affected, Chennai is automatically impacted. All those mega rounds of funding is now history, he added.

SpaceTech firms

To a query on what sectors are attracting investors, Mr. Natarajan said: "SpaceTech and DeepTech firms are doing quite well - that is the flavour of the season. Drone and defence-related start-ups are getting attention."

At the national-level, PE-VC firms invested over \$5.67 billion (across 299 deals) in Indian companies during the period from July to September 2025.

The investment amount represents a 26% decline over the \$7.63 billion (across 339 deals) invested in the same period during 2024.

Deal volume in the third quarter of 2025 fell by 12% compared to same period in 2024.

State's debt could reduce by ₹3 lakh crore if Centre releases dues: Thennarasu

The Hindu Bureau
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Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu on Thursday told the Assembly that the State's debt could reduce by about ₹3 lakh crore if the Union government releases dues.

Responding to AIADMK MLA P. Thangamani, who spoke about the reduction in GST rates during the discussion on demands for the first supplementary grants, Mr. Thennarasu said that due to GST rate rationalisation, the tax revenue of the States had declined, thereby increasing their financial burden. He also said the Union government had not released the GST Compensation Cess to the State.

The Minister said the AIADMK, which is in an alliance with the BJP, should urge the Centre to release Tamil Nadu's dues. Leader of the Opposition Edappadi K. Palaniswami intervened to say that the DMK and its allies, who have 39 MPs in the Lok Sabha,



Thangam Thennarasu

should raise the issue in Parliament.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said MPs from Tamil Nadu had been consistently raising the issue in the Lok Sabha, and the State government had also been raising it in the GST Council meetings.

'BJP biased'

He accused the BJP government at the Centre of acting with bias, and said he had repeatedly raised the issue of dues to Tamil Nadu during his meetings with the Prime Minister. He also urged the AIADMK to exert pressure on the Centre.

Mr. Palaniswami said

that when he met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, he had requested the release of funds for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to the State, following which the funds were released. Minister for Rural Development I. Periyasamy intervened and said that over ₹1,000 crore was yet to be released to the State.

Mr. Thennarasu said the DMK government had been paying ₹1.40 lakh crore as interest on the debt inherited from the previous AIADMK regime. During the AIADMK regime, Tamil Nadu's debt rose to ₹2.11 lakh crore in 2015-16, an increase of 108% from 2011-12. Subsequently, by the end of the next AIADMK tenure between 2016-17 and 2020-21, the State's debt increased to ₹4.80 lakh crore, marking a 128% rise. Currently, the State's debt stood at ₹9.21 lakh crore, having risen at a comparatively lower rate of 93% during the DMK's tenure, the Minister added.

Source: *The Hindu*, 17 October 2025, p. 10

T.N. government's off-budget borrowings were more than ₹3,900 cr. as of March 2024

Sanjay Vijayakumar
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government's off-budget borrowings stood at ₹3,919.10 crore as of March 31, 2024. Off-budget borrowings refer to the borrowings undertaken by the State public sector for which the principal and interest are serviced out of State Budgets.

The Tamil Nadu State Financial Responsibility and Budget Management Act (TNFR Act), 2003, defines total liabilities as "liabilities under the Consolidated Fund of the State and the Public Account of the State", according to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (CAG) State Finances Audit Report for the year 2023-24.

Indirect liabilities

The borrowings made by the corporations/agencies for implementing various State-planned programmes, for which the principal and the interest

are paid by the State government, are not captured in its financial accounts. These borrowings indirectly add to the liabilities of the State, it said.

According to the CAG, Tamil Nadu's off-budget borrowings were ₹2,298.54 crore as of March 31, 2023.

Major borrowers

This included borrowings by the Tamil Nadu Rural Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation (₹308.71 crore), the Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund-Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited (₹380.14 crore), and the Tamil Nadu Water Resources Conservation and River Restoration (₹1,591.53 crore), it said.

In 2023-24, the Water And Sanitation Pooled Fund-Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited made an off-budget borrowing of ₹80.48 crore and the Tamil Nadu Water Resources Conservation and River

Restoration made a borrowing of ₹1,591.53 crore, while the State government repaid ₹51.45 crore borrowings of the Tamil Nadu Rural Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation, CAG said.

Fiscal discipline

To curb off-budget borrowings and bring fiscal discipline among States, with effect from FY 2021-22, borrowings made by 'State-owned entities', where principal and/or interest is serviced through State Budgets and/or assignment of taxes/cess or any other State's revenue, are factored in for the purpose of issuance of borrowing consent to State governments, the Union Ministry of Finance said in Rajya Sabha in a written reply earlier this year.

This was done considering the effect of some States bypassing the Net Borrowing Ceiling by taking advantage of off-budget borrowings.

Source: *The Hindu*, 20 October 2025, p. 8

TN to settle TNPDCCL debt to tune of ₹59,000 crore

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Chennai: The state govt has decided to settle ₹59,038 crore debt of the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation (TNPDCCL) to abide by the Supreme Court ruling to reduce loan burden of power discoms across the country within four years.

As per Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission's latest affidavit filed before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL), the commission instructed TNPDCCL to liquidate the debt through govt funding, either as a one-time grant of the entire debt or before 2028 by releasing ₹19,679.38 crore. But, the state may have to spend an additional ₹8,896 crore as the carry-

ing cost if it chooses to settle the debts in three years.

Sources in TNPDCCL said TN govt has written to the Union finance ministry to relax Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act regulations to procure loans to settle the TNPDCCL's debt. "Borrowing is restricted to 3% of GSDP under the FRBM Act, so it has to be relaxed to enable more borrowing," said the source. As soon as it is approved, the TNPDCCL will be relieved of its debt burden, so that expenditure on the interest payment on huge debts would come down.

The initiative comes in the wake of the Supreme Court's order in August to drastically reduce the debts of power discoms within four years for existing assets and cap new lo-

ans at 3% of the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR). It directed all state electricity regulatory commissions to come up with a detailed roadmap for recovery of loans through tariff hikes and subsidies and ordered the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) to supervise the implementation of the directives. In September, TNERC told APTEL it would soon submit a detailed roadmap.

TN's power utility is reeling under ₹1.8 lakh crore debt burden, even as the state govt has been supporting the discom through loss funding since 2021. TNERC in April this year approved ₹83,000 crore as recoverable debt and has been increasing the tariff annually to curb accumulation of further debt.

State government intends to make T.N. a quality capital: Rajaa



Minister for Industries T.R.B. Rajaa speaking at a business summit held in city on Wednesday. AKHILA EASWARAN

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Minister for Industries T.R.B. Rajaa on Wednesday said the State government intends to make Tamil Nadu the quality capital of India and the world.

Earlier, industries in the State looked up to precision engineering from Switzerland as a benchmark, but it is time to explore opportunities and focus on quality through the India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Agreement, he said, while speaking at the Tamil Nadu EFTA Business Summit 2025 in Chennai organised by the Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI).

The trade and economic agreement, which came into effect from October 1,

Tamil Nadu has doubled its exports to \$52 billion from \$26 billion in the last four years, says Industries Minister

pledges \$100 billion in investments and the creation of one million direct jobs in India over 15 years, while providing wider goods and services access across Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.

Mr. Rajaa said Tamil Nadu has doubled its exports to \$52 billion from \$26 billion in the last four years, with \$14.6 billion coming from electronics.

Tamil Nadu has signed MoUs with an investment potential of ₹11.32 lakh crore and with a high conversion rate, Mr. Rajaa said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 09 October 2025, p. 4

Source: *The Times of India*, 31 October 2025, p. 6

T.N. government plans to borrow ₹39,000 crore in Q3 of FY2026

Sanjay Vijayakumar
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government plans to borrow ₹39,000 crore in the third-quarter of fiscal 2025-26, as per the indicative market borrowings schedule of States' released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

States, including Tamil Nadu, raise funds through issue of bonds known as State Development Loans (SDLs). The auction for the bonds is conducted by the RBI. The bonds are issued for various tenures and States have to repay the principal along with interest on maturity. SDLs form a major part of Tamil Nadu's outstanding liabilities.

Borrowing ceiling

The Union government fixes the borrowing ceiling for States. The borrowing ceiling is 3% of the projected Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2025-26. An additional borrowing of 0.5% of the GSDP is allowed for States, contin-

gent on them undertaking electricity distribution reforms and augmentation of intra-state transmission capacity.

In his Budget speech for 2025-26, Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu said the estimates for receipt and repayment of borrowings had been finalised on the basis of overall borrowing ceiling fixed by the Government of India. The Tamil Nadu government plans to borrow a total amount of ₹1,62,096.76 crore during 2025-26 and make a repayment of ₹55,844.53 crore. As a result, the outstanding borrowing as on March 31, 2026 will be ₹9,29,959.3 crore, he had pointed out.

In Tamil Nadu's Budget estimates for 2025-26, the Debt to GSDP Ratio was projected to be 26.07%, well within the target of 28.70% prescribed under the 15th Finance Commission.

In fiscal 2025-26 (till July), the State's gross market borrowings stood at

₹31,300 crore as per RBI data. After adjusting for repayments, the net borrowing was ₹17,550 crore.

State's tax revenue

Till August in fiscal 2025-26, State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR), which constitutes 75.3% of Tamil Nadu's total revenue receipts, stood at ₹74,942.53 crore, when compared to ₹72,098.52 crore in the same period last year, according to the provisional figures from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). For fiscal 2025-26 (till August), Tamil Nadu's total revenue receipts stood at ₹1,08,460.85 crore, which is 32.71% of the Budget estimates, as per the CAG.

The revenue deficit, which indicates that expenditure is exceeding receipts, was ₹25,686.65 crore so far in fiscal 2025-26 (till August), while the fiscal deficit, the difference between total receipts and total expenditure, stood at ₹37,082.06 crore.

Source: *The Hindu*, 13 October 2025, p. 6

T.N. finally allocated RTE funds by Centre

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The Union government has released ₹538.39 crore under the Right to Education (RTE) Entitlements component of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), following a notice from the Supreme Court.

The funds include Centre's share of ₹362 crore for 2024-25, and ₹175.59 crore as the first instalment for 2025-26. The remaining ₹175.59 crore for 2025-26 will be released later.

In light of this, the Tamil Nadu School Education Department on Thursday announced that the State will begin RTE admissions on October 9 for the cur-

The State will begin RTE admissions for 2025-26 on October 9

rent academic year. Schools across the State are set to reopen on October 6 after the quarterly holidays.

Under the RTE Act, 25% of the seats in entry-level classes, including LKG and Class 1, in private schools must be reserved for students from the marginalised sections of society. However, since the Centre had not disbursed funds under the SSA, the State was unable to begin the admission process.

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According to Chandra Mohan B., Secretary of School Education, Tamil Nadu, admissions under this category for the current academic year will be conducted among children who are already enrolled in the entry-level classes.

The particulars will be filled by the principals of the school after identifying and getting written permission from parents to apply for RTE admissions.

Admissions will be conducted through an online process via the School Education department's official RTE portal. A 10-day online admission window has been scheduled to regularise eligible children who have already been admitted under the RTE quota, Mr. Chandra Mohan added.

Further, any fee already collected from the student must be refunded within seven working days, with confirmation from both the school and the parent, the department directed schools.

Madras HC direction

Earlier this year, the Madras High Court had directed the Union government to consider delinking RTE reimbursements from the Samagra Shiksha scheme. After this, the State government had filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court, seeking a binding direction to the Union government to release its share of funds.

A notice was issued by the Supreme Court, following which the funds were released by the Centre.

Usually, the admissions under the RTE Act begin by mid-April and end by May, and the applications are filed on the State government's online portal.

To oversee the process, a District-level Monitoring Committee, headed by the Chief Educational Officer, has been set up in each district. Schools will upload the total number of seats filled in entry-level classes as on September 30, by October 7. By October 14, the final list of eligible applicants are displayed on the school notice board.

Parents can access the RTE admissions link at rteadmission@tnschools.gov.in or call the helpline 14417 for further details.

'T.N. has received its due'

School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, in a post on the social media platform X, said: "We have received our due RTE funds as a result of the arguments we have made against the Union government, which is working to block the Right to Compulsory Education Act-2009, at the High Court and Supreme Court as directed by the Honorable Chief Minister @mkstalin."

Therefore, student admission procedures for the 2025-26 academic year are beginning in accordance with the Act, the School Education Minister added.

Move welcomed

Welcoming the move, R. Nandakumar, general secretary of the Tamil Nadu Nursery, Matriculation and CBSE Schools Association, said, "We are glad that reimbursement for the RTE admissions for the past two years will now be completed. Though it is difficult for parents to look into the admissions in the middle of the academic year, we are happy that the admissions are taking place."

Source: *The Hindu*, 03 October 2025, p. 1 and 8

TN sets up fund of funds for startups

₹100crore Allocated For Capital Funds

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Coimbatore: In a bid to attract private capital into the state, TN govt plans to set up a fund of funds, chief minister M K Stalin announced at the TN Global Startup Summit (TNGSS) held in Coimbatore on Thursday. Calling it a 'co-creating fund', he said govt has allocated ₹100 crore to invest in venture capital funds, which will in turn be invested in startups.

Stalin said this effort will catalyze private venture investments, encourage risk capital, and attract global capital to the state. The fund of funds scheme is designed along the lines of those of Union and neighbouring state



BOOSTING INNOVATION: 18 MoUs were signed at the event

govts, and could help address the weak funding ecosystem in the state. It is gathered that the fund will back venture capitalists and mandate them to invest up to a certain limit within TN. Currently, state govt provides direct equity funding and aggregates funding through TANFUND.

At the event, Stalin said that in the past four years, the number of startups registered has grown sixfold compared to earlier years, and nearly half of these 12,000 startups are led by women en-

trepreneurs.

Between 2020 and 2025, the number of startups registered with the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) in TN grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 36%, which is thrice the national average of 11%, he said, acknowledging the role of startups in the state's growth.

Several initiatives have been implemented to help startups access global markets, including those in Dubai, the US, and Singapore,

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and these collaborations will open new market opportunities for TN-based startups. "Usually, startup achievements are measured in billions-dollar valuations, but we are trying to democratize that and include people from disadvantaged backgrounds," Stalin said.

Stalin also released a draft report titled Vision 2035 Roadmap, which outlines strategies to further boost the state's startup ecosystem over the next 10 years. More than 18 MoUs were signed at the event

between StartupTN and various organizations, including AsiaBerlin from Germany, Santa Clara University from the US, Link Innovations from France, and startup organizations from Canada, South Korea, and the Philippines. In addition, letters were exchanged with hub.brussels, the trade and innovation agency of Belgium's Brussels-Capital Region, to help TN startups expand internationally.

Later at the event, S Krishnan, secretary of the ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY), said TN dominates various ministry-run deep-tech startup programmes. "A significant number of startups and incubation centres from TN are part of programmes such as TIDE and GENESIS, and within the state, Coimbatore is leading these efforts. More startups will join the upcoming DLI and IndiaAI missions," he said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 10 October 2025, p. 6

Chennai's retail market witnesses 8% year-on-year growth in Q3 of 2025

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Chennai's retail market maintained a healthy momentum in the third quarter of 2025, recording a leasing volume of 0.16 million square feet, a year-on-year growth of 8%.

Main streets dominated leasing activity with an 88% share, recording 0.14 million square feet of leasing – up by 29% over the previous quarter, according to data shared by Cushman & Wakefield, a real estate ser-

vices firm, as part of its Q3-2025 Retail Marketbeat Report.

The Off-CBD (Central Business District) sub-market led leasing activity with a 29% share, followed by Suburban South (25%). Prominent high streets such as T. Nagar, Anna Nagar, ECR, and Purasawalkam accounted for nearly half of the total demand.

Sector-wise, the food and beverages (F&B) segment led with a 24% share, followed by accessories and lifestyle, at 22%. Dom-

estic brands continued to dominate leasing activity in Q3 with a 74% share, while international brands strengthened their presence, capturing 26% – double their share when compared to the same period in 2024.

During the quarter, Decathlon leased 20,000 sq.ft at Pondy Bazaar, and StyleUp took 12,000 sq.ft space on the East Coast Road. Malls recorded a leasing volume of 0.02 million sq.ft in Q3, with the north-west sub-market account-

ing for 58% of the activity, followed by south-west at 23%.

In this particular quarter, demand was led by F&B, Fashion and CDIT brands. The overall mall vacancy declined marginally by 20 bps to 13.36%. Superior-grade malls continued to record high occupancy levels, with vacancy remaining tight, at 1%-2%.

Grade A malls recorded a modest rental increase, driven by limited space availability and steady demand.

Source: *The Hindu*, 13 October 2025, p. 4

US tariff bites into Trichy's Diwali snacks exports

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Trichy: Major snack producers in Trichy have reported a sharp fall in exports of sweets and savouries to the US this Diwali, following the imposition of a 50% tariff on Indian goods. Exporters said demand from the US has dropped by as much as 70–80% despite the festive season, traditionally their busiest time of the year.

“With the 50% tariff, buyers are forced to pay nearly three times the usual price, including freight costs. Individual customers are reluctant to spend more,

SWEET TRENDS	
Popular Exports from Trichy Palkova Chandrakala Laddu Murukku Ribbon Pakoda	Export Destinations Singapore UAE Qatar
Dip in US Exports Fall in demand 70–80%	GST revision Snacks from 12% to 5%
Reason 50% tariff on Indian goods	Bakery items from 18% to 5%

even with a large Indian diaspora in the US,” said Aswin Ganesan, managing partner of Perambalur-based Aswins Sweets. “From sending seven containers last season, we’ve come down to just two this year. Many are hoping for the tariff to ease by Christ-

mas, as there are no real alternatives to Indian sweets and snacks.”

The higher tariffs have reduced the value of shipments from around ₹10 lakh to ₹3 lakh for some producers. To offset the slump in the US market, exporters are increasing supplies to

Singapore and Gulf countries such as the UAE and Qatar, where demand remains strong.

“Demand for sweets in Dubai and Singapore has risen by at least 10% this year. We’re also exploring the Malaysian market,” said S Ganesh Kumar, founder of Thayumanavar A2 Dairy Farms.

“If the runway expansion at Trichy International Airport were completed, it would open access to more potential markets.”

Milk-based sweets such as Chandrakala, Palkova, and Laddu are among the most popular exports from

the Trichy region. Exporters largely rely on passenger flights from Trichy to meet orders in Southeast Asia and the Gulf.

“Snack items are doing well in Singapore and Dubai. We’ve completed our Diwali shipments to these markets on a satisfactory note despite the US setback. Now, it’s time to focus on the local market,” said Saranath Rangarajan, proprietor of Sree Krishna Sweets.

Meanwhile, the reduction in GST on snacks from 12% to 5% and on pastries from 18% to 5% has helped boost domestic sales this Diwali, producers added.

Source: *The Times of India*, 16 October 2025, p. 4

Allocate adequate fertilizer to TN: CM

Chennai: Chief minister M K Stalin wrote to Union minister for chemicals and fertilizers J P Nadda on Tuesday urging Union govt to allocate full quantum of fertilizer demanded by TN govt.

"As of now, Union department of fertilizers has allocated 6.5 lakh tonnes of urea, 1.5 lakh tonnes of DAP, 1.8 lakh tonnes of MOP and 5.14 lakh tonnes of NPK complex fertilizers against the requirement of 6.94 lakh tonnes of Urea, 1.93 lakh tonnes of DAP, 1.88 lakh

tonnes of MOP and 5.15 lakh tonnes of NPK complex fertilizers proposed by the state," he said.

Stalin said there will be a sharp surge in demand for straight fertilizers, particularly Urea, due to increased crop cultivation in the current Rabi season. "I request you to issue necessary instructions to ensure the fertilizer sought by the state is duly considered and supplied in time to meet the requirement for the coming months," he said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 29 October 2025, p. 4

T.N. requests Centre to relax permissible moisture limit for procurement of paddy

Stalin instructs the Collectors to ensure prompt procurement of paddy in the delta and reviews monsoon preparedness in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, and delta districts

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In view of the rain lashing various parts of Tamil Nadu, the State government has requested the Union government to relax the permissible moisture limit for paddy procurement from 17% to 22%. The request was made on October 19.

On Tuesday, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin reviewed the monsoon preparations in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Chengalpattu districts and in delta districts, including Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, and Thanjavur. At a video-conference, the Chief Minister chaired at the Secretariat, he reviewed the storage and movement of the paddy procured. He instructed the Collectors to ensure prompt procurement of paddy in the delta.

Mr. Stalin advised authorities to protect the procured paddy from rain and ensure that it was moved to warehouses in time. He asked officials to move people living in low-lying areas and along riverbanks to safety. Further, Mr. Stalin reiterated that relief camps be kept ready, stocked with food, drinking water, and medicines.



Taking stock: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin chairing a review meeting through video-conferencing from the Secretariat in Chennai on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He also instructed officials to focus more on areas prone to inundation in Chennai. Earthmovers, boats, motor pumps, tree cutters, lorries, about 51,600 electric posts, and over 1,800 electric transformers are ready to be deployed when required.

The Chief Minister urged the officials to ensure uninterrupted power supply and promptly attend to rain-related complaints received by the Greater Chennai Corporation.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi, Chief Secre-

tary N. Muruganandam, and senior officials took part in the meeting.

12 Officers deputed

The State government has deputed 12 IAS officers to districts where heavy rain has been forecast by the India Meteorological Department. They will camp in these 12 districts to ensure preparatory measures in view of the weather prediction.

The monitoring officers for 12 districts are: K.P. Karthikeyan for Tiruvallur, K.S. Kandasamy for Kancheepuram, Kranti Kumar

Pati for Chengalpattu, S.A. Raman for Villupuram, D. Mohan for Cuddalore, Kavitha Ramu for Mayiladuthurai, T. Anand for Tiruvallur, A. Annadurai for Nagapattinam, H. Krishnanunni for Thanjavur, P. Sri Venkata Priya for Kallakurichi, M. Vijayalakshmi for Ariyalur, and M. Lakshmi for Perambalur.

In Chennai, the IAS officers who have been named for each of the 15 zones of the Greater Chennai Corporation have been advised to ensure preparatory measures immediately, an official release said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 22 October 2025, p. 6

Central teams assess moisture content in paddy across State

Tiruchi, Pudukkottai and Thanjavur farmers made a common demand that the Centre authorise the State to decide on moisture content relaxation as the delay in approval affects procurement

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Central government teams visited Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, and Tiruchi districts on Sunday to assess the moisture content in paddy stocks following continuous rain under the influence of the Northeast monsoon. Farmers across the Cauvery delta have urged the teams to ensure the release of the moisture content relaxation report without delay to facilitate smooth procurement.



Spot assessment: A Central team collecting paddy samples in Thanjavur on Sunday. R. VENGADESH

State's request

The visit comes after the Tamil Nadu government requested the Centre for permission to procure paddy with a moisture level of up to 22%, citing the impact of the rain.

A team, led by P.K. Singh, Deputy Director of the Indian Grain Storage Management and Research Institute, Ludhiana, along with Technical Officers Shobhit Siwach and Rakesh Barala, inspected the Aalakkudi direct procurement centre in Thanjavur district in the morning. Samples were collected from the paddy bags.

Farmers gathered at the site urged the officials to release the report at the earliest. "Every year during the 'Kuruvai' and 'Samba' seasons, the moisture level rises owing to the rain. But there is always a delay in decision-making. This time, we want the re-

port to be released immediately," a farmer said. Senior officials, including Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) Managing Director A. Annadurai and Collector P. Priyanka Pankajam, accompanied the team, which also visited the procurement centres at Raramuthirai Kottai, Telungan Kudikaadu, and Keel Koilpathu.

Another team held inspections in Tiruchi district, starting with Valadi taluk. It visited procurement centres at Valadi, Poovalur, Komangudi, and Koppavalli. The team, comprising R.K. Shahi, Deputy Director (S&R), Department of Food and Public Distribution, and Technical Officers Rahul Sharma and Tanij Sharma, interacted with officials and farmers, inspected stocks, and collected sam-

ples. The same team went to Pudukkottai in the afternoon and inspected the procurement centres at Kallakottai, Banduvakottai, Raghunathapuram, Thatamanipatti, and Kulathur Nayakarpalli in Gandarvakottai taluk.

Common demand

In all three districts, farmers made a common demand: that the Centre authorise the State government to decide on moisture content relaxation because the delay in the Centre's approval affected procurement and their livelihood.

With nearly 6.5 lakh acres of 'Kuruvai' paddy cultivated in the delta this year and 80% of the harvest completed, thousands of tonnes of paddy has been lying in the open for weeks because of inadequate transport. The rain

has increased the moisture level beyond 17%.

The Central team visited six direct procurement centres in Tiruvallur district. The moisture content in the paddy samples lifted ranged between 20% and 22%.

Collector M. Prathap told presspersons later that 69 direct procurement centres in the district had collected 58,320 tonnes of paddy from 7,866 farmers.

So far, the district has settled ₹125 crore in dues to farmers and collected paddy worth ₹126 crore.

"In the 'Sornavari' season, 26,436 hectares of land was under paddy cultivation. Farmers are being paid ₹2,545 per quintal for fine varieties and ₹2,500 per quintal for others. We will settle the rest within 10 days. Settlements are being made within 3-6 days," Mr. Prathap said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 27 October 2025, p. 5

When bumper crop comes a cropper

Paddy ryots staring at losses, thanks to TNCSC's poor planning, rain, new central norms & shortage of storage space

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A bumper paddy crop coupled with poor planning by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) and new union food ministry norms for blending fortified rice has slowed paddy procurement across the delta districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai. As rains lash the region, farmers who are forced to store their harvest in the open near DPCs face mounting losses. Even as political leaders like Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and opposition leader Edappadi K Palaniswami trade barbs, farmers remain a worried lot.

Waiting with his 500 bags of paddy harvested on nine acres, P Meikkappan of Kakkaraikkottai got a nod from the DPC in his village on Saturday for procurement of his produce.

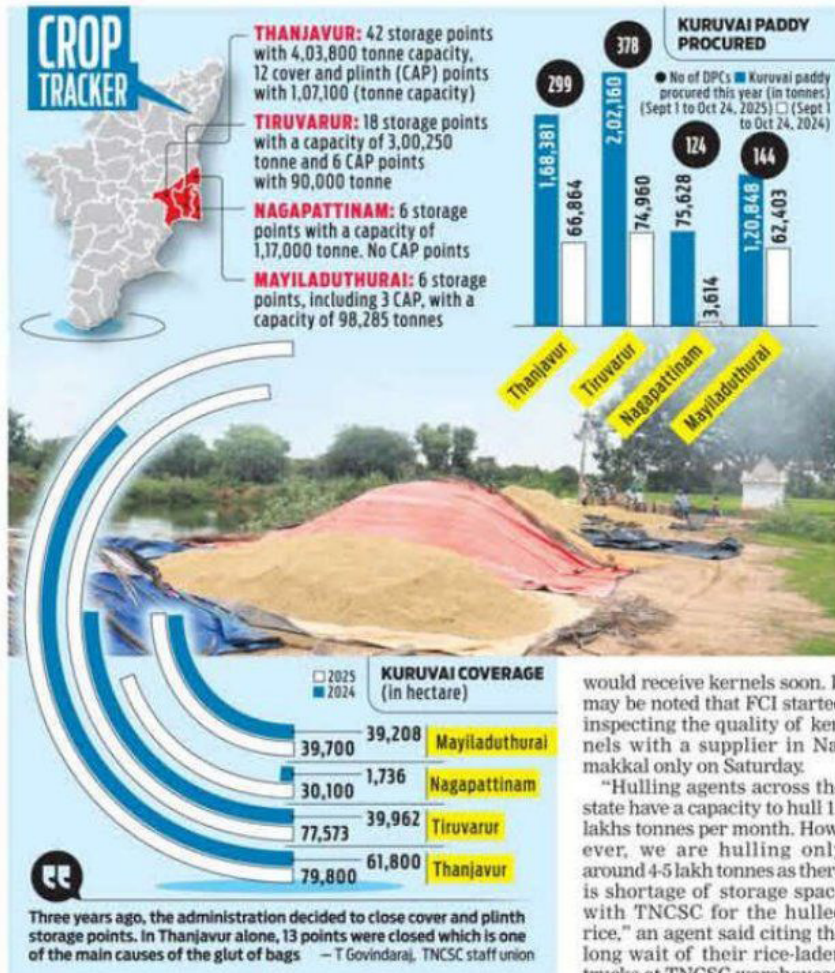
"Of the total bags, more than 15 had sprouted due to rainwater seeping around the heap of the paddy covered with tarpaulin sheet," said Meikkappan.

V Manimaran of Sethurayankudikadu lost 20 out of 100 bags of paddy due to rain in a two-week-long wait. "Till Saturday I did not get the token to sell the paddy," he lamented.

Besides the loss of produce, farmers also had to pay for upkeep of paddy by employing at least three labourers a day. "The loss due to the wait and resulting damage due to rain will be around one-fifth of the revenue I had expected," said Meikkappan.

With the timely release of water from Mettur, kuruva crop was raised in 2.28 lakh hectares in the four delta districts this year. This is the highest coverage in the last 60 years and around 60% jump compared to last year.

Subsequently, production touched a new high with around 5.67 lakh tonnes of paddy procured till October 24, compared with 2.08 lakh tonnes during the same period last year in the kharif market-



ing season (which commences on September 1).

P S Masilamani, state general secretary of TN farmers association, said though the state food department knew for three months since the sowing of kuruva about the increase in coverage, no preparations were made for additional storage space and the movement of procured paddy which resulted in glut at the DPCs. "Subsequent rains played a spoilsport by drenching the procured paddy and inundated fields with standing crop," Masilamani added.

Talking to reporters in Thanjavur recently, Food Min-

ister R Sakkarapani said, "The union government is yet to approve fortified rice to be blended by the companies, as per the new specimen sent. Due to this, we could not hull the paddy procured. This led to subsequent delays in movement from warehouses to mills and in procurement."

The process for mixing for the fortified rice also added to the issue, rice mill owners said. "The non-availability of fortified rice kernels to mix in a 1:100 ratio in the hulled rice is also a reason for the glut of bags," a rice mill owner who is also a hulling agent of TNCSC said, exuding hope that they

would receive kernels soon. It may be noted that FCI started inspecting the quality of kernels with a supplier in Namakkal only on Saturday.

"Hulling agents across the state have a capacity to hull 11 lakhs tonnes per month. However, we are hulling only around 4-5 lakh tonnes as there is shortage of storage space with TNCSC for the hulled rice," an agent said citing the long wait of their rice-laden trucks at TNCSC warehouses. He also added that the paddy now being supplied by TNCSC has up to 23% moisture than the prescribed 17% resulting in reduced rice quantity.

A DPC staff said sometimes paddy with more moisture content is being procured from farmers.

T Govindaraj, treasurer of TNCSC workers union (AITUC), said there was no proper planning on the part of TNCSC.

"Three years ago, the administration decided to close all the cover and plinth (CAP) storage points across the state. In Thanjavur district alone, 13 CAP points have been closed which is one of the main causes

of the present glut of paddy bags in DPCs," Govindaraj said. If these CAP storages were opened at the start of the season, the situation could have been managed, he added.

While closing the CAP storages, the TNCSC reasoned that those were open facilities and hence to be replaced with covered sheds with galvalume sheet roofing. Though such sheds were constructed, they did not completely replace the capacity of the erstwhile CAP storage points, said Govindaraj.

Recently, three CAP storage points were reopened in Thanjavur district but there was a dearth of loadmen. "The loadmen working in CAP points migrated to Tiruppur and Kerala. We don't have experienced loadmen like them," he added.

In Nagapattinam, four loadmen and two others shifted the winnowing machine from Srirangudipuliyur DPC to an open area nearby as there was insufficient space to carry out procurement operations or store paddy sacks.

The shortage of storage space stems from two main issues: delay in transporting procured paddy from DPCs to storage godowns and the inadequate number of loadmen at the centres.

Speaking to TNIE, an official overseeing the Srirangudipuliyur DPC admitted that only about 500 paddy bags are stored and dispatched each day, even though the administration claims that 1,000 bags are procured and moved. Farmers also flagged poor road infrastructure leading to most DPCs in remote villages. "The lorry transporting paddy takes a long time to reach here and makes only one trip a day or once in two days," said Ramalingam (55) from Puliyur.

The DPC staff also said lorry contractors demand bribes for transporting the stock from DPCs to warehouses. "The centralised statewide contract for lorries also posed a problem as the district-level officials could not force the truck operators to move the paddy quickly," the staff added.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 27 October 2025, p. 6

Each DPC procures 1,000 bags of paddy every day, says govt.

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Each direct procurement centre (DPC) is procuring about 1,000 bags of paddy every day, and the procurement time has been extended by two hours, till 8 p.m., the Tamil Nadu government has said in an official press release. An additional 127 POP machines have been deployed in 13 districts with a high procurement rate, it said.

Since there was more paddy to be procured, DPCs were functioning on Sundays, too, said the release, which also listed the efforts being made to procure paddy from farmers, especially in the Cauvery delta region. As on October 19, about 5,510 tonnes of paddy had been procured. Over 57.63 lakh gunny bags, 58 tonnes of jute twine, and over 28,800 tarpaulin sheets had been kept in reserve in the delta region, the government said. About 2.65 crore gunny bags were available across the State, it added.

Since the rate of procurement was high in Tiruvarur district, 20 teams were constituted to ensure prompt movement of paddy from DPCs. About 35,000 tonnes of paddy was being moved to warehouses on around 4,000 lorries and 13-15 trains every day. Additional workers had been deputed to Tiruvarur. Since September 1, when procurement began, 10.40 lakh tonnes of paddy had been procured through 1,843 DPCs, the re-

lease said.

Of the 10.40 lakh tonnes procured, 8.77 lakh tonnes was moved to other districts, and 1.63 lakh tonnes was stored safely in DPCs. About 53,831 tonnes in Tiruvarur district, 23,125 tonnes in Thanjavur district, 16,793 tonnes in Mayiladuthurai district, and 21,537 tonnes in Nagapattinam would be moved from DPCs.

Since October 21, about 7,000 tonnes of paddy had been moved by four trains from Thanjavur, about 9,000-10,000 tonnes by five trains from Tiruvarur, about 4,000 tonnes by two trains from Mayiladuthurai, and over 2,000 tonnes by a train from Nagapattinam district. There were plans to move about 48,000 tonnes from Tiruvarur.

On October 2, the Chief Minister reviewed the storage and movement of the procured paddy. Teams were constituted in every taluk to monitor the procurement and movement of paddy. The Food Minister and officials made field inspections on October 10 and 11. At the request of the Chief Secretary to the Southern Railway General Manager, the Railways approved the operation of 13 freight trains to the Cauvery delta for paddy transport. Since 2021, a total of 1.70 crore tonnes of paddy had been procured through DPCs, and on an average, about 42.61 lakh tonnes had been procured annually, the government said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 27 October 2025, p. 5

Paddy coverage in Cauvery delta during current *Samba* season lower than last year

The farmers and officials say the main reason for the fall in paddy coverage is late sowing during the short-term *Kuruvai* season, owing to the unseasonal spell of rain in February-April this year

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The coverage of paddy during the current *Samba* cultivation season in the Cauvery delta this year has been almost one-third of the previous year's achievement.

Only around 1 lakh acres were covered in the delta, compared to 3.2 lakh acres a year ago, according to a review of the position made in the last week of September.

However, farmers and officials are confident of normal *Samba* coverage.

Normally, the coverage is 12 to 13 lakh acres under *Samba* and the concurrent *Thaladi* seasons, which end in late January-February/March with harvest.

The importance of the delta can be gauged from the fact that of around 70.5 lakh tonnes of paddy produced in the State during 2023-24, the region accounted for 38% of the total production at 26.9 lakh tonnes.

Unseasonal rain

The farmers and officials attribute a number of reasons. Primarily, late sowing during the short-term *Kuruvai* season has led to the current development, they said.

"The unseasonal spell of rain in February-April this year had hit the cotton crop in the region. Conse-



Grain basket: Normally, the coverage is 12 to 13 lakh acres under *Samba* and the concurrent *Thaladi* seasons, which end in late January-February/March with harvest. FILE PHOTO

quently, the affected farmers had to go for the late sowing," explains V. Ravichandran, a veteran farmer based out of Nannilam in Tiruvarur district.

This factor coupled with the availability of sufficient water in the Mettur reservoir, the lifeline of the delta farmers, had contributed to the increase in the coverage of paddy during *Kuruvai* by about 2 lakh acres.

This year, the coverage under the short-term season was a little more than 6 lakh acres, whereas it was approximately 3.9 lakh acres in 2024. The normal coverage hovers around 4.4 lakh acres.

In fact, the authorities had expected the coverage

in most of the fields by the end of September. This time, at least 25% of the fields remain to be harvested.

"This is not a healthy sign. And, when you go in for late *Samba*, the crop is most likely to be affected by inundation in view of the heavy rain during the northeast monsoon (October-December)," he says, calling for the adoption of more submergence-tolerant varieties.

The officials hope that the farmers will make up any shortfall of the *Samba* season with their coverage during *Thaladi*. Nearly 80% of the *Kuruvai* area will be covered.

Echoing a similar opinion, Mr. Ravichandran expects members of his farming fraternity to accelerate the momentum for raising the *Samba* crop this month and bring the uncovered areas under the fold of farming activity.

Surplus realisation

As on September 29, approximately 238 thousand million cubic feet (tmcf) of Cauvery water was realised by Tamil Nadu at the inter-State point of Biligundulu. This meant that the State received around 116 tmcf more than what was stipulated by the Supreme Court in its judgment of February 2018 for the period commencing from June 1 to September 29.

Source: *The Hindu*, 06 October 2025, p. 4

DPCs Struggle To Take In Paddy Bags, Move To Warehouses

Procurement delays leave farmers in tears

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R Aiyyappan, a 50-year-old farmer from Kattur village in Thanjavur district, laboured for months on his five acres to produce 150 bags of paddy, hoping to sell it at the minimum support price at a direct procurement centre (DPC) and clear his debts. "I was made to wait for over a week to sell my produce. As rain poured and humidity rose, my grains started to sprout, becoming useless, other than as cheap poultry feed," he said. Aiyyappan is now left to wonder how he would settle his debts.

Heavy rain and high humidity have led to germination of several tonnes of paddy at Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNSC) direct procurement centres across delta districts. Insufficient storage and slow warehouse operations are causing delays in paddy evacuation from DPCs, leading to procurement bottlenecks. Paddy production in the delta has reached a 60-year high, covering 6.31 lakh acres compared to 3.87 lakh acres last year, thanks to timely release of Cauvery water. With an average yield of six tonnes per hectare, procurement occurs in around 950 DPCs. The paddy procured is transported to TNSC warehouses, then to modern rice mills, rice godowns, and finally to PDS ration shops, with some shipped to other districts via freight trains.

The massive paddy inflow has virtually overwhelmed the DPCs with the state govt's preparations proving insufficient. Limited warehouse space, lack of packing materials, slow transportation caused by labour shortages, and disruptions from persistent rainfall have made it worse. TOI observed germination in dozens of bags kept inside and outside procurement centres like Verkudi in Needamangalam block, Tiruvarur, on Wednesday waiting to be moved to warehouses. "The state govt took pride in the increase in cultivation area and productivity, but failed to make necessary arrangements for procurement," said Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam general secretary Samy Natarajan. "It should have convened meetings in advance, estimated the required infrastructure, equipment, materials, labour, and logistics, and acted accordingly," he added.

This year's kuruvai paddy procurement target exceeds the available storage capacity, exacerbating delays in supply chain. For 2025-26 kharif marketing season, the projected kuruvai procurement is about 9.5 lakh tonnes, surpassing the existing storage capacity of 7.5 lakh tonnes. So far, around 5.6 lakh tonnes have been procured, but leftover paddy from the previous season remains in some warehouses, which delays the intake of new stocks at DPCs.

Source: *The Times of India*, 24 October 2025, p. 5

What led to germination of paddy at DPCs

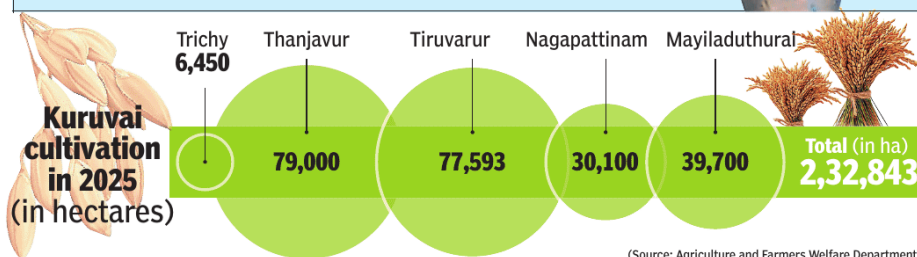
- Continued downpours
- Humid conditions
- Insufficient warehouse storage
- Shortage of labour in storage points
- Lack of packing materials
- Delay in movement from DPC to storage points

PAIN POINT:

Paddy grains germinated while the farmers waited for their turn at a DPC in Thanjavur district

Steps undertaken to accelerate paddy procurement in DPCs

- Moderate acceleration of movement from DPC to storage points
- Setting up of new storage points
- Hiring workers from other states at procurement and storage points
- High acceleration of movement from storage points to freight wagons



(Source: Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department)

PROCUREMENT STATUS					
Districts	DPCs	Warehouse Storage	Warehouse Storage (in MT)	Kuruvai Procurement Expected (in MT)	Kuruvai Procurement Completed (MT)
Trichy	43	21	4,2700	30,000	19,604
Thanjavur	299	33	3,00,000	3,00,000	1,63,000
Tiruvarur	347	17	2,43,000	2,90,000	1,96,332
Nagapattinam	124	1	1,00,000	1,37,000	67,815
Mayiladuthurai	144	8	98,000	1,93,000	1,19,856
Total (in Ha)	957	80	7,83,700	9,50,000	5,66,607

(Source: Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation)

Stalin writes to PM reiterating request to help mango farmers

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Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting necessary support to Tamil Nadu's mango farmers, since they contribute to the national economy through enhanced exports and value addition.

He also recalled his earlier request, made in June this year, seeking the intervention of the Centre to alleviate the problems faced by mango farmers and processors during the 2025 season. "The farmers cultivating processable varieties of mangoes were severely affected due to a steep price fall, coupled with low offtake of mango pulp. The Government of Tamil Nadu is keen to avert such a situation of crisis for the mango farmers," he said.

Recalling that the content of fruit pulp in mango juice was being decided by the packaged juice manu-



Farmers cultivating processable varieties of mangoes were severely hit due to a steep price fall during the 2025 season.

facturing companies without following the norms of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Mr. Stalin recalled his request to the Government of India to issue directions to ensure that packaged juice manufacturers strictly followed FSSAI standards when mixing fruit pulp in beverages.

"Positive response on the same is yet to be received. Hence, considering the welfare of mango farmers and in the interest of the large number of consumers of this beverage in our country, I request that

mango-based beverage manufacturing industries be instructed to ensure at least 18%-20% pulp content in their products to increase pulp offtake," Mr. Stalin said.

The Chief Minister requested that the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, be directed to extend necessary support to Tamil Nadu by way of development of infrastructure such as integrated pack houses, inland container depots, cold ports, quality testing laboratories, organising buyer-seller meets, identifying prospective overseas buyers, and conducting capacity-building programmes on export standards.

Timely intervention will help not only mango farmers but also significantly contribute to the national economy through enhanced exports and value addition, Mr. Stalin added.

Source: *The Hindu*, 15 October 2025, p. 8

TN sets target of dibbling 35L palmyra seeds

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Chennai: Green Tamil Nadu Mission (GTM) has launched the second phase of its palmyra restoration drive, setting a target to dibble 35 lakh seeds in 37 districts this year. This is aimed at strengthening the state's climate resilience.

According to forest secretary Supriya Sahu, the dibbling of seeds is in progress and has been carefully timed to conclude before the end of the monsoon, maximising germination success.

This follows the successful planting of 40 lakh seeds in 2024, which laid a strong



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foundation for expanding this eco-restoration effort. Palmyra, TN's state tree, is known for drought resistance and ecological resilience. It plays a vital role in preventing soil erosion, replenishing groundwater, and supporting local livelihoods.

Traditionally revered and economically valuable, the tree's reintroduction on such a scale brings together environmental, cultural, and social objectives under

one green canopy.

In Chennai district, 1.5 lakh seeds have been sown before the onset of the northeast monsoon, ensuring timely propagation. Yet, on-ground efforts have not been without challenges.

Hari Krishnan, president of TN Volunteers, who works in close coordination with the forest department in this initiative, said while the initial target was to plant six crore seeds between Sept

15 and Oct 16, only about 66 lakh were sown by mid-Oct.

Issues with geotagging, seed distribution, and procurement slowed progress. To bridge the gap, the mission plans to promote 'green Diwali' participation, encouraging citizens to celebrate by planting palmyra seeds instead of bursting crackers.

Each village panchayat has been urged to plant at least 5,000 seeds. Sivakasi and neighbouring towns have collectively managed to sow around 16 lakh seeds despite delayed starts. Volunteers are also documenting their efforts through the Udhavi App, ensuring transparency.

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Breeding for the future

Tamil Nadu's New Bovine Breeding Policy Aims To Protect Indigenous Bull Breeds From Dilution From Cross-breeding

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For Tamil Nadu's farmers, cattle rearers and jallikattu enthusiasts, the state's native bulls are not just livestock but their heritage and pride.

During the white revolution in 1970, foreign bulls were brought in to breed with indigenous cows. "Native breeds could only produce two litres of milk and we needed more milk and increase in cattle population," says Balagangadhara Thilagar, professor at Tanuvus. "This led to reduction in germ plasm of native breeds over the last few decades."

To protect the pedigree of indigenous breeds, the state govt has rolled out a bovine breeding policy that will restrict mating between indigenous and foreign breeds, and also regulate artificial insemination (AI). All semen stations, AI service providers, and technicians will be required to register and be certified through an online system monitored by the Tamil Nadu Bovine Breeding Authority. Farmers, AI providers and local bodies will have to follow health checks, maintain traceable breeding records, and ensure bulls are fit and disease-free. This will allow authorities to monitor lineage and prevent random matings.

Limiting mating will help preserve breeds such as Kangeyam, Pulikulam, and Bargur and also maintain traits suited to local climate, fodder, and disease patterns, say farmers. "If native breeds mate with Jerseys the offspring will be too tame for jallikattu," says P R Rajasekaran, president of the Tamil Nadu Jallikattu Association. "Pulikulam is the most popular jallikattu bull breed with aggressive traits. The Theni Malai Madu is also a less prevalent native breed. The new policy will help prevent the dilution of their traits. Natural mating within indigenous breeds passes on the traits needed for sporting events."

The authorities can inspect facilities, suspend or cancel licences, and destroy uncertified semen stocks in case of violations, including use of unregistered bulls or uncertified semen, and prosecute violators under law.

The policy will cover more than 3.3 lakh native bulls, including around 1.5 lakh used in jallikattu and other traditional bull races.

Native bulls are less prone to stress or injury during events, adds Rajasekaran. "However, enforcement is challenging because awareness of the rules has not reached all cattle-rearers in villages."

The policy also addresses disease control. Mandatory registration of bulls, semen and AI stations reduces the spread of infectious diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis among bulls.

Semen station applications require a fee of ₹1 lakh per unit and provisional approval valid for 24 months, extendable by six months post inspection. The registration can be renewed for three years afterwards at a cost of ₹10,000. Farmers registering bulls for AI must submit ₹200, along with veterinary certification to confirm fitness and disease-free status.

AI provider centres must register with a fee of ₹50,000 and employ only certified AI technicians, who should pay ₹500 for registration and renewal of each bull. Each AI provider must display the breeding policy in Tamil and maintain detailed digital records of inseminations and semen sources.

To maintain strong dairy herds, the policy sets minimum productivity standards for bulls used for breeding. Only those whose female offsprings produce sufficient milk in their first lactation and 4,500 litres in their lifetime for Holstein Friesians (European cattle) and 3,000 litres for Jerseys, will be used for breeding.

Bulls will be retired after eight years or once they have produced 3 lakh semen doses, ensuring both quality and animal welfare. Semen stations must conduct genetic and chromosomal tests and discard contaminated or low-motility semen. Imported and sex-sorted semen will also be regulated.

At present, the dairy industry relies on strong bulls identified at jallikattu events for breeding with Jerseys, says Himakiran Anugula of Kangeyam Trust Cattle Research Foundation. "Farmers spend up to ₹700 for one artificial insemination stick and veterinary expenses. Vets travel long distances, and success is known only after a few months. The new registration process will ensure quality and the success rate will be higher. But it must be implemented without corruption."

The policy emphasizes hygiene and biosecurity at semen stations and laboratories. Staff must undergo annual TB tests as it can spread from humans to animals. Bulls will be quarantined for 90 days before semen collection. Ring vaccination will be mandatory within a 10-km radius of each facility. Equipment must be sterilized regularly, and laboratories must maintain temperature standards between 20–22°C with proper air filtration.

The native Kongu malai maadu and other breeds have low gene diversity and less numbers, and hence hybrid varieties are used for commercial purposes, says Antony Rubin, animal welfare activist. "Native cows act as natural manure providers. Their traits must be protected through enforcement of this policy," he says. Balagangadhara Thilagar says, "The native breeds are disease resistant. With the govt banning natural cross-breeding, it will promote the population of native germ plasm."

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NATIVE BULLS ARE LESS PRONE TO STRESS OR INJURY

UNDER THREAT: Jallikattu bulls need certain aggressive traits which get diluted by crossbreeding

PRESERVING HERITAGE

- > Cattle used for jallikattu | **Kangeyam, Bargur, Pulikulam**
- > Native bulls in state | **3.3 lakh**
- > Bulls used for Jallikattu | **1.5 lakh**
- > Natural mating is allowed only for registered indigenous bulls

- > All semen stations, AI service providers, and technicians must register with the Tamil Nadu Bovine Breeding Authority
- > The authority can inspect facilities, cancel licences, and destroy uncertified semen stocks



HEALTH AND DISEASE CONTROL

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- > Registration and tracking will help control diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis
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- semen collection
- > Ring vaccination is mandatory within 10 km of each semen station
- > Semen labs must maintain 20–22°C temperature and ensure proper sterilization
- > Staff must undergo annual TB tests



Native breeds could only produce two litres of milk and we needed more milk and to increase cattle population

Balagangadhara Thilagar | PROFESSOR AT TANUVAS

REGISTRATION FEES AND VALIDITY

- > Semen station registration | **₹1 lakh; valid for 24 months** (extendable by 6 months); **renewal ₹10,000 for 3 years.**
- > Bull registration for natural mating | **₹200 +**

veterinary certificate.

- > AI service providers | **₹50,000; renewal every 3 years.**
- > AI technicians | **₹500; renewal every 3 years.**



PRODUCTIVITY AND BREEDING STANDARDS

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Source: *The Times of India*, 14 October 2025, p. 8

Private Players Have Spotted An Opportunity In Tamil Nadu's Rapidly Growing Dairy Sector

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Thirty years ago, when the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) found that milk consumption had begun dipping in urban India, it came up with an ad campaign with the catchy jingle 'Doodh Hain Wonderful', to make milk cool again. By 2023-24, India's per capita availability of milk had touched 471 grams a day against the global average of 394 grams. Today, India leads the world in milk production, which rose by 63.6% from 146.3 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 239.3 million tonnes in 2023-24. Tamil Nadu, on its part, ranks 11th in milk production and 4th in cooperative milk procurement. The state's annual milk production rose from 8.75 million tonnes in 2020 to 10.8 million tonnes in 2024. And an IMARC estimate is that, Tamil Nadu's dairy market size, which was ₹1,38,070 crore in 2024, is expected to touch ₹4,23,700 crore by 2033, growing at a CAGR of 12.61% during 2025-2033.

The state's private dairy operators have spotted the opportunity. Hatsun Agro Product Limited, which has transformed into the country's largest private dairy, plans to double its exports. "Our ice creams are exported to nine countries, including Seychelles, Singapore, Brunei, and Mauritius. We are ambitious about doubling our exports from ₹13 crore to ₹26 crore over the next few years," says R G Chandramogan, chairman of the company.

Hatsun reported a revenue of ₹8,699 crore last year and has a manufacturing presence in six states (Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Odisha). It processes more than 40 lakh litres of milk and milk products a day, and has 4,000 outlets. Milk (under brand Arokya) makes up the lion's share of revenue at 56%, followed by ice-cream at 14% (with brands Arun and Ibaco), cultured items such as paneer at 18%. It completed the acquisition of Odisha-based Milk Mantra Dairy in Jan this year for ₹233 crore.

Another private player, the Erode-based Milky Mist Dairy Food (P) Ltd, which sells in 22 states and five Union territories, plans to go public shortly. It recorded a revenue of ₹2,349 crore in 2024-25. It has expanded its portfolio beyond cheese, butter, ghee, yogurt, and ice cream to include ultra-high temperature products, frozen foods, ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook items, as well as chocolates. Its paneer manufacturing plant in Erode, with a capacity of 150 tonnes a day, is the largest in India.

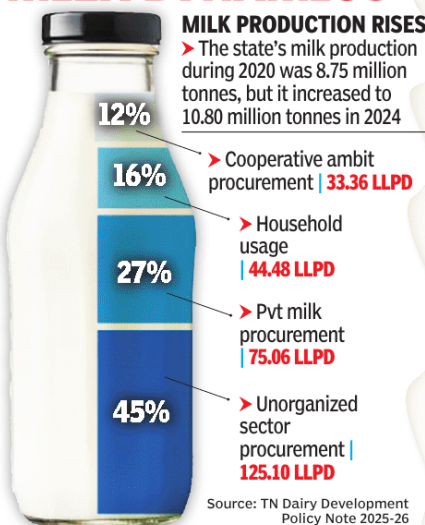
Between April 2022 and March 2025, Milky Mist's products were exported to more than 15 countries, including the US, Singapore, countries in West Asia, and Australia.

"We currently have 108 exclusive Milky Mist parlours across eight states. Six of these are company-operated parlours in Erode. We plan to scale these parlours across Karnataka, Telangana and Maharashtra, while strengthening our market share and position in TN, and southern states," says K Rathnam, its CEO. The company recently proposed to make an IPO of its equity shares and has filed the draft red herring prospectus with SEBI, BSE and NSE.

Private operators from neighbouring states

DAIRY DOMINANCE

MILK DYNAMICS



NUMBER-SPEAK

➤ In 2023-24, India produced 239.30 million tonnes of milk, making it the largest milk producer in the world

➤ TN's Dairy Development Department contributes around ₹7,800 cr annually through milk

procurement and sales

➤ Tamil Nadu ranks 11th in India in total milk production and 4th in cooperative milk procurement

➤ Under the demand for the Dairy Development Department, for the year 2024-2025, a sum of ₹39.92 crore allocated for Revenue Expenditure and ₹542 crore allocated for capital expenditure and ₹300 crore allocated for loans and advances

too have pitched their tents in Tamil Nadu. Akshayakalpa Organic, based in Tiptur, Karnataka, counts on Chennai and Hyderabad to contribute 25% of its monthly revenue of ₹40 crore. "We operate with a total processing capacity of about 2.8 lakh litres a day across facilities in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and the upcoming plant in Telangana," says Shashi Kumar, CEO and co-founder of Akshayakalpa.

Unlike conventional dairies that scale rapidly, the company's growth is tied to the pace at which it can build new organic farm clusters. For instance, the Tiptur cluster with 1,500 farms took 15 years, while Chengalpet, with more than 80 farms, took seven years.

"Tamil Nadu is seeing heightened activity in dairy, with Amul entering through Chittoor, Nandini expanding into cattle feed, and Aavin calling on more farmers to increase supply," says Shashi Kumar. "But, consumers face regular price hikes by private dairies. While this shows strong demand, transformation requires farmer prosperity and consumer trust. In our Chengalpet cluster, farmer incomes have grown steadily as we focus on clean feed, free-grazing cattle, and higher productivity. Many farmers here earn close to ₹1 lakh a month, compared to a fraction in conventional systems," he says.

"If Tamil Nadu can scale such models while ensuring transparency, it can compete with national cooperatives and set the benchmark for sustainable and profitable dairy in India," adds Shashi Kumar.

It is a perspective that has resonated with experts, who believe there's more to the story than mere rankings. "Tamil Nadu's strong point is its significant share in the organized dairy market, which is more than 35%. On the other hand, UP has the highest production, but only 10% of its market falls within the organized sector. Also, the procurement price paid to the farmer is highest in TN, across India," says R S Sodhi, president, Indian Dairy Association, and former MD, Amul.

"The challenges will be in securing govt support for infrastructure creation for cooperatives and the private sector; increasing feed conversion ratios or getting more milk per kilo of feed. Educating farmers on best farming and feeding practices is also necessary," adds Sodhi.

Foxconn to invest ₹15,000 crore in the State

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A delegation of Foxconn, a multinational electronics manufacturer, met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday. It also announced a ₹15,000-crore investment in the State, creation of 14,000 engineering jobs, and a dedicated Foxconn Desk at Guidance, the State government's nodal agency for investment promotion.

"In a major boost to Tamil Nadu's electronics and advanced manufacturing landscape, a delegation from Foxconn, led by Mr. Robert Wu, India representative and senior global executive of Foxconn, met Mr. Stalin today, besides Minister for Industries T.R.B. Rajaa and top officials of the State," an official release said. The meeting marks a milestone in Foxconn's strategic en-

Source: *The Hindu*, 14 October 2025, p. 6



A delegation from Foxconn with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Minister T.R.B. Rajaa, and Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam on Monday.

gagement with the State, reaffirming Tamil Nadu's position as a global hub for high-value manufacturing, exports, and engineering innovation, it added.

Foxconn Desk

At the meeting, Foxconn announced the establishment of the first-ever Foxconn Desk in India at Guidance Tamil Nadu to ensure faster coordination, investor facilitation, and mission-mode engagement

across projects. The company also announced a major investment commitment of ₹15,000 crore in Tamil Nadu, accelerating emerging tech manufacturing and strengthening the relationship between Foxconn and Tamil Nadu.

It also announced the creation of 14,000 new high-value jobs, with a special focus on engineering graduates and highly skilled youth, signalling Foxconn's shift towards va-

lue-added manufacturing, research and development integration, and technology-led operations in Tamil Nadu, the release said.

Mr. Robert Wu expressed Foxconn's confidence in Tamil Nadu's governance model, proactive industrial policies, and world-class talent pool under Mr. Stalin's government, according to the release. He said Tamil Nadu's infrastructure readiness, ease of doing business reforms, and future-focused policy leadership made it a preferred destination for Foxconn's next phase of growth in India, including strategic verticals such as battery technologies and AI-led manufacturing systems.

CM promises support

Mr. Stalin welcomed Foxconn's continued expansion and assured the company of full support

through the Industries Department's single-window investment facilitation mechanism, talent development partnerships, and dedicated executive coordination through the Foxconn Desk at Guidance. This initiative underscores the State's transformation from a manufacturing destination to a strategic innovation and engineering hub for the global supply chain, the statement said.

"Thank you Foxconn for choosing Tamil Nadu and shaping the future with us. This marks another milestone in our journey to make Tamil Nadu the manufacturing and innovation hub of South Asia," Mr. Stalin added in a post on X.

Foxconn will bring its next phase of value-added manufacturing, R&D integration, and AI-led advanced tech operations to Tamil Nadu, Mr. Rajaa said in a post on X.

'TN eyes ₹75,000cr investment via defence corridor by 2032'

I Want TN To Be Hub Of Aerospace, Defence: CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Chief minister M K Stalin has said the state aims to attract ₹75,000crore of investments through the Tamil Nadu defence industrial corridor by 2032.

Inaugurating AeroDefCon 2025 here on Tuesday, he said investments worth ₹23,000crore have been realized since the launch of the industrial corridor project. Of this, ₹5,000crore worth of investments are under implementation. "The defence industrial corridor has become a turning point for the devel-



ONTO BIGGER THINGS: Chief minister M K Stalin inaugurated the three-day AeroDefCon 2025 on Tuesday. MSME minister T M Anbarasan and industries minister T R B Rajaa are also seen

opment of the defence sector. I want Tamil Nadu to be the hub of aerospace and defence production in the country," he added.

Noting that several nodes have been created in cities along the corridor, he said a defence park spread over 360acres is being established at Varapatti in Coimbatore. An aerohub project at Vallam Vadagal near Chennai is

nearing completion. While Chennai will be a centre for research and naval establishments, Hosur will focus on aerospace and electronics technology. Salem and Trichy will serve as centres for high-technology products and heavy machinery manufacturing, respectively.

Pointing out that steps are being initiated to develop the aerospace industry in Tutico-

Investments worth ₹23,000 crore have been realized since the launch of the industrial corridor project

M K Stalin | CHIEF MINISTER

rin district, Stalin said, "The shipbuilding facility at Katupalli, aerospace parks at Sulur and Vallam Vadagal, and the space park in Tuticorin will not only enhance the state's economy but also support India's defence sector."

Industries minister T R B Rajaa said the international business convention positions Tamil Nadu as India's premier platform for self-reliance, indigenization, global supply chain integration, and aerospace and defence collaboration. "At this event, we are seeing significant investment capabilities being showcased," he added.

Source: *The Times of India*, 01 October 2025, p. 6

T.N. to amend rules to allow women in 'dangerous' factory jobs



More opportunities: The works in which women will be allowed include: electrolytic process, glass manufacture, and manufacture and treatment of lead and certain compounds of lead. FILE PHOTO Source: *The Hindu*, 22 October 2025, p. 6

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The State government has proposed to amend the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950, to allow women in about 20 operations listed as 'dangerous' and from which they were prohibited from being employed so far. It also proposes to amend rules to obtain written consent from women workers who are interested in working night shifts.

A notification of the draft amendments to the

Tamil Nadu Factories Rules was issued by the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department last month.

Objections, if any, should have been sent to the government within 45 days of the notification, which was issued on September 9 this year.

However, the State government seeks to amend the rules to prohibit pregnant women workers in the works/processes listed under 'dangerous operations'. The operations in

which women will be allowed include: electrolytic process, glass manufacture, and manufacture and treatment of lead and certain compounds of lead.

Generation of gas and dangerous petroleum, blasting, liming and tanning of raw hides and skins, graphite powdering, printing press and type foundries involving lead material, cashew-nut processing, dyeing, stencilling and painting of mats, matings, and carpets in coir and fibre factories, and

pottery, are among the jobs that have been opened for women workers.

Chemical works, manufacture of dichromates and carcinogenic dye intermediates, process of extracting oils and fats in solvent extraction plants, fireworks and match factories, manufacture of manganese, dangerous pesticides, use of benzene, and operations involving high noise levels (with high vibration levels) are the others.

T.N. attracted over ₹29,200 cr. in investments in wind and solar sector since 2021: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Electricity Minister S.S. Sivasankar on Thursday said the State had attracted over ₹29,200 crore in investments in the wind and solar energy sector since 2021.

"Since 2021, Tamil Nadu's wind sector has attracted over ₹5,700 crore, adding 816 MW of capacity, with another ₹4,200 crore in the pipeline for 600 MW. Our solar sector has received over ₹23,500 crore in investments for 6,736 MW, with projects worth ₹39,000 crore

(5,700 MW) under advanced stages of approval," he said, speaking at the inaugural of the 7th edition of Windergy India 2025 conference in Chennai.

"We are ranked fourth nationally in total installed renewable capacity, with over 25,500 MW from renewable sources. In the wind energy segment, Tamil Nadu stands second nationally, with 11,500 MW of installed capacity," Mr. Sivasankar said. "Tamil Nadu's energy vision is clear and bold. We aim to source 50% of our power requirement from renewable sources by 2030, and

achieve a 70% reduction in carbon emissions and Net Zero by 2070, in line with India's national commitments," he said.

"To meet the State's growing power demand – projected to rise from 20,700 MW today to 35,500 MW by 2034-35 – our Resource Adequacy Plan outlines the need for 98,000 MW of contracted capacity, including 12,000 MW of wind, 18,000 MW of solar, and 11,680 MW of energy storage," Mr. Sivasankar said.

He highlighted some of the recent policy measures, including Tamil Na-

du Wind Repowering, Refurbishment & Life Extension Policy 2024, Tamil Nadu Pumped Storage Policy 2024, and Tamil Nadu Small Hydel Policy 2024.

He said the State was advancing several landmark projects, including the 375 MW/1,500 MWh Battery Energy Storage System supported by the Central government's viability gap funding, and the 500 MW Pumped Storage Project at Kundah, while a 1,100 MW project at Vellimalai and a 2,400 MW project at Aliyar were in the pre-project implementation phase.

Source: *The Hindu*, 31 October 2025, p. 8

TN leads in first round of centre's electronics manufacturing scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Chennai

TAMIL NADU has emerged as the frontrunner in the union government's first round of approvals under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), securing five of the seven projects cleared so far — representing 77% of total investments approved.

Of the cumulative ₹5,532 crore in sanctioned investments, Tamil Nadu accounts for ₹4,271 crore, according to Industries Minister T R B Rajaa. The projects include investments by Kaynes Circuits India Limited, which will spend ₹104 crore on multi-layer printed circuit boards,



₹325 crore on camera module sub-assemblies, ₹1,684 crore on high-density interconnect (HDI) PCBs, and ₹1,167 crore on laminates. Ascent Circuits Private Limited has also received approval for a ₹991-crore project to manufacture multi-layer printed security boards. Together, these investments are expected to generate 2,420 jobs and support cumulative production worth ₹28,255 crore.

Rajaa said TN's performance underscores its leadership in India's emerging electronics manufacturing ecosystem. "Although the centre's ECMS scheme had an initial investment target of ₹59,350 crore, proposals worth over ₹1

lakh crore have already been received. We in TN hope to garner about 30% of the total investments under this scheme," he said in a social media post.

The minister credited CM M K Stalin's "strategic leadership" and the state's early policy push — notably its matching grants programme for component manufacturing — for helping TN seize the lead.

Officials said TN could eventually attract nearly a third of the total investments expected under the ECMS as subsequent rounds are rolled out. The state's strong showing reinforces its growing importance in India's industrial landscape, already marked by strengths in automobiles, renewables and data centres.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 28 October 2025, p. 4

CM opens India's first int'l-grade ornamental fish trade hub in city

Built by CMDA at ₹53 cr in Kolathur, the centre would generate 1K jobs, boost industry growth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin on Saturday inaugurated what is said to be India's first international-standard ornamental fish trade centre at Kolathur, built at a cost of ₹53 crore by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA).

Kolathur, long recognised as a hub for ornamental fish breeding and trade, is home to nearly 500 families dependent on this livelihood. Soon after assuming office, Stalin met local fish breeders on June 26, 2021, to discuss their challenges and explore ways to expand the ornamental fish trade to global markets. Following this consultation, the state government announced in its 2021-22 Budget the establishment of a world-class, exclusive ornamental fish trade hub at Kolathur.

Spread over 15,945 sq m, with a built-up area of 11,650 sq m, the three-storey facility houses



The modern market complex, spread over 15,945 sq m, with a built-up area of 11,650 sq m, includes 185 wholesale and retail outlets, a laboratory, a training hall, a food court and a viewing gallery | P RAVIKUMAR

188 shops, including five restaurants. During the inaugural event, the CM also handed over allotment orders for shops to fish producers and traders.

The modern market complex includes 185 wholesale and retail outlets, a laboratory, a training hall, a food court and a viewing gallery. It has been designed as a meeting point for breeders, traders and exporters, enabling smoother coordination and marketing of ornamental fish.

Officials said the new trade centre would generate direct and indirect employment for over 1,000 people while helping the Kolathur ornamental fish industry scale up to international standards.

Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Anita R Radhakrishnan, HR&CE Minister and CMDA chairman P K Sekarbabu, and Chennai Corporation Mayor R Priya also participated in the event.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 12 October 2025, p. 7

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When R Deepak, a tailor, arrived in Tirupur a few years ago, along with 100 others from his home state Bihar, he believed his life was going to turn around. He was entering a land of opportunity as the city was a hub for garment export. This past month, his life appears to be coming apart at the seams. "I may have to go back home," says the 30-year-old. "I was earning ₹20,000 a month, but now it is barely ₹7,000. I only have work for a couple of days a week."

Tirupur's knitwear industry, which exported ₹40,000 crore worth of goods in 2024-25 and projected 25% growth this fiscal, is now battling a slowdown that has slashed shifts, wages and jobs.

The 50% tariff imposed by the US on Indian textile exports has impacted MSME exporters in Tirupur, where the US accounts for a third of the export market. With orders drying up, several MSME units have been forced to cut manpower and reduce operations.

City-based exporter V Perinbarajaan is one of those heavily dependent on the US market. "Before the tariff hike, we shipped one lakh garments to the US; now production has almost come to a standstill," says the managing director of Sutharshika Apparels. "We packed 30,000 pieces about two months ago, but the stock remains unsold."

When business was good, says Perinbarajaan, he employed 200 workers. "For the past couple of weeks, workers have been asking for work or to return to their native places. At present, we can provide jobs to only 15 people. Whether I run the company or not, I still have to pay loans, interest and staff salaries every month. We can manage for another two months; after that, I don't know what to do."

To cut costs, units are making drastic adjustments. "Earlier, we spent ₹3,000 daily on a van to transport workers. Now we ask them to come by bus and provide ₹40 per head as travel allowance. We used to outsource stitching to 20 units, but in the past month, only two units got orders," says Perinbarajaan.

The festive season has added pressure. "Diwali is around the corner, and we have to pay suppliers and bonuses to regular staff. The real impact will be felt this month and the next," he says.

The crisis has also hit allied industries. Thirupathi Muthukrishnan, joint secretary of the Embroidery Association, says the US tariff has led to about 40% job loss. "Our monthly job work has dropped from ₹20 lakh to ₹12 lakh. We haven't cut manpower yet, but working days are down from seven to five. An operator who earned ₹20,000 a month now makes only ₹15,000. In the coming weeks we may have to reduce manpower too," he says.

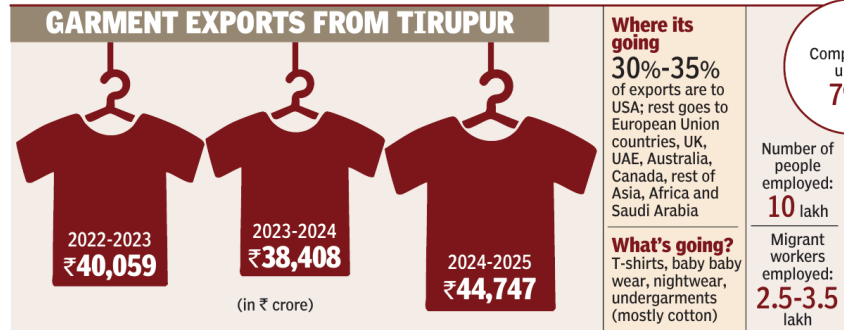
M P Muthurathinam, president of the Tirupur Exporters and Manufacturers Association, says focus on the US because buyers there place large-volume orders, even if profit margins are lower.

WORN OUT

Pic: J Jackson



SEW DOWN: Tirupur exporters say this year they anticipate losses of more than ₹1,500cr because of the US tariffs



"As there is continuous demand, it keeps units running through the year." Also, says Muthurathinam, unlike other markets, the US does not demand value-added products such as garments with printing, embroidery or special finishing. "The buyers prefer plain garments, which simplifies production," he says.

K M Subramanian, president of Tirupur Exporters' Association, says the city exports ₹15,000cr worth of garments to the US, which is 30% of overall exports. "This year, we expect a minimum

loss of ₹1,500 crore. The sluggishness will last at least six months."

While exporters are exploring alternative markets such as South Africa, Russia and Australia, Subramanian says it will take two years to establish a strong presence. "This tariff will also hurt US consumers as they cannot immediately source fashion garments from elsewhere. Prices will rise for them," he says.

Arun Alagarasan, managing director of Eashwar Exports in Ammapalayam, who works with the European markets,

says the forecast appears bleak. "Bangladesh has captured the European market. Without immediate alternatives, units dependent on the US will temporarily shut down after Diwali. In Europe, buyers who purchased 10,000 pieces now buy only 5,000. Store sales have reduced over the last two years," he says.

Having had to cancel a recent US order after buyers slashed the buying price by 20%, Pandi Selvi, managing director of Aswin Textiles, says they are now

'DIFFICULT TO RUN A FAMILY'
N Karthik Raja, an embroidery machine operator from Theni working in Tirupur, says he once worked 28 shifts a month but now manages only 20. The sole breadwinner for his wife, newborn and mother, the 29-year-old says he used to earn ₹20,000 a month, but now his income has fallen to just ₹13,000. "I send ₹5,000 to my family, pay ₹5,500 in rent and spend about ₹5,000 on essentials. I could manage earlier by taking advances, but with orders drying up, even that option is gone. It has become very difficult to run a family," he says.

refusing fresh orders. "Normally demand rises before Christmas and New Year, but buyers are pressuring us to cut prices further," she says. "We employ 120 guest workers, but for the past two months we have been able to engage barely 30. Till June, we made 1.2 lakh pieces a month; now it has dropped to 30,000."

S Krishna, a tailor from Assam, who moved to Tirupur, says 60 workers from his circle have left. "They will return only if orders pick up."

Selvi says MSMEs are turning to the domestic market for survival. "We are considering a cluster to sell directly, but we need govt support."

"We have asked for 5% interest subvention, immediate extension of credit timelines from 90 days to 180 days and emergency credit line guarantee scheme loans for exporters to the US," says Subramanian. "We have also asked for electricity tariffs to be reduced by ₹2 per unit. We had targeted ₹1 lakh crore in exports by 2030, but with the current situation, that seems unlikely."

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TN start-ups draw ₹127 cr investment

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THE state's start-up ecosystem is witnessing a surge in global interest, with ₹127.09 crore in investment commitments announced at the Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit (TNGSS) 2025, even as women-led ventures emerge as the main drivers of innovation in the state.

Fifteen investors engaged with 453 start-ups across more than 1,200 structured pitches, while 23 memorandums of understanding were signed with international partners such as Link Innovations (France), AsiaBerlin Forum (Germany), RxN Hub (Canada), River Venture Studio (Singapore) and Lowe's India, creating new pathways for market access, incubation and mentorship.

Twelve central and 15 state government departments offered founders direct access to funding schemes and policy



support.

Meanwhile, a study by the State Planning Commission, Start-up Ecosystem in TN: Opportunities and Challenges - Findings Report, highlights the generational and gender shift underpinning this growth. Women now constitute 57% of founders, launching ventures

typically between 26 and 30 years, earlier than men, and more than half bring prior professional experience. Most ventures remain at the early-traction stage, concentrated in IT, healthcare, agriculture, and food and beverages, with lean teams relying heavily on family and friends. State policies under StartupTN, including infrastructure, funding, and mentorship support, have accelerated this growth. The report states that most start-up founders come from higher socio-economic backgrounds, reflecting their access to networks, social capital and quality education. Engineering dominates as the academic discipline of choice, with government-funded institutions serving as a key pipeline. Nearly two-thirds of the start-ups surveyed were incorporated in 2021 or later, underscoring the impact of targeted interventions by StartupTN.

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Chennai at the wheel of Michelin's India growth story

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When France-headquartered tyre major Michelin signed a MoU with the Tamil Nadu govt on Nov 16, 2009 — in the presence of then Chief Minister, late M Karunanidhi, and then deputy chief minister M K Stalin — it marked one of the largest foreign investments in India's manufacturing sector, with a commitment to invest ₹4,000 crore over the years. With the state govt playing a crucial role in providing infrastructure and support, the company rolled out its first truck and bus radial tyre from a greenfield manufacturing unit at Theruvoy Kandigai, about 50km north of Chennai, a year later.

More than a decade on, the plant has evolved into one of Michelin's key production sites. Last year, a new chapter began with the commencement of production of radial tyres for premium cars, following the setting up of new lines at an investment of ₹687 crore, after the company



RUBBER MEETS ROAD: The Michelin factory at Theruvoy Kandigai

signed a fresh agreement with the state government — this time in the presence of Chief Minister M K Stalin. With this latest outlay, the company's total investment in Tamil Nadu stands at about ₹3,400 crore.

Manufacturing radial tyres for trucks,

buses, cars, and tubeless truck radial tyres, it produces 54,000 tonnes of tyres annually, employing around 800 permanent staff and 400 contract workers. "The Chennai plant represents 27.2 billion euros Michelin's global vision, which is common across all our plants: We manufacture the

future. This is the alignment we share worldwide," said Florent Chaussade, Executive Director, Michelin India.

In a competitive and price-sensitive tyre market where most companies operate multiple plants across India, the MNC relies on its single, high-performance facility at Theruvoy Kandigai. The location offers not just logistical advantages — with distribution hubs across the country — but also access to skilled talent, strong infrastructure, and the policy stability that Tamil Nadu provides.

"What sets the unit apart is its focus on people development," says Chaussade. About 45% of the staff began their careers at the operator level.

"The people who started as operators

13 years ago are now part of the staff running the factory," he adds, noting that all production shop floors are fully air-conditioned.

As the plant expanded from truck and bus radials to passenger car radial tyres, the company delivered 50,000 hours of training for operators, technicians, engineers, and managers over several months — much of it conducted abroad. These trained professionals now lead the new production lines in India. The factory has also been a pioneer in sustainability and innovation. In 2022, it became the first company in India to have a truck tyre certified with a 4-star fuel efficiency label, and by 2023, all truck tyres produced in Chennai were equipped with RFID technology. The plant also manufactures specialised tyres

for the Indian armed forces.

Michelin has embedded community initiatives into its operations. A mobile medical unit — a converted bus staffed with a doctor and nurse — travels daily to nearby villages, providing essential healthcare. The company also supports educational programmes in local schools.

The company views Chennai as the perfect industrial base. "Chennai is rightly placed — from the industrial setup to the support we get from the TN govt. We've been here for 12-plus years and will continue to remain here for many more," said Shantanu Deshpande, MD, Michelin India. With new investments, expanded capacity, and a continued focus on innovation, Chennai remains firmly at the centre of the tyre major's India growth story.



“THOSE WHO STARTED AS OPERATORS 13 YEARS AGO ARE PART OF THE STAFF RUNNING THE FACTORY” — Florent Chaussade | ED, MICHELIN INDIA

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TN Expands SIPCOT's Role Beyond Offering Land Parcels And Manufacturing Parks, To Providing End-To-End Service Solutions To Potential Investors



SIPCOT's coming of age

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As Tamil Nadu resets its industrial compass towards next-gen, high-tech investments, the principal agency involved in developing the state's manufacturing infrastructure is also undergoing a transformation. The state govt is expanding the role of SIPCOT (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu) from an agency that acquired land parcels and set up production parks to an entity that offers a range of end-to-end services to potential investors.

Given that TN needs to take on increasing competition from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka for high-end manufacturing and R&D investments, SIPCOT's new, expanded role has become a key USP. "SIPCOT is now more than just about land, water and power. We now offer plug-and-play infra that helps investors start operations faster. Our cluster strategy ensures industries grow where talent, supply chain and logistics already exist, enabling faster growth and higher investments," says state industries minister TRB Rajaa. Each park combines hard infra — roads, power, and water — with soft infra, such as single-window clearances and training linkages," he adds.

This is what distinguishes SIPCOT 2.0 from its earlier avatar, a focus on industry-ready services. "SIPCOT is providing services which address the new requirements of investors," says state industries secretary V Arun Roy. These 'new requirements' may range from a lower carbon footprint to employee dorms and even creches or day-care facilities. He remarks that SIPCOT is already supplying recycled sewage water from Chennai municipality to the industrial belt in Oragadam-Sriperumbudur. "This helps reduce the carbon footprint of companies that have manufacturing units there," he explains.

In keeping with the state govt's efforts to expand industrial footprint across the state, SIPCOT is also setting up "a tertiary sewage treatment plant in Hosur which will be ready and operational by January 2026," adds Arun Roy. Given that industrial usage of water in a deficient state like TN is always a contentious issue, SIPCOT is also building its own

STEADY EXPANSION OF PORTFOLIO

- In Irungattukottai, SIPCOT has set up a training centre in association with SIMA or SIPCOT Irungattukottai Manufacturers' Association
- In Shoolagiri, it has set up the 750-head-strong Nettur Technical Training Foundation
- SIPCOT is also setting up innovation centres in regions such as Sriperumbudur and Hosur
- SIPCOT is also building its own desalination plant in Tuticorin which will produce 60 million litres a day

desalination plant in Tuticorin which will produce 60 million litres a day. "The tender for this has been awarded and it will become functional in two years," says Arun Roy.

Beyond sustainable amenities, SIPCOT's role has also expanded to offer a range of services. The most critical of that is manpower training. "SIPCOT is building training infrastructure in collaboration with industry associations," says Arun Roy. For example, in Irungattukottai SIPCOT has set up a training centre in association with SIMA (SIPCOT Irungattukottai Manufacturers' Association). In Shoolagiri, it has set up the 750-head-strong Nettur Technical Training Foundation. "All of these will help provide skilled manpower to the industrial estates promoted by SIPCOT," he adds.

SIPCOT is also trying to offer a common platform that will allow the state's startup ecosystem to offer manufacturing and process solutions to its investors. Says Senthil Raj, MD, SIPCOT: "Given the importance of start-ups in the industrial eco-system and to encourage simplification of the manufacturing process, SIPCOT is setting up innovation centres in Sriperumbudur and Hosur. We are inviting industry to come up with their concerns and the startups will take up those concerns and come up with process solutions for the manufacturing sector."

This does not mean that SIPCOT is not offering hardcore infrastructure support to potential investors. In fact, Tamil Nadu has established a record 30 new SIPCOT industrial parks in just four years, says Rajaa. "The government has substantially increased investments in SIPCOT over the past four years, with higher allocations again this year to ac-

celerate land development and ready-to-use facilities," he adds. These parks are also designed for export strength, with seamless port connectivity and warehousing corridors that link manufacturers directly to global markets. In terms of land acquisition, SIPCOT, says Arun Roy, is in the process of acquiring a 45,000-acre land bank. "In Tuticorin, SIPCOT and TIDCO are acquiring a 5,000-acre land parcel for future industrialisation and work is also on to create a future shipbuilding hub in Tuticorin," he adds.

That apart, SIPCOT is also building an EV component park Hosur "which is complete with 60% allotment already complete," says Arun Roy. It is also building a textile park — PM MITRA park — at Virudhunagar. Meanwhile it is working on providing housing in hubs like Tuticorin and Gangaikonda. Already, Foxconn has partnered with TN govt to create a company-funded \$230 million dorm for 18,000 workers and a separate one for 18,720 women employees. "Given the scale of manufacturing, these facilities are critical," says Arun Roy. Most of these new plug-and-play activities are in PPP mode, he adds. Not surprisingly, SIPCOT is planning new industrial parks with employee housing facilities. Says Senthil Raj, "We are also planning to set up new parks with dorm housing for employees in Gangaikonda, Shoolagiri, Irungattukottai among others."

The industry is upbeat about SIPCOT's new role expansion given that much of what was put in place came from industry itself. "SIPCOT's expanding role in Tamil Nadu's industrial ecosystem is a positive and welcome development," says Ramkumar Shankar, president, MCCCI (The Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry). In 2018, MCCCI conducted an in-depth study titled 'Enhancing the Investment Attractiveness of Tamil Nadu's Industrial Estates'. The study involved primary research across 18 industrial estates — including 9 SIPCOT estates, 6 SIDCO estates, a few private estates within and outside the state — and also examined global best practices.

"Based on this extensive analysis, we recommended that SIPCOT and SIDCO evolve from being primarily infrastructure providers to playing a more integrated role — combining infrastructure development with employee welfare, skill development, social amenities, and business promotion — to enhance the overall functionality and competitiveness of industrial estates," says Shankar. "The recent initiatives focusing on housing, treated water reuse, carbon credit-linked services, and the establishment of innovation hubs in Hosur and Sriperumbudur clearly reflect this forward-looking approach," he adds.

The new role is an add-on for SIPCOT which has a positive reputation among investors in TN as a pro-active body. "Working with SIPCOT has been a professional experience. From the way the property visits were arranged to the discussions on where the factory can be set up, SIPCOT has been proactive at all steps. They ensured our subsidies were secured and the MoU was signed in presence of the CM. In addition, SIPCOT was our single point of contact to facilitate all requirements locally, which is critical as we are not based in TN," says Hrishikesh Ramani, head of manufacturing, Dabur India. Industry sources say if the new role plays out as intended, SIPCOT could become TN's calling card among new investors. "Further strengthening public-private collaboration and expanding sustainability-driven estate management practices will help reinforce TN's standing as one of India's most progressive and investment-friendly industrial states," says MCCCI's Shankar.

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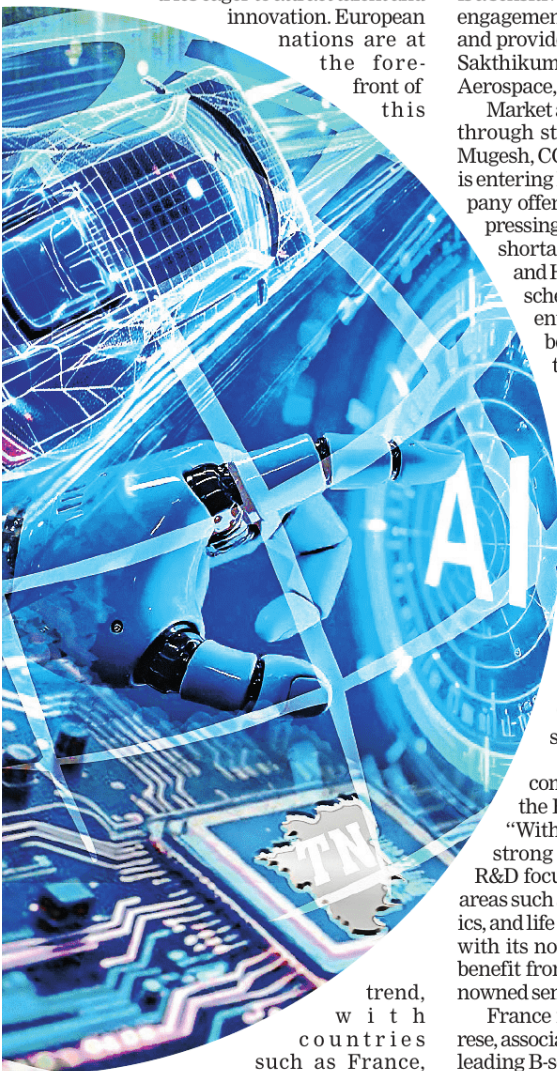
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Shifting Focus From US, Homegrown Firms Eye Europe And Asia To Take Advantage Of Conducive Startup Ecosystems

TN STARTUPS MAKE GLOBAL IMPACT

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Tamil Nadu-based startups are aggressively pursuing international markets beyond their traditional focus on the US, capitalizing on incentive programmes from countries eager to attract talent and innovation. European nations are at the forefront of this



trend, with countries such as France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Portugal offering dedicated entrepreneur visa programmes, tax incentives, and comprehensive regulatory support—making it easier for startups from Tamil Nadu to

expand abroad. This shift is backed by govt engagement between StartupTN, the state's startup promotion agency, and various govt startup bodies, which can play a larger role than what individual ventures could achieve independently. "To secure govt projects in strategic sectors, you must have a domestic entity. Space is a sensitive area, and some level of govt-to-govt engagement helps navigate policy bottlenecks and provides networking opportunities," says Sakthikumar R, founder and CEO of OrbitAid Aerospace, which is expanding into Germany.

Market access is becoming easier to achieve through structured support programmes. S Mugesh, COO and co-founder of Goat Robotics, is entering Belgium precisely because his company offers solutions to tackle the country's pressing challenges. "Belgium faces a labour shortage and high wages. With regulatory and HR support, access to grants and govt schemes, and help with compliance, the entry barriers become lower. We have been selected for startup programmes that organise industrial visits and facilitate meetings with industry stakeholders," he told TOI.

Hub.brussels, the govt agency for the Brussels Capital Region, has awarded Goat Robotics a soft-landing package that includes payroll support, expat relocation assistance, free office space, access to R&D infrastructure, funding, mentorship, and global industry partnerships. Didier Vanderhasselt, Belgium's ambassador to India, says the country has established a commercial office in Tamil Nadu specifically to support such collaborations.

"We have helped seven Tamil Nadu companies establish a presence to serve the EU market," he notes.

"With both regions having strong industrial bases and

R&D focus, we can collaborate in deep-tech areas such as semiconductors, advanced robotics, and life sciences." He adds that Tamil Nadu, with its notable semiconductor startups, can benefit from collaboration with Belgium's renowned semiconductor research centre, IMEC.

France is equally proactive. Oriane Savarese, associate director of HEC Paris — France's leading B-school — has partnered with India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on startup initiatives. She describes Tamil Nadu's ecosystem as dynamic and has expressed interest in exploring structured programmes with Tamil Nadu-based

BEYOND BORDERS

➤ Domestic policies in various countries favour deep-tech and strategic startups as they scout for new avenues of economic growth. Increasing global tensions are also giving a renewed push for indigenous technology building

➤ Tamil Nadu-based startups are gaining market access in European markets through agreements between StartupTN and organisations such as AsiaBerlin, Santa Clara University, Link Innovations (France), Hub.brussels, and startup bodies from Canada, South Korea, and the Philippines

➤ Several countries offer dedicated visa pathways for entrepreneurs, welcome packages with tax incentives, and initial support to establish domestic entities

➤ India's startup ecosystem currently ranks third globally. Indian deep-tech talent and technological innovation are highly valued. Tamil Nadu is the fourth-largest deep-tech hub in the country with over 500 startups, and Chennai ranks among the top 10 cities with 343 startups, according to Tracxn

startups. "There are natural synergies in healthcare, AI, and R&D between Tamil Nadu startups and French corporations. Through our programmes, we provide various forms of support for entrepreneurs and connect them with Station F, the world's largest startup campus. We introduce them to potential customers and sector experts, but more importantly, we help them with methodology," she adds.

The geographic diversification is striking. While the US once dominated startup expansion plans, entrepreneurs are now evaluating opportunities across continents. Beyond Europe and west Asia, founders are exploring

markets in the Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, and Bhutan.

Singapore has emerged as a strategic launchpad. Dr. Viveka Kalidasan, founder and CEO of River Venture Studio — backed by the govt's Enterprise Singapore — observes that Tamil Nadu entrepreneurs are increasingly thinking globally from inception.

"They view Singapore as a gateway to Southeast Asia," she says. "Collaboration and investment opportunities exist in Industry 5.0, semiconductors, additive manufacturing, and robotics. The flow works both ways — startups from key Asian markets want access to the Indian market, while Indian ventures seek Singapore's funding ecosystem and regulatory frameworks for regional expansion," she adds.

FAST FORWARD

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Aerospace & Defence Sector Is Booming; TN With Its Strengths In Manufacturing, Is Well-Positioned To Cash In

TN SET TO TAKE FLIGHT

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India's aerospace and defence sector is witnessing unprecedented action and Tamil Nadu's industrial ecosystem, long defined by precision and quality, is at the heart of it. Tamil Nadu is not just building tanks, drones, or satellites; it is scripting a new chapter in India's self-reliance journey. The state has long had a number of public sector companies, supported by a vibrant MSME network, that make for the armed forces. And, major private sector companies, including Ashok Leyland, MRF and Sundram Fasteners, have begun contributing to the aerospace value chain.

Chennai recently hosted its maiden Aerospace & Defence Manufacturing Expo, which drew participation from global giants such as Dassault and Safran. On its sidelines, B K Das, director-general (electronics & communication system) at DRDO, called Tamil Nadu's growth "a phenomenal opportunity" — hinting that parts for India's next-generation fighter plane could be manufactured in the state.

In 2019, the Union govt established two dedicated defence industrial corridors — one in Tamil Nadu and the other in Uttar Pradesh — to boost domestic design, development, and manufacture of advanced defence equipment. The Tamil Nadu defence industrial corridor (TNDIC) spans five key nodes: Chennai, Hosur, Salem, Coimbatore, and Trichy. Coordinated by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco), the corridor enjoys strong backing from both state and central govs. It offers manufacturers distinct advantages — from offset credits and cluster benefits to dedicated industry zones.

With competition heating up from neighbouring states such as Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu has set its sights high. Three years ago, the state unveiled its Aerospace & Defence Industrial Policy 2022. Reiterating this focus, chief minister M K Stalin recently said the state is targeting ₹75,000 crore in investments through the corridor by 2032. A slew of projects is being rolled out to support

this vision. Dedicated aerospace and defence parks are coming up in Coimbatore, while space and propellant parks are being developed in Tuticorin. The state is also setting up flight training organisations (FTOs) at Karaikudi and Kovilpatti, and defence testing centres in Chennai and Trichy.

"These testing centres — focused on electronic warfare, electro-optics, UAVs, and mechanical systems — will dramatically cut waiting times for manufacturers," says Sandeep Nanduri, Tidco managing director, adding that "currently, companies from Tamil Nadu have to send their products to other states for testing." Hosur, with its proximity to Bengaluru's established aerospace ecosystem, is fast becoming a preferred destination for defence manufacturers, he says.

The Union Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Tidco will establish a state-of-the-art testing facility in the mechanical and materials domain through a special purpose vehicle involving public and private sector entities at Trichy as part of the TNDIC programme. The Union govt's initiatives such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Defence Acquisition Policy, and the Defence Production and Export Promotion Strategy are providing enormous opportunities for private companies to emerge as partners in production and supply.

Tamil Nadu today hosts more than 700 MSMEs engaged in defence manufacturing, many of them supplying to global OEMs. Large domestic players are expanding too — Larsen & Toubro (L&T) manufactures space launch vehicle subsystems, missile structures, and precision aerospace components from its Coimbatore complex. Across the state, private manufacturers are making drones, unmanned helicopters, hovercraft, and even bombshells. The upcoming launch pad for small satellites at Kulasekarapattinam and a new industrial cluster for space industries being developed by Tidco are expected to trigger further investments and job creation.

Rating agency Crisil notes that India's private defence companies are rapidly gaining ground in a sector traditionally dominated by

PROJECTS IN PIPELINE

- Aerospace and defence parks | Coimbatore
- Space and propellant parks | Tuticorin
- Flight Training Organisations (FTOs) | Karaikudi and Kovilpatti
- Defence testing centres | Chennai & Trichy

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CATCH 'EM YOUNG: Visitors at the AeroDef Con-2025 held recently in Chennai

PSUs, with their order books projected to rise significantly — from ₹40,000 crore in FY24 to an estimated ₹55,000 crore by the end of this fiscal.

The state industries department is collaborating with IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre) and DRDO to deepen local capabilities. "We feel that the work done in the past few years will start bearing fruit soon," says industries secretary V Arun Roy. "With airports at Hosur and Parandur being developed to include MRO and DRDO facilities, aerospace and defence are now part of Tamil Nadu's core industrial planning," he adds.

Tidco and the Aerospace Industry Development Association of Tamil Nadu (AIDAT) are helping MSMEs connect with global companies for investment, technology transfer, and manufacturing partnerships. The MSME sector is also lobbying for major defence programmes such as the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA) and submarine projects to be located in the state to strengthen local supply chains. "Tamil Nadu is both the current and future investment hub for the aerospace and defence industry," says Franklin Dathy, secretary of AIDAT. "Our technical skill base and financial stability give us a strong edge," he adds.

Int'l Tamilar Biz Conclave to make debut in Malaysia

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TAMIL NADU entrepreneurs will, for the first time, converge in Malaysia for the inaugural International Tamilar Business Conclave 2025, a three-day event aimed at connecting Tamil businesses with international markets and showcasing the state's unique products and services.

Scheduled from December 22 to 25 at the Wyndham Garden I-City and Midlands Convention Centre, the conclave will bring together thousands of Tamil entrepreneurs, investors and business leaders from around the world.

Organisers anticipate over 100 exhibition stalls, offering businesses a platform to display traditional food products, handicrafts, herbal remedies and other specialised offerings.

The event will also mark the fourth anniversary of the Tamilar Varthaga Samgam on December 23, with a special lunch featuring traditional millet dishes. More than 1,000 Malaysian businesspersons and members of the public are expected to attend, a release said. Key objectives of the conclave include promoting TN's traditional food products, facilitating international networking among Tamil entrepreneurs, and encouraging global business ventures in traditional sectors, the release stated.



Conclave's coordinators announced it at a presser on Saturday | EXPRESS

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Source: *The Times of India*, 13 October 2025, p. 4



Global stage: Designer Vino Supraja (third left) with weavers during her visit to Bhavani in Erode district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bhavani jamakkalam receives red carpet welcome in London

S.P. Saravanan
ERODE

For decades, 69-year-old master weaver Sakthivel has sat at his humble handloom in Periyamolapalayam, near Bhavani, weaving threads of various vibrant hues into the traditional and famous Bhavani jamakkalam. Alongside his sister and brother, he has devoted 54 years to the loom, preserving a centuries-old craft even as the number of weavers in the region steadily dwindled.

On September 21, 2025, that quiet perseverance found global recognition. The jamakkalam took centre stage at London Fashion Week, when dancer Vanmathi Jagan performed gracefully with the handwoven rug, drawing applause from the audience.

But the most moving moment came when Dubai-based designer Vino Supraja walked the ramp with Mr. Sakthivel, who carried a model of a spinning wheel (*raattai*). "It brought the colours and textures of Erode district's weaving tradition to an international audience," said Mr. Sakthivel, his voice brimming with pride. For the first time, a heritage weaver shared the spotlight with a designer on a global stage.

"People say the jamakkalam is famous worldwide, but the recognition never reaches the weavers. That day, it did. It was not just for me, it was for all weavers," he told *The Hindu*.

Hailing from Vandavasi in Tiruvannamalai district, Ms. Vino had visited Bhavani years ago to explore its weaving craft. When the organisers of London Fashion Week approached her, her thoughts immediately

turned homeward. "I had already been working with jamakkalam weavers for over a year, developing premium handbags. The research and development had been going on for some time. But I also knew the reality – jamakkalam is no longer used as much, and demand is falling. The weavers are struggling," she said.

This sparked an idea. "I wanted to show the world this amazing textile which has a strong visual identity," Ms. Vino said. "The first image that came to my mind was walking with the weaver on the ramp, to take the bow together," she said, adding that: "People who keep these crafts alive for generations should be celebrated. Me taking all the credit would be unfair."

Among Bhavani's many weavers, Mr. Sakthivel became the face of this tribute. "He is the one behind all the Bhavani products we sell," Ms. Vino said. "This is not about one individual, but honouring the entire community. He represents them all, the soul of Bhavani," she added.

On the London catwalk, Mr. Sakthivel's presence was noted. Dressed in traditional attire and carrying the spinning wheel model, he walked the ramp to a standing ovation. Fascinated by his skill and the bold, geometric patterns, Ms. Vino created luxury handbags and accessories from jamakkalam for her collection 'WEAVE: A Bhavani Tribute'.

Back in Bhavani, however, weaving faces challenges. "It is hard work, but wages are low," Mr. Sakthivel said. He urged the governments to protect the tradition and hoped schools and colleges would introduce heritage weaving to future generations.

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Sipcot floats tender to build basic infra for knowledge city

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Chennai: The State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (Sipcot) floating a ₹89.9-crore tender to lay roads, build drains, and provide water and sanitation infrastructure for the knowledge city planned at Tiruvallur.

Officially announced in the 2022-23 budget speech, the state plans to take up the project in phases.

Recently, TN Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco) invited consultancy bids to develop, in the first phase, a 'knowledge tower' that will host research and development labs, tech firms, and research institu-

tions on 12.65 acres.

Sipcot managing director K Senthil Raj said the tender is to develop roads, construct stormwater drains, culverts, and provide water supply and sanitary arrangements in the Sengathakulam area of the district, which forms a part of the upcoming knowledge city. Oct 30 is the final date for submission of bids.

"Besides, bus shelters, parks, and other modern infrastructure are being planned. The work will begin once a firm is finalized. In seven to eight months, we can see the development," said Sandeep Nanduri, managing director, Tidco, which is executing the project.

Tidco is also finalizing a

public-private partnership document for the project and is in talks with various universities.

"Recently in Germany, chief minister M K Stalin signed a memorandum with RWTH Aachen University. When such institutions come here, migration of students from India to other countries for education will reduce. That's the purpose of the knowledge hub," he added.

"The idea is good, but the govt has to focus on bringing in more Indian universities instead of foreign ones. That will develop quality in education here," said a former vice-chancellor of a prominent state university.

Source: *The Times of India*, 13 October 2025, p. 5

India's future will be driven by T.N.'s research and development ecosystem: Industries Minister

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Minister for Industries T.R.B. Rajaa on Monday said the future of India was going to be driven by Tamil Nadu and its research and development (R&D) ecosystem.

"India is today manufacturing and servicing for the world. We would love Tamil Nadu to become a product State, and India itself to become a product nation," he said at the inaugural session of the two-day Tamil Nadu Land Use 2025, an international conference on research and innovation for a sustainable future organised by the State Planning Commission at the IIT-Madras Research Park.

"I think every single research, however small it may be, is going to add value to the State as the R&D hub of India. And I would love to see Tamil Nadu be-

Source: *The Hindu*, 07 October 2025, p. 3



Minister for Industries T.R.B. Rajaa releasing the book at the inaugural event of the conference on Monday. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

come the R&D capital of India, and make this ecosystem even more vibrant," Mr. Rajaa said.

The Minister also stressed the need for more research in the field of animal husbandry and land use.

Mr. Rajaa released two reports – *Land Use Research in Tamil Nadu: 15 Years of Tamil Nadu State*

Land Use Research Board, a compendium reflecting the Board's journey and contributions, and a coffee table book titled *Vaduvor-A Landscape of Wings* based on the study undertaken by the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, with funding support from Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board.

TN govt’s planning commission favours Gujarat model for startups

‘StartupTN Spurred Rapid Expansion’

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Chennai: Tamil Nadu’s Planning Commission has advised the state govt to adopt Gujarat’s governance framework, along with select practices from other states, to streamline startup regulations and enhance accountability.

In its 2025 report, “Startup Ecosystem in Tamil Nadu: Opportunities and Challenges,” prepared by IIT Madras and submitted to chief minister M K Stalin on Tuesday, the commission commended TN’s “Dravidian model” of equitable growth. The study said the StartupTN Mission, launched in 2021, spurred rapid expansion, resulting in emergence of more than 11,900 start-ups, 5 unicorns, 24 IPOs, and 228 incubators and accelerators across the state by July 2025.

The report said that TN’s

UP, UP, START UPS!

NUMBER OF REGISTERED STARTUPS	Maharashtra 31,670	Delhi 17,921	Gujarat 15,219
	Karnataka 18,727	Uttar Pradesh 17,469	Tamil Nadu 12,024
TN SPC Report			
State	Best practices Tamil Nadu can adopt		
Gujarat	Introduce a state-wide student start-up policy to fund and mentor college-level innovators		
Maharashtra	Create regional innovation clusters to spread start-up activity beyond major cities		
Karnataka	Launch a competitive grant programme like Elevate to fund high-potential start-ups		
Kerala	Allow start-ups to pilot their products in government departments through procurement tie-ups		
Odisha	Build a structured mentorship network and offer added incentives for women founders		

start-up policy, with 283 initiatives, is the most comprehensive among the states studied. It credits the state for prioritizing equitable growth through targeted support for entrepreneurs from SC/ST communities, transgender persons, and persons with disabilities.

It also suggested that adopting select practices from five states—Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Odisha—would further strengthen the state’s

startup framework. The report identified Gujarat’s startup ecosystem as a model for its tiered governance and clarity in regulatory processes. Gujarat’s Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0) operates through four structured layers—state level apex committee, policy implementation committee, Gujarat knowledge society, and project management units—ensuring efficient monitoring and decision-making.

Source: *The Times of India*, 14 October 2025, p. 4

Sembcorp moves to scale up green hydrogen push at Thoothukudi port



The MoU was signed at the India Maritime Week 2025 on Thursday, in the presence of union minister for ports, shipping and waterways Sarbananda Sonowal | EXPRESS

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SEMBCORP has signed a preliminary agreement with the VO Chidambaranar Port Authority to explore a green hydrogen and ammonia hub in southern Tamil Nadu, as India seeks to accelerate clean fuel exports.

The non-binding memorandum of understanding — exchanged on Thursday on the sidelines of the India Mari-

time Week 2025 in the presence of Sarbananda Sonowal, union minister for ports, shipping and waterways — envisages potential investments amounting to ₹25,400 crore. The partnership will assess the development of an integrated ecosystem for production, storage, handling and export of green hydrogen and ammonia in and around the Thoothukudi port.

The initiative builds on Sembcorp's existing energy invest-

ments in the state. In August 2024, Chief Minister M K Stalin broke ground on the Singapore-based group's 160-acre green ammonia plant in Thoothukudi, designed to produce 2,00,000 tonnes a year, one of the earliest large-scale projects of its kind in India.

Ports are emerging as critical nodes in the country's green hydrogen strategy under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with Tamil Nadu positioning Thoothukudi as a southern export gateway. Industry executives say port-led infrastructure — particularly for bunkering, storage and maritime logistics — will be key to achieving cost competitiveness and meeting certification standards for global markets.

Sembcorp, which operates 27.4GW of energy assets worldwide, including 19.3GW of renewables across 11 markets, has been expanding its portfolio in India. The company operates across 18 states, with renewable generation in 13, and manages one of the country's largest wind energy portfolios.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 31 October 2025, p. 6

IIT-M hub may build quantum network in TN defence corridor

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Chennai: Industries in the Tamil Nadu Defence and Industrial Corridor may soon gain access to a quantum communication network being developed at IIT Madras to enable secure and tamper-proof data exchange.

The project, led by the IIT-M C-DOT Samgnya Technologies Foundation, will involve extending the network to the defence corridor connecting Chennai, Hosur, Coimbatore, Salem, and Trichy.

"We have submitted a proposal to the Tamil Nadu govt for setting up a quantum communication network along the defence corridor. We received a positive re-

QUANTUM COMMUNICATION

It uses light: Instead of sending data as electric signals, light particles (photons) are used

Each photon holds a secret: Photons can exist in multiple states at once, a quantum property called superposition

They don't send messages directly, they send keys: Two computers (Alice and Bob) first share a secret encryption key

using photons. This is called quantum key distribution

If anyone tries to peek, it shows: When a hacker tries to read photons, their state changes. Both computers instantly know someone tried to interfere

Once the key is safe, the real message is sent: Computers use this shared quantum key to encrypt and send actual data

sponse from the officials," said Ravindra Barlingay, CEO of Samgnya.

Tamil Nadu's defence corridor is emerging as a hub for aerospace, defence manufacturing, and high-technology innovation. Samgnya is pre-

paring to support these industries through quantum-resilient communication frameworks, ensuring operational continuity, protecting supply chains, and safeguarding sensitive information.

A pilot quantum testbed

is already set up linking IIT-M, the National Informatics Centre, IIT-M Research Park, and the Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS). The network carries data between two endpoints called Alice and Bob using photons, which are light particles, instead of electrical signals. Any attempt to intercept or measure these photons alters their state, immediately alerting both ends to intrusion.

Quantum communication uses this property of light, known as the no-cloning theorem, which prevents data from being copied without detection. It also employs quantum key distribution (QKD), a method to share encryption keys thro-

ugh quantum states rather than algorithms, making communication inherently secure.

"Achieving operational quantum resilience requires integrating photonic integrated circuits, entanglement-based quantum key distribution, error-corrected hybrid classical-quantum networks, and modular repeater architectures," said Prof Anil Prabhakar, project director at Samgnya.

The city test network will expand into Metro Access Quantum Area Networks (MAQANs) in major cities — Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Indore, and New Delhi — linking to a national quantum internet backbone (QIL-IA) being developed under

the National Quantum Mission.

The IIT-M C-DOT Samgnya Technologies Foundation was established as the national hub for quantum communication under the department of science and technology's National Quantum Mission (NQM). Headquartered at the IIT-M Research Park, Samgnya's mandate is to build a secure, resilient, and future-ready digital communication infrastructure using indigenous technology and to nurture a quantum-skilled workforce.

Globally, countries such as China, the US, and members of the European Union have already established quantum networks.

Source: *The Times of India*, 31 October 2025, p. 4

Power corpn sanctions ₹850cr to set up 54 new substations across state

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THE Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) Limited has sanctioned ₹850 crore to the Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation (Tantransco) to establish 54 new substations across the state and strengthen the transmission network.

A senior official told *TNIE*, "Tantransco recently signed the agreement with REC, and the funds are expected to be released shortly. We have planned to con-

struct 54 new substations, each with a capacity of 110 kV, in various locations, including Chennai". He added that Tamil Nadu's electricity requirement has been growing by about 6% every year. "By 2030, the state's power demand is expected to cross 27,541 MW. To meet the rising demand, it is necessary to expand our infrastructure. Construction work will begin as soon as the funds are released," the official said.

The loan has been issued at an interest rate of 9.25%.

Another official said the



state's power sector requires investments of more than ₹2 lakh crore over the next five to seven years to upgrade facilities across

generation, transmission, distribution and storage. However, he also noted that Tantransco and distribution and generation

companies together have a total debt burden of about ₹1.7 lakh crore, which is a major concern.

Currently, around 80% of the capital expenditure of the state's power utilities is funded by REC and Power Finance Corporation. The interest rates charged by these financial institutions range from 9.25% to 12.65%, which, the officials said, are high. "We pay around ₹7,000 crore as interest every year to these institutions. The state government has urged the union

government to consider reducing the rate to around 8.5%, on a par with that of banks," another official said.

Narayanan Tirupathi, Director, REC, told *TNIE* that REC has so far provided nearly ₹80,000 crore to Tamil Nadu's power utilities for strengthening transmission and distribution infrastructure. "In some projects, we have already reduced the interest rate by 1% for existing loans. The REC board will take a call on requests for further reduction," he said.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 27 October 2025, p. 6

Parking space mandate relaxed for new large homes in TN; usable FSI set to rise

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Chennai: Planning to build a new house? You can now set aside less space for parking, as the state govt has amended the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019, reducing the parking requirement for new large-size residential buildings.

As per the amendment issued on Oct 10, houses built on plots measuring 3,200sqft (300sqm) or more must provide parking space for at least four cars and four two-wheelers. This rule will apply to all residential building approvals in corporations, municipi-

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palities, and town panchayats. For houses on smaller plots, the existing rule continues—space for two cars and two two-wheelers must be reserved, according to the order issued by state housing secretary Karkala Usha.

S Ramprabhu from Builders Association of India said the change effectively increases the usable Floor Space Index (FSI) area available for construction. FSI refers to

the total floor area that can be built on a plot relative to its size. Parking areas, staircases, and service spaces are classified as non-FSI areas, meaning they do not count toward the permissible built-up limit.

Under the previous 2019 rule, one car parking slot was required for every 75sqm of built-up area. A 5,000 sqft house therefore needed at least five car slots. "Builders often

found this difficult because the space required for car movement reduced the floor area available for living space. The new rule offers flexibility to use some of that space for an additional room or other residential features," said Ramprabhu.

However, urban planners warn that the amendment could worsen on-street parking. R Naveen, a city planner, said that reducing the required parking provision would lead to more vehicles being parked on public roads. "Many owners already park spare or old cars on the streets. With this change, the problem could grow, reducing space for other motorists," he said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 17 October 2025, p. 2

Centre to invite bids for offshore wind projects in TN, Guj by Feb

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IN a major push towards clean energy, the union government is expected to invite tenders to set up offshore wind energy projects of 500 megawatt (MW) each in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat by February next year, said Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) Pralhad Joshi on Thursday.

India set for 1st first offshore project: Sivasankar

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Emphasising the need to strengthen domestic manufacturing, Joshi further said, "We should aim to develop a world-class wind manufacturing ecosystem that is efficient, competitive, and land-optimal. The reduction of GST on renewable energy equipment is helping the industry for more production. At the same time, we can repower old wind farms by replacing smaller, outdated turbines with modern, high-capacity ones."

Tamil Nadu Minister for Electricity and Transport SS Sivasankar, who also addressed the conference, said the state's coastline has a potential of over 35 GW of offshore wind energy, supported by strong and consistent wind speeds. "Through the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) and the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership, we are preparing for India's first offshore wind project off the Tamil Nadu coast," he said. Sivasankar further noted that the recently-announced Green Tran-

Speaking at the seventh International Trade Fair and Conference on Renewable Energy in Chennai, Joshi said, "The government aims to achieve 500 gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy capacity by 2030, and offshore wind projects will contribute significantly to that goal. Of these, 100 GW-110 GW will come from wind. We are also taking concrete steps to develop India's vast offshore wind potential, targeting 30 GW, with initial tenders."

The minister highlighted that Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Maharashtra have been at the forefront of India's wind power revolution. "The steady humming of wind turbines, especially here in Tamil Nadu, symbolises India's clean energy dream," he added. **P9**

Wind energy generation in State expected to increase in 2025-26

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COIMBATORE

Capacity utilisation of windmills installed in Tamil Nadu is expected to be 29.6% in the financial year 2025-26, which is the highest since 2018-19.

Wind energy generation in 2025-26 is projected to be 10,104 million units as against 7,407 million units last fiscal. It was high at 9,132 million units in 2017-18.

The generation is certainly better than last year, said A.D. Thirumoorthy, chief technical adviser of the Indian Wind Power Association.

According to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Consumers' Association, on September 28, the wind energy evacuated in the State was 87.6 million units, which was slightly low.

Wind energy evacuation had decreased slightly, probably due to the curtailment of generation reported in several areas. The



Power surge: According to forecast data available, the energy generation may see a dip till October 8 and pick up after that.

energy generation forecast was 87.74 million units while the actual evacuation was 87.6 million units.

With more than 10,000 MW of installed wind energy capacity in the State, wind energy generation this year has seen significant improvement.

The State sees high wind energy generation between May and October every year, industry sources said.

According to forecast data available, the generation may see a dip till October 8 and pick up after that.

The Association said demand for energy was also seeing an uptick, giving hope for better evacuation. On September 28, the demand met improved and was at 366.95 MU, in spite of partly cloudy weather and scattered heavy rain at many places.

Source: *The Hindu*, 04 October 2025, p. 6

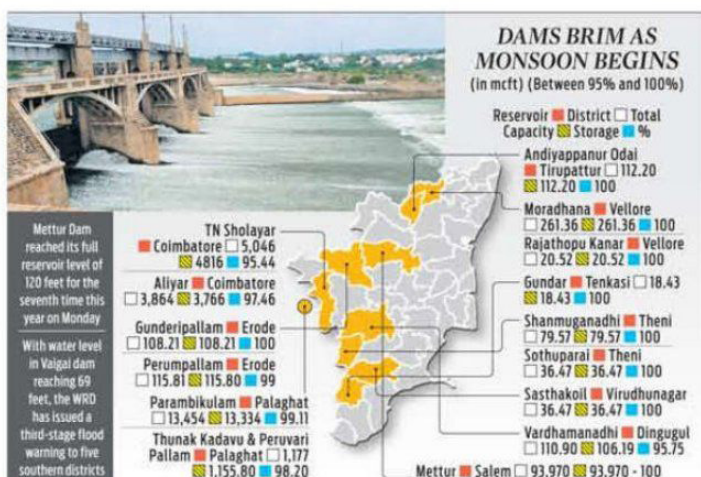
Source: *The New Indian Express*, 31 October 2025, p. 1 and 9

16 TN reservoirs on red alert as storage nears full capacity

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THOUGH the northeast monsoon has only just begun, albeit with heavy rainfall across many places, major reservoirs in the state are already brimming with water. As many as 16 have been placed under the "red alert" category, with storage levels hovering between 95% and 100% of their full capacity. Officials attribute the high storage to unseasonal rainfall prior to the onset of the monsoon and the state receiving nearly double the expected share of Cauvery water from Karnataka following heavy rainfall there.

According to data from the Water Resources Department (WRD) accessed by *TNIE*, the combined storage in 90 reservoirs stood at 196,202 tmcft as of Tuesday — 87.46% of the total capacity of 224,343 tmcft.



The Stanley Reservoir in Mettur, Tamil Nadu's largest, has already reached full capacity. The overall storage is significantly higher than the same period last year, when the reservoirs held 143,804 tmcft — just 64.11% of total capacity.

"Steady rainfall over the past few days has increased inflows into major reservoirs. Sixteen, including Mettur, TN Sholayar, and Aliyar, are under red alert as their storage has crossed 95% of the capacity. Three others are on orange alert, with levels between 90% and 95%," a senior WRD official told *TNIE*.

The official cautioned residents along riverbanks and low-lying areas to stay vigilant, as reservoir discharge may rise if inflows continue. The department is closely monitoring rainfall patterns and inflow data to ensure proper regulation of water

levels. Cauvery inflow has been particularly strong this year. "Karnataka was required to release 133,576 tmcft to Tamil Nadu till October 16, but we've received 260,159 tmcft — an excess of 126,583 tmcft," said another official.

Thanks to this steady inflow, the Mettur dam in Salem, one of the main sources of drinking and irrigation, has touched full capacity seven times this year. The dam's current storage stands much higher than last year's 62,140 million cubic feet (mcf), against the dam's capacity of 93,470 mcf.

Officials expressed confidence that with current levels, the state's summer drinking water and irrigation needs can be comfortably met. If the monsoon continues at the same pace, the state could witness one of its best water years in recent times.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 22 October 2025, p. 4

'State to come up with Maritime and Shipbuilding Policy'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A comprehensive Maritime and Shipbuilding Policy is being formalised – one that will incentivise new shipyards, attract global players, and enable equity partnerships between the State and private industry, Industries Minister T.R.B. Rajaa said on Wednesday.

Addressing the media on the sidelines of the India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai, he said there will be a boom in the blue economy of Tamil Nadu in the near future. "Tamil Nadu is charting a new course, turning its 1,000-km coastline into a corridor of immense blue economy opportunities," the Minister said.

"Tamil Nadu has set its sights on two sectors now – life sciences and shipbuilding. We want to give a big thrust to both sectors. We are also coming up with a maritime [and shipbuilding] policy. We are in talks with senior officials in New Delhi. We are working in tandem with the Government of India," he said.

"Some of these sectors need something like viability gap funding (VGF). Most of the incentives today are packaged as semi-VGF. What the Govern-



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Industries Minister

ment of Tamil Nadu does is understand what the requirement from industry is, and then adjust the policy accordingly to enable better and faster growth," Mr. Rajaa said.

Speaking at a session on 'Tamil Nadu's Next-Gen Maritime Industries: Shipbuilding, Clean Energy & Industrial Manufacturing', Industries Secretary V. Arun Roy said Tamil Nadu wants to be not only a manufacturing powerhouse, but also an economy that offers world-class manufacturing services, R&D and IT services.

Two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth ₹30,000 crore had already been signed by the Tamil Nadu government with Cochin Shipyard Ltd and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), he said.

A slew of MoUs were signed by Chennai Port Trust, Kamarajar Port Limited, and V.O. Chidambaram Port Authority.

'CM to address gram sabhas virtually on October 11 through Tanfinet network'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services Palanivel Thiaga Rajan on Thursday said Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will address the grama sabha meetings on October 11 through the BharatNet-Tamil Nadu Fibrenet Corporation Ltd (Tanfinet) backbone covering about 10,000 villages and this will be the first State-wide connectivity test for the network.

Slow progress

The BharatNet project is currently implemented by Tanfinet with the Union government's support and the project envisages to connect 12,525 gram panchayats of the State through Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) network, he said at a media interaction in Chennai.

"The implementation of the project has been divided geographically into four packages (A,B,C & D). While the packages A, B and C have been completed, the package D has been slow due to delays by partner ITI Ltd., a public sector undertaking," Mr. Thiaga Rajan said.

So far 11,800 villages have been covered under the project, he said. "For 10,000 villages the entire network has been completed, and the Chief Minister would be addressing the grama sabha meeting on Saturday with the network backbone. Two-way communication has been enabled in some villages," Mr. Thiaga Rajan said. He also

said he met Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and put forth a few requests, including release of pending funds to the tune of ₹600 crore under the project, and for ITI to speed up work.

Last-mile connectivity

Mr. Thiaga Rajan also pointed out the State government had accorded approval for the Last-Mile Connectivity Project (fibre to home) at an outlay of ₹184 crore under franchisee model. However, he said there were not many takers in a few places. "Now we have decided to be partners and choose two franchisees in each district to cover the villages and there will be 50% revenue share. We are planning to offer ₹199 monthly plans, offering 10 mbps-200 mbps speed," he said. We have also sought funding support from the Centre, he added.

R&D collaboration

Tamil Nadu Technology (iTNT) Hub, in the presence of Mr. Thiaga Rajan, signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with The University of Melbourne on Thursday to enable deeper connections between the Tamil Nadu and the University innovation systems. The LoI will facilitate the establishment of long-term collaboration in the innovation ecosystem, supporting researchers, students, startups, innovators, companies and investors, to create a holistic ecosystem for innovation between Australia and India.

Source: *The Hindu*, 10 October 2025, p. 6

Source: *The Hindu*, 30 October 2025, p. 8

PWD readies ₹2,388-crore plan to revive 167-km Buckingham Canal

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THE public works department (PWD) has drawn up a preliminary estimate of ₹2,388 crore to restore the Buckingham Canal, stretching 167km from Pazhaverkadu in Tiruvallur district to Marakkanam in Villupuram.

The proposal includes desilting and dredging of the canal to a depth of 1.50m to 3m, for the length of 167km and an average width of 40m. Officials also said the government has requested an additional ₹20 crore from the central government to fund a detailed project report (DPR) for the canal's revival.

The move follows Industries Minister T R B Rajaa's appeal to Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal during Indian Maritime University's convocation event last week, to clear Tamil Nadu's proposal for the inland waterway. Reviving the canal is seen as key to easing congestion, spurring local commerce and bolstering climate-adaptation measures along the coast.

This comes as Chennai is exploring the possibility of a water metro system, drawing inspiration from Kochi's pioneering model, as part of a broader push to diversify urban transport options and help boost the city's tourism credentials. The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) had recommended a water-based



FACTFILE

- The Buckingham Canal is categorised as north, central and south, running for a length of 157.69km
- The stretch between Pulicat Lake to Cooum River Confluence Point, around 58km, is classified as North Buckingham Canal
- The 7.2-km stretch between the confluence of Cooum River and confluence of Adyar River is Central Buckingham Canal
- The stretch between Adyar River and Marakkanam, around 102km, is classified as South Buckingham Canal
- The storm water drains of the Greater Chennai Corporation discharge the runoff in Central Buckingham Canal

transit corridor connecting East Coast Road with Napier Bridge, part of the city's Comprehen-

sive Mobility Plan, which outlines long-term solutions to ease congestion and shift commuters towards low-emission alternatives. The vision is to create a 53-km stretch running through Chennai's waterways that could eventually host electric or hybrid ferries.

Sources indicated that the National Waterway proposal from TN, part of a country-wide initiative to improve its inland water transport network, include Mahabalipuram to Yediyur Bridge, Cooum River near Marina Beach, and Pulicat Lake and Ennore Port to ETPS. The Buckingham Canal had been a component of the National Waterway 4, but chronic pollution, encroachment and shallow channels have stymied progress. Shipping secretary T K Ramachandran, speaking to reporters at the Indian Maritime University's convocation event, had also acknowledged the hurdles but said they could be resolved.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 01 October 2025, p. 7

How Chennai Port's infrastructure drive is reshaping regional trade

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INDIAN ports today are not just gateways for cargo – they are development anchors, driving regional growth, empowering industries, generating employment, and shaping the nation's destiny. This transformative role is rooted in India's maritime heritage. During the Chola era, ports like Nagapattinam and Kaveripattinam were thriving centres of trade and culture, linking India with Southeast Asia and spreading language, art, and culture across the seas.

Chennai Port carried forward this legacy. What began in 1639 with the establishment of Port St George as a modest trading outpost evolved into a man-made all-weather harbour by 1881, when the construction of protective breakwaters transformed the storm-battered coast of Madras into a safe and reliable maritime gateway. Over the decades, strategic expansions such as the Jawahar Dock for bulk cargo, the Bharathi Dock for crude oil handling, and the commissioning of India's first container terminal in 1983 have turned Chennai Port into a key driver of regional commerce and industrial growth, anchoring South India's trade and logistics ecosystem.

Now entering its 144th year, Chennai Port is charting a new

era of growth through five strategic verticals – Port Modernisation, Connectivity Enhancement, Sustainability, Coastal Community Development, and Global Trade Linkages.

Ports today are no longer just berthing points for ships – they are integrated logistics ecosystems. India has already made great progress – logistics costs, once around 14% of GDP, have dropped to 7.97%, as per the DPIIT-NCAER 2025 report – a testament to our improving efficiency.

Chennai Port is leading this transformation through key connectivity projects. The 20.93 km Chennai Port-Maduravoyal elevated corridor, with separate tiers for port-bound and city traffic, will provide a signal-free link to national highways by 2028, reducing congestion and cutting transit times. Complementing it, India's first operational greenfield Multi-modal Logistics Park coming at Mappedu by 2026 will



have warehousing, cold-chain, and container handling facilities, enabling seamless intermodal connectivity.

Under the Port Modernisation vertical, warehouses are being developed for sensitive cargo like cold-rolled steel coils, alongside open paved yards for project cargo such as wind turbine blades.

The Cruise Terminal is being upgraded to promote tourism. The buffer parking yard has reduced trailer transit times by eliminating congestion along EMRIP Road. An Indigenous Vessel Traffic Management System, developed with NTCPCW, IIT Madras, is improving navigation safety. Since 2023, Chennai Port has also emerged as a bunkering hub on the east coast, with a dedicated berth supporting cleaner marine fuels. Under its Sustainability vertical, Chennai Port is advancing green initiatives in line with the

Harit Sagar Guidelines, including a 500 kW rooftop solar plant and an additional 2 MW rooftop solar project under implementation. Shore power supply has been introduced for naval vessels and port crafts, reducing emissions during berthing. Chennai Port is modernising the fishing harbour with an investment of ₹116 crore with upgraded landing facilities, ship lifting facility, and hygienic auction halls to empower fishermen and Chennai's blue economy.

Beyond its coastline, the Chennai-Vladivostok Eastern Maritime Corridor is set to redefine India's trade connectivity, offering a route that is 45% shorter than the Mumbai-Saint Petersburg link and reducing transit time by up to 16 days. By linking India's east coast with Russia's far East, the corridor expands Chennai Port's global trade reach and anchors India's presence in the Indo-Pacific vision of shared growth.

Implementing such large-scale transformation requires collaboration between governments, industry, academia, and global partners. The India Maritime Week to be held from October 27-31 at NESCO, Mumbai embodies this spirit. With participation from over 100 countries and investment commitments worth nearly ₹10 lakh crore, IMW will catalyse partnerships that accelerate Chennai Port's modernisation journey.

As India sails towards Maritime Vision 2047, Chennai Port stands as a symbol of continuity. Much like the tides it commands, its story flows from the past to the future carrying forward the promise of trade, prosperity, and progress for South India and beyond.

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Chennai's 3rd master plan blends housing, transport, environment

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Chennai: Chennai's third master plan was developed by integrating more than 25 studies focusing on economic development, urban housing, transportation, environmental sustainability, and technology, said AIIMS additional director Anshul Mishra, who was earlier CMDA member-secretary.

At the inauguration of the first international conference, Tamil Nadu Land Use 2025, organised by state planning commission, Mishra said the master plans should go beyond mere land use. They must integrate an economic plan, map industrial clusters and labour catchments. The plan must accommodate transit-oriented development for jobs and housing

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ANSHUL MISHRA
AIIMS additional director

along metro, road, and sub-urban corridors to reduce travel time and carbon emissions, he said. The blue-green assets should be identified and mapped in the master plan. “It is not urbanisation that leads to environmental degradation. It is the lack of proper planning in urbanisation and urban sprawl that harms it,” he said.

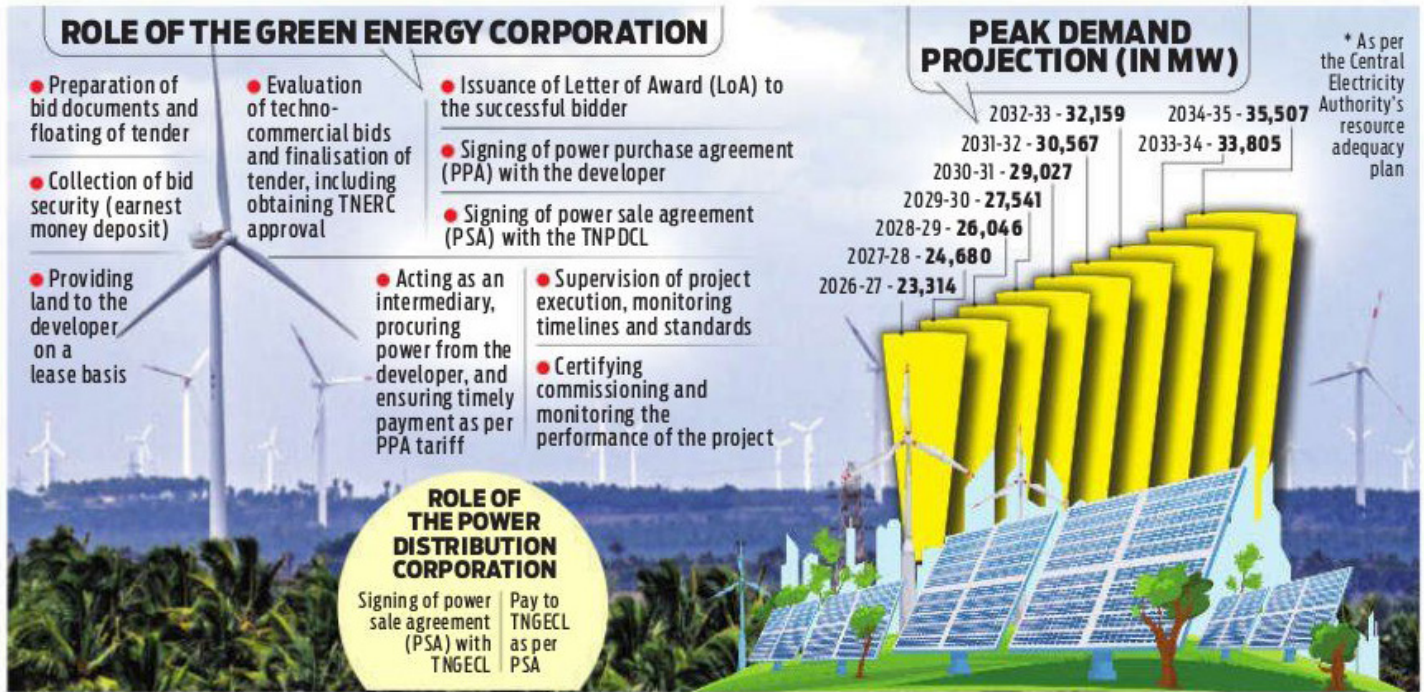
He said the commute time in Chennai Metropolitan Area, with a population of 1.15 crore, has increased by 12% since 2019, while the public transport share remains less than 30%.

Citing how integrated development along the bus rapid transit system in Ahmedabad and metro corridors in Pune reduced the per-capita energy demand by 22% and reduced CHG emissions by 26%, he said the floor space index (FSI) for industries should be rationalised to increase output per hectare and reduce urban sprawl.

State industries minister T R B Rajaa, who inaugurated the two-day conference, said that govt aims to make the state a research and development hub of the country in a bigger way.

Source: *The Times of India*, 07 October 2025, p. 4

TNERC approves 64.75 MW solar-wind project



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THE Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) has approved a proposal from the Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGEC) to invite tenders for setting up a 64.75 MW grid-connected solar and wind power project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

The project will be devel-

oped in Karur, Tiruvarur (each 15 MW) and the rest will come up at Thoothukudi, Madurai, and Kanniyakumari districts on a build-own-operate (BOO) basis as combined power plants. The selection of the developer will be done through a tariff-based competitive bidding process.

According to a TNERC order, the project will have a contract period of 25 years.

The initiative is part of the state's efforts to increase re-

newable energy generation and ensure better grid stability with the help of advanced storage technology, a senior official told *TNIE*.

The official further said, "Karur collector M Thangavel granted 'enter upon permission' on August 18, 2022, for 53.72 acres of government poramboke land in K Pitchampatti village. Similarly, the Tiruvarur collector V Mohanachandran gave permission on April 26, 2022, for 49.9 acres

of government punjai tharisu (barren land) land in Korukkai village of Thiruthuraipoondi." On the identified lands, solar power plants with a total capacity of about 30 MW (15 MW each at both locations) can be set up. "We have also identified lands in the remaining districts," the official added.

According to officials, the upcoming solar and wind energy plant will play a key role during peak hours in the future.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 20 October 2025, p. 2

Over 4,800 irrigation tanks in the State have more than 75% storage

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Over 2,200 irrigation tanks in the State have seen their storage surpass 75% of their capacity in the last two weeks.

On Wednesday morning, the total number of tanks where storage exceeded 75% was 4,888. As on October 15, the total number of tanks with over 75% storage was 2,622.

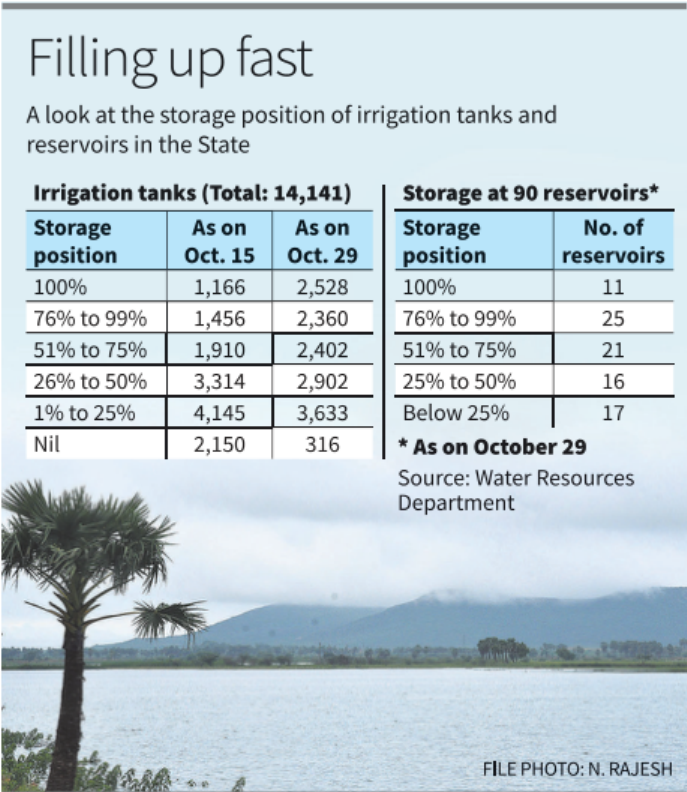
Of the 2,528 tanks that have reached 100% storage, 434 are in Kanniyakumari district, 305 in Tiruvannamalai, 265 in Ranipet, 246 in Madurai, 188 in Thanjavur, and 156 in Villupuram.

Highest rise

In the last two weeks, the highest rise in the number of such tanks was recorded by Tiruvannamalai, at 154, followed by Villupuram (150) and Madurai (125).

Chennai's neighbouring

Source: *The Hindu*, 30 October 2025, p. 8



districts of Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram recorded full storage in 57 and 70 tanks, respectively.

As regards 2,360 tanks whose storage was in the range of 76% to 99%, Kan-

niyakumari had 796 such tanks; Thanjavur - 264; Madurai - 218, Pudukottai - 164 and Tenkasi - 106. Madurai, with 187 more tanks having the storage of 76% to 99%, topped the

districts with the highest rise in the number of tanks under this category. It was followed by Kanniyakumari (170) and Thanjavur (96).

Groundwater table

With the monsoon expected to yield a higher quantum of rainfall this year, many more tanks may reach full storage in the coming weeks. When the storage of the tanks goes up, it naturally leads to a better groundwater table. Besides, farmers, who are enjoying free power supply, would draw less groundwater.

As for the 90 major reservoirs being monitored by the Water Resources Department, the combined storage was about 200 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) – about 89% of their capacity. Of them, 11 reservoirs had reached full capacity, while 25 were in the range of 75% to 99%.

Foxconn to invest `15k cr in TN, create 14k engg jobs

State govt promises full support through facilitation mechanisms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

IN a boost to Tamil Nadu's electronics and advanced manufacturing, Foxconn on Monday announced ₹15,000 crore investment. The company said this will generate 14,000 engineering jobs in the state.

The announcement followed a meeting between Chief Minister M K Stalin and Robert Wu, Foxconn's India representative and senior global executive, in Chennai. Industries minister T R B Rajaa and senior officials were also present. Foxconn will set up country's first "Foxconn Desk" at Guidance Tamil Nadu. The dedicated desk will function as a single-window mechanism to fast-track clearances, facilitate investments and coordinate on large projects, the government said in a statement.

Welcoming the investment, Stalin said the state will provide full support through its facilitation mechanisms and talent development programmes. On social media, he said: "This is the Dravidian Model in action. Thank you Hon Hai Foxconn for choosing Tamil Nadu and shaping future with us. This marks another milestone in our journey to make Tamil Nadu manufacturing and innovation hub of South Asia." Wu said Foxconn



Foxconn India chief Robert Wu called on CM MK Stalin at secretariat in Chennai

MANUFACTURING PUSH

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The move signals strategic shift for Foxconn in TN — from being a manufacturing base to integrated hub for value-added production, R&D and tech-driven operations

was deepening its partnership with TN, citing strong policy support, infrastructure readiness and abundant skilled talent pool. The state, he added, was central to Foxconn's next phase of growth in India — including advanced manufacturing, battery technologies and AI-led production systems.

The move signals a strategic shift for Foxconn in TN — from being a manufacturing base to an integrated hub for value-added production, R&D and technology-driven operations. It reinforces the state's ambition to position itself as a global centre for electronics and engi-

neering innovation.

Rajaa said Foxconn's expansion would bring value-added manufacturing, R&D integration and AI-enabled advanced tech operations to the state. "First-ever Foxconn Desk in India will ensure seamless facilitation and mission-mode execution," he said. In October 2024, the state cabinet cleared a ₹13,180 crore proposal from Yuzhan Technology, part of the Foxconn Group, to manufacture mobile phones in Kancheepuram. The company acquired 500,000 sq ft at ESR Oragadam Industrial and Logistics Park for the project.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 14 October 2025, p. 14

TN to appoint 2,708 assistant professors in govt colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

HIGHER Education Minister Govi Chezhaan on Tuesday announced that 2,708 assistant professors will be recruited through the Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB) for government arts and science colleges across the state. The move aims to bridge the long-standing faculty gap in many degree colleges, especially in rural areas. Over the years, a significant number of sanctioned posts in government colleges have remained vacant.

As per reports, more than 3,000 assistant professor positions remain unfilled across the state despite earlier recruitment plans. In 2024, the TRB had notified recruitment for 4,000 assistant professor posts, but the process was stalled due to technical issues and litigations. The minister emphasised that filling 2,708 posts is the first phase of a broader effort to strengthen higher education. Officials expect the process will improve student-faculty ratios in colleges. Reacting to the announcement, PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss urged the government to ensure timely completion and transparency in the recruitment.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 08 October 2025, p. 2



TNSDC launches GenRise to upskill and empower youth

The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC), under the Tamil Nadu government's *Vetri Nichayam* project, announced the launch of GenRise, a partnership with Generation India Foundation that will upskill and empower 35,000 young people by March 2028. "With GenRise, we are taking a bold step forward in ensuring that young people from every corner of our State get the chance to rise, succeed, and contribute meaningfully to our growing economy," said Deputy Chief Minister, Udhayanidhi Stalin. Kranthi Kumar Pati, Managing Director, TNSDC, said, "Through GenRise, we are introducing innovative training models and advanced monitoring systems."

Source: *The Hindu*, 08 October 2025, p. 4

Hitachi Energy's next phase in Chennai at ₹2,000 crore to provide 3,000 jobs

In a social media post, Chief Minister Stalin says Fortune 500 giants were not just investing in T.N., they were reinvesting and expanding; Industries Minister T.R.B. Rajaa says that the CM met with Hitachi Energy's leadership to finalise their next phase of expansion

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Tamil Nadu government and Hitachi Energy to expand the latter's Global Technology and Innovation Centre in Chennai with an investment of ₹2,000 crore.

The MoU signed in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in the Secretariat is expected to generate jobs for about 3,000 professionals.

In a social media post, Mr. Stalin said Fortune 500 giants were not just investing in Tamil Nadu, they were reinvest-

Source: *The Hindu*, 16 October 2025, p. 5



Investment drive: A memorandum of understanding was signed between Hitachi Energy and the Tamil Nadu government in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at the Secretariat in Chennai on Wednesday.

ing and expanding. "Each reinvestment shows Tamil Nadu is India's industrial leader and a trusted global partner for innovation and growth."

Industries Minister T.R.B. Rajaa said that the Chief Minister on Wednesday met with Hitachi Energy's leadership to finalise their next

phase of expansion in the State - "a proposed investment of up to ₹2,000 crore which will create up to 3,000 new jobs - and these are all

high-value, high-paying, and hi-tech jobs." Their Global Technology and Innovation Centre in Chennai was already their largest global hub with around 3,000 engineers driving 1,000+ projects across 46 countries, and in just two years they are already expanding, the Minister said.

"This highlights the massive talent availability in Tamil Nadu. Every reinvestment and expansion is a testament to Tamil Nadu's unmatched talent and pro-business environment," he said.

Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam, Hitachi CEO Andreas Schierenbeck, Hitachi India MD Venu Nuguri were also present.

Ehime Nissan to train TN technicians for jobs in Japan

C SHIVAKUMAR @Chennai

EHIME Nissan is set to establish an automotive technician training school in the state in partnership with Guidance Tamil Nadu, creating a new pathway for Indian workers to secure overseas employment, Industries Minister TRB Rajaa said.

The programme will train around 100 participants over three years, combining technical instruction with Japanese language lessons. Two trainers from Ehime Nissan will oversee the training, aimed at strengthening local skills and supporting Tamil Nadu's ambition to become a global hub for automotive manufac-

turing. The initiative follows a visit by a Tamil Nadu delegation to Ehime Nissan's training centre in Matsuyama, Japan, in July 2025, when the minister invited the company to explore skill-development opportunities in the state. A follow-up visit by the Japanese team to Chennai in August included inspections of potential training sites, such as Central Polytechnic College and ITI Guindy, and meetings with faculty, students and officials from TN Skill Development Corporation and Guidance TN.

Local instructors in TN will lead the training, supported remotely by Japanese trainers through online modules.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 09 October 2025, p. 9

Proposed AI centre in Kovai may create 1,000s of jobs: PTR

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Coimbatore: Tamil Nadu govt has earmarked 18 acres of land in Coimbatore to establish an artificial intelligence (AI) centre of excellence through a public-private partnership (PPP), which is expected to generate “tens of thousands of jobs”, minister for information technology and digital services Palanivel Thiaga Rajan said on Friday. He said a GO for the model was passed last week.

At a conference organized

by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on “Transformation into the Next Era of Intelligence”, the CII-ICT AI Academy was launched.

“When routine tasks are automated, many low-level jobs are eliminated, but those who can monitor and manage machines gain in value and compensation. On the other hand, when complex jobs are automated, it lowers the skill barrier for entry but reduces wages,” the minister said.

“If it can be automated, it will be automated. The real

question is what is a responsible and ethical way to automate, and how much decision-making power we are willing to give to machines,” he said. PTR said govt was creating a large, privacy-protected database to enhance governance and citizen services. “Once data is validated, it will be made available to startups to train their models,” he said.

Later, the minister attended the inauguration of the performance car section at GEDEE Car Museum in Coimbatore.

Source: *The Times of India*, 18 October 2025, p. 6

Rozgar Mela offers Central govt. jobs to 116 candidates

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A total of 116 candidates received their appointment letters for jobs in various Central government departments at the 17th tranche of *Rozgar Mela* (employment fair) organised by the Department of Posts in the city on Friday.

The new recruits will join various departments, including the Department of Posts, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Department of Financial Services, and the Ministry of Railways.

G. Natarajan, Postmaster General, Chennai City Region, said the recruitment drive was a flagship programme launched in October 2022 to provide 10 lakh youngsters with jobs in Central government departments.

In Tamil Nadu, nearly 334 candidates received offer letters in similar events organised by the Postal Department at Tiruchi, Coimbatore and Madurai.



Recruitment drive: G. Natarajan, Postmaster General, Chennai City Region, distributing appointment orders on Friday. R. RAGU

on Friday. In the Chennai city region, 24 candidates were recruited for posts such as assistant branch postmaster and postal assistant, he said.

Azarudeen A., a B.Tech graduate from Vriddhachalam, who received an offer for the post of social security assistant in the Employment Provident Fund Organisation, Tambaram, said he would continue preparing for Staff Selection Commission exams. “There is limited awareness about Central government job opportunities and exams in the State.”

Bharathi A., from Tirutani, was one of the new recruits in the Department of Posts. “I had applied for a job in the department earlier this year and got appointed as assistant branch postmaster in Pudur, Arcot taluk. I will continue to take departmental exams.”

Addressing candidates via video conferencing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of the *Pratibha Setu* portal to harness the talent of those who reached the final stage of Union Public Service Commission exams but were not selected.

Source: *The Hindu*, 25 October 2025, p. 5

Tamil Nadu boasts a high female labour force participation rate but women's representation in the transportation sector remains low

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Time to empower women on the road

At 47%, female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) in Tamil Nadu is substantially higher than the national average of 32.5%, according to the periodic labour force survey (PLFS) 2024. In rural areas, FLFPR is even higher at 58.5%, mostly driven by agriculture and related activities, while in the urban areas, it is 33.6%, contributed by the manufacturing sector.

The numbers can be attributed to several factors, such as better access to schools, higher education institutions and increased female gross enrollment ratio (GER) in the institutions. Public policies and programmes such as the 'moovalur ramamirtham ammaiya ninaivu puthumai penn thittam' where all girl students in classes VI to XII in govt schools get a stipend of Rs.1,000 per month for pursuing higher education; thozhi hostels aimed at addressing the accommodation needs of working women; 'mahalir vidyal payanam' where free tickets are issued to women travelling in public buses; all serve as impetus for women to participate in labour force.

Tamil Nadu is the most urbanized state in the country, with 48.45% of the population living in urban areas, and a density of 3521 persons per sq km in urban areas, as per the 2011 census. The transportation sector in major cities of the state has scope for increased women's labour participation and a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for the women workforce.

However, presently in Tamil Nadu, only 5.56% of women workers represent the transportation and storage section, cites PLFS, 2023-24.

Some of the challenges include safety in public transport, lack of toilets in transit routes and stations, and inadequate surveillance and other safeguard mechanisms. Improving safety in segments around transportation will improve female labour force participation not only in the mobility sector, but in all other sectors. Women involved in the tertiary sector of the transportation industry are often part of the unorganised sector, such as auto drivers, cab drivers, and food delivery workers, among others.

Research shows that at least one-third of this workforce in Chennai fit the academic definition of single mothers. Given the context, there is enormous scope to improve the lives of women involved in these jobs.

It is time to roll out opportunities such as providing women-only pickup points for women auto drivers in major metro stations, railway terminals and bus stands across the state. A dedi-

cated space for women cab drivers in the airports may also guarantee a level playing field. The govt of Tamil Nadu had set up lounges to support gig workers. Such lounges with basic amenities may be created for women to feel safe and comfortable.

Self-help groups (SHGs) and cooperative societies can be promoted to manage facilities in lounges. These groups may also be encouraged to tackle issues that women drivers may face in the parking facilities as well.

The best practices followed in different countries such as policy level changes, uplifting the restrictions that hinder women entering the transport sector; mechanisms to skill and upskill women, an enabling environment for women to receive driving licences at ease, flexible work hours, introducing clean and safe restrooms, improving care economy and comprehensive parental leaves may be adopted to improve the female workforce in the transport sector in Tamil Nadu.

Countries such as Azerbaijan propose to remove about 700 legal job restrictions, which will encourage women to take up jobs as bus drivers. For example, there were restrictions on women working as drivers of buses with more than 14 seats in urban areas. Asking women who are pregnant or have children under three years of age to work night shifts on overtime or a holiday has been restricted.

At Dakar, Senegal, the Dakar Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, a model for the entire African continent, has resulted in private bus operators training a larger number of women to represent various transportation systems. The 'Mujeres Conductoras Program' implemented in Mexico aims to skill women to work as leaders, managers and drivers, while addressing the inequality that exists in the transport sector. In Europe,

women in transport – EU platform for change has been initiated to attract, recruit and retain women in the transport sector.

Importantly, the benefits that are tied to one job profile under ESI, labour welfare fund, etc., may be transferred while women take up jobs related to transportation and mobility. This will encourage many women to choose the mobility sector as one of the options.

Tamil Nadu has always been a pioneering state in the country in addressing social and economic issues ranging from self-respect, affirmative action, secularism, federalism, and democracy. Let us continue with the same spirit to tackle these new and evolving challenges as well.

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SHIFTING GEARS

% of workers in various sectors
■ Women ■ Men

AGRICULTURE IN RURAL AREAS



TERTIARY SECTOR IN URBAN AREAS



SELF-EMPLOYED



Tamil Nadu's score in SDG 5, gender equality: **53 out of 100**

Source: India Index report (2023-24) by NITI Aayog

Women working as professionals and technical workers in Tamil Nadu **59%**

National average **50.4%**

Proportion of women in Tamil Nadu managerial positions per 1,000: **190.18**



REVVING UP EQUALITY: There is enormous scope to improve the lives of women involved in the transportation sector

Source: The Times of India, 06 October 2025, p. 8

40% of Thiran students hit learning targets

After a 3-month intervention, 2.98 lakh of total 7.46 lakh schoolkids achieved expected basic learning outcomes

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR

@ Chennai

THE latest assessment conducted under the Targeted Help for Improving Remediation and Academic Nurturing (THIRAN) initiative in September has revealed that 40% of the 7.46 lakh government school students from Class 6 to 9 identified with learning gaps achieved expected basic learning outcomes (BLO).

In this assessment, which was done after interventions provided to these students since July under THIRAN initiative, 2.98 lakh (40%) of the 7.46 lakh students met the benchmarks. Teachers *TNIE* spoke to said though this as an improvement, it is of concern that 4.5 lakh students are yet to attain expected BLO, for which the threshold is minimal.

Kanniyakumari (70%), Tiruchy (63%), The Nilgiris (54%) and Perambalur (54%) recorded more than half the



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students achieving the expected outcomes. Vellore (28%), Virudhunagar (31%), Tiruvarur (32%), Tenkasi (33%), Tiruvannamalai (33%), Thanjavur (33%) and Salem (33%) fared poorly.

The school education department said the remaining students will be covered in the next phase of the initiative from October to February 2026

to help them also reach the expected BLO. "The department has to implement the initiative more intensively to improve the learning outcomes," said a higher secondary school headmaster. He, however, added that the physical copies of the learning materials for Class 9 are yet to be provided.

According to teachers, the quarterly examinations were conducted separately for students under the THIRAN initiative and regular students.

The exams carried marks ranging from 60 to 100, depending on the subject and class. Students who scored above 70% are expected to return to regular classes while remaining will continue to be given

targeted support, teachers said. Launched in July, THIRAN initially targeted students from Classes 6 to 8 who lagged in Tamil, English, and Mathematics, before later expanding to Class 9.

The initiative followed the State Level Achievement Survey (SLAS) 2025 which revealed significant learning gaps. The average scores for Class 8 students stood at 52% in Tamil, 39% in English, 38% in Mathematics, 37% in Science and 54% in Social Science, with Mathematics and Science emerging as the weakest subjects.

Subsequently, a baseline study was done to identify these 7.46 lakh students from Classes 6 to 9 who required interventions. The baseline assessment had 20 questions from each subject. Students

who scored 17 or less in each subject were selected to receive this additional support.

The 7.43 lakh students account for about 44% of the roughly 16 to 17 lakh students studying in government schools in these classes. However, it is noteworthy that a circular issued by the department directed the selection of at least 40% of students in each classes for remedial support under THIRAN.

It should include students who struggle to read and write two-to-three-letter words, read a sentence, reciting multiplication table and solving two-digit mathematical problems, the circular had said. The State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) provided learning materials to help improve their foundational skills.



The department has to implement the initiative more intensively to improve the learning outcomes. Besides, physical copies of the learning materials for Class 9 are yet to be provided

Headmaster of a higher secondary school

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 31 October 2025, p. 4

Applications invited under TN's Breadwinner Scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE school education department has allocated ₹11.17 crore for the Breadwinner Scheme, under which financial assistance of ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 is provided to students whose earning parent has either passed away or become disabled in an accident. The department has asked Chief Educational Officers in all districts to identify eligible students and forward applications so that the funds are fully utilised.

Introduced in 2005, the scheme is being implemented in both government and aided schools for students of all classes. Under it, ₹75,000 is deposited in the bank account of a student who has lost a parent, and ₹50,000 for those whose parent has become disabled due to an accident. The interest and the matured amount can be used to meet the student's educational and maintenance expenses. "The scheme was introduced in 2005 to reduce dropouts, as students become potential dropouts when an earning parent passes away. The amount for loss of a parent was increased from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 in 2014. Both amounts should be revised as it has been more than 10 years since the last hike," said a headmaster of a government school in Sivagangai.

So far, the department has spent ₹5.94 crore under the scheme, benefiting 810 students.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 22 October 2025, p. 2

TN to conduct 3 special TET exams for teachers in 2026

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: In the wake of the Supreme Court's order that all in-service teachers must clear the teacher eligibility test (TET), the Tamil Nadu school education department on Monday gave permission to the Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB) to conduct three special TETs in 2026 in Jan, July, and Dec.

"Based on the TET results and requirements, TRB will be allowed to conduct special TETs in 2027 for in-service teachers," school education secretary B Chandra Mohan said in an order. In its Sept 1 order, the Supreme Court gave two years for all in-service teachers, except those with less than five years, to clear the TET. "If any of such teachers fail to qualify for TET within the time that we have allowed, they have to quit service and they may be compulsorily retired," the court said in its order.

Teacher associations said about two lakh teachers wor-

king in govt and govt-aided schools were affected by this order and demanded the state govt conduct special TET exams for in-service teachers. They also said all these teachers were appointed before 2010 based on the rules that existed at that time.

Many states, including Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Kerala, have filed review petitions against this order in the Supreme Court.

Following this, the director of school education and director of elementary education have asked the state govt to conduct special TET exams once every four months to help the in-service teachers clear the eligibility test. They also asked the state govt to provide training through the State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) for in-service teachers. The school education department also directed the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) to provide online training at the district level.

Source: *The Times of India*, 15 October 2025, p. 4

CHENNAI TOPS LIST

179 govt schools enrol 50 more kids than last year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

AS many as 179 government schools across Tamil Nadu have enrolled at least 50 more students this academic year when compared to last year, with Chennai recording the highest number of such schools at 26. Of these schools, 13 are from Coimbatore and 10 each from Chengalpattu and Tiruchy districts.

Among the schools with high enrolment figures, Government Model Girls Higher Secondary School in Kumarpalayam, Namakkal, topped the list with 302 new admissions, followed by Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) in Karaikurichi, Ariyalur, with 234 students, and GHSS in Karu Poyyur, Ariyalur, with 231 students, respectively.

As announced during the demands for grants of the school education department in the state Assembly, the department recently presented certificates of appreciation to these schools for recording an increase in enrolment.

A total of 4.07 lakh students enrolled in government schools across Tamil Nadu this academic year, as against last

year's admission data which stood at 3.2 lakh across TN. While Class 1 admissions accounted for the largest share at 2.18 lakh students, enrolments in KG classes stood at 32,807, and classes 2 to 8 together registered 92,098 new students.

Overall, Tenkasi educational district saw the highest enrolment of 8,571 students followed by Dindigul (8,000) and Tiruchy (7,711). It may be noted that the increase in enrolment numbers can also be attributed to the late notification of admissions in private schools under the Right to Education Act, which usually benefits around 85,000 students.

Speaking to *TNIE*, K Kannan, principal of the Government Higher Secondary School at Arasur in Coimbatore — one of the schools featured in the list — said, "When I became headmaster in 2022, the school had 927 students. Over time, enrolment rose to 1,293. Our school has a STEM lab sponsored by an NGO and strong facilities, which have contributed to the rise in admissions."

"Currently, eight new classrooms are under construction, and we expect admissions to increase further once they are completed," he added.



Source: *The New Indian Express*, 13 October 2025, p. 2

T.N. to review Draft Private Universities (Amendment) Bill following pushback

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to withdraw and review the Draft Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, passed by the Assembly on October 18, in response to opposition from teachers' bodies and a section of MLAs.

"Based on observations made by members in the Assembly, views expressed in social media and public forums, and feedback received from educationists, subject experts, and education department officials, the honourable Chief Minister has asked for appropriate action to be taken," said a press release quoting Higher Education Minister Govi. Chezhaan.

Pointing out that the government was yet to grant approval to deemed universities that did not follow the State's reservation policies, a major concern raised by the teachers' bodies and MLAs, the Minister said the government was deeply committed to social justice in higher education and would guarantee adherence to reservation in appointments and



Govi. Chezhaan

admissions, regulate fees, and protect employee status.

The Bill, Mr. Govi. Chezhaan said, was brought in to simplify rules for setting up private universities. In the face of rapid urbanisation and gradual uptick in land value, finding large tracts of contiguous land had become a hurdle to starting new universities or converting existing ones. As per the Draft Bill, the land requirement was brought down from 100 acres to 25 acres in municipal corporation areas, 35 acres in town panchayat or municipality areas, and 50 acres in other areas by amending Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Private Universities Act, 2019.

Source: *The Hindu*, 26 October 2025, p. 6

Minister highlights TN's social justice mission at Cambridge forum

CHENNAI: School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi on Sunday highlighted Tamil Nadu's 'Dravidian Model' of education as a century-long social justice mission that uses learning as a tool for empowerment and equality. He was addressing the Cambridge South Asia Forum,

where he outlined the core principles of the model — universal access, social inclusion, democratising excellence and schemes that deliver change.

He cited flagship initiatives of the DMK government — the Pudhumai Penn, Tamil Pudhal-

van schemes, the Chief Minister's breakfast scheme and Naan Mudhalvan programme. "Tamil Nadu has 17 of India's top 100 higher education institutions and records zero dropout rates at the primary and middle school levels," he



noted, adding that the model has nurtured students who have gone on to become global leaders, he said.

"The Dravidian model of education is like a prism: it identifies hidden potential, embraces individuality, and celebrates each child's unique path," he stated.

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Source: *The New Indian Express*, 13 October 2025, p. 4

Sharp rise in students dropout rate in TN schools

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TAMIL Nadu has recorded a sharp increase in school dropout rates across three levels—primary (Classes 1–5), upper primary (6–8) and secondary (9–10) — in 2024–25, according to the latest Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) data released by the Union Ministry of Education on Tuesday.

In primary and upper primary levels, the dropout rate rose from 0% for both to 2.7% and 2.8% in 2024–25 respectively—



LEVEL	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Primary	1.1%	0.6%	0%	2.3%	0%	2.7%
Upper Primary	0.4%	0.6%	0%	0%	0%	2.8%
Secondary	9.6%	6.4%	4.5%	10.3%	7.7%	8.5%

the highest in the last five years since 2020–21. At the secondary level, it has increased from 7.7% in 2023–24 to 8.5% in 2024–25.

For a state that has long maintained some of the lowest dropout rates in the country, the latest figures have raised concerns and confusion among

educators. The School Education Department is yet to provide an explanation for the rise in dropouts. When contacted, a senior official said they would respond after examining the UDISE+ data in detail.

As per the UDISE+ definition, dropout rate represents the proportion of students en-

rolled at a particular level who are no longer enrolled in any grade the following year.

Tamil Nadu now trails its southern counterparts in the primary category, with Kerala (0.8%), Karnataka (0%), Andhra Pradesh (1.4%) and Telangana (0%) all recording lower dropout rates. **P9**

Steady decline in enrolment in TN govt schools

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THE state ranked ninth from the bottom nationally, a sharp contrast to its earlier standing as one of India's best-performing states.

It also fared poorly compared to the national average of 0.3% at the primary level. However, it performed better than the national average in upper primary (3.5%) and secondary (11.5%) categories.

The data further showed a steady decline in enrolment in government and government-aided schools, alongside a rise in private school admissions. In 2024–25, only 2.7 lakh students enrolled in Class 1 in government schools, down from 2.8 lakh in 2023–24. Enrolment in government-aided schools fell from 97,692 to 91,694 in the same pe-

riod. In contrast, private schools saw an increase, with Class 1 admissions rising from 5.17 lakh in 2023–24 to 5.62 lakh in 2024–25.

According to the report, Tamil Nadu had 57,935 schools in 2024–25, down from 58,722 the previous year, catering to 1.25 crore students and employing 5.49 lakh teachers.

The state's pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) improved slightly to 23 from 24 last year. However, the number of single-teacher schools rose sharply to 3,671 (from 2,758 in 2023–24), serving 95,353 students (up from 80,586).

The report also showed that about 98% of government schools have functional toilets, with 92.1% having functional girls' toilets and

86.9% having functional boys' toilets.

Activists have urged the School Education Department to ensure greater transparency in the out-of-school children survey, which they said should be conducted in coordination with all relevant government departments, local bodies, and NGOs.

"The survey must be conducted more effectively and its findings should be made public. The government should also consider reviving the bridge schools that once operated under the National Child Labour Programme, as they are crucial for reintegrating dropouts who return to school," said S C Natraj of Sudar, an NGO working with tribal children in Erode.



Source: *The New Indian Express*, 29 October 2025, p. 1 and 9

A fine arts college in Chennai that is a cradle of modern Indian art

The Government College of Fine Arts was established in 1850 as Madras School of Arts. It was first located on Popham's Broadway. After coming under the Department of Public Instruction in 1852, it shifted to its present campus on Poonamallee High Road, now known as E.V.R. Periyar Salai. Over the years, it has shaped generations of artists who influenced the cultural identity of Tamil Nadu

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Marking 175 years of artistic legacy this year, the Government College of Fine Arts at Egmore in Chennai is one of India's oldest art institutions and a cradle of modern Indian art. Established in 1850, it has shaped generations of artists who influenced the cultural identity of Tamil Nadu and beyond. Archival reports in *The Hindu* trace the origins of the college to the mid-19th Century. It began as the Madras School of Arts, founded by Alexander Hunter, a military surgeon. It was located on Popham's Broadway and functioned as a privately run school for two years, with a curriculum designed to train artisans to meet the needs of the British administration. In 1852, an eight-member committee, headed by Hunter, was constituted to overhaul the curriculum after consultations with East India House and the Royal Academy of Arts in London. The committee recommended that the institution be reorganised as the Government School of Industrial Arts. It also proposed two departments: Artistic and Industrial. The first focused on drawing, engraving, and pottery, while the second dealt with building materials and practical craft training.

The first Superintendent

The school came under the control of the Department of Public Instruction in 1852 and shifted to its present campus on Poonamallee High Road, now known as E.V.R. Periyar Salai. In 1855, Hunter was appointed the first



Standing tall: The Government College of Fine Arts at Egmore now houses six departments and a museum that showcases a rare collection of artistic works, including Mughal-era paintings. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Superintendent of the institution. British experts were invited to teach art and design, and a manufacturing unit was established to support practical training. Among Hunter's successors were E.B. Havell, W.S. Hadaway, and R.F. Chisholm. After Hunter retired in 1868, architect Chisholm, known for his Indo-Saracenic architecture buildings, took charge of the school and was officially appointed Superintendent in 1877. The same year, Havell expanded the scope of craft education by introducing wood carving, carpentry, and metalwork.

A major shift in the leadership came in 1929 when Debi Prasad Roy Chowdhury became the first Indian artist to be appointed the Principal. He is remembered for iconic public sculptures,

including the Triumph of Labour, known in Tamil as *Uzhaipalar Silai*, and the Mahatma Gandhi Statue on the Marina. He strengthened the fine arts curriculum and promoted a teaching method based on observation and direct experience. He was only 30 when he took over. In 1957, Roy Chowdhury was succeeded by noted painter K.C.S. Paniker, who played a key role in bringing together a generation of artists and laid the groundwork for the Madras Art Movement. Paniker introduced a pedagogical approach rooted in the techniques and visual language of the 20th Century European modernism. This opened space for experimentation in both technique and expression and helped to define the direction of contemporary art practice in

Madras. He also founded the Cholamandal Artists' Village near Chennai. Over the years, the college's faculty has included artists such as Ulaganatha Mudaliar, R. Krishna Rao, A.P. Santhanaraj, C.J. Anthony Doss, S. Kannappan, and P.B. Surendranath. The 4.25-acre campus now houses six departments and a museum that showcases a rare collection of artistic works, including Mughal-era paintings. Since 2013, the college has been affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University.

'A golden period'

Speaking to *The Hindu*, illustrator and alumnus Trotsky Marudu said the 1960s and 1970s were considered a golden period for the college. He recalled many artists who had trained under Paniker and other distinguished masters, later earned global recognition, and returned to the institution as faculty members. During his student years between 1971 and 1976, the college was headed by veteran sculptor and painter S. Dhanapal. He said animation had emerged as a significant art form and should be included in the curriculum to keep pace with contemporary artistic practices. He welcomed the government's efforts to improve the infrastructure of the institute. However, he pointed out that several rare objects and artefacts preserved in the museum required immediate documentation and digitisation to prevent deterioration.

Mr. Marudu, who serves as the chairman of the Tamil Nadu Government M.G.R. Film and Television Institute, said the curriculum should adopt a stronger interdisciplinary approach. The students of fine arts should collaborate with peers from film and fashion technology to stay relevant in a rapidly evolving creative landscape.

Actor Sivakumar, who studied at the college between 1959 and 1965, shared fond memories of his time there with *The Hindu* journalists at a recent interaction. He recalled how spot painting gained popularity during his student days. He also displayed some of his spot paintings from the 1960s, including those of the Shore Temple at Mamallapuram, the Arunachaleswarar Temple at Tiruvannamalai, and the Meenakshi Amman Temple in Madurai, featured in his book *Paintings of Sivakumar: A Unique Collection*.

Source: *The Hindu*, 24 October 2025, p. 6

Madras University undertakes performance analysis of depts

Involves 78 Depts Across 4 Campuses

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Chennai: To improve the quality of postgraduate programmes and research, the University of Madras is undertaking a performance evaluation of its 78 departments across the four campuses in Chepauk, Marina, Guindy, and Taramani.

The university will analyze the performance of departments, including admissions, placements, projects, and research publications.

"It will help us enhance the quality of academic programmes and research. The curriculum will also be revised according to recent developments," said Rita John, registrar of the university.

The university also plans to introduce innovative and

ENROLMENTS IN FOCUS

- ▶ The university has enrolled **1,522** students, which is a slight increase from **1,447** last year
- ▶ Indian philosophy, Buddhism among six courses without even one single student this year
- ▶ **Mathematics, criminology, cyber forensics, ancient history and archaeology, economics** among courses that attracted more students this year
- ▶ Performance evaluation will analyze enrolment, placement, projects and research publication



transdisciplinary programmes to attract more students to its postgraduate programmes.

Some of the science departments are doing well at the global and national levels with top-quality research and publications.

However, not all the departments are doing well, which is collectively pulling down the ranking of the university. The university is 38th in the NIRF rankings this year.

Some of the departments did not take steps to revamp

the curriculum for several years, which resulted in poor enrolment for PG courses, professors said.

Though the university collectively improved enrolment this year, as many as six courses, including Indian philosophy, Buddhism, comparative religion and philosophy with specialization in Christian studies, Kannada, Divyaprabandham, and folk music, did not attract a single student during the 2025-26 academic year.

Some faculty members

cited the huge vacancies in faculty positions as a reason for the poor interest among students.

The enrolment in PG programmes increased from 1,447 last year to 1,522 this year. Courses, including MSc mathematics, MSc criminology, MSc cyber forensics and information security, MA ancient history and archaeology, economics, and LLM in international law, attracted more students this year.

S P Thyagarajan, former vice-chancellor of the university, suggested bringing back the ranking of university departments, research centres, and affiliated colleges to improve them.

"Evaluation of the university departments is a good move. But the evaluation methodology should be objective. The university also needs to do an assessment of the needs of individual departments in terms of faculty, teaching-learning reforms, and research funding," he said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 11 October 2025, p. 5

TN schools to draw lots for RTE admissions

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Tamil Nadu school education department will conduct a lot system for RTE admissions at private schools on Oct 31.

According to data shared by the department, 7,717 schools across the state registered for RTE admissions. A total of 81,927 students applied for kindergarten, and 89 for Class I under the 25% reservation mandated by the Act.

For schools where the number of applications is less than the number of vacancies, there will be no draw of lots to select candidates. They can directly admit eligible students on Oct 30. For other schools, a draw of lots will be held on Oct 31.

“The process will be held in the presence of school heads and parents who have applied for admissions under the RTE Act. Selected students will later be officially tagged under RTE quota in the EMIS portal,” school education secretary B Chandramohan said in a release.

For schools where the number of applications is less than the number of vacancies, there will be no draw of lots to select candidates

Private school associations said the 81,927 applications are a stark drop from about 1.7 lakh received last year.

Following the release of more than ₹450 crore towards RTE reimbursement by Union govt, state govt announced the commencement of this year's admissions on Oct 2.

It ordered private schools to shift 25% of already admitted students to the RTE slab after verifying their eligibility and provided a 10-day deadline for schools to complete the process, and one week to refund the fee collected. This drew flak from schools and associations.

A school education department official said that the fee refund process would commence once the admission process ends.

Source: *The Times of India*, 25 October 2025, p. 5

ICC members in colleges, univs to be trained on adhering to legal protocols

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IN a significant step towards strengthening the redressal mechanism for sexual harassment complaints in higher education institutions, the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCH) has decided to conduct a comprehensive training programme for members of Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs). The initiative is aimed at ensuring that complaints of sexual harassment are addressed with greater sensitivity, efficiency, and adherence to legal protocols.

The training, scheduled to begin in October, comes in the wake of concerns raised by students and activists over mishandling of several sexual harassment

cases in colleges and universities across the state. Many of these cases, according to sources, have been delayed, dismissed prematurely, or dealt with in a manner that retraumatizes survivors, said a TANSCH official.

TANSCH officials emphasised that while ICCs were constituted in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015, there remain serious gaps in their functioning—largely due to lack of training, awareness, and empathy among committee members. “The objective of this training is to ensure that

ICC members understand their responsibilities under the law, and more importantly, approach each case with sensitivity and without bias,” said TANSCH vice-chairman MP Vijayakumar.



“The programme will cover legal provisions, survivor-centric approaches, documentation, confidentiality protocols, and techniques to avoid secondary victimisation,” he added.

Women rights activists, experts from the fields of law, psychology, gender studies, and human rights will also conduct the sessions. “Both government and private higher educational institutions in the state will be covered in a phased manner,” said Vijayakumar.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 03 October 2025, p. 2

Labs in govt colleges to be brought up to date

To Get New Curriculum, Experiments

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Chennai: After facing decades of neglect, academic laboratories in govt arts and science colleges will get a facelift with an updated curriculum and new experiments involving real-world problems from the next academic year. TN State Council for Higher Education has prepared an action plan for the labs to address issues faced by them.

"The lab curriculum will be revised to match the latest developments, teachers will be given lab-based pedagogical training, and assessments will test domain knowledge," a source from higher education department said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 25 October 2025, p. 5

STATE ACTION PLAN FOR LABS

➤ Revision of lab curriculum

➤ Lab-based pedagogy training for teachers

➤ Bringing reforms in experiments and assessment



➤ Upgrading labs in govt colleges with new equipment

➤ Govt allocated ₹61 crore for more than 200 arts, science, engineering colleges and polytechnic colleges

Students will also be encouraged to design experiments to solve real-world problems. Further, there will be emphasis on giving more time for lab experiments, implementing good lab practices, lab safety, documenting observations, and maintaining lab records.

As of now, lab experiments in colleges do not stimulate interest in science for students, and equipment in science labs is not functional. "Lab experiments in arts and science colleges have not been updated for the past two decades. Experts will suggest re-

forms needed in curriculum and assessment for each state university, which would implement it according to requirements," a source said.

"The revised curriculum will give a better conceptual understanding of science subjects. It would help increase PG admissions in science courses and improve the research ecosystem," the source added. State govt has allocated ₹61 crore to upgrade and provide new equipment to the govt college laboratories.

"A govt arts and science college will be allotted ₹25

lakh, while a govt engineering college will get ₹30 lakh. A polytechnic will be given up to ₹20 lakh," said a govt order by higher education secretary P Shankar. As many as 124 arts and science colleges, 11 engineering colleges, 16 constituent colleges of Anna University, and 54 govt polytechnics will get the funds over the next two years to buy equipment.

The fund allocation to each college may vary according to student strength, number of science departments, and present availability of equipment. State govt has formed an expert committee to finalise the requirement list of equipment needed for upgrading labs. "Equipment will be purchased by each college based on its needs. The expert committee will give specifications to ensure quality of equipment. Colleges will receive the communication next week," a source said.

BSc chemistry most sought basic science course in govt colleges

Admissions For Maths, Physics Low

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Chennai: Among the basic science courses, BSc chemistry attracted more students in govt arts and science colleges this year. Of 6,786 sanctioned seats in govt arts and science colleges, 5,890 seats (87%) were filled during admissions, which was conducted till Sept 30. Commerce, computer science and Tamil courses remain the most preferred courses overall in govt colleges.

GOVT COLLEGE SEATS, 2025

Course name	Sanctioned seats	Admitted	%
BCom	16,458	14,595	88
BSc computer science	11,077	9,823	88
BSc chemistry	6,786	5,890	87
BA Tamil	12,179	10,545	87
BSc physics	6,149	3,920	64
BA English	11,836	7,295	62
BSc maths	10,010	4,554	45

"In our college, BSc chemistry got the most applications, overtaking BCom. It could be because of availability of job opportunities for students after their UG degree," said R Raman, principal, Presidency College. The college received more than 15,000 applications for 200 seats in chemistry. The trend was followed in Gov-

ernment Arts College in Nandanam as well. "Opportunities in education have been an attraction for chemistry courses in the past few years — students can go to pharma, food, and other allied industries as researchers," said Bhavani, head, department of chemistry, Government Arts College, Nandanam.

Colleges said students can take up jobs as trainers in private schools for entrance exams. "Chemistry gives more career options to students — other than teaching — which could be a reason it draws in more students," career consultant Jayaprakash Gandhi said, adding that students completing MSc chemistry have options to join MTech programmes at top colleges if they clear the required exam.

However, according to admission data by directorate of collegiate education, admissions to BSc maths remain poor with 45% seats filled this year. In BSc physics, 36% seats remained vacant. Interest towards engineering courses is cited as a rea-

son for poor interest in BSc maths and physics courses. Some private and aided colleges have tried to combine emerging areas, including data science, with maths to increase admission rates. Teaching such emerging areas of study along with maths can attract more students, teachers said.

Courses such as BA English, history, and economics have filled more seats this year. New courses such as criminology, defence studies, psychology, costume design, and fashion technology have also filled more seats at govt colleges. Overall, 1,03,253 seats were filled in 180 govt arts and science colleges. The number of admissions has increased by 7,351 compared to last year.

Source: *The Times of India*, 24 October 2025, p. 4

TN to commence RTE admissions as centre releases its share of ₹538 cr

Govt announces 10-day window to regularise kids enrolled under RTE in unaided, non-minority schools

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THE state government has announced that it will issue notifications for admissions under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, for the academic year 2025-26 on October 6. The announcement follows the release of the centre's share of funds — ₹362.81 crore for the entire 2024-25 academic year and ₹175.59 crore as the first instalment for 2025-26.

However, since the academic year has already begun, the admission under this category for this academic year will cover those eligible children who are already enrolled in entry-level classes in unaided and non-minority schools across the state.

The Madras High Court, in June, directed the centre to consider delinking the RTE component from the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme and disbursing the funds separately. Accordingly, the matter was examined and, with the approval of the union education minister, it was decided to implement the direction, said a note shared by the education department. However, it is uncertain whether the centre has decided to permanently delink RTE from the SSA scheme.

Under RTE, 25% of seats in entry-level classes (LKG/Class 1) of all unaided non-minority private schools are reserved for students from economically disadvantaged sections. The

COURT ORDER IMPLEMENTED

JUN 10 Madras HC directed centre to delink RTE component from SSA and disburse funds separately

AUG 22 Supplementary Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting held

2024-25

₹604.68 cr approved
₹362.81 cr (full central share) released

(Helpline/email support for grievance redressal and technical assistance on 14417 or rteadmission@tnschools.gov.in)

PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Oct 6:** Admission notification to be issued
- Oct 7:** Schools to upload total entry-level seats as of Sept 30
- Oct 8:** 25% seats to be identified and displayed in school login
- Oct 9:** Uploading of details of eligible children, with documents
- Oct 10 & 13:** Publishing of list of eligible/ineligible applicants; parents may submit missing documents
- Oct 14:** Final list of eligible children to be published
- Oct 15:** Tagging of eligible children under RTE quota in EMIS (if less than 25% seats are filled)
- Oct 16:** Random selection (if applications are over 25%, after priority admissions; results displayed)
- Oct 17:** Tagging of selected children in the EMIS portal

state government, which usually issues notification for the admissions, did not issue it this year citing non-release of SSA funds from the central government. This was also seen as the main reason as to why the admissions in government schools across the state, which was 3.2 lakh in 2024-25, rose to more than four lakh this year. On an average, 85,000 students are admitted in private schools under RTE every year.

This year, RTE admissions will not be open for fresh applicants. Instead, a 10-day online window has been announced to regularise children already admitted in entry-level classes under the RTE quota for which parents, who wish to apply, can approach the respective school headmasters. Priority admission will be given to the children from vulnerable categories, including orphans, HIV-affected or infected chil-

dren, transgender children, children of manual scavengers and disabled children. In cases where the number of applications exceeds the available quota, a transparent random selection process will be carried out, said the press release.

The release also stated that private schools have been asked to refund the fee already collected within seven working days, with confirmation from both the school and parents.

It is to be noted that a Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting was held in August, which took into account the expenditure incurred by the state government in 2024-25. The PAB approved ₹604.68 crore under the RTE entitlements component for 2024-25, of which the central share is ₹362.81 crore. For 2025-26, ₹585.31 crore was approved, with the central share amounting to ₹351.18 crore.

V Easwaran of the Marumalarchi Makkal Iyakkam, who had filed a contempt petition against the TN government for delaying RTE admissions, said that under the Act, seats reserved for economically disadvantaged students must be kept vacant for six months. "It is illegal to choose from students already admitted after private schools have filled seats as they wish. This has deprived many children of the opportunity to benefit from the Act," he said, urging the government to increase the number of RTE seats this year in view of the delay.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 03 October 2025, p. 5

Classrooms turn media houses to improve kids' spoken English

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Chennai: For the past few months, spoken English classes at the Government Girls' Higher Secondary School in Ashok Nagar have not been taught the conventional way. Instead, classrooms have turned into media houses, and students don the hats of reporters, anchors, and debaters to practise conversations.

Students divide themselves into five groups, comprising 8-10 members each, and enact different programmes appearing on a TV channel. "The activities are divided into three modules. The first one involves programmes where students report on an important event of the day. An anchor asks a reporter for an update on a situation, and the reporter then interviews somebody on the ground," said R



Hemalatha, BT assistant, who came up with the initiative.

This idea is now among the 18 innovative education practices in schools and education institutes chosen by Region Institute of Education, Mysore, for this year. The school has to submit a report in Dec, based on which the module will be shortlisted for the next level. If chosen, the next level of scrutiny will be done by the NCERT in March, after which a select set of candidates will be felicitated with a cash award and certificate.

"As part of the second module, students will speak on a

particular topic for five minutes, akin to TV shows. As part of the third, students will carry out one-on-one interviews with their peers. The plan is to videograph the proceedings next and relay it in classrooms that have smart boards, so that other students can be inspired to engage," she added.

Headmistress K Vasuki said, "Initially, we held spoken English classes the conventional way. From July, we decided to take it up a notch, and that's when the idea brewed. The plan now is to think of more innovative, interactive ideas that can work in classroom setups."

"Such ideas show that govt school HMs also think out of the box instead of teaching by the book. They also help students learn effectively," Chennai chief education officer Sahyabama said.

Source: *The Times of India*,
28 October 2025, p. 5

TN brings in digital worksheets with higher order questions

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Chennai: To prepare students to answer application-oriented questions from a young age, state school education department will introduce interactive digital worksheets with higher order thinking questions for Classes I to V next month. The assessment cell from State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) prepared a question bank for students in subjects such as English, maths, science, and social science.

"The digital worksheets will be solved on smart boards. Teachers will explain the questions and will solve them using the concepts taught in classro-

oms. Exposure to these questions will help state board students to do well in national level competitive exams," an official from the department said. Students will get these question papers in the first week of every month.

For Classes VI to IX, general knowledge questions will be added. Students wrote three such tests this academic year. Teachers from govt schools download the questions from the portal and give pen and paper tests to students.

"The initiative is being implemented on a voluntary basis. It is expected to help students to do well in any exam without fear," another official said. A circular from SCERT

and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan to chief educational officers said, "Teachers should interact with students about these questions so they themselves find answers based on the concepts they learned in class."

Further, school education department is planning to launch an upskilling training programme for teachers to set up higher-order thinking-based questions.

"As of now, a few schools in the state are doing well in national level exams as some teachers are teaching the concepts and their applications to their students better. This will be expanded to other schools by this upskilling programme," another official said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 28 October 2025, p. 4

180 govt college students to be trained for entrance tests

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Chennai: As many as 180 students in undergraduate and postgraduate physics, maths, and chemistry courses have been shortlisted by the state govt to undergo three months of training to crack entrance tests of top research institutions in the country.

The training for these students will commence in the first week of Dec.

Experienced faculty members will train them to solve problems in physics, chemistry, and maths, answering higher-order thinking questions and previous years' question papers.

"These students will receive residential coaching for one week in Dec. They will be taught time management, how to approach the questions, and find answers quickly. It will be followed by online sessions and group discussions," a source from the higher education



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department said.

UG students will be given training to appear for IIT JAM (joint admission test for masters), JEST (joint entrance screening test), and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Graduate School (GS) entrance exam. PG students will be given training to crack GATE (graduate aptitude test in engineering), JEST, and NET (national eligibility test).

By cracking these tests, students can get admissions to more than 30 re-

search institutions including the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Raman Research Institute, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER), TIFR, and IITs.

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCH) will provide the application fee to apply for these exams. Students will be encouraged to ask doubts and to have group discussions about the problems in their lessons and question papers.

"A majority of students shortlisted for training are women and they are from districts across the state, including Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai and Tirunelveli," the source added.

Professors and lecturers teaching physics, chemistry, and maths will also be provided similar training opportunities to take analytical questions and solve the problems. A training programme for them is scheduled in Nov.

Source: *The Times of India*, 27 October 2025, p. 4

Planning panel flags digital, training gaps in Naan Mudhalvan initiative

Recommends steps to be taken such as improving rural connectivity and upskilling trainers

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THE Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission (SPC), while documenting the positive impact of the state's flagship skill-building initiative Naan Mudhalvan, has raised concerns over key implementation gaps, calling for urgent reforms to strengthen digital infrastructure, trainer quality, and institutional co-ordination, especially in rural areas.

While the scheme has been lauded for expanding career opportunities and improving employability among engineering and polytechnic students, a report compiled by the SPC highlighted sharp disparities between urban and rural regions in terms of access and delivery. The impact assessment, conducted among 3,950 students from 55 engineering colleges and 5,059 students from 72 polytechnics across 19 districts, found that 76% of engineering and 81% of polytechnic respondents believed Naan Mudhalvan had improved their job prospects.

However, the report flagged a key issue — the lack of digital infrastructure in tier 2 and 3 towns. Students faced poor internet connectivity, outdated computer systems, and limited access to course-specific software, forcing many to depend on recorded sessions instead of real-time learning, the report said. To address this, the commission recommended that the government partner with telecom providers to expand 5G connectivity in rural areas and establish digital labs equipped with modern systems and software. It also recommended setting up regional Centres of Excellence (CoEs) to provide



Chief Minister MK Stalin and Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin with Naan Mudhalvan beneficiaries who cleared UPSC exam | FILE PIC

Key recommendations

- Enhance rural connectivity and digital infrastructure
- Establish digital labs and regional Centres of Excellence
- Launch statewide trainer upskilling programme in collaboration with tech firms
- Provide subsidies for tablets, dongles, and internet access for poor students
- Strengthen trainer expertise in advanced topics
- Use of Artificial Intelligence

Challenges

- Web portal and data connectivity issues
- Shortage of qualified trainers for advanced technical courses
- Travelling to hub institutions
- Scheduling difficulties



shared access to advanced tools and infrastructure for students in smaller cities.

The SPC also highlighted an acute shortage of qualified trainers, particularly in rural institutions. Many lacked expertise in advanced technical subjects, leading to poor student engagement, especially among first-generation learners, the

report said. To bridge this gap, it proposed a statewide trainer upskilling programme in collaboration with global tech firms, offering certifications in emerging fields such as artificial intelligence, data science, and green energy.

The report further criticised the hub-and-spoke model adopted when local institutions failed

to meet the minimum enrolment requirement of 60 students. The arrangement, it said, forced students — particularly women — to travel long distances to hub institutions, facing transport and safety concerns. Host institutions also struggled with inadequate facilities to handle the additional load.

Highlighting the financial burden on economically disadvantaged students, the commission proposed subsidies for tablets, dongles, and internet packages, along with community tech centres offering shared digital resources. To improve coordination and scheduling, it also recommended introducing a cloud-based scheduling platform linked to academic calendars and creation of regional coordination hubs for real-time communication.

The report underscored that unless systemic issues such as the digital divide, trainer shortages, and logistical barriers are addressed, the impact of Naan Mudhalvan would remain uneven.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 15 October 2025, p. 4

Cancer care spending rising steadily under CM's insurance scheme

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Spending on cancer care under the Tamil Nadu government's Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS) has steadily increased over the years. Health officials say the amount spent on oncological treatments – medical, surgical, and radiation – was ₹142 crore in 2023, ₹147 crore in 2024, and ₹84 crore till August this year.

Coronary angioplasty and dialysis lead the list of procedures covered by the CMCHIS. "Now, medical oncology and radiation oncology are among the top

When we consider oncology as a whole, at least 90%-95% of the treatments are covered under the CMCHIS. Almost all surgeries are covered.

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Super Speciality Hospital

10 packages to be covered under the CMCHIS. Utilisation is increasing," an official said.

The CMCHIS has detailed treatment protocols for oncology. All are inter-

nationally approved protocols, a senior official said, adding, "Oncology is an evolving field, and we add treatments as required. Treatments for a significant number of patients are met by the CMCHIS."

Empanelled hospitals

Currently, 183 hospitals are empanelled under the CMCHIS for medical oncology, 171 for surgical oncology, and 52 for radiation oncology.

Palliative chemotherapy is the major outgo in medical oncology, while linear accelerator and cobalt therapy are available in radiation oncology. In 2022, the packages were updated. A few

drugs for immunotherapy were also added, while chemotherapy already has wide coverage, officials said.

D. Suresh Kumar, Professor of Surgical Oncology, Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, said, "We have packages from conventional radiation therapy to stereotactic radiation therapy. All basic drugs and a few targeted therapies are covered. When we consider oncology as a whole, at least 90%-95% of the treatments are covered under the CMCHIS. Almost all surgeries, including minimally invasive surgeries, are co-

vered." Giving an instance, he said a specific injection used as a targeted therapy for breast cancer is covered under the scheme.

"Patients need 18 injections a year. The cost of each injection varies from ₹20,000 to ₹50,000," he said.

Kalpna Balakrishnan, chief executive officer and medical director of Cancer Institute (WIA), said the institute is one of the CMCHIS's top utilisers and is recognised by the State government on August 15 every year. "It is mostly utilised to cover radiation treatments, and to some extent, surgery and medical oncology. The scheme

also covers paediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) and pays about ₹9 lakh- ₹12 lakh," she said.

The CMCHIS comes into play in paediatric oncology for BMT, Rishab Bhargava, Consultant, Paediatric Haematology, Oncology, Blood and Marrow Transplantation, MGM Cancer Institute, added. "In patients with blood cancers, if the cancer relapses after chemotherapy and radiation, they will need BMT. As a policy, the State government supports the treatment through the CMCHIS. We have one or two patients every month who are covered under the scheme for BMT. About ₹10

lakh is provided in the case of fully matched donors and ₹15 lakh in the case of half-matched donors. This is very beneficial for them," he said.

Palliative care

However, Dr. Kalpana Balakrishnan pointed out that palliative care is not covered. "Cancer is a journey from screening to palliation. Treatment-wise, when nothing more can be done for a patient, palliative care is essential," she said. Several private hospital doctors urged the government to revise package rates in line with the rising treatment cost and inflation.

Source: *The Hindu*, 07 October 2025, p. 6

City gets digital platform for medical reports

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: All govt medical colleges and hospitals have been directed to abandon the tradition of handwritten autopsy and injury reports and start using the digital platform developed by National Informatics Centre, Medico-Legal Examination and Postmortem Reporting (MedLEaPR), from Friday.

The digitalized system, already in use in many states, will be implemented on a pilot basis to enforce accountability and standardize documentation.

In a directive to all deans, director of medical Education Dr R Suganthi Rajakumari, who holds admini-

Reports, to be digitized by the MedLEaPR system, will include medico-legal reports for injury, age estimation, sexual assault cases, and post-mortem reports, including those for fetuses

strative control of govt medical colleges and hospitals, said the MedLEaPR module shall be implemented as a standalone system on a pilot basis with an option to integrate it with Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) once it is ready.

These reports include medico-legal reports for injury, age estimation, sexual assault cases, and post-mortem reports, including those for fetuses, as per Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act.

She directed deans to issue necessary instructions to faculty of forensic medicine department to generate and issue a signed hard copy of legal reports generated through the MedLEaPR portal by Oct 3.

The centralized digital platform improves transparency, efficiency, and accountability in medico-legal processes, according to Ravi Gandhi Government Ge-

neral Hospital dean Dr K Shantharam.

"It replaces traditional reports, which are often handwritten and sometimes illegible, with secure, standardised, and digitally signed documentation. In today's age, this is the best way to report medico-legal cases," he said.

Authorized officials will get real-time access to reports, and police will receive alerts about reports via SMS and emails.

A senior forensic expert said digitally signed reports make them legally defensible.

"This improves coordination between health and law enforcement agencies," said a senior doctor.

Source: *The Times of India*, 03 October 2025, p. 6

Heat triggers kidney disease in TN farm workers: Study

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

At least 5.31% of agricultural workers in the state have permanent kidney damage, and in half of them there are no known causes such as diabetes, long-standing hypertension, family history or underlying disease, says a study by Madras Medical College. Prolonged heat exposure and dehydration may be driving the trend, says the study published in the medical journal Lancet.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a condition where the kidneys gradually lose their ability to filter waste and excess fluids from the blood. The study was initiated by the state govt to assess CKD and chronic kidney disease of unknown cause (CKDu) among agricultural workers. Studies across the globe have reported “hotspots” linked to occupational heat stress, exposure to agrochemicals, and environmental toxins among agricultural workers.

The study, conducted between Aug and Dec 2023 across 125 villages in five agro-climatic zones, surveyed 3,350 workers. “We did the tests for kidney function in two phases—in Aug and again in Dec,” said the study’s first and corresponding author, Dr N Gopalakrishnan, a senior nephrologist who leads the state organ transplant network, Transtan. In phase 1, of the 3,350 participants, 584 (17.43%) had deterioration in kidney function. When the test was repeated three months later, the percentage of people with poor renal function dropped to 5.31%.

“Many people did not test positive for poor renal function the second time because they were in the transient stage. The kidneys suffered damage but recovered soon. The disease was asymptomatic in these patients. So, they must be monitored intensely because they are at risk of developing CKD. When heat levels came down, the prevalence came down too,” said Dr Gopalakrishnan.

Source: *The Times of India*, 29 October 2025, p. 3

THE STUDY

Tamil Nadu was divided into five agro-climatic regions



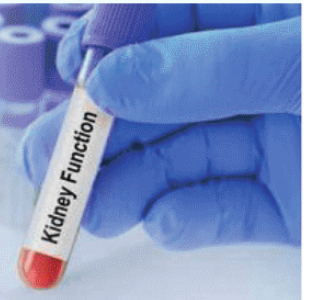
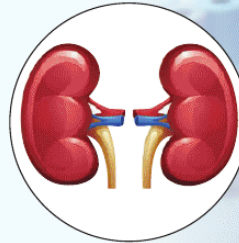
Samples were drawn from **30** adults in each of **25** villages



Of the **3,750** people approached, **3,350** agreed to participate

PHASE 1

In **3,266** participants, blood and urine samples tested normal; **50** samples lysed; and **34** samples were not provided



Of the samples tested, **2,674** were normal, **584** showed deteriorating kidney function, and **8** participants were diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD)

PHASE 2

Among **642** samples collected, **543** were tested

Of these, **174** individuals were diagnosed with CKD-**89** had co-morbidities, and **89** had CKDu (chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology)

The prevalence was highest in the 11 northeastern districts, including Chennai, Tiruvallur, and Kancheepuram, followed by 10 districts in the southern zone, where heat stress was also greatest. The disease was the least in the northwestern zone, including the Nilgiris, where daily temperatures were lowest. In all zones, prevalence dropped with along the temperature in Dec.

Men, older adults, and those with hypertension, anaemia, or longer outdoor work hours faced a higher risk, the authors said. Source of potable water, history of snake bite, history of Covid-19 infection and alcohol intake had no association with CKD prevalence. “While we were able to establish heat as one of the

key sources, we cannot rule out risk from other factors such as pesticides and water sources,” said senior nephrologist Dr R Sakthirajan from Madras Medical College. In Namakkal, Salem, Dharmapuri, and Krishnagiri the temperature wasn’t as high as in the south. Yet, west and south zones had 6.4% of people with poor kidney function, compared to 7.6% in the northeastern zone, he said. “We don’t know what the other triggers are,” he added.

“We must find out if pesticides and water play a role in kidney diseases,” Dr Gopalakrishnan said. For now, the recommendations to farm workers are: walk into a shade after 45 minutes of work, drink enough water, and use the restroom when required, Dr Gopalakrishnan said.

T.N. Health Department pilots cancer screening programme in 2 districts

Upon diagnosis, patients will be referred to higher health facilities for treatment; funded by JICA, the initiative is piloted in Coimbatore, Ariyalur districts; it aims at improving early diagnosis rate

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To strengthen early diagnosis of cancer, the Tamil Nadu Health Department is piloting cancer screening programmes in two districts. While screening for colorectal cancer is under way in Coimbatore district, generalised cancer screening for women is being designed for Ariyalur district.

Officials of the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project said that the screening programme had been taken up by the department jointly with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and was funded by JICA. This is part of the Project for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases in Tamil Nadu – TNNCD (Oncology) Project.

According to JICA's newsletter, one of the project components is to strengthen early diagnosis of colorectal cancer for patients showing up with suspicious signs and symptoms at government health facilities. "The process is on to start the screening in Ariyalur. It will be a general-



The programme is part of the Project for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases in Tamil Nadu. FILE PHOTO

ised screening for women, focusing on cervical and breast cancers. Training of staff is in progress," an official said.

Confirmatory services

He added that through this screening, they were creating a protocol to identify cases at the primary level and refer to a higher health centre. "The Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine takes care of the preventive screenings. If patients are identified in these two pilot districts, they will be routed to the treatment facilities in the government set-up. We have an upcoming apex centre at Karapettai where huge infrastructure is be-

ing built for cancer care," he said.

Another official said that screening was offered at all levels. "In case of positive findings during screening, the confirmatory services are provided at major government hospitals, district headquarters hospitals or government medical college hospitals. So, in Coimbatore, the confirmatory services will be provided mainly at the Polachi government hospital and Coimbatore Government Medical College Hospital, and in Ariyalur, the services will be provided at the Jeyamkondan government hospital and Government Medical College Hospital, Ariyalur," the official

said. Colonoscopy is the confirmatory test for colorectal cancer. Colposcopy and mammography will be the next level confirmatory test for cervical cancer and breast cancers respectively, followed by biopsy of suspicious lesions. On confirmation of disease in the biopsy samples, they will be referred for appropriate staging, workup and treatment.

"We have Regional Cancer Centres at the Government Medical College Hospitals in Madurai, Coimbatore, Thanjavur, and Tirunelveli, and Government Royapettah Hospital in Chennai. All three specialties of Surgical, Medical and Radiation Oncology are in place," she said. In Coimbatore, diagnosed patients are referred to the medical college hospital here for further treatment, and in Ariyalur, they are referred to Thanjavur where all facilities, including Linear Accelerator, are available. The 750-bed apex centre at Karapettai is coming up at Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital. Regional and tertiary cancer centres are being strengthened, officials said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 05 October 2025, p. S1

TN relaxes rules to fill 1,472 health inspector posts

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Chennai: To facilitate better public health services such as food quality checks, disease outbreak surveys, and monsoon preparedness, the Tamil Nadu govt granted a one-time relaxation in age and qualification norms to fill 1,472 health inspector vacancies. This will help in corporations being better prepared for monsoon.

The govt will now hire staff under grade-II postings who completed one-year health inspector or sanitary inspector courses, recognized as equivalent to the two-year courses by the directorate of public health, to apply. The govt also removed the cap on the upper-age limit for candidates as a one-time measure to facilitate quicker hiring.

Health department officials said health inspectors play a key role during the monsoon, helping in vector-control disease outbreak outreach, taking dip counts of mosquitoes, inspecting door-to-door breeding, and checking poor quality water or food sold in roadside stalls. "Most of the vacancies in urban corporations will be filled shortly," the official said.

According to a recent health department GO, of the 1,472 vacancies, 43 have been set aside under the 3% reservation quota for meritorious sports persons, while 1,429 will be filled through com-

ROLES OF HEALTH INSPECTORS



munal rotation, including 53 shortfall posts for SC and ST candidates.

The decision follows the Madras High Court directive urging the govt to expedite the recruitment process and permit eligible applicants with the one-year course to participate. The court also asked the state to consider age relaxation requests and conduct a competitive written examination through MRB.

The state approved MRB's proposal for the distribution of these vacancies and allowed the inclusion of the relaxation clauses in the notification.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has been tasked with preparing the confidential question bank for the written examination, to be conducted as a computer-based test.

Source: *The Times of India*, 20 October 2025, p. 6

National Centre of Ageing gets new equipment worth ₹60 lakh, books for ₹3 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
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The National Centre of Ageing (NCA), Guindy, has procured new endoscopy, dental, and ophthalmic instruments worth ₹60 lakh. It has also purchased books worth ₹3 lakh for the library for postgraduate students.

According to a press release, the NCA also conducted a 'Healthy Ageing' camp to celebrate the International Day of Older Persons recently. A total of 1,377 people attended the camp and were screened for hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and cancer. Laboratory investigations and ECG were also done, and specialist opinion obtained for selected patients.

Source: *The Hindu*, 04 October 2025, p. 2



The Centre also conducted a 'Healthy Ageing' camp recently.

Information, education, and communication kiosks on various health programmes, including *Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam*, the National Blindness Control Programme, and National Mental Health Programme, were installed.

The NCA, which was inaugurated on February 25, 2024, has so far treated

3,80,594 elderly people in the outpatient department and 10,612 in-patients. It provides daily outpatient services and special facilities, including comprehensive geriatric assessment and frailty clinics. It has 55 intensive care unit beds and five modular theatres, the release said.

Ma. Subramanian, Health Minister; Lalit Wadhwa, Adviser (Cost) and Joint Secretary (AB-PMJAY), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW); Alok Mathur, Deputy Director-General of Health Services, MOHFW; and State nodal officers of the National Programme for the Health Care of the Elderly from Meghalaya and Telangana participated.

T.N. gets 25% of all medical tourists visiting India: Minister



Ma. Subramanian

The Hindu Bureau
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Tamil Nadu receives approximately 25% of all medical tourists visiting India, and this number is likely to increase in the future, Health Minister Ma. Subramanian said on Friday.

Attributing the data to the Tourism Department, Go-

vernment of India, he said that every year, the State received 15 lakh people from abroad for medical tourism. He was speaking at the three-day international medical conference - Future of Medicine 2.0 - organised by the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University for the second year.

He said the State had ad-

vanced equipment, such as the robotic surgery unit at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Omandurar Estate.

Only Central institutes such as the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, and about four to five private hos-

pitals in the State had the facility, he said.

A total of 38 international delegates from nine countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Singapore, Qatar, and Sri Lanka, are taking part in the conference. About 15,000 doctors and students are participating.

Source: *The Hindu*, 18 October 2025, p. 5

‘Floods not act of nature’: Experts call for reforms in land, water use

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AS the state is bracing for the north-east monsoon, experts have warned that Chennai's recurring floods are not acts of nature but failures of planning and governance.

At the 'Tamil Nadu Land Use 2025' conference organised by the state planning commission, top disaster management officials, scientists, and citizen groups called for urgent reforms in the way land and water are managed, emphasising that unplanned urbanisation and policy silos have turned natural hazards into man-made disasters.

V Thiruppugazh, chairman of the Advisory Committee for Mitigation of Floods in Chennai, set the tone with a blunt assessment. "Disasters are not acts of nature. They are brutal audits of our development choices." Drawing from three decades in disaster management, he said every calamity reveals fractures created by human neglect. "In 2019, Chennai was on the brink of 'Day Zero,' and yet we saw devastating floods in 2015, 2021, and 2023," he said.

Thiruppugazh identified three fractures that have deepened Chennai's vulnerability — unplanned development, fragmented governance, and neglect of the natural character of land and water. "When we ignore



Residents wading through the severely waterlogged Semmancheri and DLF City regions of Chennai during the 2021 floods | FILE PIC

the natural character of the land, we pre-register for a future disaster. Water doesn't encroach during floods, it is simply reclaiming what we stole from it," he remarked.

While the government is finalising a flood mitigation plan for Chennai, the session spotlighted citizen-led examples of how communities are restoring the city's lost water resilience. Sunil Jayaram, co-founder of Chitlapakkam Rising, narrated how residents revived the Chitlapakkam lake after decades of neglect. "The 2015 flood and the 2016 drought were our wake up calls," he said. Once a garbage dump, the lake was reclaimed through community au-

ditions, public mobilisation, and collaboration with the Water Resources Department (WRD).

A case study presented on Sembakkam lake, part of the Pallikarainai marshland cascade, illustrated the magnitude of Chennai's challenge. The lake receives 8 million litres of sewage daily, lacks a proper drainage network, and sits at the confluence of three municipal boundaries. Researchers from IIT Madras and The Nature Conservancy found that decades of siltation and unscientific dredging had distorted the lake's shape, reducing its storage capacity and groundwater recharge potential.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 07 October 2025, p. 5

Tidal nursery opens in Pichavaram; first-of-its-kind in India

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Chennai: In a first for India, the Pichavaram Mangrove Forest has launched a tidal nursery—a pioneering model that harnesses natural tidal flows to raise hardier mangrove saplings with survival rates of up to 95%.

State forest secretary Supriya Sahu said that unlike conventional nurseries that depend on a short seed collection season and freshwater treatment before planting, the tidal nursery enables year-round production of resilient saplings. "Developed by the forest department and fully supported by the Green Tamil Nadu Mission, the method places seedlings on floating plat-



PRESERVING ECOSYSTEMS: About three lakh seedlings of four species are being raised in the floating nursery

forms in tidal waters for six to eight months," she said.

This exposure helps the saplings adapt naturally to salinity, water movement, temperature variations,

and tidal fluctuations. Officials explained that the process significantly strengthens the seedlings, making them sturdier with thicker stems and higher survival

rates once transplanted.

Currently, about three lakh seedlings of four species—*Avicennia marina*, *Avicennia officinalis*, *Rhizophora mucronata*, and *Rhizophora apiculata*—are being raised in the floating nursery. The initiative also records the participation of the Kalaigai Nagar Village Mangrove Council, along with frontline staff who are actively involved in nurturing and protecting the plants.

One of the major breakthroughs of the model is its high success rate. Forest officials revealed that seedlings hardened in tidal conditions achieve a survival rate of nearly 95%, vastly

outperforming traditional nursery-grown plants.

Experts underline the importance of mangroves in acting as natural shields against coastal erosion, sea-level rise, and cyclones, while hosting diverse marine and bird life. With 13 true mangrove species found in Pichavaram alone, large-scale restoration is expected to benefit enormously from this sustainable model.

"The tidal nursery is not just about raising plants—it is about ensuring resilience," said forest officials, who expect the success at Pichavaram to inspire similar efforts in other places across India's coastline.

Source: *The Times of India*, 01 October 2025, p. 6

T.N. sanctions ₹1 cr. for conservation of four less-known endangered species

The Hindu Bureau
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The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned ₹1 crore for the conservation of four less-known endangered species: the lion-tailed macaque, Madras hedgehog, striped hyena, and hump-headed mahseer.

The Government Order (G.O.), issued in this regard on September 29, follows an announcement made by the Minister for Forests and Khadi during the Legislative Assembly session in March 2025.

Wider coverage

The initiative is part of the State's efforts to expand biodiversity conservation efforts beyond popular species such as elephants and tigers, focusing instead on species that play important ecological roles but have received limited attention, an official release said.

Under the scheme,

Source: *The Hindu*, 04 October 2025, p. 6



Protected species: The lion-tailed macaque, Madras hedgehog, and striped hyena. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

₹48.5 lakh has been allocated to the lion-tailed macaque, an endangered primate endemic to the Western Ghats that survives in fragmented rain-forest patches.

The Madras hedgehog, a nocturnal and little-studied mammal found in semi-arid landscapes of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala, will receive ₹20.5 lakh.

The near-threatened striped hyena, a scavenger species facing population

declines in areas such as the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, has been allocated ₹14 lakh.

Hump-headed mahseer

Hump-headed mahseer, a critically endangered fish, once abundant in the Moyar but now affected by dam construction, overfishing, pollution, and invasive species, will be supported with ₹17 lakh.

The release said the funds will be used for activities including habitat

These efforts are expected to generate baseline data on species population and habitat quality, helping to inform future conservation measures

monitoring, long-term population studies, ecological surveys, and conservation breeding programmes.

Specific interventions include the installation of canopy bridges to improve forest connectivity for the lion-tailed macaque, community awareness and education campaigns, training for frontline forest staff, and in situ culture and restocking programmes aimed at reviving mahseer populations. These efforts are expected to generate baseline data on species population and habitat quality, helping to inform future conservation measures.

Arctic tern makes pit stop in Puthalam on 70,000km trip between north & south poles

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BRINGING much joy to the birders' community, two species of terns have been spotted at the Puthalam saltpans in Kanniyakumari. This is said to be the first time these seabirds have been found in Tamil Nadu. The birds — an Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) and a white-cheeked tern (*Sterna repressa*) — were spotted on September 13 and 14, respectively, and subsequently, the birders listed their discovery on the eBird platform.

Anand Shibu, an independent bird researcher, made the

first-ever sighting of the Arctic tern in the state.

This bird is famous for the longest migration in the animal kingdom, nearly 70,000 km annually between the Arctic and the Antarctic.

The very next day, when Anand revisited the site along with fellow birder Bagavathi Balasubramanian, to check the presence of the bird, the duo was in for a surprise and treat. Both found a white-cheeked tern, another first-ever sighting in Tamil Nadu.

"I spotted the Arctic tern for one hour during the evening, and after dark, I left the place. I



White-cheeked Tern (left) and Arctic tern spotted in Puthalam on September 13 and 14 | EXPRESS

went to see the bird again the next day. However, we spotted a white-cheeked tern, which was sitting along with hundreds of common terns and crested terns. So far there have only been four sightings of Arctic terns across the country. The first time it was in Ladakh in 1990, and after a 34-year gap, it was spotted in Mumbai and Kerala last year. The sightings in Puthalam is the fifth such instance in the country.

Unlike the Arctic tern, the white-cheeked tern inhabits the tropical and subtropical coasts of the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, and the Indian Ocean.

"We have also recorded two other rare and near-threatened species — the red knot and the red-necked stint — in the same area, marking their first sightings in the Kanniyakumari district in August," said Anand Shibu who has been monitoring the Puthalam regularly since 2022.

The red knot (*Calidris canutus*) is a shorebird which breeds in tundra and the Arctic mountains, whereas the red-necked stint is a small migratory wader also of Arctic origins.

"These discoveries highlight the importance of Puthalam and its mudflats as a stopover site, where migratory birds rest

and feed during long journeys," he added. According to them, with 224 bird species recorded so far, Puthalam is not just a stopover site but also an important winter feeding and roosting ground for waders arriving from distant lands.

"There is an urgent need for conservation of this critical site, which is threatened by unchecked garbage disposal by the civic body, as waste gets deposited in the saltpans due to winds and development pressures. Protecting such sites is crucial for the survival of migratory species that connect continents with their incredible journeys," said Anand.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 19 October 2025, p. 4

AT 3,170, TN WILD JUMBO TALLY SEES MINOR RISE

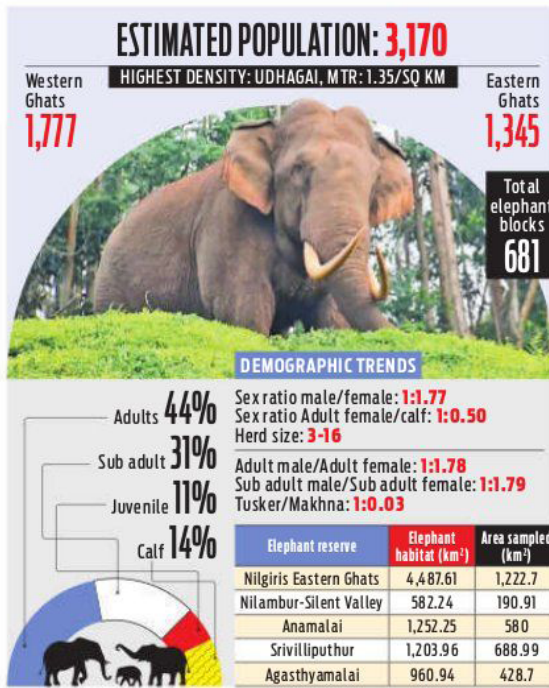
Population density remains consistent at 0.35 to 0.37 per sq km; govt now focusing on improving habitat quality

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THE state's wild elephant population has recorded a modest yet steady increase, with the latest Synchronised Elephant Population Estimation (SEPE) 2025 recording 3,170 elephants, up from 3,063 last year. The state's elephant population density is estimated at 0.35 to 0.37 elephants per square kilometre — consistent with earlier surveys conducted in 2010, 2017, 2023, and 2024.

According to the report, the Nilgiris and Coimbatore elephant reserves continue to support the highest densities in the state. Within these reserves, six forest divisions — Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (Udhagai and Masinagudi ranges), Gudalur, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (Hassanur and Sathyamangalam ranges), Hosur, and Coimbatore — harbour a substantial proportion of the population. Together, these contiguous habitats sustain an estimated 2,450 elephants, accounting for 70-80% of Tamil Nadu's total population.

This population forms part of the Nilgiri-Eastern Ghats landscape, one of the largest contiguous elephant ranges in Asia, extending into neighbouring



Karnataka and Kerala. The report notes that minor fluctuations in elephant numbers between years are expected, as elephants migrate across states in response to seasonal variations in rain, water, and fodder availability.

A key methodological aspect highlighted in the report concerns the dung decay rate, a critical factor in estimating elephant density through the indirect dung-count method. The study cautions that applying a single decay rate (0.0097 dung piles/day) derived from Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary to all forest divisions may introduce errors due to regional and seasonal variations. It recommends division-wise dung decay studies to improve accuracy in future estimates.

The demographic analysis of the elephant population shows a healthy, adult-dominated structure, with 44% of individuals being adults, consistent with the species' long lifespan and slow reproductive rate. The sex ratio stands at 1 male to 1.77 females, comparable to figures from Kerala and Karnataka. This is a notable improvement from earlier decades, when selective poaching of tuskers had led to a severely skewed ratio, said chief wildlife warden Rakesh Kumar Dogra.

However, variations in sex ratios across divisions persist, likely influenced by habitat quality, food availability, and the intensity of human-elephant conflict. Differences observed between the 2024 and 2025 esti-

mates may also reflect limited survey duration, seasonal biases, and detection variability between sexes. The report recommends long-term monitoring using individual identification methods to validate sex ratio data and gain a deeper understanding of demographic trends.

Supriya Sahu, additional chief secretary, Environment, Forests and Climate Change, said the government has taken enormous efforts in the area of elephant conservation, and the results are there for everyone to see. "We are now focusing on improving the elephant habitat quality, for which the work has already commenced, connecting the fragmented corridors and mitigating the conflict. We plan to launch an elephant alliance and a dedicated website where a centralised database of all key endangered species will be maintained."

The survey also reveals that most herds in Tamil Nadu comprise small groups, aligning with ecological patterns observed across Asian elephant ranges. Dense forests and fragmented habitats tend to support smaller, family-based groups, while frequent human-elephant interactions often disrupt larger social units, experts said.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 08 October 2025, p. 2

Migratory birds reach Pallikaranai early this year

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Chennai: The annual bird migration season, which generally begins around Oct and continues till April, has taken flight early this year. Four White Wagtails were sighted in the second week of Oct, nearly a month before their usual schedule, while the Citrine Wagtail also made an early appearance. The Garganey, the first migratory duck to reach Pallikaranai this season, signals the imminent influx of large flocks of waterfowl in the coming weeks.

Chennai district forest officer V A Saravanan said the Sept census revealed more than 14,000 individual



WINGED VISITORS: White Wagtails were sighted in the second week of Oct, nearly a month before their usual schedule

birds representing 97 species, reaffirming Pallikaranai's vital role as a migratory hub. Migration patterns for key species have largely remained steady — the Western Yellow Wagtail arrived in early Sept, and the Grey-headed Lapwing followed in the first week of Oct, reflecting historical trends.

Intermittent southwest monsoon showers appear to have altered the migratory calendar, with the first winged visitors arriving as early as July, nearly two months ahead of schedule,

say the researchers. For the past 15 years, The Nature Trust, in association with the state forest department, has been meticulously tracking migratory and resident bird populations across Chennai's wetlands, particularly the Pallikaranai Marshlands — one of the last remaining urban marshes in the state.

According to field records, waders were the first to arrive this season, with Common Sandpiper and Wood Sandpiper spotted during the last week of July. Among the most remarkable sightings was the Long-toed Stint, a very rare species, recorded in Aug this year. With steady monitoring

and documentation, both the forest department along with NGOs continue to highlight the ecological significance of Chennai's wetlands, which serve as crucial resting and feeding grounds for migratory birds navigating global flyways.

Conservationists say this early migration underscores the delicate balance between climate patterns and avian behaviour in the region. Former deputy director of Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) S Balachandran said a detailed study needed to be taken up on the early arrival of birds to Pallikaranai marshland.

MSSRF's mobile app wins IUCN conservation award

One of the features, the No-Fishing Zone Alert system, uses geolocation technology to notify fishers when they approach notified nesting sites. To date, the alert has been triggered over 7,000 times

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CHENNAI

In the waters off India's eastern coast, an invisible line separates marine conservation from economic hardship. Cross that line, even unintentionally, and a fishing family faces legal penalties, or worse, could lose a boat.

That line is now becoming harder to cross, thanks to a mobile phone app designed by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF). Recently, the app – Fisher Friend Mobile Application – won the Tech4Nature Award at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, for its role in protecting the endangered Olive Ridley turtles while also supporting the communities that live off the sea.

One of the app's most impactful features is the No-Fishing Zone Alert system, which uses geolocation technology to notify fishers in real time when they approach notified nesting sites. These zones are critical for the turtles, which migrate in millions each year to nest on the Odisha coast. Seasonal fishing bans between November and May are meant to protect them, but the lack of visible boundaries has led to countless accidental violations.

"Fishers cannot see these boundaries with



Timely alert: The Fisher Friend Mobile Application won the award for its role in protecting the endangered Olive Ridley turtles while also supporting the communities that live off the sea. FILE PHOTO

their eyes," says Velvizhi S., Area Director of MSSRF's Coastal and Marine Resources Programme. "The No-Fishing Zone Alert transforms invisible legal boundaries into real-time notifications that fishers can understand and act upon immediately. This protects the turtles while preventing fishers from facing penalties," adds Ms. Velvizhi.

The feature was co-developed with Odisha's Fisheries department, incorporating feedback from fishing communities and built specifically to function offline as it is essential for boats that often operate without mobile network coverage. The system uses geo-fencing to mark four key conservation zones, including the Gahirmatha Marine Wildlife Sanctuary and three river mouths. When a boat crosses within 200 metres of any of these areas, the app sends an automatic warning.

To date, the alert has been triggered over 7,000 times, likely preventing thousands of incursions into protected habitats.

Aftermath of tsunami

The Fisher Friend app was first developed in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, with support from Qualcomm and the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS). Originally, a tool for sharing weather and ocean information, it has evolved through 54 iterations, shaped by constant feedback from fishers themselves.

Today, the app serves around 1,22,000 registered users across nine coastal states and one union territory, offering services in nine Indian languages. It provides real-time information about weather conditions, fishing zones, disaster alerts, and government schemes. It helps fishers navigate ha-

zards, such as rocks, sunken ships and coral reefs.

"Fishermen in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh are using the mobile app to navigate danger zones," says Ms. Velvizhi.

Global impact

Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson of MSSRF, describes the app as a model of collaboration and participatory development. "It has evolved over the last 12-13 years. Many of the updates are shaped directly by inputs from fisher-folk," she says.

Ms. Velvizhi notes that while there is a common perception that fishing communities are hesitant to adopt technology, they adopt it readily when it meets their real needs, especially when local knowledge is respected and integrated into the design.

With global recognition now behind it, MSSRF hopes to expand the application's model to other coastal regions in partnership with organisations like IUCN. The team plans to extend its efforts towards conservation of dugongs.

"Fishers are now asking for more granular ocean information, such as microclimate data. We're exploring ways to scale this up across South Asian countries and apply AI to better analyse data," says Dr. Soumya Swaminathan.

Source: *The Hindu*, 14 October 2025, p. 5

MIGRATORY BIRDS CHANGE COURSE, FLOCK TO KOVALAM

Birds Seem To Be Ditching A Degrading Pallikaranai Marshland For Greener, Quieter Wetlands

Pics: K V R K Thirunaranan

BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATERS

WINGED VISITORS: Temminck's stint, long-toed stint, wood sandpiper, common sandpiper, yellow wagtail, sanderlings, Saunder's tern, ruddy turnstone, oystercatcher are some bird species that have been spotted this season

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Migratory birds have started arriving in Chennai and its neighbourhood but this season it seems like they're taking a new route. Instead of their usual first stop at the Pallikaranai marshland, birders say, thousands of birds are flocking to Kovalam creek and Nemmeli. They say this is because there is less human interference, and abundant food sources and water at Kovalam and Nemmeli compared to Pallikaranai now.

At Pallikaranai, for instance, overgrowth of Typha grass prevents the natural flow of soil from the marsh into the sea, leading to siltation and the hardening of the soil. Since migratory waders depend on soft soil to peck worms and insects,

they abandon the area once the substrate becomes unsuitable. The tall grass also obstructs feeding and nesting. Human interference has also reduced tidal action at Pallikaranai, which now occurs only through Oggiyam Maduvu, a small connecting channel.

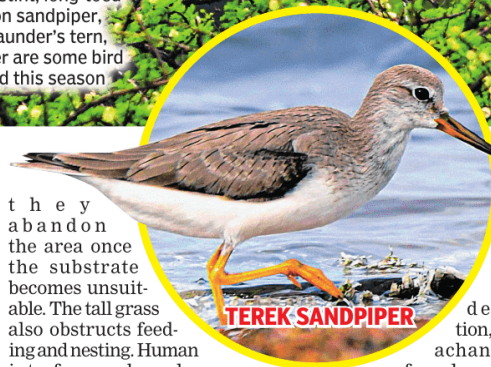
Changing water levels, soil structure and tidal action, and overgrown vegetation drive birds to look for better environments, said ornithologist and former deputy director of Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) S Balachandran.

The slow disappearance of the red-wattled lapwing from Pallikaranai also points to habitat

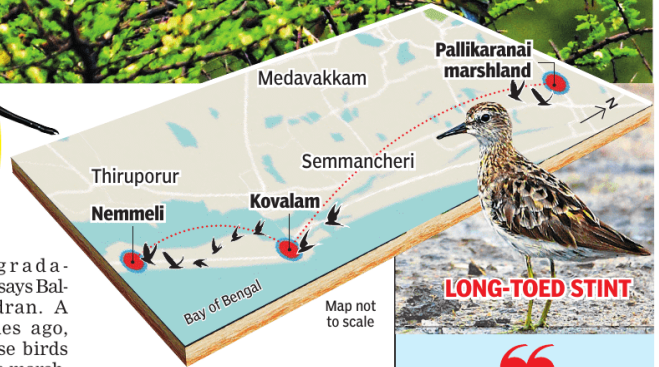
degradation, says Balachandran. A few decades ago, thousands of these birds could be seen across the marsh, but their numbers have dwindled drastically under pressure from human-induced alterations.

The Kovalam creek, on the other hand, remains largely untouched. A natural, undisturbed habitat where tidal action continues unhindered. During high tide, nutrient-rich waters enter the creek, replenishing the food supply and maintaining ideal foraging conditions. Seasoned bird watch-

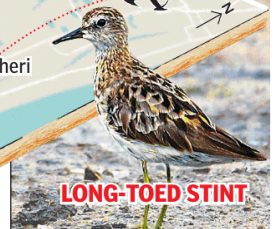
er K V R K Thirunaranan, who has been monitoring birdlife in Pallikaranai for 15 years, says the Kovalam and Nemmeli wetlands now offer the peace, space, and ecological balance that migratory species require. With continued protection and minimal disturbance, these wetlands could remain vital stopovers for thousands of migratory birds traversing the eastern coast each year.



TEREK SANDPIPER



Map not to scale



LONG-TOED STINT

More than 8,000 birds have already gathered in Pallikaranai marshland, Kovalam and Nemmeli this season

- V A Saravanan, District forest officer



GREATER FLAMINGOES

Source: The Times of India, 11 October 2025, p. 2

Nagamalai hillock in Erode is TN's 4th Biodiversity Heritage Site

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

THE state government has notified Nagamalai hillock in Erode district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) under Section 37(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. The declaration, issued through a Government Order by the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, marks the recognition of Nagamalai as a site of exceptional biological richness and heritage value—the fourth such site in Tamil Nadu.

Spread over 32.22 hectares in Elathur town panchayat of Nambiyur taluk, the hillock comprises a mosaic of dry deciduous, thorny and scrub forests interspersed with grasslands, supporting a rich diversity of flora and fauna. It



Nagamalai hillock hosts 118 bird species including migratory ones | EXPRESS

also holds cultural significance as part of traditional worship practices in the region.

According to the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board, which proposed the notification, the site hosts 138 plant species across 48 families, 118 bird species (including 30 migratory ones), seven mammals, 11 reptiles, five spiders and 71 insects. Notable

birds include the Greater spotted eagle, Pallid harrier, and Bonelli's eagle—all considered flagship raptors of conservation significance. Deepak Venkatachalam, founder of Suzhal Arivom, who was part of the team that proposed the site, told *TNIE* that Bonelli's eagle has been seen here for the past 10 years. Beyond its biodi-

versity, the hillock carries archaeological and historical value. Evidence of Iron Age cairn circles, rock shelters, and ancient artefacts indicates prehistoric human activity in the region. A 700-year-old stone sculpture of Hanuman points to the site's long-standing spiritual and heritage value.

The declaration follows a series of official recommendations. The Erode collector forwarded the proposal after the Elathur town panchayat council passed a resolution in January this year supporting the declaration. The move was endorsed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the member

secretary of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board, citing the site's critical habitat and role as a breeding ground for migratory species.

Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, clarified that the Biodiversity Heritage Site designation will not impose any restrictions on the ongoing or future development activities in the surrounding areas.

There will also be no buffer or eco-sensitive zone linked to the site. "Traditional rights and practices of local communities will remain unaffected, and the emphasis will be on voluntary, community-driven conservation," she said.



Source: *The New Indian Express*, 09 October 2025, p. 4

CM opens mahout village in Kozhikamuthi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

TAMIL Nadu's second mahout village was inaugurated by Chief Minister MK Stalin at the Kozhikamuthi tribal settlement near Topslip in Anamalai Tiger Reserve through video conference from Chennai on Monday. A total of 47 concrete houses have been constructed for mahouts and kavadis at a cost of ₹5.40 crore. The first mahout village was opened by the CM at the Theppakadu elephant camp on May 13 this year.

The CM lauded the dedicated efforts of mahout and kavadis in protecting and maintaining the health of elephants round the clock. The Kozhikamuthi elephant camp is the



The quarters of mahout and kavadies at the Kozhikamuthi elephant camp | EXPRESS

oldest in Tamil Nadu. Tribal people have been living in Kozhikamuthi for generations. Currently they are taking care of 24 elephants. The CM also issued appointment orders to six kavadis. Meanwhile, entry to tourists visiting the elephant camp

on safari vehicles is set to resume as the upgradation works are over. A viewing gallery and footpath for visitors have also been set up.

The mahout quarters and upgraded elephant camp have been provided with a first-of-its-kind battery energy storage system-based microgrid solar system. It will ensure uninterrupted green energy to the elephant camp and 47 newly built quarters. Even amidst rains and clouds, the system can provide power for two continuous days. The government has changed the norms for recruiting kavadies to give tribals traditionally engaged in elephant conservation at government-owned elephant camps more preference.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 07 October 2025, p. 7

TN relaxes coastal aquifer rules for white industries

C SHIVAKUMAR @Chennai

THE state government has amended development regulations for sensitive aquifer recharge zones along Chennai's coast to make way for the establishment of "white industries" in areas where previously only small-scale developments, including cottage industries, were permitted, according to a government order issued by housing and urban development department in this regard.

White industries are those industries or business activities that have negligible or no adverse impact on the environment. Earlier rules limited construction in these zones to non-high-rise buildings up to nine metres, including residential units, consulting offices (not exceeding 40 sq m), schools (not exceeding 100 sq m in floor area and G+1 floors in height), petty shops (not exceeding 40 sq m), parks, cottage industries (with number of workers not exceeding eight and electric machineries not exceeding five HP), storage facilities, hostels (not

exceeding 500 sq m in floor area and G+1 floors in height), assembly halls, transport depots and public utility buildings.

The revised framework has now expanded permissible activity to include low-pollution industries such as bicycle assembly, bio-fertiliser and bio-pesticide units (without inorganic chemicals), cotton and woollen hosiery, light engineering and fabrication workshops, leather cutting and stitching, vehicle scrap collection, finished leather goods and used cooking oil collection centres.

There are 609 industries which are categorised as "white industries". While the government has framed the policy change as part of its industrial facilitation agenda, environmentalists have raised red flags. "There should be no development in this fragile zone, which successive governments have already chipped away," said environmental activist Nityanand Jayaraman. "Further relaxing aquifer protection rules could pose a serious ecological threat. This would result in further sea

water intrusion making the groundwater unusable for drinking, irrigation and industrial purposes."

As per the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019, the areas which have good aquifers and recharge potential have been declared as aquifer recharge areas, which serve as one of the major sources for city water supply and have been declared as restricted for development. Villages covered in the aquifer recharge area are Kottivakkam, Palavakkam, Neelankarai, Okkiamthuraipakkam, Injambakkam, Karapakkam, Sholinganallur, Uthandi. These villages are located in southern part of Chennai.

KP Subramanian, former professor of urban engineering at Anna University, said, "Permitting white industries in aquifer recharge areas will have an adverse impact on the groundwater augmentation."

In May, the government exempted the 'white category' industries from obtaining clearance from the pollution control

board. An interim study by the Centre for Urbanization, Buildings & Environment (CUBE) found that the no-development zone between Thiruvannamiyur and Uthandi has shrunk by nearly 250 acres – from 1,739 acres in 2011 to 1,495 acres in 2019. This, coupled with rising construction activity, has already begun to undermine groundwater recharge capacity. CUBE warns that continued conversion of open and agricultural land into built-up areas could lower groundwater levels and accelerate sea water intrusion, threatening freshwater availability in coastal aquifers.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 14 October 2025, p. 2

'Australia keen on partnering with T.N. for water management solutions'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Australian government is keen to forge partnerships with Tamil Nadu, specifically Chennai, and share its expertise and innovative technologies through commercial and institutional collaborations for better water management, said Karlene Maywald, South Australian Water Ambassador, Department for Environment and Water, Government of South Australia, here on Friday.

In an interview to *The Hindu*, she highlighted Australia's vast experience in tackling various challenges from scarce rainfall to floods. "We want to

share with Tamil Nadu, and Chennai in particular, the expertise that comes with understanding the complexities of water management. We aim to showcase innovative and affordable technologies for water systems to ensure a healthy drinking water supply," she said.

Ms. Maywald accompanied an Australian delegation that visited Chennai on Friday to explore partnerships with the Tamil Nadu water industry. The visit was organised by the Australian Trade and Investment Commission under the Australian government's Australia India Business Exchange Programme and supported by the Department of State

Development, Government of South Australia.

Elaborating on the delegation's meeting with industry stakeholders and government agencies, she said the visit aimed to showcase technologies in various areas, including storm-water drain (SWD) management with artificial-intelligence driven solutions, water and sewer pipeline condition assessment technologies, and innovative approaches to rainwater collection.

Detecting blockages

"For instance, we have sensors to measure water levels in SWDs and detect blockages for better flood management. There are companies offering pipe-



line condition assessment solutions and advanced technologies for water quality analysis. Data collection and its use for decision-making is another area of expertise," she said.

Australia also has significant expertise in using re-



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South Australian Water Ambassador

claimed water across sectors and building resilient cities through circular economy practices. Noting that Australia's water management journey has yielded many lessons, Ms. Maywald said: "We have much to share on a government-

to-government level and with utilities. Both governments are focused on strengthening bilateral relations through trade. Another trade agreement – Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement – currently under negotiation will further enhance opportunities for Indian and Australian businesses."

On the similarities between the two countries on water challenges, she said: "Australia's landscapes and weather patterns have created opportunities to develop innovative water management technologies. We want to share technologies and knowledge relevant to Tamil Nadu and its cities for managing water

resources and infrastructure."

While the delegation's visit focused on building trade relations to implement innovative solutions in the State, the Australian government is also keen on capacity-building through accredited course for water operators. Highlighting the need to address climate change within the Indian context, Ms. Maywald added: "We don't have all the answers to all problems. But we have a journey and experience that may enable India to meet challenges in water management and climate change. Collaboration with India will also help Australia to scale up its innovations."

Source: *The Hindu*, 18 October 2025, p. 8

Elite force to patrol city coast from Oct-end to protect turtles

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Chennai: A elite marine force, the city's first specialized unit to protect its fragile coastline and nesting sea turtles, will be launched by the end of this month.

The force will patrol the coastline from Muttukadu in the south to Ennore in the north, with a special focus on preventing illegal trawler operations within five nautical miles of the shore. This zone is legally protected to ensure safe breeding habitats for marine life, especially Olive Ridley sea turtles.

Equipped with three patrol vessels, including a high-speed craft and two 20-seater boats to transport violators, the unit will crack down on fishing practices that threaten marine species. "The force has been formed to provide



3 VESSELS READY: They will patrol Muttukadu-Ennore coastline

round-the-clock protection during critical months of turtle mating and nesting," a senior forest official said.

From Nov, sea turtles begin their mating in nearshore waters, with nesting peaking by Dec and Jan. While Chennai hosts solitary nesters, India's mass nesting sites for Olive Riddleys are limited to Odisha's Gahirmatha, Rushikulya, and Devi river mouth.

Globally, such large-scale nesting is seen only in Mexico and Costa Rica.

The move to set up the elite patrol comes in the wake of turtle deaths last season. Postmortem revealed drowning as the cause, linked to trawlers operating illegally in the restricted zone.

Conservationists believe the new force could be a turning point.

Source: *The Times of India*, 06 October 2025, p. 6

'TNPCB's data on air pollution underplays impact of crackers'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Environmental organisation Poovulagin Nanbargal has called for a review of how air pollution is measured in Tamil Nadu, alleging that the current methods understate the real impact of firecracker emissions during Deepavali.

According to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Chennai's Air Quality Index (AQI) between 6 a.m. on October 20

and 6 a.m. on October 21 ranged from 190 to 332. However, Poovulagin Nanbargal said the actual pollution levels were far higher, as private monitoring apps showed readings of up to 993 AQI in parts of the city on Deepavali night.

The group criticised the TNPCB's use of 24-hour averages, saying this conceals the intensity of pollution during peak hours, when the air becomes dangerously toxic. "In areas such as Valasaravak-

kam, where the 24-hour average was 332 AQI, the real-time level between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. could have exceeded 800 AQI," the organisation said.

It added that the TNPCB monitors cannot record levels above 500 AQI, making it impossible to know how bad air quality truly gets. It urged the government to release hourly data, increase real-time monitoring stations in cities, and remove the 500-AQI ceiling.

Source: *The Hindu*, 31 October 2025, p. 5

Micro composting unit repurposes 3 tonnes waste a day

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Chennai: A new micro composting centre along South Cooum Road has become Greater Chennai Corporation's (GCC) latest step toward solid waste management, a system equally dominated by private players and residents' groups in the city. The two-week-old facility processes around 3 tonnes of green and brown waste, generating 300kg of compost daily.

Chennai once had nearly 194 composting centres mostly located in and around burial grounds, many of which were shut down over hygiene and efficiency issues. "Apart from this one, we also run a two-year-old centre in Ward 59. The aim here is to handle large volumes of waste scientifically



CYCLICAL ECONOMY: Green waste being mixed with brown waste for aerobic composting

and ensure a consistent output of compost with a dedicated team," said Puvi Care Solutions and Namma Ooru Foundation founder P Natarajan, who partnered with GCC to revive the facility. The waste, collected by the

Ramky Group and GCC workers, includes green waste rich in nitrogen, such as fruits, flowers, and vegetables from Kothawal Chavadi market, and brown waste rich in carbon, like horse dung, paddy straw, coconut

Although Chennai is not necessarily an agricultural district, initiatives such as this in South Cooum road make me happy, as someone who is city president of River Kaveri Farmers Organisation, and also from Thanjavur, a land of paddy farmers

SIVA RAJASEKARAN
Councillor of ward 63

shells, and sugarcane waste.

"We first pulverize the brown waste, mix it with green waste, shred it finely, and line it up in rows called windrows for aerobic composting," explained R Sara-

vanan, one of the six workers operating the facility. The final compost is roughly 10% of the total input of waste and is ready in three weeks.

If the centre falls short of its 3-tonne target, it sources additional waste from markets like Koyambedu. Workers also remove microplastics at every stage to maintain the quality of compost.

Siva Rajasekaran, GCC councillor representing ward 63, says the green initiative means something to him as Chennai chapter president of the River Kaveri Farmers Organization. "Although Chennai is not necessarily an agricultural district, initiatives such as this in the South Cooum road make me happy," he said.

Source: *The Times of India*, 17 October 2025, p. 4

Forest dept says no violation in nod for apartment project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday cited the pending legal process of delineating the boundaries to deny violations alleged by the NGO Arappor Iyakkam in granting of environmental clearance and other approvals to a housing project of a private realtor inside the limits of the Pallikaranai wetlands, which was declared as a Ramsar site in 2022.

In a statement, the environment, climate change and forest department said, "The Pallikaranai wetland limits as part of the Ramsar site will come into force only after the delineation of the extent with specific survey numbers is completed by ground truthing followed by notification."

Arappor Iyakkam's allegations last week were regarding the project named Brigade Morgan Heights with 1,250 apartment units coming up on the Perumbakkam Main Road.

The government's statement made a distinction between the Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest (PMRF) spanning 698 hectares that was already a reserve forest and the 'designated' Ramsar site that covers an additional area of 550 hectares. It said the total area of 1,248 hectares will get notified as a 'wetland' as per the Wetlands



(Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017, only after 'ground truthing' as per rules and delineating boundaries with specific survey numbers of land parcels other than the area already declared as reserve forest. The National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management was given the task of delineating the boundaries with specific survey numbers in November 2024, the statement said.

The statement emphasised that the survey numbers mentioned in the allegations are private patta lands as per available revenue records and are not part of the PMRF under the forest department. It did not explicitly say whether these survey numbers fell within the designated Ramsar site.

"It is informed that the approvals have been given by the

authorities concerned only on the private patta lands outside the present PMRF boundaries as the Ramsar site is yet to be clearly delineated," the statement, however, added.

In response, the NGO said the government's response raised more questions than answers. "They have tried to say that there is no Ramsar Pallikaranai Marshland 'officially' in the first place yet. It only shows that there is no political will to save the marshland. What is the purpose of designation as a Ramsar site if the government is not interested in preserving it," it said in a statement. Citing Section II of the Wetland Rules, the NGO further argued that the Ramsar site is protected from its date of designation and it need not be notified for its applicability to be covered under the rules.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 29 October 2025, p. 6

A New Initiative At The
Anamalai Tiger Reserve Aims
To Protect The Species And
Their Habitats Through
Research, Restoration And
Community Engagement

TAMIL NADU'S HORNBILL MISSION TAKES WING

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In the early 2000s, when research on hornbills in the Western Ghats had just begun in South India, much of the blame for the dwindling numbers was placed on poaching by tribal communities. Some published research papers also said the same. However, later research showed that the real reason for the decline was the loss of the forest itself.

"Destruction of large trees, cavities of which hornbills need for nesting caused the decline," says Amitha Bachan K H, founder of the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation. "These trees were not felled by tribes but for policy reasons, and by the timber industry. The British also felled trees for teak plantations, and several dams came up in the areas."

Research and continuous monitoring over 15 years proved that the birds need at least 250 hectares of forest to thrive.

In a step toward preserving biodiversity, the Tamil Nadu forest department recently launched the hornbill conservation initiative at Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR), Pollachi division. The initiative includes the establishment of a centre of excellence at Attakatti in the Valparai range, which focuses on hornbill research, habitat restoration and community engagement.

"In Oct, hundreds of hornbills congregate in Valparai, from Kerala, as it's the time fig trees bear fruit," says G Venkatesh, former forest range officer of the Valparai range. "It's also their mating season. The conservation centre will raise awareness about hornbill

conservation among tourists and photographers who visit the area during this time."

Earlier, conservation used to be centred around protected areas, but the centre will ensure it gets extended to private estates as well, where it will be incentivised. The centre will also focus on identification of habitat and host tree species, and distribution mapping, and surveys of fig trees.

Tamil Nadu is home to four hornbill species: great hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*), Malabar pied hornbill (*Anthracoceros coronatus*), Indian grey hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*) and the Malabar grey hornbill (*Ocyroceros griseus*).

"Except for the Indian grey hornbill, which is also found in drier parts of India, the rest are seen in tropical evergreen forests of South India, up to 1,500m elevation," says Divya Mudappa of Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), who researches hornbills.

"Anamalai is one of the best places to find the great hornbill in Tamil Nadu while the Bhavani area or the foothills of Eastern Ghats, is home to the Malabar pied hornbill, specifically along the riverine forest below 600m."

Hornbills lay only one or a maximum of two eggs in a year during the nesting season, says Bachan. "Only one hatches, usually, unless the forests are of quality and conducive to nesting. Avoiding human presence during mating season is critical. At the same time, there are no predators either for the hornbill."

A few years ago, the foundation started involving the Kadar tribes of the Western Ghats in monitoring nests. "These tribes consider hornbills as the 'king of birds' and they have

UP IN THE AIR

> Hornbill nests are made in hollows of large trees

> The female stays in the nest till the egg hatches, and it's the male which hunts and brings it and the chicks, food

> The great hornbill and the Malabar pied hornbill display an unusual phenomenon wherein they go up in the air and clash their casques. It's not clear why they do this, perhaps to establish dominance but females too have been found to do it

> They love figs. Their diet includes a wide variety of other fruits like wild nutmeg, *Dysoxylum*, *Dracontomelon*, and *Lannea*

> They use the nest cavity every year, and nesting gets limited when larger trees die

REVIVAL PLAN

Habitat identification | Identification of host species
Incentives for private estate owners
Awareness creation among tourists
Planting of fruit bearing especially figs
Creation of conservation centre at Attakatti

evolved traditional methods of conserving hornbills which we incorporated," says Bachan. "For example, the height of nesting trees was estimated using the Kadar tribe's traditional method of counting the number of bamboo nails needed to climb a tree. The methods was found to be accurate."

Campaigns were held to spread awareness on the need to conserve hornbills in their villages in Kerala and at present, nearly 45 mem-

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Great hornbill and (left) Malabar pied hornbill

bers from the Kadar tribe are actively involved in the monitoring. "They are a tribe endemic to Anamalai. There have been less than a handful of cases of the birds being poached by the Kadar tribes after 2007," says Bachan.

Hornbills play a vital ecological role in seed dispersal and forest regeneration. "Larger hornbills eat fruits while smaller ones eat insects and smaller reptiles, frogs and lizards. Hornbills are called farmers of the forest because they are good dispersers of seeds. Different species have been recorded dispersing at least 70 species of fruits," says Divya.

Less than 10% of the Western Ghats comes under protected area. "The rest of the forest outside has been fragmented and converted to plantations such as that of cashew. Habitat segregation, fragmentation and loss are the culprits for the dwindling number of birds, besides climate change," says Rohit Naniwadekar, scientist at NCF.

Conservation centres should study the kind of stress that climate change has on hornbills and their food plants, and how forests can be restored so that they can have their homes in the long term. They should gather more knowledge that can be of conservation relevance, he adds. "They can also start long-term monitoring of hornbills at key sites, think of interventions such as nest boxes, and create models for conservation." Coordination between Kerala and Tamil Nadu govts is also crucial, since a major chunk of their habitat falls under the Kerala forest division.

Source: *The Times of India*, 31 October 2025, p. 6

Pulicat fishermen demand long-term solution as silt threatens lake, livelihoods

The Hindu Bureau

CHENNAI

Fishermen depending on the Pulicat lake in neighbouring Tiruvallur district are a vexed lot.

With the estuary blocked with sand, they are unable to take up fishing activities. Without sea water entering or exiting the lake, they say its entire ecosystem is taking a beating and, on most days, they don't go fishing as they can't net anything in the slush.

Jalandran Chettiyar, a community leader who hails from Arangamkuppam village, now solely depends on the sea for fish. He said that those dependent on the lake don't get any fish. "There were days when we fished in the lake during the monsoon when the seas were rough. But all that has stopped. They are already finding it extremely difficult to survive on whatever they get. We don't want to rob them of even that. The two retaining walls constructed by the government to keep the estuary open throughout the year are of no use for us now since sand has piled up there. We can walk in that area like it is a beach," he said.

Raju Chettiyar, a community leader of Sambasu



Caught in a quagmire: Pulicat is the second largest brackish water lagoon in the country. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Residents fear the lake will be sold off as real estate if necessary actions are not taken now

Palli Kuppam, said that since fishing has become impossible near the silted-up estuary, fishermen were either taking other jobs or struggle due to the meagre catch.

"Our forefathers were dependent on these waters. Fishermen from Andhra Pradesh used to come here and fish since the waters were deeper and there used to be more fish. However, we are seeing that the lake is in a pathetic state and don't see the light at the end of the tunnel," he lamented.

Durai Mahendran of Tiruvallur Maavatta Paarambariya Aikiya Meenavar

Sangam said that despite several requests, the lake is yet to be desilted. "If it silts up, it will be the end of a large waterbody that supported thousands and will be sold off as real estate. Already many residential areas and industries have come up around the lake - many of these are without permissions. A permanent solution is needed to save the lake. A fresh study involving all stakeholders must be taken up," he said.

Pulicat is the second largest brackish water lagoon in the country and around 80% of the wetland that is also home to flamingoes, is in Andhra Pradesh.

Around 22,000 fishermen from villages including Annamalaicheri, Korakuppam, Pasiyavaram, Thoniravu, Madhakuppam, Andikuppam and Kottakuppam depend on the waters.

Source: *The Hindu*, 05 October 2025, p. 4

State government subsidies register a rise between 2019-20 and 2023-24

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Subsidies being provided by the Tamil Nadu government, both in absolute terms and as a proportion of revenue receipts and revenue expenditure, are on the rise and are expected to go up.

A perusal of the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on State Finances for 2023-24 reveals that the amount of subsidies rose from ₹20,114 crore during 2019-20 (COVID-19 pandemic year) to ₹37,749 crore during 2023-24. On a year-to-year basis, the subsidies saw a growth of about 27%, which was attributed to the introduction of the *Kalaigiar Magalir Urimai Thogai* (KMUT) scheme.

Tabled on the floor of the Assembly on Friday, the report dealt with finances of the State for five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

As a proportion of revenue receipts (RR) and revenue expenditure (RE), the subsidies increased from 11.54% to 14.27% for RR and

Source: *The Hindu*, 19 October 2025, p. 12

Strain on exchequer

The report divides subsidies into two broad categories — explicit and implicit. Among the schemes under ‘explicit subsidies’ are the KMUT, public distribution system, free bus travel for women, and students’ concession in bus fare



Subsidy burden of T.N. (₹ in crore)

Component	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Magalir Urimai Thogai	-	-	-	-	7,937
Public Distribution System	8,363	9,604	9,324	13,277	10,501
Electricity subsidy for domestic consumers	3,367	3,518	3,448	5,247	6,905
Investment promotion subsidy for industries	2,560	1,290	1,559	1,404	505
Students’ concession in bus fare	1,275	3,430	1,289	1,367	1,500
Free bus travel for women	-	-	1,217	2,729	3,000
Free distribution of dhotis and saris to people below poverty line	484	479	488	770	500
Other items	4,095	6,789	4,364	4,765	6,901
Total	20,144	25,110	21,689	29,559	37,749
Subsidies as a percentage of non-committed expenditure (in %)	35.12	31.27	25.53	33.17	38.91
Subsidies as a percentage of Revenue Expenditure (in %)	9.57	10.62	8.54	10.56	12.19
Subsidies as a percentage of Revenue Receipts (in %)	11.54	14.42	10.45	12.13	14.27

SOURCE: REPORT OF THE CAG ON STATE FINANCES FOR 2023-24

9.57% to 12.19% for RE over the five-year period. In respect of non-committed expenditure, which forms a part of RE and excludes items such as salaries, pension, and interest payment, the share of subsidies grew from 35.12% to 38.91%.

The report divides subsidies into two broad categories – explicit and implicit. Under the former, whatever is booked under the head ‘subsidies’ is considered. Among the items

of ‘explicit subsidies’ are the KMUT, public distribution system (PDS), subsidised power supply to the domestic category, free bus travel for women, and students’ concession in bus fare.

Implicit subsidies arise when the government provides social and economic goods/services at a price lesser than its cost. It can be direct or in kind or as concessions, according to the CAG.

Free supply of bicycles

and production and distribution of quality seeds are some of the examples for ‘implicit subsidies’, which cost ₹801.77 crore to the exchequer during 2023-24.

CAG’s advice

The CAG has advised the State government “to initiate measures to earn adequate returns on its investments and recover its cost of borrowed funds rather than bearing the same on its budget in the form of implicit subsidies.”

'T.N. has achieved significant milestone in population stabilisation'

The Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment says the govt. will establish homes for transpersons in Chennai and Madurai named 'Aran'. They will soon be inaugurated by the CM. The homes will serve as an immediate shelter for transpersons who have left their families, enabling them to continue education and work. Depending on demand, the initiative will be expanded

INTERVIEW

P. Geetha Jeevan

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THOOTHUKUDI

Tamil Nadu Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment P. Geetha Jeevan, in a recent interview to *The Hindu*, shared insights into comprehensive plans initiated for geriatric care, and transperson welfare and children's welfare. Besides, she highlighted the ongoing programmes and upcoming schemes. Excerpts:

According to the Elderly in India, 2021 report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Tamil Nadu is in the second position in terms of the highest proportion of elderly population, with 13.6%. This is projected

to rise to 18.2% in 2031. What measures has the government taken for geriatric care?

The government has been taking several measures. We have released the Tamil Nadu State Policy on Senior Citizens, which lays out a road map for elderly welfare. Every district is being provided with at least one government-supported old age home, and integrated campuses for children and elderly are also being developed. A new scheme *Anbucholai*, a dedicated day-care centre for senior citizens, will soon be launched by the Chief Minister. As many as 24 centres in 13 districts have been established in partnership with non-governmental organisations, with facilities for transport, food, and recreational activities. The Health Department is also taking measures to strengthen geriatric care.

There are concerns

about the quality of care being provided at children's homes. What reforms are being implemented to ensure accountability of childcare institutions, and the safety and psychological well-being of the inmates?

We have been regularly reviewing this. From 2021 to 2023, over 600 children's homes that did not adhere to regulations were closed. Regular inspections are conducted at every centre and mandatory counselling sessions are held. These sessions have provided children with opportunities to share challenges they face. Previously, schools were located on the campuses of many government homes. We have instructed them to close in-house schools and ensure that children attend near-by government schools, with transport facilities. This helps children accu-



Social Welfare Minister P. Geetha Jeevan speaking to *The Hindu* in Thoothukudi. N. RAJESH

tom themselves to the wider environment and interact with new people. We have also implemented the 'Anbu Karangal' scheme, aimed at creating a family environment for children, where we are guiding the parent or guardian to take care of the children at home. To prevent untoward incidents, protocols and inspections will be further strengthened.

Tamil Nadu has been a

pioneer in implementing schemes and welfare measures for transpersons. Can you highlight the initiatives for their social inclusion, education, and livelihood?

In 2008, the then Chief Minister, M. Karunanidhi, established the first Transgender Welfare Board in India, which encouraged many transpersons to join

the mainstream confidently. The Social Welfare Department has partnered with many other departments to frame policies and ensure access to higher education and housing. In the past four years, the government has been providing a subsidy of ₹50,000 for starting businesses. Additionally, we are establishing homes in Chennai and Madurai, named 'Aran', which will soon be inaugurated by the Chief Minister. These homes will serve as an immediate shelter for transpersons who have left their homes, enabling them to continue education and work. Depending on the demand, the initiative will be expanded.

Tamil Nadu's total fertility rate is reported to be 1.4, which is lower than the replacement level of 2.1. What factors contributed to this decline, and how has the State ensured

awareness of population control measures?

Indeed, Tamil Nadu's achievement is a milestone in population stabilisation. The success is largely attributed to the State's focus on education and awareness. As literacy rates and general awareness have improved, people are better informed about the benefits of smaller families, maternal and child health, and reproductive health. Moreover, the State has consistently invested in accessible healthcare facilities, contraceptive services, and counselling programmes, ensuring that the citizens have both the knowledge and the means to make informed choices.

What is the impact of flagship schemes such as Kalaigarn Women's Rights Grants and Pudukai Penn? How is the success of these

schemes measured beyond the number of beneficiaries and what quantitative results have been achieved in poverty reduction or educational attainment?

These initiatives have increased the savings among women and students. In the case of Kalaigarn Women's Rights Grants, the support is provided to the needy women, whose income is less than ₹2.5 lakh a year. This has decreased the number of people living below the poverty line, and their livelihood has improved. The *Pudukai Penn* and *Tamil Pudukalvan* schemes have increased college enrolment rates. The Chief Minister has ordered surveys to verify whether the funds under these schemes are utilised for the intended purpose. These measures have helped to improve the educational and economic stability of the beneficiaries.

Source: *The Hindu*, 06 October 2025, p. 6

Kalaigarn Magalir Urimai Thittam helps beneficiaries buy food, medicines: report

The impact assessment report submitted by the State Planning Commission finds that 79% of the beneficiaries in rural areas and 55% in urban areas use the money to buy more vegetables for their family. It also states that one-fifth of the beneficiaries spent the amount on their children's education

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CHENNAI

An impact assessment of *Kalaigarn Magalir Urimai Thittam* (KMUT) in about 10,300 households across Tamil Nadu by the State Planning Commission has found that the beneficiaries used the scheme to buy essential food items and medicines and for the education of their children, among others.

About 17% of the beneficiaries (covered in the study) were single women – who were either widowed, separated, divorced, or unmarried – and about 15% were senior citizens.

The report was submitted to Chief Minister M.K. Stalin by SPC ex-officio vice-chairperson Udhayanidhi Stalin and SPC executive vice-chairperson J. Jeyaranjan in Chennai on Tuesday.

They also submitted other reports to the Chief Minister: 'Evaluation of *Naan Mudhalvan* Scheme', 'Start-Up Ecosystem in TN:



Showing results: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin receiving the reports in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam in Chennai on Tuesday.

Opportunities and Challenges', 'Draft Housing Policy for Rural and Urban Tamil Nadu', and 'Integrated Townships Development Policy'.

The report said 79% of the KMUT beneficiaries in rural areas and 55% in urban areas reported buying more vegetables for their family, while 63% of the beneficiaries in rural areas and 46% in urban areas spent the money on buying

better quality rice. About 39% of the beneficiaries in rural Tamil Nadu and 35% in urban Tamil Nadu reported using the money for buying medicines.

"One-fifth of the beneficiaries report spending their KMUT money on their children's education," the report said. It said the beneficiaries vouched for the certainty and regularity of the amount. The findings were

"clearly indicative of the reach of the programme to the most deserving and most marginalised sections in Tamil Nadu".

Naan Mudhalvan

According to 'Evaluation of *Naan Mudhalvan* Scheme', the programme has enhanced confidence of employability among students. About 76% of engineering students and 81% of polytechnic stu-

dents reported improved job prospects, as the programme equipped them with practical skills for diverse careers.

The evaluation study's sample targeted high-enrolment courses in civil, mechanical, electronics, electrical, and computer science disciplines across 55 engineering and 72 polytechnic colleges in 19 districts, engaging 3,950 and 5,059 student respondents, respectively.

About 61% of engineering students and 71% of polytechnic students earn digital certificates that increase their visibility on job portals and professional social networking platforms, it said.

The programme resulted in improved placement readiness, tangible internship and placement outcomes, and equitable skill development across regions.

The report also flagged operational challenges. If institutions lacked the minimum 60-student enrolment, students had to tra-

vel to hub institutions. The need for capacity-building among trainers, data connectivity for using the programme's portal, and better placing to reduce scheduling difficulties were among the challenges.

Room for improvement

The report recommended strengthening trainer capacity and course delivery, improving digital infrastructure and connectivity, enhancing practical training and resource access, optimising coordination and scheduling, setting up Industry 4.0 centres, and using artificial intelligence.

A press release said the draft housing policy addressed the urgent need for sustainable, inclusive, and affordable housing across both rural and urban regions.

A copy of the policies were not available. It is a draft policy and a "confidential document" until the departments concerned endorse and release it, a source said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 15 October 2025, p. 8

'TN to share govt data for AI training'

State Plans Platform For Citizen-Govt Interaction

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Coimbatore: Tamil Nadu is working to adopt artificial intelligence technologies across at least 55 use cases in various departments and is building a large unified database of govt records that will be shared with startups and companies for training AI models, said state information technology and digital services minister **P Thiaga Rajan**.

At the Global Startup Summit in Coimbatore on



INNOVATION TALK

Friday, he said govt aims to build a platform using AI to enhance citizen-govt interaction and will share datasets with startups and innovators to train AI models.

Govt provides grants for incubation centres to promote startups

Coimbatore: State govt extended grants to venture builders, pre-incubation, and incubation centres at Global Startup Summit. Dr J Jeyaranjan, V-C, state planning commission, distributed sanction orders to 22 pre-incubation centres, each receiving ₹7.5 lakh, and to 15 incubators, each receiving ₹5 lakh under Scale-up Grant Scheme. He also distributed orders under StartupTN Venture Builder Scheme, which aims to accelerate creating new startups in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, as each organization supported will receive financial assistance to establish 25 DPIIT-recognized startups. Jeyaranjan said structural reforms in the education system, along with progressive policies, will strengthen the startup and innovation ecosystem in TN. More than 250 investors participated in 500 pitch sessions, which resulted in more than ₹130 crore in committed investments, said StartupTN. TNN

"We hope to provide it as an open platform for startups and innovators. This database, with hundreds of millions of records, provides a platform for startups that can

innovate, learn, and extract patterns using this data," PTR said.

The minister added that the data has been anonymized, with personally identi-

fiable information masked to ensure privacy.

Govt has already processed around 18 crore records from various govt programmes.

He said govt aims to adopt AI models to improve efficiency in governance across areas such as agriculture, health, education, traffic, and predictive governance.

"We have identified 55 priority use cases for using AI engines and models—15 of them as common-impact cases—and we want to start building a culture of AI sophistication in governance," he said.

"At one extreme, we found that a single family is a beneficiary of 23 different govt subsidies annually. These databases will not only help us manage existing schemes better but also design and implement new ones," he added.

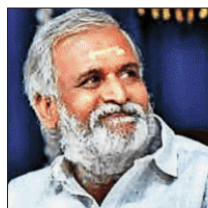
Source: *The Times of India*, 11 October 2025, p. 6

'Temples get ₹17.7 cr interest from gold scheme'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Twenty-one temples together receive ₹17.7 crore every year as interest from the gold investment scheme, said Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment (HR&CE) minister **P K Sekarbabu** on Sunday.

A total of 1,074kg of unused gold received as donations was converted into bars and deposited in SBI's gold investment scheme in the name of the respective temples. In the next phase, 378.6kg from 12 temples will be deposited with the bank.



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As a first step, 53.38kg of gold from four temples in Kancheepuram district — 42.33kg from Kamatchi Amman Temple, 2.64kg from Subramaniaswamy Temple in Kundrathur, 4kg from Nithyakalyanaperumal Temple in Tiruvidanthai, and 4.35kg from Prasanna

Venkatesa Perumal Temple in Tirumalaivayavur — were handed over to the SBI on Sunday. Retired Supreme Court Judge Doraiswamy Raju and a few ministers were present when the gold was handed over to the SBI.

Sekarbabu told reporters the GOs to enable the gold de-

posit scheme for some of the temples have been received, while the orders for Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple, Erode Bannari Amman Temple, and Tirupur Kariyakaliamman Temple are awaited.

The minister said the consecration of Ekambarreshwarar Temple in Kancheepuram will be held on Dec 8. "About 38 renovation projects are under way at ₹29 crore cost," he said. Sekarbabu added that the thousand-pillar temple is also being renovated as part of consecration.

Source: *The Times of India*, 13 October 2025, p. 6

Sterilisation & vaccination drive: TN to appoint 76 dist-level animal welfare officers



Animal husbandry dept has proposed setting up of 38 new ABC centres | FILE PIC

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AS part of a statewide initiative to conduct a large-scale sterilisation and immunisation drive for stray dogs, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has announced the appointment of 76 district-level animal welfare officers across Tamil Nadu.

The move comes as the Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board

(TNAWB) prepares to launch a mass anti-rabies vaccination campaign in collaboration with corporations, municipalities, and town panchayats in areas outside Chennai.

According to a recent government order issued by the department, the newly appointed officers will be responsible for ensuring humane conduct of events such as jallikattu, taking legal action in cases of animal cruelty, and organising

public awareness programmes on dog sterilisation, rabies prevention, and responsible pet ownership. The appointments will be made on a contract basis for one year, with the possibility of extension based on requirements. The appointments are planned to be completed by first week of December.

The order further specifies that the 76 posts will comprise 38 district-level animal welfare

officers and 38 veterinary surgeons experienced in animal birth control surgeries.

To support this initiative, the department has proposed the establishment of 38 new Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres across the state, each with shelter facilities capable of housing up to 100 dogs. An additional 100 ABC centres are planned without shelter facilities to focus on sterilisation and immunisation

procedures.

In addition, TNAWB has initiated procurement of 2.4 lakh RFID (radio frequency identification) tags to microchip stray dogs. "The veterinary surgeons will carry out ABC surgeries, provide post-operative care, and administer necessary medical treatment and vaccinations. Supporting staff for operating these ABC centres will also be appointed soon," an official said.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 28 October 2025, p. 2

12L visited Keezhadi museum so far: CM

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CHIEF Minister MK Stalin on Friday visited Keezhadi excavation site and inspected the progress of construction of the open-air museum. He was accompanied by Ministers Thangam Thennarasu, KR Periakaruppan.

Later, in a message on X, the CM stated that the Keezhadi museum attracted 12 lakh visitors in the 30 months since it was opened.

"I learned that people from other states and foreign countries are also astonished to see the antiquity of Tamils," he posted.

"The open air museum at Keezhadi is scheduled to be opened in January 2026 while the museum at Porunai is likely to be opened in December this year. Construction of a museum at Gangaikonda Cholapuram in Ariyalur and deep-sea exploration of Poompuhar have also started," Stalin added.



Chief Minister MK Stalin inspecting the construction of an open-air museum at Keezhadi on Friday | EXPRESS

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 04 October 2025, p. 5

Chief Minister inaugurates renovated Tholkappia Poonga

The park has been improved with additional amenities and features, including a skywalk, at a cost of ₹42.45 crore. It is open to walkers and visitors on all days and will offer guided tours for the public and eco-tours for school students. Walkers can purchase single-visit, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, and yearly passes online and choose from the 6.30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. slots



Massive upgrade: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurating the renovated Tholkappia Poonga in Raja Annamalai Puram on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The 58-acre Tholkappia Poonga in Raja Annamalai Puram, which has been upgraded with additional amenities and features including a skywalk, is now open to walkers and visitors.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the renovated park on Friday. Walkers and visitors can obtain passes/tickets after making

an online payment at www.crrt.tn.gov.in.

Walkers (a maximum of 100 in a selected slot) can visit the park between 6.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on all days with a pass/ticket. Between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. (except on Thursdays and public holidays), guided tours are offered for those who register online (with a maximum of 100 participants).

Eco-tours for students

along with teachers (a maximum of 100 participants) will be offered between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., except on Thursdays and public holidays, an official release said.

Eco-tour schedule

While Tuesdays and Saturdays are earmarked for schools run by the Greater Chennai Corporation, government and State-aided ones could visit on Fridays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays have been set

aside for visits by private schools.

Walkers will be able to buy single-visit (₹20), monthly (₹500), quarterly (₹1,500), half-yearly (₹2,500), and yearly (₹5,000) passes online and select their slots. The entry fee for students and teachers is ₹10 per person, and the entry fee for guided tours for the public is ₹20 per person.

The park has been renovated by the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust under

the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department at a cost of ₹42.45 crore.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, Ministers K.N. Nehru, Ma. Subramanian, and P.K. Sekarababu, Chennai Mayor R. Priya; MPs T.R. Baalu and Thamizhachi Thangapandian; legislators Dha. Velu and J. Karunanithi; Chief Secretary N. Muruganandan, and senior officials were among those present at the event.

Source: *The Hindu*, 25 October 2025, p. 2

T.N. leads the country in revenue generated from prison products; over ₹67 cr. collected

The State pays ₹300 for skilled workers and ₹270 for semi-skilled workers per day; products, such as ready-made garments, leather shoes, raincoats, and bakery items, are sold under the brand name 'Freedom'; prisoners are allowed to pursue degrees and diplomas offered by T.N. Open University

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Tamil Nadu has topped the country in earning income from prison product sales. The State has reported the highest gross value of sale proceeds, to the tune of ₹67.08 crore, thanks to the trained workforce of inmates.

According to official sources, the continuing programme for training prisoners in vocational trades has resulted in the production of articles with substantial market value. While Tamil Nadu led the country in profitable prison business, other States closely following were Telangana and Kerala with ₹55.71 crore and ₹24.44 crore respectively in 2023.

Going by National Crime



A chance to mend: The 'Prison Bazaar' outside the main entrance of the Coimbatore Central Prison. FILE PHOTO

The Department of Prisons has set up 'Prison Bazaars' in all Central Prison complexes

Records Bureau data, the value of goods produced per inmate was the highest in Telangana, with ₹95,187, followed by Tamil Nadu

(₹33,984), and Chandigarh (₹32,325). Prisoners engaged in labour are paid a nominal wage based on their skills. Tamil Nadu pays ₹300 for skilled workers and ₹270 for semi-skilled workers per day.

Rehabilitation

As part of the reformation and rehabilitation pro-

grammes of the State government, the prison industry was equipped with infrastructure to make textile, leather, aluminium, wax and paper products. The facility has been established at eight Central Prisons, one Special Prison for Women, and one Borstal School.

Even as most of the prison products are purchased by government departments, the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services set up 'Prison Bazaars' in all Central Prison complexes to sell their in-house products to members of the public at nominal prices.

The products, such as ready-made garments, leather shoes, rain coats, bakery items, and soaps, are sold under the brand name of 'Freedom'; 20% of

the profit is credited to the account of the prisoner who worked to make the product.

Fruitful PATTAM

The Personality Attitude Transformation Therapeutic Assistance Management (PATTAM) programme, introduced to reduce recidivism and facilitate reintegration of petty, first-time offenders (aged 18-24) into society as productive and responsible citizens has yielded the desired results. Of the total 9,370 young offenders who had attended the programme in prisons from August 2018 to December 2023, only 18 were re-arrested. The rate of recidivism was only 0.2%.

The NCRB has also reported that schools are functioning, with qualified

teachers, in all the Central Prisons, Special Prison for Women, and district jail and the Borstal School in Pudukkottai.

Prisoners are allowed to pursue degrees/diplomas offered by the Tamil Nadu Open University and write exams at government cost. In 2023, 8,844 prisoners studied various courses in prisons. A sum of ₹2.08 crore was spent on upgrading libraries in all prisons.

Videoconferencing

Tamil Nadu also tops in videoconferencing in prisons. Of the 1,332 prisons in the country, 1,156 have been equipped with the facility. The State has 126 prisons equipped with videoconferencing, followed by Madhya Pradesh (123), Rajasthan (92), Odisha (84), and Andhra Pradesh (80).

Source: *The Hindu*, 18 October 2025, p. 8

State planning to develop coastal tourism circuits

Sunitha Sekar
MUMBAI

The Tamil Nadu government plans to develop coastal tourism circuits in Nagapattinam, Rameswaram, and Kanniyakumari.

T.N. Venkatesh, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Tamil Nadu Maritime Board, said the State government was keen to tap the tourism potential of these coastal towns.

"The Nagapattinam Cruise Terminal is already functional. Now, we are examining the viability of linking Poompuhar, Nagapattinam, Velankanni, and

Kodaiyakarai with a ferry service. The idea is that tourists who visit any of these places could take a ferry to travel through this belt. It will give a big boost to tourism," he said.

The Tamil Nadu Maritime Board would appoint a consultant in the next 4-5 months, and the firm would prepare a detailed project report. The report would be submitted to the State government by mid-2026. Subsequently, it would be sent to the Centre to seek funds under Sagarmala 2.0 to build jetties in these locations.

Mr. Venkatesh said sev-

eral initiatives had been taken by the State government and the Tamil Nadu Maritime Board for a holistic development of the sector. "We would like to leverage the tourism potential of various coastal locations in coordination with the Tourism Department, and we will also have major coastal aquaculture hubs in Tamil Nadu in the years to come," he added.

The government is also taking steps to link Rameswaram and Thalaimannar with a ferry service, which would be the shortest sea route between India and Sri Lanka.

Source: *The Hindu*, 31 October 2025, p. 8

State govt. announces Deepavali bonus and *ex-gratia* totalling ₹44.11 crore for co-op employees

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

In view of Deepavali, the Tamil Nadu government on Thursday announced a bonus and an *ex-gratia* totalling ₹44.11 crore for the 44,081 employees working in cooperative societies across the State for the year 2024-25, which would be disbursed during 2025-26.

Employees of cooperative societies that come under the Payment of Bonus Act will receive a bonus of up to 20%, depend-

Employees of cooperative societies that come under the Payment of Bonus Act will receive a bonus of up to 20%, depending on the surplus available

ing on the surplus available with each society. In societies without surplus funds, employees will be provided a 10% bonus and an *ex-gratia* to enable them to celebrate Deepavali, according to an official press release.

In profit-making cooperative societies with a limited number of employees that do not fall under the Bonus Act, the employees will receive a bonus and an *ex-gratia* of up to 20%. As for non-profit-making apex and central cooperative societies that are not covered by the Bonus Act, the employees will receive an *ex-gratia* of ₹3,000, while those working in primary cooperative societies will receive ₹2,400, the press release added.

Source: *The Hindu*, 17 October 2025, p. 10

Gram sabha resolutions to be tracked under 'Namma Ooru' initiative

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state government's 'Namma Ooru, Namma Arasu' (our village, our government) initiative will take centre stage on Saturday as gram sabha meetings are held across the state to strengthen participatory governance and local development planning.

As part of the initiative, Chief Minister MK Stalin will address the gram sabhas through a video conference connecting at least 10,000 village panchayats -- marking the first such large-scale digital interaction between the government and rural communities.

After the speech, each gram sabha will select three immediate priority needs, which panchayat secretaries will record in the TNRD online portal by evening. District collectors will review the resolutions and ensure timely implementation, which will be monitored continuously by senior officials, including the chief secretary.

Speaking to reporters at the secretariat on Friday, Gagandeep Singh Bedi, additional chief secretary for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,

said the meetings will allow villagers to discuss and prioritise key local issues such as drinking water supply, expanding streetlight network, and waste management. "Already, over 18,000 e-carts are being used to collect garbage from households in rural areas. Villagers can identify regions where waste management needs improvement," Bedi said.

The gram sabhas will also take up preventive measures against dengue and other vector-borne diseases ahead of the northeast monsoon, awareness programmes to eliminate child labour, and plans under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana for villages with over 50% SC/ST population. "Gram sabhas are the backbone of rural development, ensuring participatory governance and inclusive planning," Bedi added.

Under the initiative, the government will also identify the poorest families in each panchayat to extend financial assistance through the National Rural Livelihood Mission, offering loans at interest rates between 0% and 4% to help them overcome poverty.



Gram sabhas are the backbone of rural development, ensuring participatory governance and inclusive planning

Gagandeep Singh Bedi, additional chief secretary

'Financial aid for women, skill scheme a success'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam (KMUT), a financial assistance programme for women, has bolstered food security for its beneficiaries, according to an impact assessment conducted by state planning commission.

Similarly, Naan Mudhalvan scheme, a skill development programme, has yielded promising results, with 38% of engineering and 57% of polytechnic students securing moderate job opportunities through placement drives after completing the courses. An evaluation report on the scheme revealed that the courses boosted student confidence, with 76% of engineering and 81% of polytechnic students reporting improved job prospects.

Launched by DMK, KMUT provides a monthly cash transfer of ₹1,000 to 1.1 crore women heads of families, starting from Sept 2023. The assessment, which surveyed 10,311

households, highlighted the programme's success in improving household food security. According to the report: "79% of beneficiaries in rural areas and 55% in urban areas report purchasing more vegetables for their families." And, one-fifth of the beneficiaries allocated the funds towards their children's education, while 39% in rural and 35% in urban areas used the money for purchasing medicines.

The survey on the Naan Mudhalvan scheme included feedback from 3,950 engineering and 5,059 polytechnic students across TN. The programme equipped students with essential skills through courses in English and Microsoft essentials. But, the report also highlighted a challenge in providing hands-on experience to rural students. Rural students from tier-2 and tier-3 cities have limited access to specialized software and hardware. This restricts their ability to apply theoretical knowledge practically.

Source: *The Times of India*, 14 October 2025, p. 4

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 11 October 2025, p. 4

From farming to crafts: TNSCST empowers SC/ST families in 9 dists

2,294 beneficiaries receive training on value-addition, food processing & traditional crafts

BINITA JAISWAL @Chennai

IN an initiative to uplift the SC/ST communities in underdeveloped districts, the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) has undertaken a project to map livelihood gaps and introduce science and technology-based interventions across districts such as Theni, Ramanathapuram, Madurai, Dindigul, Sivaganga, Virudhunagar, Villupuram, and Kallakurichi.

The project, which combined both quantitative and qualitative data, involved proportional random sampling and interviews using a structured questionnaire. It aimed to identify key issues affecting income, employment stability, and access to resources among rural

SC/ST households. Based on the findings, specific training and technology-based livelihood interventions were designed to enhance their income and ensure sustainable employment opportunities.

For instance, in Ramanathapuram, where fishing communities face unemployment during the breeding season, the council has introduced training on value-added fish products, artificial pearls and the installation of cold storage units.

In Theni and Dindigul, where agricultural labourers struggle with irregular work and low wages, training on dairy farming, poultry rearing, and production of biopesticides and

organic manure has been provided. Similarly, tribal populations in the hilly regions of Kodaikanal have received support for beekeeping and wild garlic value-addition, while villagers in Villupuram and Kallakurichi have been trained in millet-based food processing, organic farming, and drought-resistant crop cultivation.

The project also addresses unemployment among educated youth and women, offering training in electronics servicing, desktop publishing, tailoring, embroidery, and traditional crafts to promote entrepreneurship.

According to officials, the council initially proposed 20 training programmes to benefit

500 individuals. However, due to the overwhelming response, it implemented 78 training sessions, covering 2,294 SC/ST beneficiaries across multiple districts.

"We have been working on this project for the last two years and now it has yielded desired results. It's an ongoing project and will continue to help the SC/ST community in enhancing their sources of income through skill development, appropriate technology adoption, and local resource-based entrepreneurship," said S Vincent, member secretary of TNSCST.

The council has been implementing the project with support of the local higher educational institutions, officials said.



Source: *The New Indian Express*, 27 October 2025, p. 4

Art forms nurtured Tamil language, says CM

The Dravidian movement has promoted Tamil music, writing, and theatre; it enriched the language on public platforms and reformed society, says Stalin while conferring Kalaimamani awards; he urges artists from the State to spread Tamil art forms and culture throughout the world

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Saturday that art forms had played – and continued to play – a significant role in nurturing the Tamil language, and it was the Dravidian movement that introduced ideology and propaganda through theatre.

"Writings, oratory, literature, and art nurture language. If a language is destroyed, it will pave the way for destruction of a race, culture, and identity. If we lose our identity, we will lose our right to call ourselves Tamils," he said, while conferring the Kalaimamani awards of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

"What is the point in liv-



Recognising excellence: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin with the recipients of the Kalaimamani awards at a function held in Chennai on Saturday. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

ing without the identity of Tamils and self-respect? Let us protect the arts, our language, and our race. Our artists should go all ov-

er the world and spread our art forms and culture," he said.

The Chief Minister also presented the M.S. Subbu-

lakshmi Award to vocalist and playback singer K.J. Yesudas, the Bharathiyar Award to N. Murugesapandian, and the Balasaras-

wathi Award to Muthukanamal. Recalling the contributions of DMK founder C.N. Annadurai, poet Bharathidasan, writer S.S. Thenarasu, actors M.R. Radha, K.R. Ramasamy, Sivaji Ganesan, S.S. Rajendran and others, Mr. Stalin said they had spread the ideas of the Dravidian Movement through theatre, cinema, and literature.

Mr. Stalin said the DMK government had been following in the footsteps of its late leader Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi in supporting artists, as reflected in the felicitation of music director Isaigani Ilaiyaraaja for composing a symphony. "The Dravidian movement promoted Tamil music, writing, and theatre. It enriched the language on public platforms and reformed society," he said.

The Chief Minister said the Kalaimamani awards were intended to protect ancient art forms and those who practised them.

"The objective is to breathe new life into dance and drama and to promote our art forms in other States and across the world. The Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram is also providing financial support to artists in need of assistance for their sustenance," he added.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin; Information Minister M.P. Saminathan; K. Manivasan, Additional Chief Secretary of the Tourism, Culture, and Religious Endowments Department; Vagai Chandrasekar, Member-President, and Vijaya Thayamban, Member-Secretary, of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram, were present.

Source: *The Hindu*, 12 October 2025, p. 8

Seven years after relocation, Adivasi families lack access to basic amenities

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Eachanakolly in Gudalur, a Paniya tribal settlement established around seven years ago, typifies the challenges faced by families relocated from the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. The Adivasi families were allegedly cheated out of the compensation for relocation by real estate brokers and some Forest Department officials, who moved them to Revenue Department land. As a result, the villagers have been deprived of even electricity and water supply.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, K. Maari, a member of one of the 11 families at Eachanakolly, less than a kilometre away from the boundary of the tiger reserve, said the families had paid a total of ₹32 lakh for around three acres of land identified for them by real estate brokers and Forest Department officials. "However, only after we parted with the money and constructed our houses did we come to know that the land belonged to the Revenue De-



Left high and dry: Residents of Eachanakolly in Gudalur, a Paniya tribal settlement, have been left without basic amenities since they were relocated from the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. ROHAN PREMKUMAR

partment. This means we are denied even basic services," he said. And they were not given land documents.

Following complaints by around 21 families, the District Crime Branch registered a case against 10 persons, including a forest ranger, a forester, a lawyer, and real estate brokers.

Similar cases

K. Mahendran, district secretary of the Tamil Nadu Tribal People Association, said the problems faced by the Eachanakolly residents were similar to those of ov-

er 100 families relocated from the reserve.

Poor housing, lack of cultivable land, and no amenities marked the 'golden handshake' between the Forest Department and the Adivasis.

"This botched relocation of Adivasi families should serve as a warning for all other communities in the State when it comes to resettlement," he said.

To secure justice for the victims of the fraud, Mr. Mahendran has approached the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes. Thanks to his efforts, more than 80 families have been added as victims of the fraud since the original First Information Report was filed. The total number of victims now stands at more than 100.

Yet, Mr. Mahendran says justice remains elusive for the communities resettled on revenue land without documents.

"It is disgraceful that the original inhabitants of the region have been made landless by settlers and the government policy," he said.

Source: *The Hindu*, 20 October 2025, p. 8

Patta transfers face delays despite digitization of land records

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Chennai: Despite the Survey and Settlement Commissionerate digitizing land records and integrating software between revenue and registration departments to simplify patta transfers, city residents continue to face delays. Several applicants said they are forced to wait for weeks to see a title change in their patta after registration.

Earlier, the process was cumbersome for both buyers and sellers, requiring a compulsory visit to the taluk office for patta transfer, land measurement, and other land record-based services. The system has now been moved online, cutting down the time required to obtain documents and reducing opportunities for corruption to some extent.

Under the new system, a title change in the patta is

made within a minute after a buyer registers the purchased property, provided it does not involve any subdivision. This is known as a 'fulfilled patta', which can be downloaded from <https://eservices.tn.gov.in>. However, if a person subdivides their land parcel and sells it to multiple buyers, the application is routed to the login of the village administrative officer or surveyor, and the patta is issued within 30 days.

However, things on the ground seem patchy. Sandhya Vedullapalli, a lawyer and activist who registered a property in South Chennai in Sept, said she is still waiting for her updated patta. Similarly, another woman, Priya (name changed), who purchased an apartment in Perambur three months ago, is yet to receive her updated patta.

"This system seems to have worked only for a short

while. Now, even after more than three weeks, patta transfers following registration of sale deeds are not being completed. It appears that the old practice of running from pillar to post, and the indirect corruption associated with it, has returned," said Sandhya.

The simpler, transparent process was a welcome reform, but it appears to have been short-lived. "Patta transfer does not happen im-

mediately even now, contrary to govt instructions. Officials must monitor pending applications and rectify the glitches," said social activist Satish Galley.

Meanwhile, an official from the Commissionerate of Survey and Settlement said that if a person subdivides land and sells it to several buyers, the application is routed to the VAO or surveyor's login, and the patta will be issued within 30 days.

Source: *The Times of India*, 26 October 2025, p. 4

Postal dept. releases picture postcards on 'hues of Tamil Nadu'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Department of Posts released a set of picture postcards on 'The Hues of Tamil Nadu', featuring paintings of artist N.S. Manohar, here on Friday.

Mr. Manohar is known for his vibrant depiction of the cultural and natural

landscapes of the State.

A press release said G. Natarajan, Postmaster-General, Chennai City Region, released the picture postcards at an event, coinciding with World Post Day.

The theme of this year's postal week is 'Post for people: local service, global reach.'

Source: *The Hindu*, 11 October 2025, p. 5



More than 50 tourism awards presented in 17 categories

Health Minister Ma. Subramanian on Thursday said that tourism contributed to GDP growth and income generation. Speaking at a function organised to present State tourism awards to 52 institutions and individuals under 17 categories, he said this was the fourth year these awards were being presented. Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments P.K. Sekarbabu, who was present at the event, said Chief Minister M.K. Stalin was guiding the Tourism Department in implementing schemes to attract more tourists to Tamil Nadu. The State was also at the forefront in promoting medical tourism, he added. A press release said Tourism Secretary K. Manivasagam, TTDC Managing Director T. Christuraj, and Mayor R. Priya were also present on the occasion.

Source: *The Hindu*, 24 October 2025, p. 3

Smart water ATMs to come up in more locations in city

Officials say the machines are being installed in 10 more locations, including Broadway, Padi junction, GKM Colony, Kolathur, Tholkappia Poonga, and near Government Stanley Hospital

WATER WATCH

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Chennai Metrowater has planned to expand the smart water ATM network across the city, depending on the demand from residents.

With an aim to improve the access of clean drinking water in public places, the water agency had set up water ATMs in 50 key locations to dispense water free of cost. On average, at least 40,000 litres of drinking water is consumed daily through these ATMs since June.

Metrowater has now begun adding more such facilities in areas with high usage. Officials said water ATMs are being installed in 10 more locations, including Broadway, Padi junction, GKM Colony, Kolathur, Tholkappia Poonga and near Government Stanley Hospital. The sites for the ATMs are chosen based on



Basic needs: On average, at least 40,000 litres of drinking water is consumed daily through water ATMs. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The sites for the ATMs are chosen based on the requests and field surveys on the residents' needs

requests and field surveys on the residents' needs. There are plans to add a few more water ATMs on Marina beach as the existing facility received good patronage. Other beaches such as Besant Nagar and

Thiruvanniyur would also be covered, officials said.

Welcoming the efforts to expand the network of ATMs in Chennai, residents said the government must sustain the facilities for longer period with sufficient monitoring and maintenance.

D. Neelakannan, president, Alliance of Resident Welfare Associations of Tamil Nadu, said, "Several school students and passengers drink water from

the ATM in Retteri junction. I also consumed water dispensed in some ATMs to check quality."

"The government must take measures to install them in bus stands, hospitals and public places in areas such as Avadi and Red Hills. Periodical monitoring is important to prevent complaints of non-availability of drinking water," he said.

Officials noted that there were no major complaints of any damage or maintenance issues. The automated water dispensing units integrated with reverse osmosis and ultra filtration systems allow users to fill one-litre bottles or 150 ml containers.

The facilities are monitored through the monitoring and control centre in Metrowater headquarters and engineers would receive alerts whenever water level drops. Measures are being taken to step up surveillance through CCTV cameras and police patrolling.

Source: *The Hindu*, 05 October 2025, p. 4

26 'Thozhi' hostels under construction across State, says Geetha Jeevan



At present, a total of 19 Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels are operational across the State. REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
THOOTHUKUDI

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Minister P. Geetha Jeevan said here on Sunday that 'Thozhi' hostels for women are being set up at 26 locations across Tamil Nadu.

Addressing media persons, the minister said that currently six new 'Thozhi' hostels have been established for working women across the State.

Additionally, 10 hostels in Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Viluppuram and other areas have been renovated and are operational. Furthermore, three hostels, in Tiruchi, Coimbatore and Ayanambakkam, obtained from Adi Dravidar Welfare De-

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partment have been renovated and are functioning.

She said that at present a total of 19 hostels are operational, while construction of 26 hostels are underway at various stages and three hostels are under renovation in Tiruppur, Madurai and Coimbatore.

Ms. Geetha Jeevan said that under the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme a total of 5,29,728 students pursuing arts and science, engineering and other courses have been benefited. Under the 'Tamil Pudhalvan' scheme 3,92,449 students have benefitted to date.



Sprawling premises: The convention centre at Muttukadu is coming up on a plinth area of 2.08 lakh square feet.

Kalaigarn International Convention Centre to be ready by Feb. 2026

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Kalaigarn International Convention Centre at Muttukadu, one of the flagship initiatives of the Tamil Nadu government, will be ready by February 2026.

Public Works Minister E.V. Velu on Monday reviewed the construction of the structure, spread over 37.99 acres. Currently, the second floor of the structure is being built.

The Public Works Department launched the ₹525-crore project in May. According to a press release, the centre is coming up on a plinth area of 2.08

lakh square feet to host conferences and major events. The building will include a 91,924-square foot exhibition hall capable of accommodating 10,000 people, a convention hall with a seating capacity of 5,000, and a 1,500-seat auditorium. It will also have dining halls and parking space for 1,638 four-wheelers and 1,700 two-wheelers. Once completed, the convention centre will establish a global identity for Tamil Nadu, Mr. Velu said.

Mangat Ram Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary, PWD, was among the officials present at the review meeting.

Source: *The Hindu*, 28 October 2025, p. 2

Source: *The Hindu*, 20 October 2025, p. 7

Only 2.7% commuters paid via digital; accessibility still core focus for MTC

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Chennai: Despite a push toward cashless travel, only a fraction of Chennai's bus commuters have gone digital. Of the 10.4 crore passengers who used Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) services last month, just 2.73% paid through Singara Chennai cards, UPI, debit/credit cards, or Chennai One app.

Data provided by MTC says that around 3.97 crore women travelled for free under the Vidiyal Payanam scheme, forming the largest user group. Among paying passengers, cash dominated with ₹3.57 crore transactions, while 1.38 crore used ₹1,000 and ₹2,000 monthly passes.

MTC officials say they had deliberately not rushed towards complete digitization. "A large share of our

FOOTFALL IN FOCUS

An average of **34.70** lakh people ride with MTC daily (acc to Sept 2025 data)



A total of **10,40,96,729** people used MTC services in Sept 2025

Mode of transaction or scheme	Total passenger count
Cash transaction	3,57,52,241
Magalir Vidiyal Payanam (scheme)	3,97,16,550
Debit/credit Card	3,996
UPI	21,31,351
Singara Chennai card (NCMC)	6,71,431
Chennai One mobile app	37,993
Students bus pass (scheme)	1,19,28,220
Monthly travel passes (scheme)	1,38,54,947

passengers are students and senior citizens who use passes for free travel. Many don't always carry mobile phones. We cannot exclude them on account of digitization," said MTC managing director T Prabhushankar.

Still, MTC has been making gradual efforts to take services online since last

year. It rolled out UPI-enabled ticketing machines in Feb 2024, launched the Singara Chennai card integrating bus and metro services in Jan 2025, followed by Chennai One app, launched last month. On Oct 13, digital transactions briefly surged to 11%, driven by UPI, Singara Chennai cards, de-

bit/credit cards, and Chennai One app transactions.

The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) plans to digitize all ₹1,000 and ₹2,000 MTC passes by month-end while continuing limited physical sales. However, even taking services online does not eliminate all issues. "Online pass purchases still don't show where passengers get off, restricting our ability to study travel patterns. We're working on a solution," said CUMTA member secretary I Jeyakumar.

While youngsters welcome the change, older passengers prefer physical passes. "Even now, I travel from Pattabiram to Avadi depot to buy my physical pass. They should first fix such offline discrepancies before pushing everything online," said T Sadagopan, a senior citizen pass holder.

Source: *The Times of India*, 20 October 2025, p. 6

Fleet upgrade: State govt places order for 1,937 buses with TN firm

New batch of vehicles will have upgraded engines, stronger chassis and wheelchair ramps

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu government has placed an order with Ashok Leyland for 1,937 new buses, in order to modernise its public transport bus fleet.

The Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertakings (TNSTU), which already runs over 21,000 Ashok Leyland buses across the state, has placed the order for the batch that would include different types of buses for cities, towns and long-distance travel.

All the buses would come with upgraded engines and stronger chassis for better durability and smoother rides, along with pneumatic suspen-



The Tamil Nadu State Transport Undertakings has placed the order that includes different types of buses for cities, towns and long-distance travel | FILE PIC

sion systems on long-route buses. The vehicles would possess features such as electronic sta-

bility control to reduce the risk of accidents, automatic transmission, and better battery and

power systems to support GPS and passenger information services, stated a press note. They would also include wheelchair ramps and lower floors, it added.

Ashok Leyland National Sales Head (Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicles) Madhavi Deshmukh said, "This order shows the trust Tamil Nadu has in our buses. We are committed to making travel safer and more comfortable for passengers." Ashok Leyland Head of Bus (MHCV) K Mohan said the company is proud to play a part in improving the state's public transport infrastructure. "These new buses will make travel safer and cleaner for everyone," he said.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 17 October 2025, p. 4

Elevated corridor project on GST Road to integrate Bus Rapid Transit System

To be built at a cost of ₹3,300 crore, this 18.4-km-long structure will be T.N.'s first BRTS-integrated corridor. It will have additional lanes to be used in case of emergencies, and also as BRTS corridor

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CHENNAI

The proposed 18.4-km-long elevated corridor from Kilambakkam Terminus (Urapakkam) to Mahindra City (Chettipunnam) on the Grand Southern Trunk (GST) Road will have a provision for the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS).

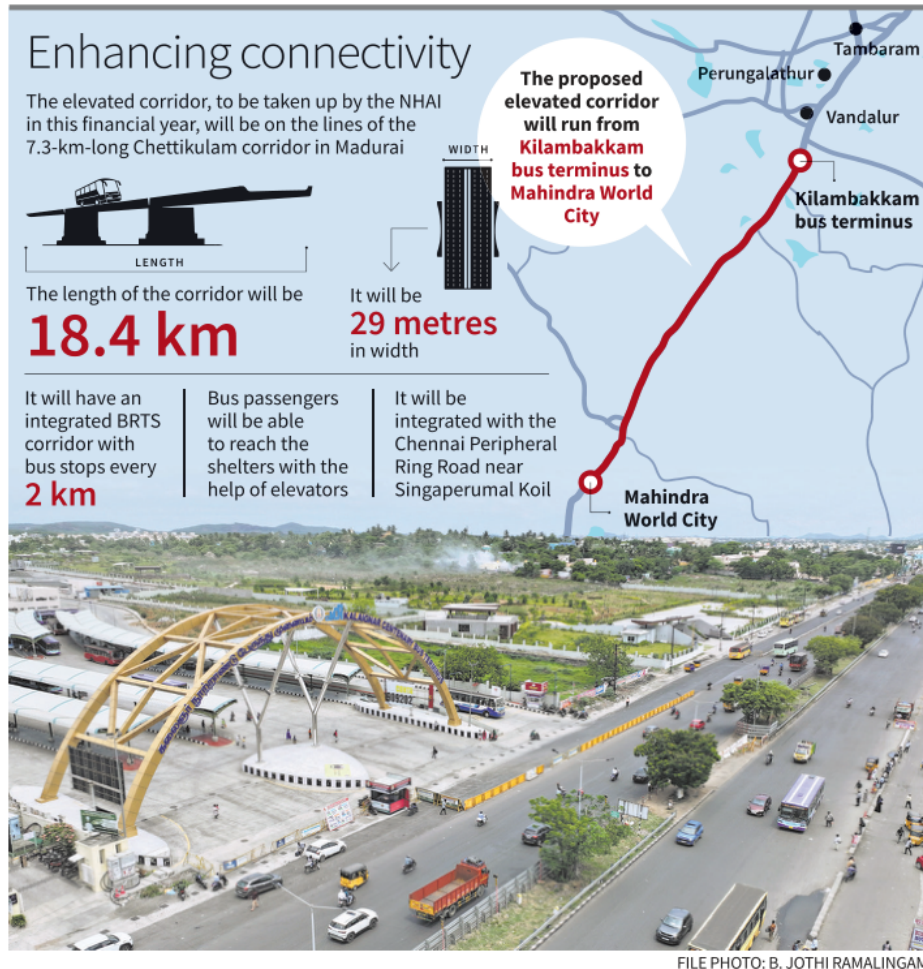
The width of the corridor – to be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹3,300 crore – will be increased to 29 m from 25 m, and the facility will have additional lanes on either side.

Sources in the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said the width had been increased after a review by the Central government.

“The earlier alignment had six lanes. The additional lanes will be used in case of emergencies, ensuring smooth flow of traffic. These lanes would also serve as the BRTS corridor. Elevators will be installed every 2 km to provide commuters access to the bus shelters,” an official said. This will be the State’s first BRTS-integrated elevated corridor.

The elevated corridor, which will be taken up by the NHAI in the present financial year, will also be integrated with the Chennai Peripheral Ring Road near

Source: *The Hindu*, 20 October 2025, p. 2



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Entry/exit ramps would be provided near Iyyancherry junction and Katankulathur.

Minimising accidents

Running parallel to the Chennai-Tiruchi National Highway, the corridor aims to reduce accidents at 14

blackspots, and segregate local traffic from the highway, thereby controlling traffic congestion during festival season.

The corridor would be a steel structure along the lines of the 7.3-km-long Chettikulam corridor in Madurai.

Before the construction

begins, five high-tension power lines will be shifted to ensure that the work is free of hassles.

Meanwhile, sources also said the Chennai Metro Rail Limited had opted out of the integrated corridor proposal. They felt it would not be economically viable, an official said.

No child welfare committees in four districts, 17 functioning on extensions

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @Chennai

DESPITE forming a state-level selection committee in July to appoint new members to Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), the TN government has left over 20 districts without fresh appointments. Four districts — Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Villupuram and Virudhunagar — have no committees at all, while several others are operating on extended tenures.

CWCs, mandated under the Juvenile Justice Act, are quasi-magisterial bodies responsible for safeguarding children in need, deciding placements in care institutions, and monitoring their welfare. “For over six months now, four districts have had no dedicated committees. The Kallakurichi CWC now handles

cases in Villupuram, requiring members to travel one or two days a week. This creates strain on both districts and negatively impacts children in need of care,” said Zahiruddin Mohamed, former CWC chairperson and petitioner in PILs advocating for state-level appointments for CWCs in the HC.

Department sources added the CWC members, who take care of neighbouring districts as well, are not provided compensation for travel.

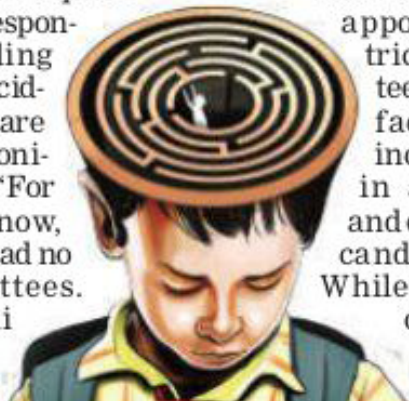
Earlier, CWCs were appointed by district-level committees. This process faced concerns, including delays in appointments and questions about candidate quality. While the state-level committee has reportedly

screened candidates and submitted recommendations, this delay in appointments is unwarranted, Zahiruddin added.

Tenures in 17 districts including Dindigul, Tiruchy, Ram-anathapuram, Kallakurichi and Chengalpattu, have been extended; some since April.

Under the mandated selection process, the member-secretary of the selection committee invites applications at least six months before a panel's tenure ends. Eligible applications are evaluated, and the committee then recommends a panel of three names per vacancy, which the government is required to appoint within three months.

Meanwhile, officials from the Directorate of Child Welfare and Special Services said candidate verification is ongoing, and chairpersons and members for most districts are expected to be appointed in a month.



Source: *The New Indian Express*, 06 October 2025, p. 2

CM launches ‘Aran’ homes for transitioning transgenders

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Chief minister MK Stalin launched ‘Aran’ (protection) homes for transgenders on Monday to provide shelter during their gender transition period.

In the first phase, two ‘Aran’ homes were established, one at Shenoy Nagar, Chennai, and another at Anna Nagar, Madurai, at a total cost of ₹43.88 lakh.

A release from state govt said, “During their transition period, the transgenders undergo fear and mental pressu-



PHASE 1: One home in Chennai, and one in Madurai were established

re due to which they stay away from their houses and educational institutes. The ‘Aran’ homes will help in protecting them and will give counsel-



ling to them. The homes will help provide education, free legal help, will help them file complaints against harassment and discrimination, and

will take measures to unite them with their families.”

The homes will have a capacity of 25 each, in which transgenders aged above 18 can stay for a period ranging from one month to three years. Transgenders from any district possessing an ID card from state transgenders welfare board will be eligible to stay in these homes.

Stalin also inaugurated two mega food parks of Sipcot at Tindivanam in Villupuram, and Theni. The two facilities entail a combined investment of ₹190 crore. These

parks will host more than 20 food processing units, attracting investments worth hundreds of crores and creating more than 1,000 jobs.

Childhood care and education centres have also been launched in 16 Sipcot industrial parks.

Stalin inaugurated new tourism projects worth ₹7.46 crore to develop tourism in Javadhu Hills in Tiruvannamalai, Ponnaiyar Dam in Karur, and Kolli Hills in Namakkal. He also laid foundation stones for various tourism projects worth ₹16.3 crore.

Source: *The Times of India*, 14 October 2025, p. 8

Solar power to light up govt offices, reduce electricity bill

Bids invited for 40MW solar projects, initial phase to cover 4 districts

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THE Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) has invited bids to set up 40MW of grid-connected rooftop solar power projects on government buildings across the state. The project aims to help state government departments lower their electricity bills, as many of them already have bill payments pending for several months, which the electricity board is struggling to collect.

"This is the first time we are taking up such a large-scale solar project for government office buildings across Tamil Nadu. Earlier, the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) — now functioning under TNGECL — had installed solar panels in 250 schools with a total capacity of 1.5MW. Though some government offices already have solar systems, we do not have proper data on them," a senior TNGECL official told *TNIE*.

Though TNGECL had planned for 200MW, tenders have been floated for 40MW in the first phase, with the rest to follow soon, the official added.

The projects will be implemented under the Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) model through tariff-based competitive bidding. Under the RESCO model, developers will set up and maintain the rooftop systems with no capital costs to the government and sell the electricity generated from it as per the fixed tariff. The rooftop systems will work under a net feed-in mechanism, allowing surplus power to be supplied back to the grid.

"In the initial phase, rooftop



AT A GLANCE

- TNGECL has estimated around ₹6 crore for installing 1MW of rooftop solar capacity. However, officials said the final cost may vary depending on market conditions

- At present, the state-owned power utility is struggling to recover electricity dues from local bodies and other government offices, with pending payments of nearly ₹2,000 crore

- Once solar panels are installed, these offices can generate their own power, cutting their monthly electricity bills by 40% to 50%. This, in turn, will help ease the financial burden on the utility

The rooftop area required for each project will range from 2,000 to 10,000 sq ft per building | **FILEPK**

Officials have been asked to prioritise government buildings with electricity consumption above 5kW or those with bulk usage. "A detailed list will be shared once the bidding process is completed and successful bidders are finalised," he added.

The rooftop area required for each project will range from 2,000 to 10,000 sq ft per building, another official said, adding that under the central government's PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, all ministries, departments, autonomous bodies, and subordinate offices must be equipped with rooftop solar systems by December 31, 2025.

According to the tender notification accessed by *TNIE*, the pre-bid meeting will be held on October 8. Online bid submission will be open from October 15 to 27, and bids will be opened on October 28. Bidders must submit an earnest money deposit (EMD) of ₹50 lakh, while the selected bidder must provide a performance bank guarantee of ₹1 crore per megawatt within 15 days of signing the agreement.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 07 October 2025, p. 2

Tirukkural to be translated to 15 more languages by '27

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

From Icelandic to Vietnamese, Thiruvalluvar's Tirukkural is likely to be translated into 15 more languages across the continents by 2027.

The state govt had announced a project to translate the ancient text into 45 languages in the next three years, in the Tamil Nadu budget. The ancient text has already been translated into more than 60 languages.

Officials held discussions with European language publishers to identify co-pub-

lishers in the region at the recently concluded Frankfurt Book Fair in Germany.

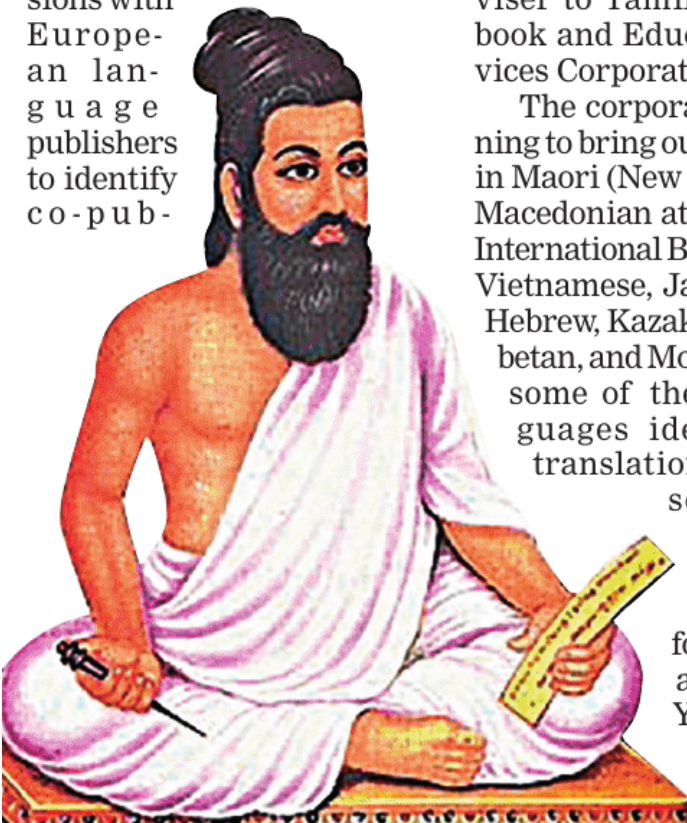
"Ukrainian, Romanian, Hungarian, Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian, Slovak, Norwegian, Lithuanian, Slovenian, Latvian, Irish, Finnish, and Icelandic are some of the languages that were explored for bringing the Tirukkural translation in those languages. It would be a trilingual book with Tamil, English, and one European language," said T Sankara Saravanan, honorary adviser to Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.

The corporation is planning to bring out Tirukkural in Maori (New Zealand) and Macedonian at the Chennai International Book Fair 2026. Vietnamese, Javanese, Lao, Hebrew, Kazakh, Uzbek, Tibetan, and Mongolian were some of the Asian languages identified for translation. Likewise, some of the African languages identified for translation are Xhosa, Yoruba, Lingala, and Igbo.

The corporation also partnered with publishers' networks such as the African Publishers Network (APNET) to translate classical text into African languages. The translations will be based on Hitoshi Pruiksmas's Tirukkural commentary. A target has been set to translate the text into 15 languages by CIBF 2027.

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Further, efforts were made to inscribe the Tirukkural into Unesco's Memory of the World register and make Tirukkural reciting part of Unesco's intangible cultural heritage. A team comprising Sankara Saravanan met ambassador and permanent representative of India to Unesco Vishal V Sharma in Paris and held discussions on publishing Unesco Courier in Tamil and possible inscription of Tirukkural under various Unesco conventions.



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Changing rules, tightened court orders, frozen permits, have turned homestay boom into test of how TN can promote tourism without pushing hills too far

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Every few days, S Geetha logs on to the Tamil Nadu tourism department website, hoping to register her Ooty homestay. "But the portal just doesn't seem to work. I've been trying for months," she says.

It's not just Geetha who's confused. The tourism department itself seems unsure how to handle the state's homestay and bed-and-breakfast (B&B) sector, which has been mushrooming across hill stations.

Over the past few years, the govt has repeatedly changed its stance on regulating homestays, first promoting them as immersive experiences that showcase local customs, cuisine and attractions, then tightening controls after environmental objections, leaving operators unsure of what rules apply and district administrations struggling to enforce regulations.

In 2022, the govt introduced registration and classification guidelines, leading to 942 licences being issued statewide; 565 were in the Nilgiris and 300 in Kodaikanal. But environmentalists protested that the unchecked spread of homestays in eco-sensitive zones threatened the ecology of the region and violated earlier court orders for scientific studies to be conducted before permits were issued. Consumer groups said it strained water and infrastructure.

Then came a slew of PILs after which, in April, the Madras high court passed an order freezing registrations and renewals "until further notice". The tourism department blocked its online portal, leaving hundreds of operators in limbo, including those who registered under the category three years ago and are now unable to renew their licences.

Madras HC formed a committee, headed by district revenue officers (DRO), district tourism officer and officials from revenue and local bodies, such as the executive officer, block development officer and municipal commissioner, to identify illegal cottages, homestays and B&Bs in the Nilgiris and Kodaikanal.

Now, an affidavit submitted by the Nilgiris district administration to the court says 945 illegal cottages and resorts have been identified, and the process of issuing notices to them is underway. "Over the past three months, we have sealed at least 25 buildings that were operating illegally, primarily as resorts, with one being a homestay and another a B&B," says M Narayanan, Nilgiris DRO.

He adds that the recent building sealing

Ooty bed & breakfasts get a wake-up call

drive targeted those operating without registration as B&Bs or homestays, as well as commercial resorts functioning within residential areas. "Some were found to be unauthorised. Our focus is on shutting down unauthorised buildings that operate as resorts and homestays. We will then look at commercial resorts functioning in residential structures, followed by establishments that violate building regulations."

In one instance, the inspection team found

that a B&B sanctioned for six rooms was using a single licence to run three units with 18 rooms within the same complex. "The building was sealed," says Narayanan.

It was also found that several commercial resorts that had obtained permits were operating in unauthorised buildings, 80% of them from residential buildings. Some buildings also violated building regulations, despite having obtained commercial licenses to operate resorts. For example, an 8,500sqft

building was licensed for just 2,500sqft.

"We identified 47 more buildings across the district functioning as resorts or cottages violating regulations. We will take action on them as per the court order. We hope these issues will get streamlined," says Narayanan.

A senior tourism department official says most B&Bs and homestays are registered with the department, though some owners are awaiting licence renewals. "The association of B&B and homestay owners has 544 registered members," the official says.

He says "a Tamil Nadu Tourism Act is being drafted". According to the official, one of the problems is that private inspection agencies have been appointed to classify establishments as silver or gold based on their facilities. In some cases, while the properties met classification criteria, buildings were found to be illegal. "The govt should have included officials in the inspection panels for accountability."

Illegal constructions are sometimes enabled by local officials, says V Sivasadas, managing trustee of NEST, an environmental and social organisation in Ooty. "Along with sealing illegal properties, the district administration should also hold the responsible local officials accountable."

Meanwhile, operators such as Geetha say they are left hanging. "I just don't know what I'm supposed to do now."

HOME RULES

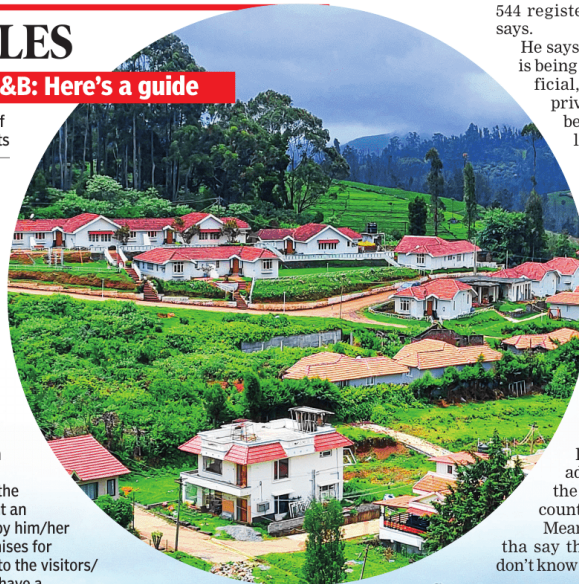
Resort, cottage, or B&B: Here's a guide

RESORT: A commercial complex of units let out for tourists and guests

COTTAGE: A commercial unit let out for guests and tourists

HOMESTAY ESTABLISHMENT: When the owner/promoter resides in the same premises for providing the necessary services to visitors/guests. The establishment would have a minimum of one lettable room and a maximum of three lettable rooms (6 beds)

BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT: Premises including buildings in a plantation where the owner/promoter of the establishment does not reside at the establishment himself/herself, but an Agent or operator so designated by him/her resides in the establishment premises for providing the necessary services to the visitors/guests. The establishment would have a minimum of one lettable room and a maximum of six lettable rooms (12 beds)



Source: *The Times of India*, 15 October 2025, p. 6

Crime cases against kids, Dalits on rise in TN, show NCRB data

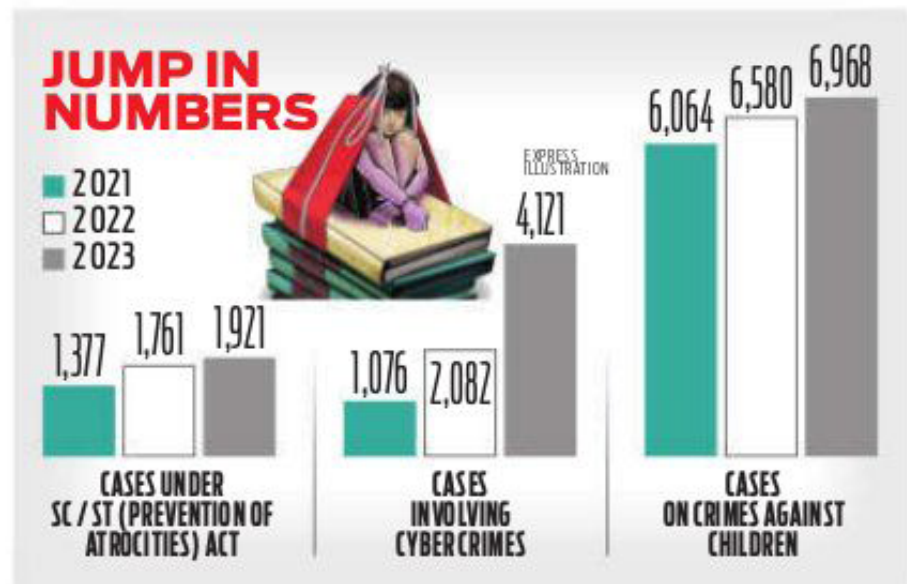
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THE Crime in India report of National Crime Records Bureau for 2023, released after over a year's delay, showed that cases filed for crimes against children and crimes against Dalits under the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act increased noticeably in Tamil Nadu in 2023 compared to the year before.

However, the number of murder cases and other violent crimes, which is one of the key indicators of law and order, witnessed a decline in the same period. In terms of overall crime rate, Tamil Nadu stood at 264.9 per lakh population while that of India was 270.3 per lakh population.

Cases filed under SC / ST (PoA) Act rose by 9.1% from 1,761 in 2022 to 1,921 in 2023. Over a five-year period from 2019 to 2023, the cases filed under the act has sharply increased by 68%. The number of cases stood at 1,144 in 2019, 1,294 in 2020, 1,377 in 2021, before recording a sharp spike of 27.9% in 2022.

The number of cases registered for crimes against children also increased, rising from 6,580 in 2022 to 6,968 in 2023. The figure in 2021 stood at 6,064 cas-



es. In Chennai, cases of crimes against children saw an increase from 514 to 573.

Meanwhile, cases registered for crimes against women decreased from 9,207 in 2022 to 8,943 in 2023. The number of murder cases saw a slight decline in Tamil Nadu, with 1,681 cases registered in 2023 compared to 1,690 in 2022. However, Chennai reported a marginal increase, from 101 cases in 2022 to 105 in 2023.

Overall, violent crimes, including murder, culpable homicide not amounting to murder, infanticide, attempt to murder, and grievous hurt, also declined from 12,325 cases in 2022 to 11,302 in 2023. Similarly, kid-

napping and abduction cases dropped significantly, from 737 in 2022 to 496 in 2023.

Crimes against senior citizens also decreased from 2,376 in 2022 to 2,104 in 2023. The state ranked fourth in the country for crimes against senior citizens. While overall cases have fallen compared to the previous year, Chennai saw a slight increase, with cases rising from 391 to 399. As far as crimes committed by juveniles is concerned, the cases has increased from 2,607 in 2022 to 2,999 in 2023. Meanwhile, cyber crimes, cases registered by the Railway Protection Force and cases filed by the state have also risen compared to previous years.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 01 October 2025, p. 6

'In Tamil Nadu, violent crime is down, public trust in police is up'

The National Crime Records Bureau Data For 2023 Reveal A Nuanced Picture Of Law And Order, Not Social Decay, Writes **DGP G Venkatraman**

Every year, the release of NCRB data prompts a wave of media reports on the state of policing in India. In a country as complex as ours, and with crime data often layered with multiple social realities, media reporting rarely reflects the reality on the ground. Some of the recent coverage following the release of the 2023 NCRB data illustrates this pattern.

The 2023 NCRB data for Tamil Nadu reveal a striking duality. In Tamil Nadu, violent crimes are down, and public trust is up. Citizens who once stayed silent now confidently call 1930, use the Kaavalan app, or walk into a police station knowing they will be heard and their complaint recorded.

Overall violent crimes in Tamil Nadu fell sharply from 12,325 cases in 2022 to 11,302 in 2023. This is a sign of effective preventive, intelligence-based policing. The data reveal steep declines across critical areas: attempted murders fell by 10%, and murders declined marginally. Kidnapping and abduction cases dipped by 46%, rioting by 41%, and dacoity and robbery by 11%. And, street-snatching and robbery cases fell by 18%.

Yet, the state saw increases in some categories. This is because victims found the courage and reliable channels to report crimes. There was a time when a woman facing harassment or a child suffering abuse hesitated to walk into a police station. Today, a vast and responsive network of all-women police stations and dedicated SC/

ST help desks offer a safe space for every complainant. Digital tools such as the Kaavalan SOS app and the 1930 cyber crime helpline enable instant reporting; access to justice is now literally at a citizen's fingertips.

A closer examination of the NCRB data reveals the nuanced story behind the headlines. Cyber-crime shows the most dramatic numerical surge. However, this trend mirrors a nationwide digital explosion. With soaring UPI transactions, e-commerce, and social media usage, more citizens are exposed to online platforms. Tamil

Nadu's consistent national ranking of sixth in cybercrime cases indicates that we are effectively managing a universal challenge, not facing a unique crisis. This proactive management is backed by robust infrastructure: every district now has a dedicated cyber crime police station, while the 1930 helpline and

www.cybercrime.gov.in portal have made reporting accessible and efficient. There's been a 5.9% increase in crimes against children (6,580 to 6,968 cases). This underscores heightened institutional responsiveness and the breaking of taboos as more citizens come forward. Serious offences against minors such as kidnapping and rape actually fell. The rise occurred primarily in cases registered under the Child Labour Act and the Child Marriage Act, an indication of heightened institutional vigilance and proactive enforcement.

Even within the broad category of crimes against women, the rise



is both specific and revealing. Assaults on women with intent to outrage modesty rose 16.7%, from 1,414 cases to 1,650. Most of this increase are cases of digital harassment and stalking, reflecting the growing use of smartphones. That so many now approach the police instead of enduring abuse silently speaks volumes about expanding trust. Crucially, dowry-related deaths fell by 61%, and kidnapping and abduction of women dropped by 45% — clear evidence of our focused protection efforts. Crimes against Scheduled Castes saw a 9% increase from 2022 to 2023. This rise underscores something important: heightened awareness and trust in the system are leading to more cases being formally registered. Many of these cases are of minor offences that were once ignored, tolerated, or settled informally outside the system. Their entry into the official record is a sign of systemic health, not social decay.

Finally, NDPS Act cases, which had surged by nearly 50% in 2022 following initiatives such as the Drive Against Drugs and Operation Ganja Vettai, dropped by 2.5% in 2023. This marks a "stabilization phase" where the strategic focus has shifted from a high volume of arrests to sustained rehabilitation

efforts and community-level prevention programmes.

There is also a 11.4% decline in crimes against senior citizens. Physical assaults such as attempt to murder, robbery, and grievous hurt have dropped significantly, thanks to neighbourhood-watch schemes, better urban lighting, and faster patrol response times. Only cheating offences, mostly of a cyber or financial nature, showed a slight rise, which has triggered digital-literacy campaigns tailored specifically for the elderly.

Tamil Nadu continues to rank among the top-performing states with its overall chargesheeting rate rising from 70.7% in 2022 to 80.8% in 2023. This critical metric reflects our institutional commitment to not just register a complaint, but to carry through evidence-based prosecution.

The earlier unwillingness to file complaints was born from fear and a deep-seated distrust in the system. When that silence is broken, when a victim from a marginalised group finally feels safe enough to speak and is met with a respectful and professional response, it is a profound sign of progress.

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CRIME FILES

Number of cases according to year

Tamil Nadu

2022
2023

Murder

1,690
1,681

Culpable Homicide

86
157

Dowry Deaths

29
11

Attempted Murder

2,623
2,363

Grievous Hurt

1,129
1,984

Rape

421
365

Kidnapping

737
496

Robbery

2,705
2,212

Dacoity

141
133

SERIOUS OFFENCES AGAINST MINORS FELL

Source: *The Times of India*, 13 October 2025, p. 10

AI to assist in city police services

Service Will Be Available In Tamil & English

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Chennai: Soon, Chennaites may not have to visit a police station or wait on hold for the '100' operator to get updates on a complaint or traffic fine. A new AI-powered virtual assistant proposed by the Greater Chennai Police (GCP) will let citizens chat, talk, or video-call with the police in Tamil or English through familiar messaging and social media platforms or even kiosks that are being planned at public places.

The GCP has invited tech firms to develop a conversational artificial intelligence (AI) platform. This will allow citizens to interact with the

COP GPT

Connect via WhatsApp, social media messengers, TN Police website, or public kiosks. Chat, talk, or video-call in Tamil or English

The AI chatbot and voice bot will answer questions on:

Complaints (FIR/CSR status)



Traffic challans and fines



Licensing and NOC applications



IMEI or vehicle verification



Live support escalation if the AI can't resolve an issue, it:

- Transfers to a live police help desk, or
- Generates a support ticket for review



police through chatbots, voice assistants, and video bots in Tamil and English.

"The proposed system will be integrated with existing police databases and applications, including FIR and CSR tracking, traffic challan payment systems, licensing and NOC portals, and IMEI

verification platforms. This will provide authenticated information. Citizens will be able to access these services through WhatsApp, social media, the Tamil Nadu Police website, mobile apps, and even AI-powered kiosks with 3D video bots at police stations and public locations,"

said a senior police officer.

The platform will be capable of handling both text and voice interactions, with a friendly Indian-style voice for the bot. "It will also support live video chat with police representatives when needed. A cloud-based infrastructure provided by the Chennai Police will host the system. This will ensure secure data storage within India and compliance with state and national data protection laws," he added.

If the AI system fails to resolve a query, it will automatically escalate the conversation to a live help desk or generate a support ticket for review, ensuring a smooth handover between citizens and police personnel. "The system will learn continuously, improving its accuracy and speech recognition for Tamil dialects through real-world conversations," the officer said.

The project will be rolled out in phases over seven months, followed by three years of maintenance and AI model updates. The shortlisted firms will later demonstrate their solutions before a technical evaluation committee.

Experts point out that as long as the facility is used for information, it is fine. "This initiative is more like a website -- where people can access information. Now most people have smartphones, so access to information will become easier," said cyber law consultant Na. Vijayashankar.

However, residents said that apart from chatbots, police should improve visible policing. "We are no longer seeing policemen on patrol. Traffic police are readily available for fining, but none on the ground for regulation," said V S Suresh, advocate, motor accidents claims tribunal.

Source: *The Times of India*, 19 October 2025, p. 5

FOOT NOTE

Surf's Up: How TN can ride the wave of an extensive coastline

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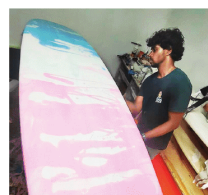
When it comes to surfing, India ranks third in Asia, while eight of the 10 national-level athletes hail from Tamil Nadu. This has prompted the state to take the lead in the business ecosystem of the sport, and private players are taking advantage of TN's long coastline and surfer-friendly waters. Apart from the 20-odd surfing schools dotting the East Coast, there is a peripheral industry comprising handmade surfboard makers and retailers.

At the forefront is Arun Vasu, chairman & MD, TT Group, and president, Surfing Federation of India. He has a four-decade long association with watersports projects. In 2012, his company adopted a Kovalam village,

took local young fishermen under its wings, and they went on to become surfing instructors. It was the year that he founded Surf Turf, a surf school and restaurant. The plan was to transform Kovalam into India's surfing village.

"A majority of surf schools on the East Coast are ones led by those who trained at our school. Today, there are 12 surfing schools in Kovalam, five in Mahabalipuram and three in Auroville. There are also two watersports schools located in Rameswaram, an indicator of the steady growth of such activities in Tamil Nadu," Vasu tells us. "During the east coast surfing season (Apr-Oct), our school earns ₹5 lakh a month. Schools in the region could earn up to ₹2 lakh a month, which is about ₹60,000 after expenses," adds Vasu.

The surfing ecosystem in India is in a nascent stage. Monetizing the sport requires the curation of events. Vasu has spearheaded the annual Covelong Point Surf Yoga Music Festival. First



POINT BREAK: Raghu Panneerselvam, the founder of Coral Surfboards at his workshop in Mahabalipuram

held in 2013, it saw an attendance of 1,500 people. The 2023 edition saw 35,000 attendees. "Such events help build a buzz around surfing, introduce a new crop of enthusiasts, and even non-surfers to the sport," he tells us. They also serve as an alternative revenue stream

for the sport, a seasonal affair.

While Vasu in a personal capacity has invested upwards of ₹7 crore to build the surfing ecosystem in the state, the TN govt has now come onboard. The TN International Surf Open Qualifying Series 3000 event held in Mahabalipuram in Aug 2023, was supported by the TN govt. The Asian Surfing Championship 2025 which took place in August, was also backed by the government. Now, an ancillary business community comprising handmade surfboard makers is also making waves.

Raghu Panneerselvam, the founder of Coral Surfboards, who hails from a family of fishermen, had his brush with surfboard-shaping in 2013 when an Australian surfer visited Mahabalipuram and founded Temple Surfboards. When it folded up, Raghu branched out as a surfing instructor, and used his savings to set up a handmade surfboard-manufacturing startup. Building his first surfboard cost him ₹50,000. Over three

years, he pooled in his savings and a bank loan to invest ₹7 lakh to build a workshop on his terrace, purchase machinery, shaping tools, fiberglass fabric from Australia and raw materials.

"I get orders to custom build five to six surfboards a month. The input cost ranges from ₹16,000 for a 6.4 foot board to ₹20,000 for a 9 foot board. The short boards cost ₹28,000, and prices go up depending on the size, and art work." Today, Raghu divides his time between Mahabalipuram (May to Sept) and Agonda, South Goa (Oct to April). He has set a deadline of three years to begin exporting his surfboards to Sri Lanka, Reunion Island and Maldives and amping up mechanization at his workshop.

The sport is showing a lot of promise, thanks to enthusiasts. "A 90-minute coaching session costs you ₹1,500 and classes are 8-15 days long. I train 40-50 students a month," says Kavi Mani, a surfing instructor with the Bay of Life Surf School in Kovalam.

Source: *The Times of India*, 27 October 2025, p. 2

Additional 1,500MWh battery storage to meet TN's power demand

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Chennai: In two years, the state need not burn a hole in its pockets with high-cost power purchase to meet evening peak hour demand. The Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation (TNGECL) will set up battery energy storage systems (BESS) with a capacity of 2,500 megawatt-hour (MWh) to store excess solar power being generated during the day and use it later at night.

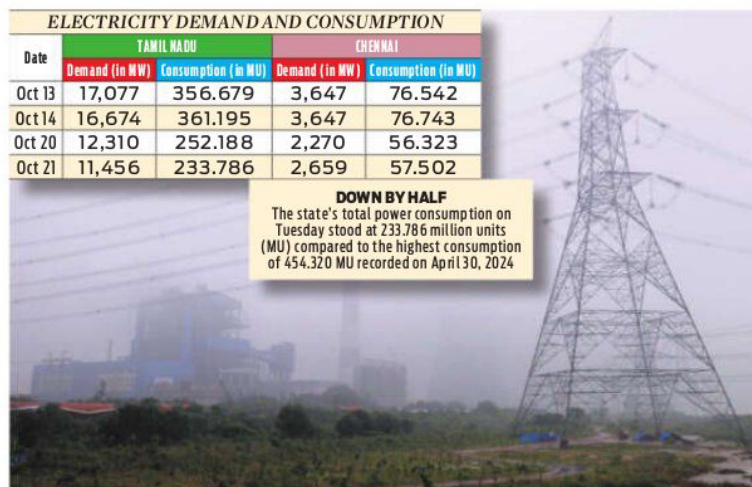
During summer, power demand peaks during evening hours and lasts till midnight. The entire demand is met through generation from thermal plants and high-cost power purchases due to the unpredictability of wind power and unavailability of solar power. Tamil Nadu's peak power demand is expected to cross 22,000 MW (megawatts) next summer and increase further in the coming years. The Union power ministry has been pushing battery energy storage through viable gap funding to store ex-

cess renewable energy for use in the non-solar hours.

Now, the TNGECL will float a tender for 1,500 MWh battery systems, which will be set up in Madurai, Coimbatore, and Trichy on the lands of Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation (Tantransco) adjacent to their substations. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) recently approved Tantransco's proposal to lease its lands for BESS developers.

When they become functional, the systems can store approximately 2.25 million units of power and release it in the evening hours for up to four hours to meet the power demand. "This will enable TNGECL to absorb as much solar power into the system without curtailment and reduce reliance on high-cost power from the market to ensure uninterrupted power supply. Also, it will relieve thermal stations of stress to ramp up power generation," said Aneesh Sekhar, MD, TNGECL.

Source: *The Times of India*, 30 October 2025, p. 2



NE MONSOON RAIN BRINGS DOWN TN POWER DEMAND

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WITH the northeast monsoon bringing heavy rainfall, the state's power demand has dropped over the past few days. According to Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNP-DCL) data, the state's power demand stood at around 11,651 MW on Wednesday, much lower than the usual average of 15,000 MW. This has led to the corporation lowering thermal power generation by nearly 50%.

A senior official from TNP-DCL said that the drop in demand is mainly due to the reduced use of air conditioners and agricultural motors.

"In Chennai city, the electricity demand, which was 3,694 MW on October 13, came down to 2,659 MW by Tuesday,

a fall of 1,035 MW in a week," the official told *TNIE*.

He said that similar trends were observed in other districts too, particularly in western and southern regions of TN where continuous rain has reduced the need for irrigation pumps. The state's overall power consumption is likely to continue to remain on the lower side during the monsoon period.

Following this dip in consumption, the corporation has scaled down thermal power generation by almost 50%. "On Wednesday, the state generated 2,037 MW from its thermal stations, against the combined capacity of 4,320 MW. Interestingly, despite overcast skies, the solar generation stood at 1,679 MW, thanks to intermittent sunshine between spells of rain," the official added.

Another senior official said that field staff and engineers have been instructed to treat safety as the top priority this monsoon. "In recent days, there have been reports of electrocutions. We have instructed our workers to use safety gear such as gloves and earth rods, and to ensure that power lines are completely switched off before starting any repair work," the official said.

The department has also urged the public to stay cautious near electrical installations. "People should avoid going near transformers, electric poles, junction boxes, and pillar boxes during rains," the official said.

The public has been advised to inform local bodies or TNP-DCL helplines if tree branches or poles are found fallen on power lines, in order to be rectified.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 23 October 2025, p. 4

Govt to launch Women Information Bank, part of 5-yr TNWeSafe project

Platform aims to be one-stop gateway for women of all ages for personal & professional growth

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THE state government is set to launch a one-stop digital platform called the Women Information Bank (WIB) to support women's career growth, skill development, entrepreneurship and safety under the ₹1,185-crore World Bank-supported Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety (TNWeSafe) Project. The platform will provide comprehensive information on all women-oriented schemes implemented by various departments and guide users to access them.

Designed as a multi-sectoral hub, WIB will help women access skill training, entrepreneurial assistance, childcare and elderly care facilities, hostels, psychological and career counselling and networking opportunities, among other services. It will also offer resources on healthcare, legal rights, mental wellbeing, social legislations, safety tips and emergency support, including helplines for domestic violence and location-based details of local support centres and one-stop centres. A secure space for reporting workplace harassment and discrimination will also be available in the platform to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms.

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 24 October 2025, p. 2



The TNWeSafe project has invited tenders to develop a well-integrated, innovative, user-friendly and secure online platform for this purpose, which is expected to be launched within six months.

Apart from being a repository of information for women, the WIB will also function as a

comprehensive data resource to track and manage women beneficiaries across various welfare schemes. It will integrate information from multiple departments, including social welfare, MSME, skill development, education, health, transport and the women's commission among others,

enabling data-driven decision making and evidence-based policy evaluation apart from ensuring robust reporting, interoperability, data security and transparency in service delivery.

Officials said the platform is envisioned as a one-stop gateway for women across all the age groups, catering to students, professionals, homemakers, aspiring and existing entrepreneurs and vulnerable groups, supporting them in both their personal and professional growth.

The five-year TNWeSafe project will focus on three key areas — enhancing women's participation in the labour market (Employ), improving access to services and resources that support employment and career growth (Enable) and strengthening state capacities, technical partnerships and institutional structures to create a supportive ecosystem for women's employment (Empower). The department had also called for tenders in June for preparation of state-level Women Quality Employment Plans (WQEPs) and district-level Women Quality Employment Plans (D-WQEPs) to identify challenges at both state and district levels and improve women's participation in the workforce.

தமிழ் நாளிதழ்கள்

‘தமிழக பொருளாதார இலக்கை எட்ட சென்னை துறைமுகம் உறுதுணை’

திருவெற்றியூர், அக். 21: தமிழகத்தின் டிரில்லியன் டாலர் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சி கனவு இலக்கை எட்ட சென்னை துறைமுகம் உறுதுணையாக செயல்படும் என சென்னை துறைமுக நிர்வாகம் தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

இதுகுறித்து சென்னை துறைமுக போக்குவரத்துத் துறை தலைமை மேலாளர் எஸ்.கிருபா னந்தசாமி செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை வெளியிட்ட அறிக்கை:

துறைமுகங்கள், கப்பல் போக்குவரத்து மற்றும் நீர்வழி போக்குவரத்து அமைச்சகம் சார்பில் இந்திய கடல்சார் வாரம்-2025 என்ற மாநாடு மும்பை மாநகரில் வரும் அக்.27 முதல் 31-ஆம் தேதி வரை நடைபெற உள்ளது. இதில், 100-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளைச் சார்ந்த ஒரு லட்சத்துக்கும் மேற்பட்ட பிரதிநிதிகள் கலந்துகொள்ள உள்ளனர்.

சுமார் 500-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட கண்காட்சி அரங்குகள் அமைக்கப்பட உள்ளன. உலகப் புகழ்பெற்ற நிபுணர்கள் சுமார் 200-க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்புரையாற்ற உள்ளனர்.

நீண்ட காலமாக நிலுவையில் இருந்து வந்த சென்னை துறைமுகம்-மதுரையால் இடையேயான ஈடுக்கு உயர்நிலை மேம்பாவு திட்டத்தின் கட்டுமான பணிகள் மிக வேகமாக நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.

சுமார் ரூ.6,000 கோடியில் செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டு வரும் இந்தத் திட்டம் செயல்பாட்டுக்கு வரும்போது 24 மணி நேரமும்



எஸ்.கிருபா னந்தசாமி

தடையற்ற சரக்கு போக்குவரத்து மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் நிலை உருவாகும்.

சென்னை துறைமுகம், தேசிய நெடுஞ்சாலை ஆணையம், தமிழ்நாடு தொழில் வளர்ச்சிக் கழகம், ரயில்வே மற்றும் நிலையன்ஸ் நிறுவனத்தின் கூட்டு முயற்சியோடு ஸ்ரீபெரும்புதூர் அருகே மப்பேட்டில் பல்நோக்கு சரக்கு மேலாண்மை வளாகம் அமைக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

இதன்மூலம் சென்னை, எண்ணூர், சாட்டுப்பள்ளி துறைமுகங்களை சாலைமற்றும் ரயில்போக்குவரத்துமூலம் இணைத்து சரக்குகள் கையாள்வதில் மேலாண்மை புரட்சி ஏற்படுத்தப்படும்.

துறைமுகத்தில் நீண்ட காலமாக இருந்து வந்த கண்டெய்னர் போக்குவரத்து நெரிசலை முற்றிலும் அகற்றும் வகையில் துறைமுகத்தின் பிரதான நுழைவாயில் அருகே ஒரே நேரத்தில் 600-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட கண்டெய்னர் லாரிகளை நிறுத்திவைக்கும் வகையில் வாகன நிறுத்த முனையம் அமைக்கப்பட்டு செயல்பாட்டுக்கு கொண்டு வரப்பட்டுள்ளது. இதன்மூலம் ஒரே நாளில் 6570 சரக்கு வாகனங்கள் கையாண்டு துறைமுகம் சாதனை படைத்துள்ளது.

சமூகம் மற்றும் கலாசார வளர்ச்சி குழல், பொருளாதார முன்னேற்றம் மற்றும் தொழில் நுட்ப கண்டுபிடிப்புகளில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க முன்முயற்சிகள் மற்றும் பங்களிப்புகளுடன் தமிழகம் எப்போதும் ஒரு முன்னோடி

மாநிலமாக இருந்து வருகிறது. அதன்படி வரும் 2030-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்குள் ஆண்டுக்கு சுமார் ஒரு டிரில்லியன் டாலர் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சிக்கு ‘தமிழ்நாடு தொலைநோக்கு’ திட்டத்தைச் செயல்படுத்துவதற்கு மாநில அரசு திட்டமிட்டுள்ளது. இதில், சென்னைத் துறைமுகமும் பங்கெடுத்துக் கொள்கிறது.

பல்லாயிரம் கோடி ரூபாய் செலவில் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வரும் பல்வேறு அடிப்படை கட்டமைப்பு வளர்ச்சி திட்டங்களைச் செயல்படுத்தி வருவதன் மூலம் தமிழகத்தின் டிரில்லியன் டாலர் பொருளாதார தொலைநோக்கு இலக்கை எட்டுவதற்கு சென்னை துறைமுகம் உறுதுணையாக செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது என்றார் அவர்.

Source: Dinamani, 22 October 2025, p.4

துணை மதிப்பீட்டுத் தொகை ரூ.2,915 கோடி: பேரவை ஒப்புதல்

சென்னை, அக். 15: தமிழக சட்டப்பேரவையில், 2025-26 -ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கு கூடுதல் செலவினங்களுக்கான துணை மதிப்பீட்டுத் தொகை ரூ.2,914.99 கோடி ஒதுக்கீட்டுக்கு பேரவையில் ஒப்புதல் அளிக்கப்பட்டது.



பேரவையில் 2025-26-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான முதல் துணை மதிப்பீடுகளைத் தாக்கல் செய்து நிதி அமைச்சர் தங்கம் தென்னரசு பேசியதாவது:

நிகழ்ந்தியாண்டின் (2025-26) பட்ஜெட் திட்ட மதிப்பீடுகள் தாக்கல் செய்யப்பட்ட பிறகு புதிய பணிகள் மற்றும் புதிய துணைப் பணிகள் குறித்து ஒப்பளிப்பு செய்யப்பட்ட இனங்களுக்கு பேரவையில் ஒப்புதல் பெறுவதும், எதிர்பாராத செலவு நிதியில் இருந்து விடுவிக்கப்பட்ட தொகையை அந்த நிதிக்கு ஈடுசெய்வதும் துணை மானியக் கோரிக்கையின் நோக்கமாகும்.

அரசுப் போக்குவரத்துக் கழகங்களில் பணியாற்றி இயற்கை எய்திய, ஓய்வு பெற்ற மற்றும் தன்விருப்ப ஓய்வு பெற்ற தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு உரிய ஓய்வூதிய பணப் பலன்களை வழங்க, முன்பணமாக ரூ.137.97 கோடியை அரசு அனுமதித்துள்ளது.

கடந்த 2024 ஃபெப்ரவரி புவல் பாதிப்புகளுக்காக தேசிய பேரிடர் நிவாரண நிதியில் இருந்து 2025-26-இல் பெறப்பட்ட உதவித் தொகை ரூ.522.34 கோடியை, மாநில பேரிடர் நிவாரண நிதிக்கு மாற்றம் செய்ய அரசு அனுமதித்துள்ளது.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசுப் போக்குவரத்துக் கழகங்களில் பழைய பேருந்துகளுக்குப் பதிலாக 3,000 புதிய பி.எஸ்.6 வகை பேருந்துகளை 2025-26-ஆம் ஆண்டில் வாங்குவதற்காக பங்கு மூலதன உதவியாக ரூ.471.53 கோடியை கூடுதலாக அரசு அனுமதித்துள்ளது.

கலைஞரின் கனவு இல்லம் திட்டத்தைச் செயல்படுத்த கூடுதல் தொகை ரூ.469.84 கோடியை அரசு அனுமதித்துள்ளது. இதற்கான துணை மதிப்பீடுகளில் மானியக் கோரிக்கை எண். 42-ஊரக வளர்ச்சி மற்றும் ஊராட்சித் துறை என்பதன் கீழ் ஒவ்வொரு இனத்தின் கீழும் ரூ.1,000 சேர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. மீதத்தொகை மானியத்தில் ஏற்படும் சேமிப்பில் இருந்து மறு நிதி ஒதுக்கீடு மூலம் செலவிடப்படும் என்றார் அவர்.

நிதி அமைச்சர் தங்கம் தென்னரசு தாக்கல் செய்த, 2025-26-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான துணை மதிப்பீடுகளுக்கான தொகை ரூ.2,914.99 கோடி ஒதுக்கீட்டுக்கு பேரவையில் ஒப்புதல் அளிக்கப்பட்டது.

Source: Dinamani, 16 October 2025, p.9

சென்னை ஏ.ஐ., ஸ்டார்ட்அப் ரூ.2,288 கோடி நிதி திரட்டியது

சென்னை, அக். 24- சென்னை யைச் சேர்ந்த ஏ.ஐ., ‘ஸ்டார்ட்அப்’ நிறுவனமான, ‘யுனிபோர்’ பல்வேறு முதலீட்டாளர்களிடம் இருந்து, 2,288 கோடி ரூபாய் நிதி திரட்டியுள்ளது.



யுனிபோர் நிறுவனம், 2008ல் துவக்கப்பட்டது. உலகளவில் செயல்படும் அந்நிறுவனம், உரையாடல் ஏ.ஐ., வாயிலாக வாடிக்கையாளர்களுக்கு விளக்கம் அளிக்கும் சேவையில் ஈடுபட்டு வருகிறது. இதனால், மனித தகவல்கள் ஏற்படுவதில்லை. வாடிக்கையாளர்களுக்கு நேரம் மிச்சமாகிறது.

இதன் சேவையை வங்கி, விமானம், சேவை மையம் உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு துறைகளைச் சேர்ந்த நிறுவனங்கள் பயன்படுத்துகின்றன.

தம்போது யுனிபோர் நிறுவனம், என்.வி.ஐ.டி.ஐ.ஏ., - ஏ.எம்.டி., ஸ்னோபிளேக், டேட்டாபிரிக்ஸ் ஆகிய முதலீட்டு நிறுவனங்களிடம் இருந்து, 2,288 கோடி ரூபாய் நிதியாக திரட்டியுள்ளது. இந்த நிதி, ஏ.ஐ., மற்றும் தரவு தளமான, ‘பிசினஸ் ஏ.ஐ., கிளவுடில்’ புதுமைகளுக்கு பயன்படுத்தப்பட உள்ளது.

இதுகுறித்து, தமிழக அரசின் வழிகாட்டி நிறுவனத்தின், ‘எக்ஸ்’ தளத்தில், ‘உரையாடல் ஏ.ஐ.,யில்’ முன்னணியில் உள்ள சென்னையில் துவக்கப்பட்ட யுனிபோர் நிறுவனத்தின் மதிப்பு, 22,000 கோடி ரூபாய்க்கும் அதிகமாகி உள்ளது. இந்த மைல்கல், சென்னையை உலகளாவிய ஏ.ஐ., வரைபடத்தில் உறுதியாக நிலைநிறுத்துகிறது’ என, தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டு உள்ளது.

Source: Dinamalar, 24 October 2025, p. 12

ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகளுக்கு ஆடை ஏற்றுமதி அதிகரிப்பு

திருப்பூர் பின்னலாடை அதிக பங்களிப்பு

திருப்பூர், அக். 18-
'டாப்' 10' தரிகளுக்கு
காண ஆடை ஏற்றுமதியில்,
ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகளுக்கு
காண ஏற்றுமதி அதிகரித்
துள்ளது. அமெரிக்கா, கனடா,
போலாந்துக்கு ஆடை ஏற்று
மதி 35 சதவீதம் உயர்ந்து
உள்ளது.

நம் நாட்டில், நடப்பு
நிதியாண்டின் முதல்
நாளுக்கு பத்துக்கொண்ட, ஏப்.,
= ஜூலை, 47,124 கோடி
ரூபாய்க்கு ஆடை ஏற்று
மதி நடந்துள்ளது; இதில்,
'டாப்' 10' நாடுகளுக்கு
மட்டும், 36,354 கோடி
ரூபாய் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்
பட்டுள்ளது.

தம்பிக்கை

தீண்டி இடையெலிக்கு
பின், போலந்து, இத்தாலி
களில், ஐரோப்பிய
நாடுகளுக்கு ஏற்றுமதி
அதிகரித்துள்ளது.
கடந்த நிதியாண்டின்
முதல் நாளுக்கு மாதம்
களில், (1) மார்ச்சுக்கு ஏற்று
மதி 308 கோடி ரூபாயாக
இருந்த நிலையில், இம்
தாண்டு, 3,178 கோடி
யாக உயர்ந்துள்ளது; இது,
37.70 சதவீதம் அதிகம்.
இந்திய அரசு ஸ்ரீரே"
அக்காண ஏற்றுமதி 3,120



கோடியில் இருந்து, 3,740
கோடி ரூபாயாக உயர்ந்து
உள்ளது; இது, 18 சதவீதம்
அதிகம்.

இத்தாலிக்கு ஏற்றுமதி,
358 கோடி ரூபாயில்
இருந்து, 1,132 கோடி
ரூபாயாக அதிகரித்துள்
ளது; இது, 18 சதவீதம்
அதிகம்.

அமெரிக்காவுக்கு அடுத்த
நாடியாக இருந்து வந்த
ஐரோப்பிய யுனியனுக்கு
உட்பட்ட நாடுகளுக்கும்,
இந்திய ஆடை ஏற்றுமதி
அதிகரித்து வருகிறது.

'டாப்' 10' இன் வர்
வில்லா வர்த்தக ஒப்பந்தம்

ஏற்பட்டுள்ளதால், அமெ
ரிக்காவுடனான தற்காலிக
வர்த்தக இழப்பை விரை
வில் சரிசெய்தல் விட வாய்
வந்து, ஏற்றுமதியாளர்கள்
நம்பிக்கை பெருகிற்று
உள்ளனர்.

ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகள்

ஆவத்த ஆடை ஏற்று
மதி (மேலும்) 9 சதவீதம்
கொண்ட இ.பி.சி., அமெரி
கன் கூறுகளில், 'நடப்பு
நிதியாண்டின் அமெரிக்கா,
பிரிட்டன், ஐக்கிய அரபு
எமிரேட்ஸ், ஜெர்மனி,
ஸ்பெயின், ஹொலாந்து,
பிரான்ஸ், போலந்து,

61 சதவீதம்

துப்பு நிதியாண்டின் முதல் நான்கு மாதங்
களில், திருப்பூர் இருந்து மட்டும், ஏப்., - 3,260
கோடி, மே - 3,924 கோடி, ஜூன் - 3,622 கோடி,
ஜூலை - 3,834 கோடி என, 14,640 கோடி
ரூபாய் மதிப்பீசை பின்னலாடை ஏற்றுமதி
நடந்துள்ளது.

தற்புன் ஒட்டுமொத்த பின்னலாடை ஏற்று
மதி, ஏப்., - ஜூலை மாதங்களில், 24,000 கோடி
ரூபாயை எட்டியிருந்தது. அதன்படி, நாட்டின்
மொத்த பின்னலாடை ஏற்றுமதியில், திருப்
பூர் பங்களிப்பு, 61 சதவீதமாக அதிகரித்து
உள்ளது.

திருப்பூர் ஏற்றுமதியாளர்கள் கூறுகளில்,
'பொதுவாக, செப்., அக்., மற்றும் நவ., மாதங்
களில், ஆடை ஏற்றுமதி குறைவாக இருக்கும்
என எதிர்பார்க்கப்பட்டது. டிச., துவக்கி மார்ச்
வரை, ஏற்றுமதி வளர்ச்சி பெறுவதற்கு வாய்ப்பு.

'அதன்படி, கோடைக்கால ஆடைகள் ஒப்பந்
தம் செய்யும் முன்வதாக, அமெரிக்க கூடுதல்
வரி நீக்கத்தைக் கருக தீர்வு கிடைக்கும் என்ற
நம்பிக்கையுடன் உள்ளோம்' என்றனர்.

இத்தாலி, ஸ்பெய்ன் அமெ
ரிக்கா ஆகியவை, 'டாப்
10' நாடுகள் பட்டியலில்
இருக்கின்றன.

ஏப்., துவக்கி ஜூலை
வரையிலான நான்கு
மாதங்களில், அனைத்து

நாடுகளுக்கான ஏற்றும
தியும் அதிகரித்துள்ளது.
குறிப்பாக, ஐரோப்பிய
நாடுகளுக்கான ஏற்றுமதி
முன்பு இருந்ததை காட்டி
ஏற்பு அதிகரித்துள்ளது'

Source: Dinamalar, 19 October 2025, p. 12

தமிழக பாரம்பரிய பொருட்களுக்கு மலேஷியாவில் வர்த்தக மாநாடு

சென்னை, அக். 25-
தமிழகத்தின் பாரம்
பரிய பொருட்களை பிர
பலப்படுத்தும் வகையில்,
மலேஷியாவில் சர்வதேச
தமிழர்கள் வர்த்தக மாநாடு
நடக்கவுள்ளது.

இதுகுறித்து சென்னை
யில், மில்லட் பவுண்டே
ஷன் நிறுவனர் சுந்தர்,
மலேஷிய தமிழர் வர்த்
தக சங்க தலைவர் பால
கிருஷ்ணன் பத்துமலை
ஆகியோர் கூறியதாவது:
தமிழகத்தின் பாரம்பரிய
தயாரிப்புகளுக்கு உலகளா
விய சந்தையை உருவாக்
கும் வகையில், சர்வதேச
தமிழர்கள் வர்த்தக மாநாடு,
மலேஷியாவில் ஆலம்
ஷா என்ற இடத்தில் டிசம்பர்
22 முதல் 25ம் தேதி
வரை நடக்கவுள்ளது.

இதன் ஒரு பகுதியாக,
டிச., 23ம் தேதி மலே
ஷியா வாழ் தமிழர்கள்
வர்த்தக சங்கத்தின் 4வது



ஆண்டு விழாவும் நடக்
கவுள்ளது. விழாவில்,
1,000க்கும் மேற்பட்ட
மலேஷியா வர்த்தகர்கள்,
பொதுமக்கள் பங்கேற்க
உள்ளனர்.

தமிழகத்தின் பாரம்பரிய
உணவு பொருட்களை
மீட்டுருவாக்கம் செய்தல்,
தமிழக தொழில் முனை
வோர்களை சர்வதேச
தமிழ் வர்த்தகர்களுடன்
இணைத்தல், தமிழக
பாரம்பரிய தொழில்களை
சர்வதேச தமிழ் வர்த்தகர்

கள் தங்களது நாட்டில்
மேற்கொள்வதற்கான
வாய்ப்பை உருவாக்குதல்,
தமிழகத்தின் பாரம்பரிய
தயாரிப்புகளை உலகெங்
கும் பிரபலப்படுத்துதல்
உள்ளிட்டவை, இந்த
மாநாட்டின் நோக்கமாகும்.

வெளிநாடு வாழ்
தமிழர்களின் வீடுதோறும்
தொழில் முனைவோர்கள்
உருவாகும் வாய்ப்புகள்
ஏற்படுத்தப்படும்.

இவ்வாறு அவர்கள்
கூறினர்.

• தமிழகத்தில்
இருந்து, சோளம்,
கம்பு, எண்ணெய்
வித்துக்கள்,
சிறுதானியங்கள்,
மலைவாழ் மக்கள்
தயாரிப்புகள்,
பனை பொருட்கள்,
தென்னை
பொருட்கள்,
பாரம்பரிய மூலிகை
பொருட்கள்
தயாரிப்பில்
சிறந்து விளங்கும்
55 தொழில்
முனைவோர்கள்,
மாநாட்டில் பங்கேற்க
உள்ளனர்.

• சென்னையில்
இருந்து மட்டும்
22 தொழில்
முனைவோர்கள்
கண்காட்சியில்
அரங்குகள்
அமைக்கவுள்ளனர்.

Source: Dinamalar, 25 October 2025, p. 12

3 மடங்கு கூடுதல் நெல் கொள்முதல்

தஞ்சாவூர், அக். 22: தமிழகத்தில் நிகழாண்டு நெல் விளைச்சல் அதிகரித்துள்ளதால், கடந்த ஆண்டுகளைவிட 3 மடங்கு கூடுதலாக நெல் கொள்முதல் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது என்று உணவுத் துறை அமைச்சர் அர.சக்கரபாணி தெரிவித்தார்.



தஞ்சாவூர் அருகே பிள்ளையார்பட்டி நெல் சேமிப்புக் கிடங்கில் நெல் மூட்டைகள் பாதுகாப்பாக வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதை புதன்கிழமை ஆய்வு செய்த பின்னர், அவர் செய்தியாளர்களிடம் கூறிய தாவது:

தஞ்சாவூர் மாவட்டத்தில் இதுவரை 1.60 லட்சம் டன் நெல் கொள்முதல் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. தற்போது நான்தோறும் 1,250 லாரிகளில் வெளி மாவட்டங்களுக்கு நெல் மூட்டைகளை அனுப்பி வருகிறோம்.

நான்தோறும் 5 ஆயிரம் டன் நெல் வந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. தற்போது 4 திறந்தவெளி சேமிப்புக் கிடங்குகளில் ஒரு லட்சம் டன்னும், வாடகைக்கு எடுக்கப்பட்ட கிடங்குகளில் 30 ஆயிரம் டன்னும் நெல் மூட்டைகள் பாதுகாப்பாக வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

தமிழக அளவில் நிகழ் கொள்முதல் பருவத்தில் 9 லட்சம் டன் நெல் கொள்முதல் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. கடந்த ஆண்டு இதே காலகட்டத்தில் 3.67 லட்சம் டன்தான் நெல் கொள்முதல் செய்யப்பட்டது. நிகழாண்டு நெல் விளைச்சல் அதிகமாக இருப்பதால், கிட்டத்தட்ட 3 மடங்கு கூடுதலாக கொள்முதல் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.

கடந்த அதிமுக காலத்தில் ஒவ்வொரு கொள்முதல் நிலையத்திலும் ஒரு நாளைக்கு 800 மூட்டைகள் கொள்முதல் செய்யப்பட்டு வந்த நிலையில், கடைசி ஆண்டான 2020-ஆம் ஆண்டில்தான் 1,000 மூட்டைகளாக உயர்த்தி ஆணை பிறப்பிக்கப்பட்டது. முதல்வராக மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் பொறுப்பேற்ற பிறகு ஒரு நாளைக்கு 800-லிருந்து 1,000 மூட்டைகள் என்பதை உத்தரவாகப் பிறப்பித்தார் என்றார்.

Source: Dinamani, 23 October 2025, p.7

தமிழகம் முழுவதும் 72 லட்சம் பனை விதைகள் நடவு

சென்னை, அக். 23: பசுமை தமிழ்நாடு இயக்கம் சார்பில் தமிழகம் முழுவதும் கடந்த செப். 16-இல் தொடங்கி வியாழக்கிழமை (அக். 23) வரை 72 லட்சம் பனை விதைகள் நடவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இதுகுறித்து தமிழக சுற்றுச்சூழல், காலநிலை மாற்றம் மற்றும் வனத்துறை சார்பில் வெளியிடப்பட்ட செய்திக்குறிப்பு:

தமிழகத்தின் பசுமைப் பரப்பை அதிகரிக்கும் நோக்கில் தமிழக அரசு சார்பில் பல்வேறு திட்டங்கள் செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. அதன் ஒரு பகுதியாக கடற்கரை பகுதிகளில் மண் அரிப்பைத் தடுக்கவும், நிலத்தடி நீர்மட்டத்தை உயர்த்தவும் பசுமை தமிழ்நாடு இயக்கம் சார்பில் ஒவ்வொரு ஊராட்சிக்

கும் தலா 5,000 பனை விதைகள் நடவு செய்ய திட்டமிடப்பட்டது.

இந்தத் திட்டம் கடந்த செப். 16-ஆம் தேதி தொடங்கப்பட்டு தன்னார்வலர்களின் உதவியுடன் மாநிலம் முழுவதும் தீவிரமாக நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.

அந்தவகையில், இந்தத் திட்டம் தொடங்கிய நாள் முதல் வியாழக்கிழமை (அக். 23) வரை தமிழகம் முழுவதும் 72 லட்சம் பனை விதைகள் நடவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன.

நீர்நிலை பகுதிகளில் பனை விதைகளை நடவு செய்பவர்கள் உதவி செயலியில் (Udhavi.app/Panai) பதிவு செய்யலாம். அவர்களுக்கு அரசு அங்கீகார சான்றிதழ் வழங்கப்படும் எனத் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

Source: Dinamani, 24 October 2025, p.2

மாம்பழ கூழ் ஆலைகள் அமைக்க தமிழக அரசு சிறப்பு சலுகை

சென்னை, அக். 30-
தமிழகத்தில் இருந்து
மாம்பழம் ஏற்றுமதியை
அதிகரிக்கவும், மாம்பழக்
கூழ் தயாரிக்கும் திறுவனங்
கள் ஆலை அமைப்பதை
ஊக்குவிக்கவும் சலுகை
களை வழங்க, தமிழக
அரசு முடிவு செய்துள்ளது.
கர்நாடகா, ஆத்திராவில்
மாம்பழத்தில் இருந்து
மதிப்பு கூட்டு பொருட்
கள் தயாரிக்கும் ஆலைகள்
அதிகம் உள்ள நிலையில்,
தமிழகத்தில் அவை குறை
வாக உள்ளன.

தமிழகத்தில் இந்
தாண்டு மாம்பழம் கொள்
முதல் விலையில் ஏற்பட்ட
கடும் வீழ்ச்சியால், மா
விவசாயிகள் உரிய விலை
கிடைக்காமல் பாதிக்கப்
பட்டனர்.

எனவே, வரும் சீசனில்
இந்த பிரச்சனை ஏற்படா
மல் இருக்க, தமிழகத்தில்
இருந்து மாம்பழம் ஏற்று
மதியை அதிகரிக்கவும்,
மாம்பழக்கூழ் தயாரிக்கும்
திறுவனங்களுக்கு சலுகை
களை வழங்கவும் தமிழக
அரசு முடிவு செய்துள்ளது.

இது குறித்து, சிறு, குறு,
நடுத்தர தொழில் துறை
அதிகாரி ஒருவர் கூறியதா
வது:

இந்திய மாம்பழம்

தமிழகத்தில் மாம்பழம் சாகுபடி	
மாவட்டம்	ஏக்கர்
கிருஷ்ணகிரி	79,200
திண்டுக்கல்	39,000
தர்மபுரி	36,000
திருவள்ளூர்	28,000
தேனி	23,000



மாம்பழக்கூழில் இருந்து பழச்சாறு,
ஐஸ்கிரீம், சாக்லேட் உள்ளிட்ட மதிப்பு
கூட்டப்பட்ட பொருட்கள் தயாரிப்பு

வகைகளுக்கு, ஐக்கிய
அரபு நாடுகள், அமெ
ரிக்கா, ஐரோப்பிய நாடு
கள், ஆஸ்திரேலியா,
நியூசிலாந்து முக்கிய சத்
தைகளாக உள்ளன.

இந்தியாவில் இருந்து
மாம்பழம் ஏற்றுமதி செய்
வதில், தமிழகத்தின் பங்கு
குறைவாக உள்ளது. மாம்
பழம் ஏற்றுமதிக்கு, சர்வ
தேச தரத்தில் நல்ல பேக்
கேஜிங் அவசியம்.

எனவே, தமிழகத்
தில் பேக்கேஜிங் வசதி,
குளிர்ந்தன கிடங்குகள்,
தரச்சோதனை ஆய்வகம்
போன்றவை அமைக்க

பெறப்படும் கடனுக்கு 30
- 40 சதவீதம் மானியம்
வழங்க முடிவு செய்யப்
பட்டு உள்ளது. மாம்பழக்
கூழ் தயாரிக்கும் ஆலை
அமைக்கவும் மானியம்
வழங்கப்படும்.

வெளிநாடுகளில் விவ
சாயிகள், தொழில் நிறு
வனங்கள் பங்கேற்கும்
வாங்குமேல், விற்போர்
சந்திப்பு நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தப்
படும். மாம்பழம் ஏற்றுமதி
ஊக்குவிப்பு சலுகைகள்
குறித்த அறிவிப்பை அரசு
விரைவில் வெளியிடும்.

இவ்வாறு அவர்
கூறினார்.

Source: Dinamalar, 30 October 2025, p. 12

பிரிட்டனுக்கு செல்லும் புளியங்குடி எலுமிச்சை

புதுடில்லி, அக். 30-
புவிசார் குறியீடு
பெற்ற தமிழகத்தின்
புளியங்குடி எலுமிச்சை
முதல் முறையாக பிரிட்
டனுக்கு ஏற்றுமதி
செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.
ஏ.பி.இ.டி.ஏ., எனும்
வேளாண் மற்றும் பதப்
படுத்தப்பட்ட உணவு
பொருட்கள் ஏற்றுமதி
மேம்பாட்டு ஆணை
யம், விமானம் வாயி
லாக இதை ஏற்றுமதி
செய்துள்ளது.

இந்த தகவலை தனது
சமூக வலைதளத்தில்
பகிர்ந்துள்ள மத்திய
வர்த்தகத்துறை அமைச்சர்
பியுஷ் கோயல், "இந்
தியாவிலிருந்து முதல்

ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட
இடத்துடன்
தொடர்புடைய
தனித்துவமான
தரம் கொண்ட
பொருட்களுக்கு,
புவிசார் குறியீடு
வழங்கப்படுகிறது

தென்காசி மாவட்டத்தின்
புளியங்குடி
எலுமிச்சைக்கு மத்திய
அரசு கடந்த ஏப்ரலில்
புவிசார் குறியீடு
வழங்கியது.



முறையாக பிரிட்ட
னுக்கு புவிசார் குறியீடு
பெற்ற இரண்டு வகை
எலுமிச்சை பழங்கள்
ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்பட்
டுள்ளன.

"தமிழகத்தின் புளி
யங்குடி எலுமிச்சை
மற்றும் கர்நாடகாவின்
இண்டி எலுமிச்சை ஏற்
றுமதியாகியுள்ளன. இது
நம் நாட்டின் விவசாயிக
ளுக்கு பெரிய உத்வே
கம் அளிப்பதோடு,
இந்திய வேளாண்
பொருட்களுக்கு

சர்வதேச சந்தையில்
புதிய வாய்ப்புகளை
ஏற்படுத்தி தந்துள்ளது"
என தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

இதற்கு முன்னதாக,
கர்நாடகாவின் விஜயபு
ராவை சேர்ந்த புவிசார்
குறியீடு பெற்ற சுதேச
இண்டி எலுமிச்சை
பழங்கள், ஐக்கிய அரபு
எமிரேட்சுக்கு ஏற்றுமதி
செய்யப்பட்டது.

இதுதவிர கார்கி
லில் இருந்து கர்வாலி
ஆப்பிள்கள் மற்றும்
அப்ரிகாட் பழங்கள்
சவுதி அரேபியா,
சுவைத் மற்றும் கத்தார்
போன்ற நாடுகளுக்
கும் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்
பட்டுள்ளன.

Source: Dinamalar, 30 October 2025, p. 12

தமிழகத்தின் புத்தொழில் சூழலை வலுப்படுத்த

ரூ.100 கோடியில் நிதியம்

➔ கோவை ஸ்டார்ட்அப் மாநாட்டில் முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் அறிவிப்பு

■ கோவை

தமிழகத்தின் புத்தொழில் சூழலை வலுப்படுத்த ரூ.100 கோடி ஒதுக்கீட்டில் 'இணை உருவாக்க நிதியம்' தொடங்கப்படும் என்று கோவையில் நேற்று தொடங்கிய உலகளாவிய 'ஸ்டார்ட்அப்' மாநாட்டில் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அறிவித்துள்ளார். 'ஸ்டார்ட் அப்' தமிழ்நாடு சார்பில், உலகளாவிய 'ஸ்டார்ட் அப்' இரண்டு நாள் மாநாடு கோவையில் நேற்று தொடங்கியது. மாநாட்டை தொடங்கி வைத்து முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் பேசியதாவது:

ஆட்சிப் பொறுப்பேற்ற நான்கரை ஆண்டுகளில், எண்ணற்ற தொழில் திட்டங்களை தமிழகம் ஈர்த்துள்ளது. முந்தைய ஆண்டுகளில் இருந்ததைவிட 6 மடங்கு புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் கடந்த 4 ஆண்டுகளில்மத்திய அரசின் தளத்தில் புதிதாக பதிவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவற்றில் 50 சதவீதம், பெண்கள்தலைமையேற்று நடத்தும் நிறுவனங்கள் ஆகும்.

சிறந்த புத்தொழில் கட்டமைப்பு கொண்ட மாநிலங்களின் தரவரிசையில் கடந்த 2018-ம் ஆண்டு கடைசி நிலையில் இருந்த தமிழகம் நான்கே ஆண்டுகளில், அதாவது 2022-ல் முதல் இடத்துக்கு உயர்ந்துள்ளது. 'ஸ்டார்ட் அப் ஜீனோம்' அமைப்பு வெளியிட்ட 'உலகளாவிய புத்தொழில் சூழமைவு அறிக்கை 2024'-ன் படி, ஆசிய அளவில் 18-வது இடத்தில் சென்னை உள்ளது.

தமிழக புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்களின் முதலீடு திரட்டும் திறன் கடந்த



▲ கோவை 'ஸ்டார்ட்அப்' மாநாட்டில் பேசிய முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின். படம்: ஜெமனோகரன்

2016-ல் 1 மில்லியன் டாலராக இருந்தது. 2024-ல் இது 6 மில்லியன் டாலராக உயர்ந்துள்ளதாக 'இன்க் 42' அறிக்கை தெரிவிக்கிறது. 2020-25 நிதி ஆண்டுகளில் தமிழகத்தில் இருந்து டிபிஐஐடி தளத்தில் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்ட ஸ்டார்ட்அப் நிறுவனங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை ஆண்டுக்கு 36 சதவீதம் கூட்டு வளர்ச்சியை பதிவு செய்துள்ளது. இது தேசிய சராசரியான 11 சதவீதத்தைவிட 3 மடங்கு அதிகம்.

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னையை மையமாக கொண்ட உயர் தொழில்நுட்ப ஸ்டார்ட்அப் நிறுவனங்களில் செய்யப்பட்ட முதலீடுகளின் மதிப்பு 66 சதவீதம் ஆண்டு கூட்டு வளர்ச்சியை அடைந்துள்ளது. தேசிய அளவில் இது 2-வது இடம்.

தொடக்க நிலை ஸ்டார்ட்அப் நிறுவனங்கள் நிதி உதவி கிடைக்காமல் தங்கள் முயற்சியை கைவிடக்கூடாது என்பதற்காக 'டான் சிட்' என்ற ஆதார நிதி வழங்கும் திட்டத்தை தொடர்ந்து செயல்படுத்தி வருகிறோம். இந்த நிதி ஆண்டில், இத்திட்டத்துக்கும் ரூ.20 கோடி ஒதுக்கப் பட்டுள்ளது. பட்டியலின, பழங்குடியின தொழில் முனைவோர் நிர்வகிக்கும் ஸ்டார்ட்அப் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு பங்கு முதலீடு மட்டுமின்றி, தேவையான தொழில் பயிற்சிகளும் வழங்கப்படுகின்றன. இதற்காக, 2022-23-ல் ரூ.30 கோடி ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட நிலையில், 2023-24-ல் ரூ.50 கோடியாக உயர்த்தியுள்ளோம்.

'டான் பண்ட்' என்ற முதலீட்டாளர் இணைப்பு தளத்தை கடந்த ஆண்டு தொடங்கி வைத்தேன். இதன்மூலம் புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் ரூ.129.24 கோடி நிதி திரட்டியுள்ளன.

இந்த மாநாட்டில் 40-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளில் இருந்து 250-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பங்கேற்பாளர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டுள்ளனர். 21 நாடுகள் அரங்கு அமைத்துள்ளன. புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்களுக்காக 40 நாடுகளின் பங்களிப்போடு ஒரு நிகழ்வு முன்னெடுக்கப்பட்டது நாட்டிலேயே இது முதல் முறை.

புத்தொழில் சூழல் மேம்பாட்டுக் கான வழிகாட்டி செயல் திட்டங்கள் உள்ளடக்கிய 2-ம் தொகுப்பு சில வரைங்களில் வெளியிடப்படும்.

தமிழகத்தில் புத்தொழில் சூழலை வலுப்படுத்தும் விதமாக ரூ.100 கோடி ஒதுக்கீட்டில் 'இணை உருவாக்க நிதியம்' தொடங்கப்படும். இது தமிழ்நாடு புத்தொழில், புத்தாக்க இயக்கத்தால் நிர்வகிக்கப்படும். இதனால், புதிய துணிகர முதலீட்டு நிறுவனங்கள் உருவாகும். உலக அளவில் முன்னிலையில் உள்ள முதலீட்டு நிறுவனங்களை தமிழகம் நோக்கி ஈர்ப்பதற்கும் வழிவகுக்கும். கோவையின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு துணை நிற்கும் திராவிட மாடல் அரசின் பயணம், திராவிட மாடல் 2.0-விலும் தொடரும்.

இவ்வாறு முதல்வர் பேசினார். முதல்வர் முன்னிலையில் பன்னாட்டு நிறுவனங்களுடன் புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம் கையெழுத்தானது. மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளால் அமைக்கப்பட்ட புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு முழு மானியத்துடன் கூடிய அனுமதி ஆணைகளை முதல்வர் வழங்கினார். தமிழகத்தின் தொழில் துறை வளர்ச்சியை பாராட்டி உகாண்டா அமைச்சர் மோனிகா, கவிஸ் எம்.பி. நிக்கலஸ் சாமுவேல் பேசினார்.

அமைச்சர்கள் எ.வ.வேலு, முத்துசாமி, மு.பெ.சாமிநாதன், தா.மோ.அன்பரசன், டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா, மத்தியமின்னணுவியல், தகவல் தொழில்நுட்ப அமைச்சக செயலர் எஸ்.கிருஷ்ணன், தமிழக சிறு, குறு, நடுத்தர தொழில் துறை செயலர் அதுல் ஆனந்த், பல்வேறு தொழில் நிறுவன உயர் அதிகாரிகள், பிரதிநிதிகள் உள்ளிட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். ஸ்டார்ட்அப் மாநாடு இன்று நிறைவடைகிறது.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 10 October 2025, p.1

தனுஷ்கோடியில் விரைவில் 500 மெகாவாட் காற்றாலை மின்உற்பத்தி

சென்னை, அக்.30: ராமநாதபுரம் மாவட்டம் தனுஷ்கோடியில் 500 மெகாவாட் காற்றாலை மின்உற்பத்தித் திட்டம் விரைவில் நிறுவப்படும் என தமிழக புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிசக்தித் துறை அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி தெரிவித்தார்.

இந்திய காற்றாலை விசையாழி (டர்பைன்) உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் சங்கம் சார்பில் சென்னை நத்தம்பாக்கம் வர்த்தக மையத்தில் விண்ட்ரீ இந்நியா பதிப்பு - 7 என்ற மாநாட்டும், 20-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளின் காற்றாலை ஆற்றல் தொடர்புடைய 350-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நிறுவனங்கள் பங்கேற்கும் கண்காட்சியும் வியாபுச்சிமூலம் நடைபெற்றுத் துறை மாநாடு மற்றும் கண்காட்சியைத் தொடங்கி வைத்து மத்திய புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிசக்தித் துறை அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி பௌத்தியாவது: கடந்த பத்து ஆண்டுகளில் தொடர்ச்சியான முயற்சிகள் மூலம், நாட்டின் மொத்த மின்சார நிறுவதின் 500 ஜிகாவாட்டில் 50 சதவீதம் (257 ஜிகாவாட்) புதை படிமற்ற எரிபொருள் மூல வளங்களிலிருந்து வருவதை இந்தியா உறுதி செய்துள்ளது. இந்த விரைவான முன்னேற்றம் காரணமாக பாரம்பரிய அனல் மின்சாரத்தின் பங்கு கணிசமாகக் குறைந்துள்ளது. பார்ப்பு ஒப்பந்தக் துக்கான தேசிய இலக்கை முன்கூட்டியும் அடைந்துவிட்டோம். இதன் மூலம் காங்கிரஸ் குறைபடி.

மேலும் 2030-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்குள் நாட்டில் 500 ஜிகாவாட் புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிசக்தியை உற்பத்தி செய்யும் இலக்கை நோக்கியும் நாம் முன்னேறி வருகின்றோம். இதில் 100 ஜிகாவாட் மின்சாரம் காற்றாலை திட்டங்கள் மூலம் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும். குறிப்பாக தமிழகம், குஜராத், கர்நாடகம், மகாராஷ்டிரம் போன்ற மாநிலங்கள் இதில் முக்கியப்பங்கு வகிக்கின்றன.

மத்திய அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி



இந்திய காற்றாலை விசையாழி (டர்பைன்) உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் சங்கம் சார்பில் சென்னை நத்தம்பாக்கம் வர்த்தக மையத்தில் நடைபெற்ற 'விண்ட்ரீ இந்நியா பதிப்பு - 7' என்ற மாநாட்டில் தமிழகத் தலைவர் ஜோதாதிருக்கண்ணிடம் வழங்கிய மத்திய அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி. உடன் தமிழக போக்குவரத்து மற்றும் மின்சார அமைச்சர் சா.சி.சிவசங்கர், ஜெம்மனியின் மத்திய பொருளாதார ஒத்துழைப்பு மற்றும் மேம்பாட்டு துறை அமைச்சர் ஜோஷன் சந்திராசேகர், மத்திய புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிசக்தித் துறைச் செயலர் சந்திரேசு குமார் சாங்கி, சங்கத் தலைவர் கிரிஷ் தந்தி.

நான்காவது பெரிய நாடு தந்திரம் நிறுவப்பட்ட காற்றாலை மின் திறன் அடிப்படையில் 54 ஜிகாவாட்டை நெருங்கியுள்ளதில் 4-ஆவது பெரிய நாடாக இந்தியா விளங்குகிறது. மேலும், சுமார் 30.4 ஜிகாவாட் காற்றாலை மின் திட்டங்கள் தற்போது நாடு முழுவதும் பல் வேறு கட்டங்களில் செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. நிகழ் நதியான 6 ஜிகாவாட் புதிய காற்றாலை மின் உற்பத்தியைச் சேர்க்க இருக்க

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சென்னை, அக். 30: வருகிற 2030-க்குள் தமிழகத்தின் மொத்த மின்சாரத் தேவையில் 50 சதவீதம் புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க மூலங்களிலிருந்து பெறப்படும் என தமிழக மின்சாரத் துறை அமைச்சர் சா.சி.சிவசங்கர் தெரிவித்தார்.

காற்றாலை ஆற்றல் குறித்த மாநாட்டில், 'மாநிலத் தலைமை - காற்றாலைக்கு ஆற்றல் அளித்தல்' என்கிற தலைப்பில் அவர் பேசியதாவது: புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிசக்தியில் தமிழ்நாட்டின் பாரம்பரியம் ஆழமானது. ஆற்றல் வாய்ந்தது. 25,500 மெகாவாட்டிற்கும் அதிகமான புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க வளங்களில் இருந்து உற்பத்தியாகும் ஆற்றலுடன், மொத்த நிறுவப்பட்ட புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க ஆற்றல் திறன் தேசிய அளவில் தமிழகம் 4-ஆவது இடத்தில் உள்ளது.

மேலும் பல மரபுசாரா எரிசக்தி தொலைநோக்குத் திட்டத்துடன் தமிழகம் உள்ளது.

2030-க்குள் தமிழ்நாட்டின் மொத்த மின்சாரத்தில் 50 சதவீதம் புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க மூலங்களிலிருந்து பெற இலக்கு நிர்ணயிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. 2034-35 ஆண்டுக்குள் தற்போதைய தூய எரிசக்தி 20,700 மெகாவாட்டிலிருந்து 35,500 மெகாவாட்டாக உயரும் என்று எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது என்றார் அமைச்சர் சிவசங்கர்.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழகம், கர்நாடகம், ஆந்திரம், குஜராத் உள்ளிட்ட ஏழு மாநிலங்களுக்கு 'விண்ட் இந்நியா' விருது 2025' விருதுகளை மத்திய அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி வழங்கினார். இதில் தமிழகம், காற்றாலை மறு எரிசக்தி முயற்சிகளில் சிறந்த பங்களிப்புக்காக விருது பெற்றது.

கின்றோம்.

முதல் காற்றாலை அமைக்கப்பட்டதுடன் இன்றைய அறிவினை விசையாழிகள் வரை, தமிழ்நாடு நாட்டின் தூய எரிசக்திப் பயணத்தை வழிநடத்தி வருவது மாராட்டுக்குரியது. அது மற்ற மாநிலங்களுக்கும் ஊக்கமளிக்கிறது. நாட்டின் காற்றாலை மின் உற்பத்தித் திறனில் தமிழகம், கர்நாடகம், ஆந்திரம் ஆகியவை பாதிமளவு பங்களிக்கின்றன என்றார் அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி.

இந்த நிகழ்வில் தமிழக போக்குவரத்து மற்றும் மின்சாரத் துறை அமைச்சர் சா.சி.சிவசங்கர், ஜெம்மனியின் மத்திய பொருளாதார ஒத்துழைப்பு மற்றும் மேம்பாட்டு துறை அமைச்சர் ஜோஷன் சந்திராசேகர், மத்திய புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க எரிசக்தித் துறைச் செயலர் சந்திரேசு குமார் சாங்கி, சங்கத் தலைவர் கிரிஷ் தந்தி ஆகியோர் இந்த நிகழ்வில் பங்கேற்றிருப்பினர்.

தனுஷ்கோடியில் புதிய திட்டம் பின்னர் மத்திய அமைச்சர் பிரல்ஹாத் ஜோஷி செய்தியாளர்களுக்கு அளித்த பேட்டியில் கூறியதாவது: தமிழகத்தில் தனுஷ்கோடியிலும் குஜராத் துறையும் 500 மெகாவாட் திறன் கொண்ட கடற்கரை காற்றாலை மின்உற்பத்தித் திட்டங்களுக்கான ஒரு சாதாரணமான நிதித் திட்டத்தை மத்திய அரசு தொடங்கியுள்ளது. இது கிட்டத்தட்ட ரூ. 7,500 கோடி மதிப்புள்ள திட்டம்.

ராமநாதபுரம் தனுஷ்கோடி கடற்கரையில் 500 மெகாவாட் காற்றாலை விரைவில் நிறுவப்படும். இதைத் திட்டம் குறித்த ஸ்ரீவாங்க ஆய்வு நிறுவனத்துள்ளது. இந்தத் திட்டத்துக்கான ஒப்பந்தப் புள்ளி பிப்ரவரி 2026-க்குள் வெளியிடப்படும். ஐரன் மாதத்துக்குள் இறுதி முடிவு எடுக்கப்படும் என்றார் அவர்.

Source: Dinamani, 31 October 2025, p.9

போளூரில் ரூ.2000 கோடி முதலீடு ஹிட்டாச்சியுடன் ஒப்பந்தம்

முதல்வர் முன்னிலையில் கையெழுத்து

■ சென்னை

போளூரில் ரூ.2000 கோடி முதலீட்டில் 3000 பேருக்கு வேலை வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கும் வகையில் ஹிட்டாச்சி எனர்ஜி டெக்னாலஜி நிறுவனத்துடன் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் முன்னிலையில் ஒப்பந்தம் கையெழுத்தானது.

இதுகுறித்து தமிழக அரசு வெளியிட்ட செய்திக்குறிப்பு:

ஜப்பான் நாட்டின் ஹிட்டாச்சி குழுமத்தை சேர்ந்தது ஹிட்டாச்சி எனர்ஜி டெக்னாலஜி சர்வீஸ் நிறுவனம். அந்நிறுவனத்தின் உலகளாவிய தொழில்நுட்ப மற்றும் புத்தாக்க மையத்தை, கடந்த 2023-ம் ஆண்டு சென்னை போளூரில் முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

இதன் தொடர்ச்சியாக, நேற்று முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் முன்னிலை

யில் 5 ஆண்டுகளில் ரூ.2000 கோடி முதலீடு செய்து 3000 பேருக்கு வேலைவாய்ப்பு அளிக்கும் வகையில், போளூரிலுள்ள ஹிட்டாச்சி எனர்ஜி டெக்னாலஜி சர்வீஸ் நிறுவனத்தின் உலகளாவிய தொழில்நுட்ப மற்றும் புத்தாக்க மையத்தின் விரிவாக்கத் திட்டத்துக்கான புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா, தலைமைச் செயலர் நா.முருகா னந்தம், தொழில் துறை செயலர் வி.அருண் ராய், ஹிட்டாச்சி நிறுவனத்தின் உலகளாவிய தலைமைச் செயல் அலுவலர் ஆண்ட்ரியாஸ் வீதரன்பெக், ஹிட்டாச்சி இந்தியா நிறுவன மேலாண் இயக்குநர் வேணு நுகரி உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 16 October 2025, p.3

தமிழகத்தில் மேலும் இரு சிப்காட் தொழில் பூங்காக்கள்

சென்னை, அக்.30: தமிழகத்தில் மேலும் இரண்டு சிப்காட் தொழில் பூங்காக்களை அமைக்க நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இதற்கான சுற்றுச்சூழல் அனுமதி கோரி சிப்காட் நிறுவனம் விண்ணப்பித்துள்ளது.

காஞ்சிபுரம் மாவட்டம் பரந்தூருக்கு அருகில் உள்ள மதுரமங்கலத்தில் 422.33 ஏக்கரில் ரூ.530 கோடியில் ஒரு சிப்காட் தொழில் பூங்கா அமையவுள்ளது.

இதேபோன்று, மதுரை மாவட்டம் மேலூர் பகுதியில் உள்ள வஞ்சிநகரம், கொடுக்கம்பட்டி, பூதமங்கலம் ஆகிய 3 கிராமங்களில் 278.26 ஏக்கர் பரப்பளவில் ரூ.68 கோடியில் மற்றொரு சிப்காட் பூங்கா அமையவுள்ளது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. இந்தப் பூங்காக்களை கட்டமைப்பதற்கான சுற்றுச்சூழல் அனுமதி கோரி, அந்தத் துறையிடம் சிப்காட் நிறுவனம் விண்ணப்பித்துள்ளது. அனுமதி பெறப்பட்ட பிறகு, தொழில் பூங்காக்களை அமைக்கும் பணிகள் தொடங்கப்படவுள்ளன.

Source: Dinamani, 31 October 2025, p.10

தமிழகத்தில் ஃபாக்ஸ்கான் நிறுவனம் ரூ.15 ஆயிரம் கோடி முதலீடு: முதல்வர் வரவேற்பு

சென்னை, அக்.13: தமிழ்நாட்டில் ரூ.15 ஆயிரம் கோடி அளவுக்கு முதலீடு செய்ய ஃபாக்ஸ்கான் நிறுவனம் முடிவுசெய்துள்ளது.

இதன்மூலம் 14,000 பேருக்கு வேலைவாய்ப்பு கிடைக்கும் என்று தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா திங்கள்கிழமை தெரிவித்துள்ளார். இதை எக்ஸ் தளத்தில் வெளியிட்ட பதிவில் அவர் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார்.

இதனிடையே, முதலீடுகளை உறுதி செய்யும் வகையில் ஃபாக்ஸ்கான் இந்தியா நிறுவனத்தின் பிரதிநிதி ராபர்ட் யூ.முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலினை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் திங்கள்கிழமை சந்தித்தார். ஃபாக்ஸ்கான் நிறுவனத்தின் முதலீட்டு வாய்ப்புகளுக்கு முதல்வர் வரவேற்பு தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

Source: Dinamani, 14 October 2025, p.14

புத்தொழில் சூழலை வலுப்படுத்த ரூ.100 கோடியில் புதிய நிதியம்

கோவை, அக்.9: தமிழ்நாட்டின் புத்தொழில் (ஸ்டார்ட் அப்) சூழலை வலுப்படுத்தும் விதமாக ரூ.100 கோடி ஒதுக்கீட்டில் இணை உருவாக்க நிதியம் தொடங்கப்படும் என்று முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அறிவித்துள்ளார்.

தமிழ்நாடு புத்தொழில், புத்தாக்க இயக்கத்தின் சார்பில் கோவை, கொடியியாலில் உலகப் புத்தொழில் மாநாடு -2025 இரண்டு நாட்கள் நடைபெறுகிறது. இந்த மாநாட்டை வியாழக்கிழமை தொடங்கிவைத்து முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் பேசியதாவது:

தமிழ்நாடு கடந்த நான்கரை ஆண்டுகளில் எண்ணற்ற தொழில் திட்டங்களை ஈர்த்துள்ளது. அதன் மூலம் 2030-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்குள் தமிழ்நாட்டை 1 டிரில்லியன் டாலர் பொருளாதாரமாக மாற்ற வேண்டும் என்ற இலக்கை அடைவதற்காக நமது அரசு முனைப்புடன் செயலாற்றுகிறது. உலகின் தலைசிறந்த புத்தொழில் மையமாக தமிழ்நாட்டை கட்டமைப்பதுதான் தமிழக அரசின் மாபெரும் கனவு. அந்தப் பயணத்தில், ஒரு முக்கிய மைல் கல்லாக இந்த மாநாடு ஒருங்கிணைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

புத்தொழில் கொள்கையிலும் சமூக நீதி என்பதே திமுக அரசின் நோக்கமாக உள்ளது. கடந்த 4 ஆண்டுகளில், அதற்கு முன்னால் இருந்ததைவிட, 6 மடங்கு புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் மத்திய அரசின் துறையில் புதிதாகப் பதிவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன. அதாவது, 2032-ஆக இருந்த புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்களின் எண்ணிக்கை தற்போது 12 ஆயிரத்தைப் தாண்டியிருக்கிறது. சிறந்த புத்தொழில் கட்டமைப்பு கொண்ட மாநிலங்களின் தரவரிசைப் பட்டியலில், 2018-ஆம் ஆண்டில் கடைசி இடத்தில் இருந்த தமிழ்நாடு, 2022-ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் இடத்துக்கு உயர்ந்திருக்கிறது.

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அறிவிப்பு



கோவையில் நடைபெறும் உலகப் புத்தொழில் மாநாட்டில் பன்னாட்டு நிறுவனத்துடன் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் முன்னிலையில் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தத்துடன் ஸ்டார்ட்அப் டிஎன் தலைமை நிர்வாக அலுவலர் சிவராஜா ராமநாதன், உடன், துறை சிலிக்கான் ஓயிஸ் நிறுவன நிர்வாகி கனிம் அல் ஃபலாசி, உகாண்டா அமைச்சர் மோனிகா முசெரெரா மச்சன்சா, அமைச்சர்கள் தா.மோ.அன்பரசன், டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா, கவிட்சர்லாந்து நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர் நிக்கோலஸ் சாமுவேல், மத்திய அரசுச் செயலர் கிருஷ்ணன், ஆசியா பெர்லின் நிறுவன நிர்வாகி மார்க் ராசன்பெர்க், மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் பவன்குமார் க.கிரியப்பவாள்.

நாடு, 2022-ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் இடத்துக்கு உயர்ந்திருக்கிறது. அதேபோல, அண்மைக்காலமாக தமிழ்நாட்டில் உள்ள புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்களின் முதலீடு திரட்டும் திறனும் உயர்ந்து வருகிறது.

2016-ஆம் ஆண்டு 1 டிரில்லியன் டாலராக இருந்த நிலையில் 2024-ஆம் ஆண்டில் அது 6 டிரில்லியன் டாலராக உயர்ந்துள்ளது. 2020-2025-ஆம் நிதியாண்டுகளில் தமிழகம் கட்கு வளர்ச்சியைப் பதிவு செய்திருக்கிறது. இது தேசிய சராசரியான 11 விழுக்காட்டைவிட மூன்று மடங்கு அதிகம்.

புத்தொழில்களுக்கு உதவிகள் தமிழ்நாட்டின் அனைத்து மாவட்ட இளைஞர்களும் புதுபுகளில் முனைவு வளர்ச்சியில் பங்கெடுக்கத் தேவையான செயல்பாடுகள் முன்னெடுக்கப்படுகின்றன.

தொடக்க நிலையில் உள்ள ஸ்டார்ட்அப் நிறுவனங்கள் நிதி உதவி கிடைக்காமல் தங்களுடைய முயற்சியைக் கைவிடக்கூடாது என்பதற்காக ஆதார நிதி வழங்கும் திட்டம் (டான் சிப்) செயல்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. முதலீடு தேவைப்படும் புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்களையும், முதலீட்டாளர்களையும் இணைக்கும் நோக்கத்தில் 'டான் ஃபண்ட்' என்ற முதலீட்டாளர் இணைப்பு தளம் தொடங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இந்த மாநாட்டில், 40-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளில் இருந்து 250-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பிரதிநிதிகள் பங்கேற்றுள்ளனர். 21 நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களின் கண்காட்சி அரங்குகள், மெட்டா, ஹெர்ச்சி.எஸ். உள்ளிட்ட பெரு நிறுவனங்கள், மத்திய அரசுத் துறைகளின் அரங்குகள், கோளம், ஓடினா, ஆந்திரம் உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு மாநில அரசுகள் தொடங்கும் அத்தொழில் வலுப்படுத்தும் விதமாக

ரூ.100 கோடி நிதி ஒதுக்கீட்டில் இணை உருவாக்க நிதியம் தொடங்கப்படும் என்ற அறிவிப்பை வெளியிடுகிறேன். தொழில் நகரான கோவையின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு துணை நிற்கும் தமிழக அரசின் பயணம், திராவிடமாதல் 2.0-விலும் தொடரும் என்றார்.

பாலம் திறப்பு, நகை தொழில் பூங்காவுக்கு அடிக்கல்: இதைத் தொடர்ந்து கோவையில் 10.10 கி.மீ. நீளமுள்ள அவிநாசி சாலை ஜி.டி.தாயுடு மேம்பாலத்தை திறந்து வைத்த முதல்வர், கோவை, குறிச்சி தொழிற்பேட்டையில் ரூ.126 கோடியில் அமைய உள்ள தங்க நகை தொழில் பூங்காவுக்கு அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார்.

முன்னதாக, கோவை அரசு கலைக் கல்லூரியில் நடைபெற்ற சாலைப்பாதை திறப்புவிழிப்புணர்வு உறுதிமொழியேற்கும் நிகழ்ச்சியில் பங்கேற்றுவிட்டு பிற்பகலில் விமானம் மூலம் சென்னை திரும்பினார்.

நிகழ்ச்சிகளில், அமைச்சர்கள் எ.வ.வேலு, சு.முத்துசாமி, மு.பெ.சாமிநாதன், தா.மோ.அன்பரசன், டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா, முன்னாள் அமைச்சர் வி.செந்தில் பாலாஜி, உகாண்டா நாட்டின் அமைச்சர் மோனிகா முசெரெரா மச்சன்சா, கவிட்சர்லாந்து நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர் நிக்கோலஸ் சாமுவேல், பொன்னாச்சி எம்.பி. க.சஸ்வராமா, கோவை எம்.பி. கணபதி பராஜுகுமார், மத்திய அரசுச் செயலர் கிருஷ்ணன், கருத்தலைமைச் செயலர் அதுல் ஆனந்த், ஆசியா பெர்லின் நிறுவன தலைமை நிர்வாக அலுவலர் மார்க் ராசன்பெர்க், ஸ்டார்ட்அப் டிஎன் தலைமை நிர்வாக அலுவலர் சிவராஜா ராமநாதன், குமாரகு கல்வி நிறுவனங்களின் தலைவர் சங்கர் வானவராயர் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 10 October 2025, p.9

சென்னையில் சர்வதேச தரத்தில் வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையம்

சென்னை, அக். 11: இந்தியாவிலேயே முதல் முறையாக சென்னை மீன் வர்த்தக தரத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள கொளத்தூர் வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையத்தை முதல்வர் மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் சனிக்கிழமை திறந்து வைத்தார்.

வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தகத்தை பெரிய அளவில் மேம்படுத்தவும், கொளத்தூர் பகுதியில் நடைபெற்று வரும் வர்த்தகத்தை உலக அளவில் கொண்டு சென்றிடவும், உலகத் தரத்திலான பிரத்யேக வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையம் நிறுவப்படும் என நிதிநிலை அறிக்கையில் அறிவிப்பு வெளியிடப்பட்டது.

அந்த அறிவிப்பை நிறைவேற்றும் வகையில், சென்னை பெருநகர வளர்ச்சிக்குழுமம், மீன்வளம் மற்றும் மீன்வர் நலத் துறையின் ஒரங்கிணைப்புடன், சென்னை, வில்லிவாக்கம், சிவசக்தி நகரில் 'கொளத்தூர் வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையம்' அமைத்

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார்



இந்தியாவிலேயே முதல்முறையாக சென்னையில் சர்வதேச தரத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள கொளத்தூர் வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையத்தை சனிக்கிழமை திறந்து வைத்த முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். உடன் அமைச்சர்கள் அனீதா ஆர்.ராதாகிருஷ்ணன், பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு, தயாநிதி மாறன் எம்.பி., மேயர் ஆர்.பிரியா உள்ளிட்டோர்.

திட சுந்தர் ஆண்டு அடிக்கல் நாடப்பட்டது.

இது 15,945 சதுர மீட்டர் நிலப் பரப்பளவில் 11,650 சதுர மீட்டர் கட்டப்பட்ட பரப்பளவில் ரூ. 53 கோடி செலவில் மொத்தம் 188 கடைகள், அதில் 5 உணவகங்களுடன் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது. இதனை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் சனிக்கி

ழமை திறந்து வைத்தார்.

இந்த வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையத்தில், மொத்தம் மற்றும் சில்லறை வண்ண மீன் விற்பனை செய்வதற்காக 185 கடைகள், ஆய்வகம், பயிற்சி கூடம், உணவு அரங்கம், பார்வையாளர் அரங்கம் ஆகிய வசதிகள் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன.

சென்னையின் புதிய அடையாளமாக உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ள இந்த வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தக மையம் மூலம் ஆயிரத்துக்கும் மேற்பட்டவர்களுக்கு நேரடியாகவும் மறைமுகமாகவும் வேலையாய்ப்புகள் கிடைப்பதுடன், இப்பகுதியில் வண்ண மீன் வர்த்தகம் மிகப் பெரிய அளவில் வளர்ச்சியடைந்து,

நாட்டிற்கே முன் மாதிரியாக அமையும் என்று தமிழக அரசு வெளியிட்ட செய்திக் குறிப்பில் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இந்த நிகழ்வில், அமைச்சர்கள் அனீதா ஆர். ராதாகிருஷ்ணன், பி.கே. சேகர்பாபு, தயாநிதி மாறன் எம்.பி., மேயர் ஆர்.பிரியா உட்பட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 12 October 2025, p.6

பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறையில் ரூ.75,000 கோடி முதலீடு இலக்கு

சென்னை, அக். 7: பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறையில் ரூ.75,000 கோடி முதலீட்டை ஈர்க்க தமிழ்நாடு இலக்கு நிர்ணயித்துள்ளதாக முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் தெரிவித்தார்.

வான்வெளி மற்றும் பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறை சார்ந்த நிறுவனங்களுக்கான மாநாட்டை (ஏரோ-டெஃப்-கான் 25) சென்னை நத்தப்பாக்கம் வர்த்தக மையத்தில் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை தொடங்கி வைத்தார். அதில் அவர் பேசியதாவது: தமிழ்நாடு அனைத்து வகையான தொழில்களிலும் தடம் பதித்து வருகிறது. உற்பத்தித் துறையில் முதன்மை மாநிலமாக மாறிக் கொண்டு வருகிறது. ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்படும் மொத்த தானியங்கி வாகனங்களில் தமிழ்நாட்டின் பங்கு 40 சதவீதமாகும். மூன்றில் இரண்டு பங்கு இருக்கா மீன் வாகனங்கள் இங்குதான் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படுகின்றன.

மின்னணுப்பொருள்களை ஏற்றுமதி செய்வதிலும், பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சியிலும் தமிழ்நாடு முதலிடம் வகிக்கிறது. இந்தச் சாதனைகளுக்கு முக்கியமாக குறிப்பிட வேண்டியது, பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறையாகும். இதன் வளர்ச்சிக்கு, தமிழ்நாடு பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறை வழித்தட்டில் ஒரு திருப்புமுனையாக அமைந்துள்ளது. இந்தத் துறையில் இந்தியாவின் உற்பத்தி மையமாக தமிழ்நாடு மாற வேண்டும்.

ட்ரோன்கள் உற்பத்தி: பாதுகாப்புத்

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின்

புத் தொழில் துறை வழித்தட்டில் எதிர்காலத்தில் முக்கியப் பங்காற்ற இருக்கிறது. உயர்தர ஜெட் என்ஜின் பாகங்களில் இருந்து ட்ரோன்கள் வரை பல்வேறு நவீன கருவிகள் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்பட இருக்கின்றன.

தமிழ்நாட்டில் பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறை வழித்தட்டில் அமைந்திருக்கும் நகரங்களில் பல திட்டங்கள் தொடங்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. கோவை வரப்பட்டியில் 360 ஏக்கரில் 'பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறைப் பூங்கா' அமைக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

விமான பழுதுபார்த்தல், பராமரிப்பு மற்றும் ஒருங்கிணைப்புப் பணிகள் மேற்கொள்ள நேரடியாக ஒடுதன் அணுகு வசதியுடன் கூடிய வான்வெளிப் பூங்கா குலூரில் 200 ஏக்கரில் அமைக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

திருச்சியில் 90-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட குறு, சிறு, நடுத்தர நிறுவனங்கள் இயந்திரவியல் உற்பத்தித் துறையில் தங்கள் தொழில்களைப் பெருக்க, திருச்சி பொறியியல் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்ப கிளஸ்டர் அமைப்பு (டிசிடி) உதவுகிறது.

சென்னைக்கு அருகில் வல்லம் வடகாலில் வடிவமைப்பு, ஆராய்ச்சி மற்றும்



பரிசோதனை வான்வெளி நிறுவனங்களுக்காக அமைக்கப்பட்டுவரும் ஏரோ-ஹப் என்ற திட்டம் முடிவடையும் நிலையில் இருக்கிறது.

இதுபோன்ற அனைத்துத் திட்டங்களும் முதலீடுகளை ஈர்த்தல் - புதிய தொழில் நுட்பத்தைப் பயன்படுத்துதல் - இந்தத் துறையில் இந்தியாவின் துசார்பை உறுதி செய்தல் ஆகியவற்றில் தமிழ்நாட்டின் தனித்துவத்தை உறுதி செய்கிறது.

தமிழ்நாட்டில் பாதுகாப்புத் தொழில் துறை வழித்தட்டில் திட்டத்தைச் செயல்படுத்தத் தொடங்கியதில் இருந்து இதுவரை ரூ.23,000 கோடிக்கு மேல் முதலீடுகள் ஈர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இதில், ரூ.5,000 கோடி மதிப்பிலான திட்டங்கள் ஏற்கெனவே செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன.

2032-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்குள் ரூ.75,000 கோடி முதலீட்டை ஈர்க்க இலக்கு நிர்ணயித்துள்ளோம். இந்தவழித்தட்டில் இருக்கும் ஒவ்வொரு நகரமும் தனித்து வமையமைவதாக விளங்குகிறது.

கவரும் தொழில்: சூழல்: தமிழ்நாட்டில் முதலீட்டாளர்களைக் கவரும் தொழில் சூழல் இருக்கிறது. திறமையான இளைஞர்கள் ஏராளமாக

இருக்கிறார்கள். தமிழ்நாட்டில் பெரிய தொழில் நிறுவனங்களின் பங்களிப்பு மட்டுமல்லாமல், குறு மற்றும் சிறு தொழில் நிறுவனங்களின் பங்கும் பெரிய அளவில் இருக்கின்றன. அதில், 700-க்கும் மேற்பட்டவை வான்வெளி மற்றும் பாதுகாப்புத் துறையில் செயல்படுகின்றன. பன்னாட்டு நிறுவனங்கள் தமிழ்நாட்டில் முதலீடு செய்யக் காத்திருக்க வேண்டியதில்லை. தமிழ்நாடு இப்போதே தயாராக இருக்கிறது.

இந்த மாநாட்டில் 19-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்த பிரதிநிதிகள் பங்கேற்றுள்ளனர். அவர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து, தொழில் வளர்ச்சிக்காக செயல்படுவோம் என்று உறுதி அளிக்கிறேன். செயல் வேகத்துடன், உறுதியுடன், முதலீட்டாளர்களின் இலக்குகளை நிறைவேற்ற தமிழ்நாடு முழு ஆதரவளிக்கும். வடிவமைப்பு, மேம்பாடு, உற்பத்தி மற்றும் ஏற்றுமதி ஆகியவற்றுக்கான முன்னணித் தளமாக தமிழ்நாடு திகழ வேண்டும் என்றார் முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின்.

இந்த நிகழ்வில், அமைச்சர்கள் தா.மோ.அன்பரசன், டி.ஆர்.வி.ராஜா, மக்களவை உறுப்பினர் டி.ஆர்.பாலு, கடலோர காவல் படைப்பின் தலைமை இயக்குநர் பரமேஸ் சிவமணி, ராணுவ ஆராய்ச்சி மற்றும் மேம்பாட்டு அமைப்பின் விஞ்ஞானி தாஸ், ஏரோஸ்பேஸ் முதன்மைச் செயல் அலுவலர் ஸ்டீபன் காஸ்டெட், தொழில் துறைச் செயலர் அருண் ராய் உட்பட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 8 October 2025, p.1

கொளத்தூரில் ரூ.110 கோடியில் அதிநவீன துணை மின்நிலையம்

சென்னை, அக். 15: கொளத்தூர் சட்டப்பேரவைத் தொகுதிக்குள் பட்ட கணேசபுரத்தில் ரூ.110.92 கோடியில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள அதிநவீன துணை மின்நிலையத்தை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் புதன்கிழமை தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

சென்னை மாநகராட்சியில் வட சென்னை வளர்ச்சித் திட்டத்தில் கொளத்தூர் சட்டப்பேரவைத் தொகுதிக்குள்பட்ட கணேசபுரத்தில் தமிழ்நாடு மின் தொடரமைப்புக் கழகம் சார்பில் அதிநவீன வசதி களுடன் கூடியவளம் காப்பு துணை மின்நிலையம் அமைக்கப்பட்டது.

இந்த துணை மின் நிலையத்தை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் புதன்கிழமை தொடங்கி வைத்தார். இதன் வாயிலாக கொளத்தூர், பெரியார் நகர், அன்னை நகர், நேர்மை நகர், கணேஷ் நகர், மாதவூர் ரோடியன்ஸ் என சுமார் 1 லட்சம் மின் நுகர்வோர் கள் பயனடைவர்.

இதையொட்டி, முதல்வர் உருவம்

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்



கொளத்தூர் சட்டப்பேரவைத் தொகுதிக்குள்பட்ட கணேஷ் நகர் பகுதியில் துணை மின் நிலையத்தை திறந்து வைத்த முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். உடன், அமைச்சர்கள் கே.என்.நேரு, சா.சி.சிவசங்கர், பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு, சிவ.வீ.மெய்யநாதன், மேயர் ஆர்.பிரியா உள்ளிட்டோர்.

மற்றும் தமிழ்நாடு மின்சார தொடரமைப்பு சின்னத்தை குறிக்கும் வகையில் பூரோன்கள் வடிவமைப்பு நிகழ்ச்சியும் நடைபெற்றன.

இதையடுத்து, கொளத்தூர் கணேஷ் நகரில் உள்ள ஒருங்கிணைந்த கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கு கான சமூக நிதி விடுதி வளாகத்தில் ரூ.12 லட்சத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்ட

தானியங்கி குடிநீர் வழங்கும் இயந்திரத்தையும் முதல்வர் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் அமைச்சர்கள் கே.என்.நேரு, சா.சி.சிவசங்கர், பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு, சிவ.வீ.மெய்யநாதன், சென்னை மேயர் ஆர்.பிரியா, மக்களவை உறுப்பினர்கள் கலாநிதி வீராசாமி, கிரிராஜன், எம்.எல்.

ஏ.க்கள் தாயகம் கவி, வெற்றியழகன் மற்றும் சேமிப்புக் கிடங்கு நிறுவனத் தலைவர் ஜோசப் சாமுவேல், சேமிப்பு நிறுவனத் தலைவர் பரங்கநாதன், தமிழ்நாடு மின்சார வாரியத் தலைவர் ஜெ.ராதாகிருஷ்ணன், சென்னை மாநகராட்சி ஆணையர் ஜெ.குமரகுருபரன் உள்ளிட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 16 October 2025, p.5

தமிழ்நாடு -ஐரோப்பிய குறு, சிறு நிறுவனங்கள் மாநாடு

சென்னை, அக். 7: தென்னிந்திய தொழில் வர்த்தக சபை சார்பில் தமிழ்நாடு -ஐரோப்பிய குறு, சிறு நடுத்தரத் தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் குறித்த மாநாடு சென்னையில் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழக குறு, சிறு நடுத்தர தொழில்கள் துறை அமைச்சர் தா.மோ.அன்பரசன் சிறப்பு அழைப்பாளராக பங்கேற்று, இந்தியாவுக்கான சுவிட்சர்லாந்து தூதர் மாயா திசாஃபி, ஐஸ்லாந்து தூதர் பெனடிக்ட் ஹோஸ்குல்ட்சன் ஆகியோருக்கு சால்வை அணிவித்து கௌரவித்தார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழக குறு, சிறு மற்றும் நடுத்தரத் தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் துறை செயலர் அதுல் ஆனந்த் பேசியதாவது: இந்தியாவின் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சிக்கு சிறு, குறு, நடுத்தரத்



மாநாட்டில் அமைச்சர் தா.மோ.அன்பரசனுக்கு நினைவுப் பரிசு வழங்கிய தென்னிந்திய தொழில், வர்த்தக சபையின் முன்னாள் தலைவர் ஜவஹர் வடிவேலு. உடன், துணைத் தலைவர் ஏ.எம்.பி.ஏ. பழனிப்பன்.

தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் முக்கிய பங்காற்றுகின்றன. நாட்டின் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சியில்

தமிழகம் இரண்டாவது இடத்தில் உள்ளது. இதை முதல் நிலைக்கு கொண்டு வரும் வகை

யில் பல்வேறு தொழில் திட்டங்களை தமிழக அரசு முன்னெடுத்து வருகிறது.

தமிழகத்தில் தற்போது 33 லட்சத்துக்கும் மேற்பட்ட குறு, சிறு, நடுத்தர தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள் செயல்பட்டு வருகின்றன. ஆட்டோ மொபைல் உற்பத்தியில் தமிழகம் முன்னணி மாநிலமாகவுள்ளது. தமிழகத்தில் இருந்து ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகளுக்கு ஆட்டோமொபைல், தோல் பொருள்கள் அதிகளவில் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்படுகிறது என்றார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் தென்னிந்திய தொழில், வர்த்தக சபை முன்னாள் தலைவர் ஜவஹர் வடிவேலு, தென்னிந்திய தொழில், வர்த்தக சபையின் துணைத் தலைவர் ஏ.எம்.பி.ஏ. பழனிப்பன் உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 8 October 2025, p.4

திண்டிவனம், தேனியில் மெகா உணவுப் பூங்கா

சென்னை, அக். 13: திண்டிவனம், தேனியில் மெகா உணவுப் பூங்காக்களை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார். தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் இருந்து காணொலி வழியாக புதிய திட்டப் பணிகளை அவர் திங்கள் கிழமை தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

இது குறித்து, தமிழக அரசு சார்பில் வெளியிடப்பட்ட செய்திக் குறிப்பு:

தமிழகத்தில் உணவுச்சார் உற்பத்தி நிறுவனங்களை ஊக்குவிக்கும் நோக்கில் திண்டிவனம், தேனி ஆகிய இடங்களில் மெகா உணவுப் பூங்காவை உருவாக்க தமிழ்நாடு அரசு முடிவு செய்தது. திண்டிவனத்தில் ரூ.120 கோடியில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள இந்தப் பூங்காவின் மூலம் ரூ.123.84 கோடி முதலீடுகள் ஈர்க்கப் பட்டு 350 தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வேலைவாய்ப்பு வழங்கப்பட உள்ளது.



திண்டிவனம், தேனியில் மெகா உணவு பூங்காவை சென்னை தலைமைச் செயலகத்திலிருந்து திங்கள்கிழமை காணொலி மூலம் திறந்து வைத்த முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். உடன் துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா, தலைமைச் செயலர் நா.முருகானந்தம் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

இதேபோல, தேனி மாவட்டத்தில் தற்போது, பூமலைவாட்டி ஆகிய கிராமங்களை உள்ளடக்கியும் மெகா உணவுப் பூங்கா அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்தப் பூங்காவின் மூலமாக ரூ.160.53 கோடி முதலீடுகளை ஈர்க்கும் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வேலை வாய்ப்புகள் வழங்கப்படும்.

சட்டத் துறை புதிய கட்டடங்கள்: சட்டத் துறை சார்பில் புதிய உள் கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகள் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன. மதுரை நகரில் டாக்டர் தங்கராஜ் சாலையில் அரசு சட்டக் கல்லூரிக்கான புதிய கல்விசார் மற்றும் நிர்வாக கட்டடம் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இதேபோல, வேலூர் அரசு சட்டக் கல்லூரிக்கான புதிய நூலகக் கட்டடமும் கட்டி முடிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்தக் கட்டடங்களை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் இருந்து காணொலி வழியாக முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திங்கள்கிழமை திறந்து வைத்தார்.

சுற்றுலாத் துறை கட்டடங்கள்: சுற்றுலாத் துறை சார்பில் திருவண்ணாமலை மாவட்டம் ஜவ்வாது மலை, கரூர் மாவட்டம் பொன்னினியாறு அணை, நாமக்கல் மாவட்டம் கொல்லிமலை ஆகிய பகுதிகளில் புதிய உள் கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகள் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவற்றை முதல்வர் திறந்து வைத்தார்.

மேலும், திருப்பத்தூர் மாவட்டம் ஏலகிரி, திண்டுக்கல் மாவட்டம் புல்லாவேளி அருவி, நங்காஞ்சியாறு அணைப் பகுதி, திருச்சி புளியஞ்சோலை அருவிப் பகுதிகளில் புதிய உள் கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகள் உருவாக்கப்பட உள்ளன. அவற்றுக்கு முதல்வர் அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார்.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் அமைச்சர்கள் துறைமுகன், ஆர்.ராஜேந்திரன், டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா, தலைமைச் செயலர் நா.முருகானந்தம் உள்பட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 14 October 2025, p.5

மதிப்புக் கூட்டப்பட்ட கடல் உணவுப் பொருள்களை தயாரிக்க புதிய தொழில்நுட்பம்

திருவொற்றியூர், அக். 8: மீன் உள்ளிட்ட கடல் உணவுப் பொருள்களை மதிப்புக் கூட்டுவதற்கு புதிய தொழில்நுட்பங்களை பயன்படுத்த தமிழக அரசு நடவடிக்கை எடுத்து வருகிறது என தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் டி. ஆர். பி.ராஜா தெரிவித்தார்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு தொழில் வழிகாட்டி அமைப்பு, ஐரோப்பிய வரியற்ற வர்த்தக சங்கம், தென்னிந்திய தொழில் வர்த்தக சபை ஆகியவை இணைந்து கவிட்சர்லாந்து, ஐஸ்லாந்து, நார்வே உள்ளிட்ட நாடுகளுடன் தொழில் மற்றும் வர்த்தக வாய்ப்புகள் குறித்த மாநாடு சென்னையில் புதன்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

இக்கூட்டத்தில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கலந்துகொண்டு தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா பேசியதாவது: உயர் தரத்துடன் கடிம பொருள்களை உற்பத்தி செய்வதில் தமிழகம் இந்தியாவின் தலைநகராக உள்ளது. மீன்பிடித் தொழிலில் தமிழகம் ஏற்கெனவே சிறந்து விளங்குகிறது. எனினும் சரியான முறையில் பதப்படுத்துதல் மற்றும் குளிர்நடும் வசதிகள் இல்லாததால் கடலில் இருந்து பிடிக்கப்படும் மீன்கள் விற்பனைக்கு கொண்டு வரப்பட்டு சமையல் செய்வதற்கு முன்பாகவே சுமார் 25 சதவீத சத்துகள் விரயமாகிவிடுகிறது.



மாநாட்டை தொடங்கி வைத்த தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா. உடன், தொழில் துறை செயலர் வி.அருண்ராஜ் மற்றும் மாநாட்டு நிர்வாகிகள் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

கடல் உணவுப் பொருள்களை விரைவாகப் பதப்படுத்துவதோடு

மதிப்பு கூட்டப்பட்ட பொருள்களாக மாற்றி விற்பனை செய்ய வெளி நாடுகளில் பயன்படுத்தப்படும் புதிய தொழில்நுட்பங்களும் தமிழகத்தில் அறிமுகம் செய்யப்படவுள்ளது. மேலும், கடலிலேயே மீன் பண்ணைகளை அமைத்து

மீன் உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் முறையை திட்டத்தை தமிழகத்தில் அறிமுகம் செய்ய முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் என்றார்.

ஜப்பானில் வேலைவாய்ப்பு: முன்னதாக ஜப்பான் நாட்டின் நிசான் நிறுவனத்தில் முதல் கட்டமாக 100 இளைஞர்களுக்கு வேலைவாய்ப்பை அளிக்கும் ஒப்பந்தம் அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பி.ராஜா முன்னிலையில் கையொப்பமானது. நிகழ்வில், தொழில் துறை செயலர் வி.அருண் ராய், கவிட்சேகிய கவுன்சில் உறுப்பினர் டாக்டர் நிசுலாஸ் சாமுவேல், கவிட்சர்லாந்து நாட்டின் துரை மாயா டிசாவ், ஐஸ்லாந்து நாட்டின் துரை பென்னடிக் ஹோஸ்குல்சன், தென்னிந்திய வர்த்தக சபை நிர்வாகிகள் அம்பா பழனியப்பன், வி.என்.சிவசங்கர், வினோபா சாலமன் உள்ளிட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 09 October 2025, p.4

குளிர் ஆடை உற்பத்தி முயற்சிக்கு 'ஸ்டார்டஅப் இந்தியா' அழைப்பு

திருப்பூர், அக். 15- வெப்பத்தை தணிக்கும் குளிர் ஆடை உற்பத்திக்குக் கான ஆய்வுகள் துவங்கியுள்ளதால், புதிய தொழில் நுட்ப ஆடை உற்பத்திக்கு முயற்சிக்கலாம் என, 'ஸ்டார்டஅப் இந்தியா' அழைப்பு விடுத்துள்ளது. உலகளவில், நாளுக்கு நாள் வெப்பநிலை அதிகரித்து வரும் நிலையில், மனிதர்களின் உடல்நல மற்றும் சரும பராமரிப்பும் சவாலாக மாறி வருகிறது.

வடிவமைப்பு பணி

வெப்பத்தை தணிக்க, 'ஏசி'யை மட்டுமே சார்ந்திருக்காமல், வெப்பத்தை



தணிக்கும் வகையிலான குளிர் ஆடைகளை உற்பத்தி செய்ய புதிய தொழில் நுட்ப வடிவமைப்பு பணியும் துவங்கியுள்ளது. இதற்காக, ஹாங்காங் பாலிடெக்னிக் பல்கலைமையில், குளிர் ஆடை உற்பத்தி தொடர்பான

ஆய்வுகள் துவங்கியுள்ளன. அதில், ஆடை உற்பத்தி, நீடித்த நிலைத்தன்மை மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்பம் ஒன்றிணைந்த முயற்சியாக, பல்வேறு நாடுகளும் உற்றுநோக்குகின்றன. குளிர்ச்சியை அளிக்கும் ஆடைகள், மனித உடலில் வெப்பத்தை குறைக்க உதவுகின்றன.

உடல் வெப்பநிலை

உலக அளவில், 'ஸ்டார்ட அபு' என்ற தொழில்நுட்பம் வளர்ந்து வருகிறது. அதன் படி, தொழிலாளர் முதல் முதியோர் வரை பயன்படுத்தும் குளிர் ஆடை உற்பத்திக்கான முயற்சி நடந்து வருகிறது.

ஏ.ஐ., தொழில்நுட்பமும் இணைந்தால், அணிபவரின் உடல் வெப்பநிலைக்கு ஏற்ப குளிர்விக்கும் தன்மையுள்ள ஆடைகளை உற்பத்தி செய்யலாம் என்றும் 'அடல்' இன்னோவேஷன் மிஷன் போன்ற திட்டங்கள் வாயிலாக, இதற்கு இளைஞர்கள் முயற்சிக்க வேண்டும் என்றும் 'ஸ்டார்டஅப் இந்தியா' தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

சென்னையில் திறன் மையம் அமைக்கிறது ஐப்பான் நிறுவனம்

சென்னை, அக். 25-

ஐப்பான் நாட்டைச் சேர்ந்த, சர்வதேச அளவில் முக்கிய வங்கிகளில் ஒன்றான சுமிடோமோ மிட்ஸாய் வங்கி, தகவல் தொழில்நுட்ப மேம்பாடு மற்றும் சர்வதேச வங்கி நடவடிக்கைகளுக்காக, சென்னை போளூரில் சர்வதேச திறன் மையத்தை அமைத்துள்ளது.

அதன் இந்திய பிரிவு அதிகாரிகள், சென்னையில் விரிவாக்கம் மற்றும் வளர்ச்சி திட்டங்கள் குறித்து, தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் ராஜா, வழிகாட்டி நிறுவன அதிகாரிகள் உடன் சமீபத்தில் ஆலோசனை நடத்தியுள்ளனர்.



இதன் வாயிலாக, சென்னையில் மற்றொரு சர்வதேச திறன் மையத்தை, சுமிடோமோ மிட்ஸாய் வங்கி அமைக்க முடிவு செய்துள்ளது.

இதுகுறித்து, வழிகாட்டி நிறுவனத்தின், 'எக்ஸ்' தளத்தில், 'சர்வதேச வங்கிகள் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்ப நிறுவனங்களின் தாயகமாகவும், சர்வதேச திறன் மையம் மற்றும் தகவல் தொழில்நுட்ப சூழலுக்கும் பெயர் பெற்ற சென்னைக்கு, சுமிடோமோ வங்கியை வரவேற்கிறோம். இந்த வங்கியின் விரிவாக்கத்திற்கு இந்தியாவில் சென்னை சரியான தளம்' என தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டு உள்ளது.

Source: Dinamalar, 25 October 2025, p. 12

குளிர்நீட்டும் ஆடை தொழில்நுட்பம்

இதுகுறித்து, 'ஸ்டார்டஅப் இந்தியா' வழிகாட்டி ஆலோசகர் ஜெயபிரகாஷ் கூறியதாவது: அமெரிக்காவில், 'கிராபிள்' என்ற பொருளை துறையில் சேர்ப்பதன் வாயிலாக, ஆடை அணியும் போது வெப்பத்தை வெளியேற்றும் முயற்சி நடக்கிறது. ஐப்பானில், சிறிய 'பேன்'கள் பொருத்திய ஜாக்கெட் ஆடை தொழிலாளரிடையே பயன்பாட்டில் உள்ளது. இந்தியாவிலும், விளையாட்டு துறையில் பயன்படுத்தும் குளிர்நீட்டும் ஜாக்கெட் ஆடை உருவாக்கப்படுகின்றன. இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

Source: Dinamalar, 15 October 2025, p. 12

மாதம் 12 லட்சம் ஜோடி 'சாக்ஸ்' திருப்பூரில் இருந்து ஏற்றுமதி

திருப்பூர், அக். 16- திருப்பூரில் இருந்து மாதம் 12 லட்சம் ஜோடி 'சாக்ஸ்' ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்படுகிறது.

குளிர் பிரதேச நாடுகளில், ஆண்டு முழுதும் குளிர் நிலைவதால், அந்நாட்டு மக்கள் அன்டாட், 'சாக்ஸ்' மற்றும் 'ஷூ' அணிந்து குளிரை சமாளிக்கின்றனர்.

நாகரிக வளர்ச்சியால், இந்தியா உள்பட அனைத்து நாடுகளிலும் ஷூ பழம்பாடு அதிகரித்துள்ளது. இதனால், 'சாக்ஸ்' தேவையும் தொடர்ந்து அதிகரித்து வருகிறது.

உலக அளவில், 'சாக்ஸ்' உற்பத்தியில் துருக்கி முன்னோடியாக இருந்து வந்தது. நம் நாட்டில், புனேவில் உள்ள நிறுவனங்கள், 'சாக்ஸ்' உற்பத்தி மற்றும் ஏற்றுமதியில் ஈடுபட்டு வருகின்றன. தமிழகத்தில்,



கடந்த, 20 ஆண்டு களாக, 'சாக்ஸ்' உற்பத்தி படிப்படியாக அதிகரித்தது.

துருக்கியில் பணவீக்கம் மற்றும் பொருளாதார பிரச்சினை காரணமாக, 'சாக்ஸ்' வரித்தகம் சரிந்துள்ளது. இது, நம் நாட்டுக்கு சாதகமாக மாறியுள்ளது. பருத்தி தூவிலையில் தயாரிக்கப்படும், மதிப்பு கூட்டப்பட்ட இந்திய 'சாக்ஸ்'க்கு, சர்வதேச சந்தையில் கிராக்கி

ஏற்பட்டு உள்ளது.

மொத்தம் 12 ஜோடி சாக்ஸ், 600 முதல் 850 ரூபாய் வரை விற்கப்படுகிறது.

அனைத்து ஜவுளி ஏற்றுமதி முகமைகள் கூட்டமைப்பான, அபாட் தலைவர் இளங்கோவன் கூறியதாவது:

கடந்த, 2001ல், திருப்பூரில் 'சாக்ஸ்' உற்பத்தி துவங்கியது. ஆரம்ப கட்டத்தில், ஏற்றுமதி செய்வது சவாலாக இருந்தது. தற்போது, மாதந்தோறும், 12 லட்சம் ஜோடி சாக்ஸ், பல்வேறு நாடுகளுக்கு ஏற்றுமதியாகிறது.

ஒரு நிறுவனம் மட்டுமே, 'சாக்ஸ்' உற்பத்தி மற்றும் ஏற்றுமதி செய்து வந்த நிலை மாறி, தற்போது முன்னணி நிறுவனங்களும், 'சாக்ஸ்' உற்பத்தி யூனிட்களை துவங்கியுள்ளன.

இவ்வாறு, அவர் கூறினார்.

'மின்னணு உதிரிபாக உற்பத்தி திட்டத்தில் தமிழகம் முதலிடம்'

சென்னை, அக். 28-

'எலக்ட்ரானிக்ஸ் சாதன பாகங்கள் உற்பத்தி திட்டங்களுக்கு மத்திய அரசு அனுமதி அளித்ததில் ஏழு திட்டங்களில், ஐந்து உடன் தமிழகம் முதலிடத்தில் உள்ளது' என, தொழில் துறை அமைச்சர் ராஜா தெரிவித்தார்.

அவரது அறிக்கை: எலக்ட்ரானிக்ஸ் சாதன பாகங்களை உற்பத்தி செய்யும் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு, மத்திய அரசு சலுகை வழங்குகிறது.

இந்த சலுகை அளிப்பதற்காக, முதல் கட்ட சுற்றில் இதுவரை அனுமதி அளித்துள்ள ஏழு திட்டங்களில், ஐந்து திட்டங்களுடன் தமிழகம் முதலிடத்தில் உள்ளது. இவற்றின் வாயிலாக மொத்த முதலீட்டில், 77 சதவீத



ஒப்புதலுடன் தமிழகம் முதலிடத்தில் உள்ளது.

எலக்ட்ரானிக்ஸ் சாதன பாகங்களுக்கான ஊக்குவிப்பு திட்டத்தில், 59,350 கோடி ரூபாய் ஆரம்ப முதலீடு இலக்காக கொண்டிருந்தாலும், 1 லட்சம் கோடி ரூபாய்க்கு மேல் மதிப்புள்ள திட்டங்கள் பெறப்பட்டுள்ளன. இந்த திட்டத்தின் கீழ், 30 சதவீத முதலீடுகளை தமிழகம் பெறும் என்று நம்புகிறோம்.

இவ்வாறு அதில் கூறப்பட்டுள்ளது.

Source: Dinamalar, 28 October 2025, p. 12

Source: Dinamalar, 16 October 2025, p. 12

பட்டுக்கோட்டை ராஜாமடத்தில் கடல் உணவு நிறுவன தொழில் பூங்கா

சென்னை, அக். 16-
தஞ்சை மாவட்டம், பட்டுக்கோட்டை ராஜாமடத்தில், கடல் உணவு பொருட்கள் பதப்படுத்தும் மற்றும் ஏற்றுமதி நிறுவனங்களுக்காக புதிய தொழில் பூங்காவை, 'சிப் காட்' நிறுவனம் அமைக்க உள்ளது.

தமிழகத்தில் இருந்து கடல் உணவு பொருட்களின் ஏற்றுமதியை அதிகரிக்கும் வகையில், தஞ்சை மாவட்டம், பட்டுக்கோட்டை தாலுகா ராஜாமடத்தில், கடல் உணவு பொருட்கள் பதப்படுத்தும் மற்றும் ஏற்றுமதி தொழில் பூங்காவை, 'சிப் காட்' அமைக்க உள்ளது. அங்கு, தரப்பரிசோதனை ஆய்வுகளுக்கான, குளிர் சாதன வசதிகள், சோம்பு கிடங்குகள் உள்ளிட்ட கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகள் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட உள்ளன. இதனால், அங்கு தொழில் துவங்கும் நிறுவனங்கள்



தஞ்சை மாவட்டம், பட்டுக்கோட்டை அருகே ராஜாமடத்தில் கடல் உணவு தொழில் பூங்கா அமைக்க 113 ஏக்கர் நிலம், தமிழக நில நிர்வாக ஆணையரகத்திடம் கேட்கப்பட்டு உள்ளது.

தமிழகத்தின் மொத்த கடற்கரை நீளம் திருவள்ளூர் - கன்னியாகுமரி வரை, 1,076 கி.மீ.,

14 கடலோர மாவட்டங்களில், 10.50 லட்சம் மீனவர்கள் மீன்பிடி தொழிலில் ஈடுபட்டுள்ளனர்.

பட்டு உள்ளது. நிலம் கிடைத்ததும் தொழில் பூங்கா அமைக்கும் பணிகள் துவங்கப்படும். இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

திருநெல்வேலி, விருதுநகரில் பசுமை மின்திட்ட திறன் மையம்

சென்னை, அக். 17-
திருநெல்வேலி, விருதுநகர் மாவட்டங்களில் தலா ஒரு பசுமை மின் திட்டத்துக்கான திறன் மையத்தை, டாடா பவர் நிறுவனம் அமைத்துள்ளது.

திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்டம், கங்கை கொண்டானில், டாடா குழுமத்தைச் சேர்ந்த டாடா பவர் ரினிவபிள் எனர்ஜி நிறுவனத்தின், 4,300 கோடி ரூபாய் முதலீட்டிலான, சூரியசக்தி மின் சாதனங்களை உற்பத்தி செய்யும் ஆலை அமைந்து உள்ளது.

தமிழக அரசின் வேலைவாய்ப்பு மற்றும் பயிற்சி இயக்க



குறத்தின் பொது - தனியார் கூட்டு முயற்சியின் கீழ், டாடா பவர் நிறுவனம், சூரியசக்தி, காற்றாலை மின்சாரத்தை உள்ளடக்கிய பசுமை மின் திட்டங்கள் தொடர்பாக மாணவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அளிக்க உள்ளது.

இதற்காக, டாடா பவரின் திறன் மேம்

பாட்டு பிரிவான டாடா பவர் திறன் மேம்பாட்டு நிறுவனம், திருநெல்வேலியின் பேட்டை, விருதுநகரின் சாத்தூர் ஆகிய இடங்களில், பசுமை மின்திட்ட திறன் மையத்தை அமைத்துள்ளது. இந்த மையம் நேற்று துவக்கி வைக்கப்பட்டது.

Source: Dinamalar, 17 October 2025, p. 12

Source: Dinamalar, 16 October 2025, p. 12

ராமநாதபுரத்தில் பேட்டரி பூங்கா ராசி கிரீன் எர்த் அமைக்கிறது

புதுடில்லி, அக். 18-
ராசி கிரீன் எர்த் எனர்ஜி நிறுவனம், தமிழகத்தின் ராமநாதபுரத்தில் 5 கிகா வாட் பேட்டரி பூங்கா அமைக்க உள்ளதாக தெரிவித்துள்ளது. பெங்களூருவின் ராசி குழுமத்தைச் சேர்ந்த இந்நிறுவனம், தமிழகத்தில் ஏற்கனவே சூரிய சக்தி பூங்காக்களை அமைத்துள்ளது.

இதுகுறித்து ராசி கிரீன் எர்த் நிறுவனத்தின் தலைவர் நரசிம்மன் தெரிவித்ததாவது:

ராமநாதபுரத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட உள்ள பேட்டரி பூங்காவில், கேபிள் கள், எரிசக்தி மேலாண்மை அமைப்புகள், மின்சார



மாற்று அமைப்புகள் உள்ளிட்ட அனைத்துமே இடம்பெறும். இந்த பூங்கா அமைக்க 1,000 ஏக்கர் நிலம் அடையாளம் காணப்பட்டுள்ளது. இங்கு பேட்டரிக்கு தேவையான லித்தியம் தயாரிப்பதற்கான கத்தப்படுத்தும் ஆலையும் அமைக்கப்படும்.

இந்நிறுவனம் தற்போது ஜிம்பாவேயில் இரண்டு

அரிய வகை தாது சுரங்கங்களை குத்தகைக்கு எடுத்துள்ளது. தொழில்நுட்பம் மற்றும் முதலீட்டுக்காக சீன நிறுவனங்களுடன் இணைந்து செயல்பட உள்ளோம்.

அதே நேரத்தில் உள்நாட்டில் கூட்டு வைத்து உள்ள நிறுவனங்களிடம் இருந்தும் முதலீடுகளை திரட்டிப்பிட்டுள்ளோம். இவ்வாறு தெரிவித்தார்.

Source: Dinamalar, 17 October 2025, p. 12

‘ஜெம் போர்டலில்’ 1,500 ‘ஸ்டார்ட் அப்’ நிறுவனங்கள் பதிவு

சென்னை, அக். 22-
மத்திய, மாநில அரசு
களின் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு
பொருட்களை விற்பதற்கான,
‘ஜெம் போர்டலில்’ 1,500
‘ஸ்டார்ட் அப்’ நிறுவனங்கள்
பதிவு செய்துள்ளன.

தமிழகத்தில், 12,171,
‘ஸ்டார்ட் அப்’ எனப்படும்
புத்தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள்
உள்ளன. அந்நிறுவனங்
கள், மத்திய அரசின், ‘ஜெம்
போர்டல்’ வாயிலாக,
‘டெண்டர்’ கோரி, பொருட்
களை வாங்குகின்றன.

தமிழகத்தில் உள்ள
சிறு, குறு நிறுவனங்கள்,
ஸ்டார்ட் அப் நிறுவனங்
களுக்கு, ‘ஜெம் போர்ட்
லில்’ பதிவு செய்யவும்,
தயாரிப்பு அட்ட
வணையை பதிவேற்றவும்

தெரிவிதில்லை.

இதனால் அந்நிறுவனங்
களின் பொருட்களுக்கு,
அரசு நிறுவனங்களுக்கு
தேவை இருந்தாலும் விற்க
முடியாத நிலை உள்ளது.

கடந்த, 2016 – 17ல்
இருந்து கடந்த ஆண்டு
வரை ஜெம் போர்டலில்
பொதுத்துறை நிறுவனங்
கள், 40 லட்சம் கோடி
ரூபாய்க்கு பொருட்களை
வாங்கியுள்ளதில், தமிழ்
கத்தின் பங்கு 5 சதவீதம்
மட்டுமே உள்ளது.

இந்நிலையில், ஸ்டார்ட்
அப் டி.என்., நிறுவனம்
எடுத்த நடவடிக்கையால்,
1,500 ஸ்டார்ட் அப்
நிறுவனங்கள், ஜெம்
போர்டலில் பதிவு செய்து
உள்ளன.

Source: Dinamalar, 22 October 2025, p. 6

தமிழக அரசுக்கு 1,937 பஸ்கள் அசோக் லேலாண்டுக்கு ஆர்டர்

புதுடில்லி, அக். 17-
அசோக் லேலாண்டு
நிறுவனத்திடமிருந்து
1,937 பஸ்களை வாங்க
தமிழக அரசு முடிவு
செய்துள்ளது. டி.என்.
எஸ்.டி.யு., எனும் தமிழ்
நாடு மாநில போக்குவ
ரத்து நிறுவனம் இதற்
கான ஆர்டரை வழங்கி
உள்ளது.

இதுவரை அசோக்
லேலாண்டு நிறுவனம்
மாநில போக்குவரத்து
நிறுவனத்துக்கு 21,000
பேருந்துகளை வழங்கி
உள்ளது.

இந்த ஆர்டரின்படி,
நகர்ப்புறம், புறநகர் மற்
றும் எஸ்.இ.டி.சி., சேவை
களுக்கென பிரத்யேகமாக
பேருந்துகள் வடிவமைக்
கப்பட உள்ளதாக அசோக்
லேலாண்டு தெரிவித்து
உள்ளது.

மத்திய அரசின் சமீபத்
திய பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும்
செயல்பாடு விதிமுறைக
ளுக்கு ஏற்ப, அதிநவீன
அடித்தள கட்டமைப்பு



தளத்துடன் இந்த பேருந்
துகள் கட்டமைக்கப்பட
உள்ளதாக இந்நிறுவனம்
மேலும் தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

ஆர்டர் குறித்து பேசிய
அசோக் லேலாண்டின்
தேசிய விற்பனை பிரிவு
தலைவர் மாதவி தேஷ்
முக, “தமிழகம் எப்
போதுமே எங்களுக்கு முக்
கிய சந்தையாக விளங்கி
வருகிறது.

“நிறுவனத்தின்
தொழில் நுட்பம் மற்றும்
செயல்பாடுகளின் மீதான
வாடிக்கையாளர்களின்
நம்பிக்கையை இந்த ஆர்
டர் உறுதிப்படுத்துகிறது.”

என தெரிவித்தார்.

இந்தாண்டு குழு
மதிதை சேர்ந்த அசோக்
லேலாண்டு, பி.எஸ். 6
தரத்தில், 1701 தாழ்தள
டீசல் பேருந்துகளை இந்த
மாதம் துவங்கி, மார்ச்
2026 வரையும், 236 செமி
தாழ்தள பேருந்துகளை
ஜனவரி 2027 வரையும்
டெலிவரி செய்யவுள்ளது.

தேற்று வர்த்தக நேர
முடிவில், தேசிய பங்
குச்சந்தையில் அசோக்
லேலாண்டு நிறுவனத்தின்
பங்கு விலை ஒரு சதவீதம்
உயர்ந்து 137.05 ரூபாயாக
இருந்தது.

Source: Dinamalar, 17 October 2025, p. 12

உலக அளவில் புகழ் பெற்ற தமிழக பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை

அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் பெருமிதம்



என் பள்ளி என் பெருமை என்ற தலைப்பில் நடத்தப்பட்ட கலைப் போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுடன் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சி மற்றும் செய்தித் துறை அமைச்சர் மு.பெ.சாமிநாதன், பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ், இயக்குநர் எஸ்.கண்ணப்பன் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

சென்னை, அக். 16: உலகின் தலை சிறந்த கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் உள்ளவர்கள் தமிழக பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறையின் திட்டங்கள், முன்னேற்றம் குறித்து புகழ்ந்து பேசுகின்றனர் என்று அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் பொய்யாமொழி தெரிவித்தார்.

முன்னாள் முதல்வர் காமராஜர் பிறந்த நாளை முன்னிட்டு செய்தி மக்கள் தொடர்புத் துறை ஊடக மையம் சார்பில் 'என் பள்ளி, என் பெருமை' என்ற தலைப்பில் நடத்தப்பட்ட பல் வேறுபோட்டிகளில் வெற்றிபெற்ற 70 மாணவர்களுக்கு சென்னை கலைவாணர் அரங்கில் வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற விழாவில் பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ், தமிழ் வளர்ச்சி மற்றும் செய்தித் துறை அமைச்சர் மு.பெ.சாமிநாதன் ஆகியோர் பாராட்டுச் சான்றிதழ்கள் மற்றும் பதக்கங்களை வழங்கினர்.

விழாவில் அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் பொய்யாமொழி பேசிய தாவது:

காமராஜர் பிறந்த நாளை கல்வி வளர்ச்சி நாளாக அறிவித்தவர் மறைந்த முதல்வர் கருணாநிதி. இந்த நாளை பள்ளிகளுக்குச் சென்று கொண்டாடியவர் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். பள்ளி கல்வித் துறைக்கு 70-க்கும் அதிகமான திட்டங்களை நாம் கொண்டு வந்துள்ளோம். தமிழக ஆசிரியர்களைப் போல உலகில் எவரும் இல்லை.

'கல்வியில் சிறந்த தமிழ்நாடு' என்ற நிகழ்ச்சி விளம்பரத்துக்காக நடத்தியது அல்ல, கடந்த சில ஆண்டுகளில் அரசுப் பள்ளிகளில் படித்து மாணவர்கள் எவ்வாறு வாழ்க்கையில் முன்னேறி இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதைத் தற்போது உள்ள மாணவர்கள் அறிந்து கொள்வதற்காகவே அந்த நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தப்பட்டது என்றார்.

தொடர்ந்து அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் செய்தியாளர்களிடம் கூறுகையில், கல்வி சார்ந்த பல்வேறு திட்டங்களை தமிழக அரசு தொடர்ந்து செயல்படுத்தி வருகி

றது. மத்திய அரசே தமிழக கல்வித் துறையைப் பாராட்டுகிறது. வெளிநாட்டு பல்கலைகளில் அமைச்சர் பழனிவேல் தியாகராஜன் உரையாற்றுகிறார். கேம்பிரிட்ஜ் பல்கலை, யில் மக்களவை உறுப்பினர் தமிழ்ச்சி தங்கபாண்டியன் உரையாற்றுகிறார். அந்தப் பல்கலை, களுக்கு நானும் அண்மையில் சென்றிருந்தேன். இது திமுகவுக்கு மட்டும் பெருமை அல்ல, ஒட்டுமொத்த தமிழகத்துக்கே பெருமை என்றார்.

கடந்த இரு நாட்களுக்கு முன்னர் பிரிட்டன் சென்றிருந்த பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ், அங்கு ஆக்சுபோர்டு, கேம்பிரிட்ஜ் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களில் நடைபெற்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் கலந்து கொண்டார். அப்போது தமிழக பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறையில் செயல்படுத்தப்படும் திட்டங்கள் குறித்து அங்குள்ள மாணவர்கள், பேராசிரியர்களுக்கு அவர் விளக்கினார் என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

பழங்குடியின மாணவர்கள் பள்ளி செல்ல புதிய வாகனங்கள்

சென்னை, அக். 6: பழங்குடியினர் உண்டு -உறைவிடப் பள்ளிகளின் பயன்பாட்டுக்காக புதிய வாகனங்களை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கொடியசைத்து தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

இதேபோல், ஆம்புலன்ஸ், நடமாடும் மருத்துவ ஊர்திகளின் இயக்கத்தையும் அவர் தொடங்கினார். இதற்கான நிகழ்ச்சி தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் திங்கட்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

இத்குறித்து, தமிழக அரசின் சார்பில் திங்கள்கிழமை வெளியிடப்பட்ட செய்தி:

திருச்சி, தருமபுரி, சேலம், கள்ளக்குறிச்சி, ஈரோடு, நீலகிரி ஆகிய மாவட்டங்களில் செயல்படும் பழங்குடியினர் உண்டு -உறைவிடப் பள்ளிகளின் பயன்பாட்டுக்காக 26 புதிய வாகனங்கள் வாங்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இதேபோல், திண்டுக்கல், திருவண்ணாமலை, கிருஷ்ணகிரி, ஈரோடு, திருப்பத்தூர், கள்ளக்குறிச்சி, சேலம், நாமக்கல், தருமபுரி, கோவை ஆகிய மாவட்டங்களில் மலைப் பகுதிகளில் வசிக்கும் மக்களுக்காக பிரத்யேகமாக



பழங்குடியின பள்ளி மாணவர்களின் பயன்பாட்டுக்கான வாகனங்கள், மக்களின் மருத்துவப் பயன்பாட்டுக்கான அவசரகால ஊர்திகள், நடமாடும் மருத்துவ ஊர்திகள் ஆகியவற்றை சென்னை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் கொடியசைத்து தொடங்கி வைத்த முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். உடன் அமைச்சர்கள் எ.வ.வேலு, மா.மதிவேந்தன் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

ஆம்புலன்ஸ் வாகனங்கள் வடிவமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. அத்துடன் கோவை, தருமபுரி, ஈரோடு, கள்ளக்குறிச்சி, கிருஷ்ணகிரி, கன்னியாகுமரி, நாமக்கல், திண்டுக்கல், சேலம், நீலகிரி, திருவண்ணாமலை, திருச்சி, திருப்பத்தூர், வேலூர் ஆகிய மாவட்டங்களில்

புதிய நடமாடும் மருத்துவ ஊர்தி வசதிகள் உருவாக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. அவற்றின் சேவைகளையும் தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் இருந்து முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கொடியசைத்துத் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

மேலும், விழுப்புரம், கடலூர், உள்பட 9 இடங்களில் பஸ்தோக்கு

மையங்களையும், 16 இடங்களில் கிராம அறிவுசார் மையங்களையும், 37 ஆதிதிராவிடர் நலப் பள்ளிகளுக்கான கட்டடங்களையும் அவர் காணொலி வழியாகத் திறந்து வைத்தார். அத்துடன், ரூ.137.31 கோடியில் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள பள்ளி, கல்லூரி மாணவ,

மாணவிகளுக்கான 20 சமூக நீதி விடுதித் கட்டடங்களையும் முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில், அமைச்சர்கள் எ.வ.வேலு, மா.மதிவேந்தன், தலைமைச் செயலர் நா.முருகானந்தம் உள்பட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 7 October 2025, p.9

அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிவியல் கல்விச் சுற்றுலா

சென்னை, அக். 7: அரசுப் பள்ளிகளில் 9 முதல் பிளஸ் 2 வரை பயிலும் மாணவர்கள் அறிவியல் சார்ந்த கல்விச் சுற்றுலாவுக்கு அழைத்துச் செல்லப்பட உள்ளனர்.

இது தொடர்பாக ஒருங்கிணைந்த பள்ளிக் கல்வி இயக்குநரகம் சார்பில் அனைத்து மாவட்ட முதன்மைக் கல்வி அலுவலர்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டுள்ள சுற்றறிக்கை:

அரசுப் பள்ளிகளில் 9 முதல் பிளஸ் 2 வகுப்பு வரை படிக்கும் மாணவர்களுக்கு, ஸ்டெம் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் அறிவியல் சார்ந்த கல்விச் சுற்றுலா அழைத்துச் செல்ல தமிழக அரசு

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நிதி ஒப்புதல் அளித்துள்ளது. இந்தத் திட்டம் மூலம் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் அரசு அருட்காட்சியகங்கள், கோளாங்கங்கள், உயர்கல்வி நிறுவனங்கள், ஆராய்ச்சி மையங்களைப் பார்வையிட்டு அங்குள்ள நடைமுறைகளை அறிந்து கொள்ள இயலும்.

இதன்மூலம் மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிவியல் மீதான ஆர்வம் உயர்ந்து படைப்பாற்றல் சிந்தனைகள் மேம்படும்.

இதற்காக கல்வித் திறன், வருகைப் பதிவு, முக்கியத் தேர்வுகளில் பங்கேற்பு,

நூல்வாசிப்பு, தலைமைத்துவம், விளையாட்டுகள், குழு செயல்பாடுகளில் ஈடுபாடு, கலைத் திருவிழா நிகழ்வுகள் ஆகிய பிரிவுகளில் மதிப்பீடு செய்து மாணவர்கள் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட வேண்டும்.

கல்விச் சுற்றுலாவுக்கு, அருகில் உள்ள பிற மாவட்டங்களையும், பிறமாநிலங்களையும் தேர்வு செய்யலாம். சுற்றுலாவின் போது மாணவர்களின் பாதுகாப்பை உறுதி செய்ய வேண்டும்.

மாணவர்களை நிர்நிலைகளுக்கு அழைத்து செல்லக் கூடாது.

அதேபோல், மாணவிகள் இருந்தால், பெண் ஆசிரியர்கள் கூடாயம் சுற்றுலா குழுவில் இடம்பெற வேண்டும் என்பன உள்ளிட்ட வழிகாட்டுதல்களை பின் பற்றி நவம்பர் 15-ஆம் தேதிக்குள் இந்த பணிகளை நடத்தி முடிக்க வேண்டும்.

மேலும், இதனால் வழக்கமான கல்விப் பணிகள் பாதிக்கப்படாமல் பார்த்துக் கொள்வதுடன், உரிய அறிவுறுத்தல்களைப் பள்ளித் தலைமை ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு வழங்க வேண்டும் எனவும் அதில் கூறப்பட்டுள்ளது.

Source: Dinamani, 8 October 2025, p.2

அரசின் திட்டத்தால் லண்டனில் கல்வி பயிலும் தமிழக மாணவர்கள்

சென்னை, அக்.10: ஆதி திராவிடர் மற்றும் பழங்குடியினர் மாணவர்களுக்காக அரசு செயல்படுத்தும் அண்ணல் அம்பேத்கர் உயர்கல்வித் திட்டத்தின் மூலம் லண்டனில் பயின்று வரும் மாணவர்களை பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் வெள்ளிக் கிழமை நேரில் சந்தித்துப் பேசினார்.

அப்போது அரசின் திட்டங்களால் ஏற்பட்ட முன்னேற்றம் குறித்து அந்த மாணவர்கள் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டதை அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் 'எக்ஸ்' தளத்தில் வெளியிட்டுள்ள பதிவு: ஒருங்கிணைந்த பிரிட்டன் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்திருந்த 'காஃபி வித் அன்பில்' சந்திப்பு மூலம் தமிழ்ச் சொந்தங்களோடு உரையாடினோம். இந்நிகழ்வு 'காஃபி வித் திராவிட மாடல்'

மாணவர்கள் என்று அமைந்தது தான் சிறப்பு! ஆதி திராவிடர் மற்றும் பழங்குடியினர் மாணவர்களுக்காக இந்த அரசு செயல்படுத்தும் அண்ணல் அம்பேத்கர் உயர்கல்வித் திட்டம் மூலம் லண்டனில் பயின்று வரும் மாணவர்கள் தங்களின் அனுபவங்களைப் பகிர்ந்தனர். அவர்களைச் சந்தித்ததில் பெருமகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன்.

மாணவர்களோடு இணைந்து முதல்வர் முக. ஸ்டாலினுக்கு மனமார்ந்த நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம் என அதில் தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

இது குறித்து அமைச்சர் அன்பில் மகேஸ் வெளியிட்ட விடியோ பதிவில் இரு மாணவர்கள் பேசுகின்றனர். அதில்



மாணவி குருஷியா ஜெயராமன் கூறும் போது, தஞ்சாவூரில் நடுத்தரக் குடும்பத்தைச் சேர்ந்த நான் லண்டனில் நிற்பேன் என்று கனவில் கூட நினைக்கவில்லை. இங்கே சேர்ந்து படிக்க ரூ.36 லட்சம் தேவைப்பட்டது. முன்னேற

வேண்டும் என்பதற்கு வறுமை எனக்கு தடைக்கல்லாக இருந்தது. ஆனால் தமிழக அரசு நான் இங்கே வர உதவி செய்தது. வருங்காலத்தில் என்னைப் போல 10 மாணவர்களுக்கு உதவ ஆசைப் படுகிறேன் என தெரிவித்தார். அதேபோன்று சென்னையைச் சேர்ந்த ஆகாஷ் என்ற மாணவரும் அரசின் உதவித் திட்டங்கள் குறித்து நெகிழ்ச்சியுடன் பேசினார்.

Source: Dinamani, 11 October 2025, p.9

‘எதிர்காலத்துக்கு தயாராக’ திட்டம்: மாணவர்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டுதல்

சென்னை, அக். 27: அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் கற்றல் அடைவுத் தேர்வுகளை எதிர்கொள்ளும் வகையில் ‘எதிர்காலத்துக்குத் தயாராக’ (ஃபியூச்சர் ரெடி) திட்டம் தற்போது செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டுவரும் நிலையில், அதற்கான வழிகாட்டுதல்களை பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை வெளியிட்டுள்ளது.

இது தொடர்பாக மாநிலக் கல்வியியல் ஆராய்ச்சி மற்றும் பயிற்சி நிறுவனம் (எஸ் சிஇஆர்டி), சார்பில் அனைத்து மாவட்ட முதன்மைக் கல்வி அலுவலர்களுக்கும் அனுப்பப்பட்டுள்ள சுற்றறிக்கை: அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் உயர்சிந்தனை வினாக்கள் மற்றும் கற்றல் அடைவுத் தேர்வுகளை எதிர்கொள்ளும் திறனை மேம்படுத்த ‘எதிர்காலத்துக்குத் தயாராக’ எனும் திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது.

அதன்படி மாதந்தோறும் முதல் வாரத்தில் 1 முதல் 9-ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை ஆங்கிலம், கணிதம், அறிவியல் மற்றும் பாடம் சார்ந்த பொது அறிவு ஆகியவற்றில் மாண

வர்கள் படித்த கற்றல் வினாவுகளை ஒட்டி உயர்சிந்தனை வினாக்கள் வடிவமைக்கப்பட்டு தேர்வுகள் நடத்தப்படும்.

இதற்கான வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளும் தற்போது வெளியிடப்பட்டுள்ளன. அதன்படி அக்டோபர் முதல் ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் தேர்வு வினாக்களை <https://exam.tnschools.gov.in> என்ற இணைய தளத்தில் இருந்து பதிவிறக்கம் செய்ய வேண்டும்.

இந்த வினாக்களை கொண்டு மாணவர்களிடம் மதிப்பீட்டுத் தேர்வு நடத்தப்பட வேண்டும். வினாக்களுக்கு மாணவர்கள் சுயமாக விடை அளிக்கும் வகையில் பாட ஆசிரியர்கள் அவர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடி வழிகாட்டுதல் வழங்க வேண்டும்.

1 முதல் 5-ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை கற்பிக்கும் ஆசிரியர்கள் இந்த வினாக்களை எண்ணும் எழுத்தும் செயல்பாடாகவும், 6 முதல் 9-ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை கற்பிக்கும் ஆசிரியர்கள் வகுப்பறை பயிற்சியாகவும் பின்பற்ற வேண்டும் என அதில் கூறப்பட்டுள்ளது.

Source: Dinamani, 28 October 2025, p.14

‘நலம் காக்கும் ஸ்டாலின்’ திட்ட முகாம்: இதுவரை 6.97 லட்சம் பேர் பயன்

சென்னை, அக். 25: தமிழக அரசின் ‘நலம் காக்கும் ஸ்டாலின்’ திட்டத்தின் கீழ் இதுவரை நடைபெற்ற 446 முகாம்களில் 6,97,941 பேர் பயனடைந்துள்ளதாக மக்கள் நல் வாழ்வுத் துறை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் தெரிவித்தார்.

சென்னை மாநகராட்சி வள சரவாக்கம் மண்டலம், மதுரவாயல் ஸ்ரீ வெங்கடேஸ்வரர் நகர் மேட்டுக்குப்பம் சாலை, பாரதி மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி வளாகத்தில் சனிக்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற நலம் காக்கும் ஸ்டாலின் திட்ட முகாமை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன், ஸ்ரீபெரும்புதூர் மக்களவை உறுப்பினர் டி.ஆர்.பாலு ஆகியோர் பார்வையிட்டு ஆய்வு மேற்கொண்டனர்.

அப்போது, மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத் துறை சார்பில் பெறப்பட்ட மனுக்களுக்கு தீர்வு காணப்பட்டு, பயனாளிகளுக்கு அவர்

அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன்



மதுரவாயலில் நடைபெற்ற ‘நலம் காக்கும் ஸ்டாலின்’ திட்ட முகாமில் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நலத் துறை சார்பில் பெறப்பட்ட மனுக்கள் மீது உடனடியாக தீர்வு காணப்பட்டு பயனாளிகளுக்கு சான்றிதழ் வழங்கிய மக்களவை உறுப்பினர் டி.ஆர்.பாலு, உடன், அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் உள்ளிட்டோர்

கள் சான்றிதழ்களை வழங்கினர். தொடர்ந்து அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் செய்தியாளர்களிடம் கூறியதாவது

இந்தத் திட்டத்தை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கடந்த ஆக. 2-ஆம் தேதி சென்னையில் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்.

இதையடுத்து வாரந்தோறும் சனிக்கிழமைகளில் 38 மாவட்டங்களிலும் இந்த முகாம் நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.

இதுவரை 446 முகாம் நடத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதன்மூலம் 6,97,941 பேர் பயனடைந்துள்ளனர்.

26,819 மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கு சான்றிதழ் இந்தத் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் தமிழகம் முழுவதும் 1256 முகாம்கள் நடத்த இலக்கு நிர்ணயிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இதுவரை நடைபெற்றுள்ள முகாம்கள் மூலம் 26,819 மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கு சான்றிதழ்கள் வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

தனியார் மருத்துவமனைகளில் முழு உடல் பரிசோதனைகளுக்கு ரூ.20 ஆயிரம் வரை செலவாகும் அரசு மருத்துவமனைகளில்கூட ரூ.4 ஆயிரம் வரை செலவாகும். ஆனால், கட்டணமின்றி இந்த

முகாமில் முழு உடல் பரிசோதனைகள் செய்யப்படுகிறது.

முதல்வரின் விரிவான மருத்துவக் காப்பீட்டுத் திட்டத்தில் தமிழகத்தில் 1.47 கோடி குடும்பங்கள் பயன்பெற்று வருகின்றனர்.

புதிதாக பதிவு செய்தவுடன் அவர்களுக்கும் காப்பீடு அட்டை உடனடியாக வழங்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. இதுவரை நடைபெற்ற முகாம்களில் 21,191 குடும்பத்தினருக்கு மருத்துவக் காப்பீடு அட்டை வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

வடகிழக்குப் பருவமழை தொடங்கியுள்ளது. கடந்த வெள்ளிக்கிழமை வரை 170 மி.மீ. அளவுக்கு மழை பெய்திருக்கிறது. பருவமழை கூடுதலாக பெய்யத் தொடங்கியவுடன் எவ்வளவு மருத்துவ முகாம்கள் நடத்தப்படும் என்ற விவரம் தெரிவிக்கப்படும் என்றார்.

Source: Dinamani, 26 October 2025, p.4

14 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட சிறுமிகளுக்கு விரைவில் இலவச கருப்பை வாய் புற்றுநோய் தடுப்பூசி

சென்னை, அக். 26: தமிழகத்தில் 14 வயதுக்குட்பட்ட பெண் குழந்தைகள், சிறுமிகளுக்கு இலவசமாக கருப்பை வாய் புற்றுநோய் தடுப்பூசி செலுத்தும்பணிகள் விரைவில் தொடங்கப்படும் என்று மக்கள் நல் வாழ்வுத் துறை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் தெரிவித்தார்.

ரோட்டரி சங்கம் சார்பில் மார். பகப் புற்றுநோய் குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு பேரணி சென்னை திவத்திலில் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது. அதைத் தொடங்கிவைத்து அமைச்சர்

பேசியதாவது:

தினமும் உழப்பயிற்சி, நடைப்பயிற்சி, ஓட்டப்பயிற்சி செய்பவர்களுக்கு புற்றுநோய் பாதிப்புகள் வருவதற்கான வாய்ப்புகள் குறைவு என ஆய்வுகள் தெரிவிக்கின்றன.

பெண்களுக்கு ஏற்படும் புற்றுநோய் பாதிப்புகளைப் பொருத்தவரை மார்பகப் புற்றுநோய், கருப்பை வாய் புற்றுநோய், வாய் புற்றுநோய் ஆகியவை பிரதானமாக உள்ளன. இதைத் தவிர்க்க ஆரோக்கியமான வாழ்க்கை முறை, உடற்பயிற்சி அவசியம். அதனால்

இதய நலனும் பாதுகாக்கப்படும்.

புற்றுநோய் பாதிப்புகளைத் தடுக்க, கடந்த நிதிநிலை அறிக்கையில் ஒரு வயது முதல் 14 வயதுடைய சிறுமிகளுக்கு ஹெச் பிவி எனப்படும் கருப்பை வாய் புற்றுநோய் தடுப்பூசி செலுத்த ரூ.38 கோடி ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்பட்டது. அதன்படி, அந்த தடுப்பூசியை இலவசமாக பயனாளர்களுக்கு வழங்க முதல்வர் அறிவுறுத்தியுள்ளார்.



திருள்ளார்.

அதற்கான ஒப்பந்தப் புள்ளிகள் கோரும் பணிகள் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றன. அவைநிறைவடைந்த பிறகு, இந்தியாவிலேயே முதல் முறையாக தமிழ்நாட்டில் கருப்பை வாய் புற்றுநோய் தடுப்பூசி இலவசமாக வளரிளம் பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்கு செலுத்தப்படும். தனியார் மருத்துவமனைகளில் இந்த வகை புற்றுநோய் தடுப்பூசி செலுத்திக்கொள்ள

ரூ. 15,000 வரை செலவாகும்.

ஏமை-எளிய மக்களுக்கு அது சாத்தியமில்லை என்பதால் தமிழக அரசு இலவசமாக தடுப்பூசி செலுத்த முடிவு செய்துள்ளது. ஈரோடு, திருப்பத்தூர், கன்னியாகுமரி, ராணிப்பேட்டையில் புற்றுநோய் பாதிப்பு அதிகம் இருப்பது கண்டறியப்பட்டுள்ளதால், அங்கு சோதனை முயற்சியில் தடுப்பூசிகள் செலுத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

விரைவில் அது மாநிலம் முழுவதும் விரிவுபடுத்தப்படும் என்றார் அவர்.

Source: Dinamani, 27 October 2025, p.7

சிகிச்சைக்காக வெளிநாடுகளிலிருந்து தமிழகத்துக்கு 15 லட்சம் பேர் வருகை

சென்னை, அக். 17: மருத்துவ சிகிச்சை பெற வெளிநாடுகளில் இருந்து ஆண்டுக்கு 15 லட்சம் பேர் தமிழகம் வருகின்றனர் என மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் தெரிவித்தார்.

சென்னை நத்தம்பாக்கம் வர்த்தக மையத்தில், தமிழ்நாடு டாக்டர் எம்.ஜி.ஆர். மருத்துவ பல்சுவைக் கழகம் சார்பில், ‘எதிர்கால மருத்துவம் 2.0’ பன்னாட்டு மாநாடு நடைபெற்று வருகிறது. இந்த மாநாட்டை வெள்ளிக்கிழமை பார்வையிட்ட அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் கூறியதாவது:

3 நாட்கள் நடைபெறும் மாநாட்டில், 15,000 மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர். மேலும், 9 நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்த 38 சர்வதேச மருத்துவ நிபுணர்கள் பங்கேற்ற, அவசர சிகிச்சை, புற்று

அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன்



சென்னை நத்தம்பாக்கம் வர்த்தக மையத்தில் தமிழ்நாடு டாக்டர் எம்.ஜி.ஆர். மருத்துவ பல்சுவைக் கழகம் சார்பில் நடைபெற்ற மருத்துவ மாநாட்டில் அங்குள்ள பார்வையிட்ட அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன், உடன், லக்கைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் டாக்டர் நாராயணசாமி, கலைஞர் நூற்றாண்டு உயர்நிறப்பு மருத்துவமனை இயக்குநர் டாக்டர் பார்த்தசாரதி, அமெரிக்க மருத்துவ சங்கத் தலைவர் டாக்டர் கபிலன் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

நோய் மருத்துவம் உள்ளிட்ட பல் வேறு ஆராய்ச்சிகளுக்கான அறிவான விவாதங்களும் நடந்து வருகிறது. அத்துடன் மருத்துவம் சார்ந்த 46 அரங்குகள் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இதில், ரோபோடிக் பேருந்து, எண்டோஸ்கோப் பேருந்து ஆகியவை மாநாட்டில் இடம்பெற்றுள்ளன. இவற்றின் செயல்பாடுகளை மருத்துவ மானவர்கள் கேட்டறிந்து வருகின்றனர்.

தில்லி எய்ம்ஸ் மருத்துவமனைகளில் உள்ள உபகரணங்கள், தமிழக அரசு மருத்துவமனைகளில் இடம்பெற்றுள்ளன. மருத்துவ சிகிச்சைக்கு இந்தியா வருபவர்களின் 25 சதவீதம் பேர் தமிழகம் வருகின்றனர். ஆதலால், ஆண்டுக்கு, 15 லட்சம் பேர் சிகிச்சைக்கு வருகின்றனர் என்றார் அவர்.

Source: Dinamani, 18 October 2025, p.5

தமிழகத்தில் 9.50 லட்சம் யூனிட் ரத்த தானம் பெறப்பட்டது

சென்னை, ஆக். 10: கடந்த நிதியாண்டில் அரசு மற்றும் தனியார் ரத்த வங்கிகள் மூலம் 9.50 லட்சம் யூனிட் ரத்தம் தானமாகப் பெறப்பட்டுள்ளதாக மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் தெரிவித்தார்.

ஓமந்தூரார் அரசு பல்நோக்கு மருத்துவமனையில் தேசிய தன்னார்வரத்ததானநாள்-2025 விழிப்புணர்வு உறுதிமொழி நிகழ்ச்சி வெள்ளிக்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது. இதில், பங்கேற்ற அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் விழிப்புணர்வு உறுதிமொழி ஏற்று, ரத்த தான முகாம் அமைப்பாளர்கள், 50 முறைக்குமேல் ரத்த கொடையளித்த தன்னார்வர்களுக்கு பாராட்டு சான்றிதழ், நினைவு பரிசுகளை வழங்கினார்.

அப்போது, அவர் செய்தியாளர்களுிடம் கூறியதாவது: ரத்த தானத்தில் தமிழக சுகாதாரத் துறை, பிற மாநிலங்களுக்கு முன்னோடியாகத் திகழ்கிறது. இந்த ஆண்டின் தேசிய தன்னார்வ ரத்த தான தினத்தின் கருப்



ஓமந்தூரார் அரசு பல்நோக்கு மருத்துவமனை கூட்டரங்கில் நடைபெற்ற நிகழ்ச்சியில் ரத்த கொடையாளிகளுக்கு நினைவுப் பரிசு வழங்கி கௌரவித்த அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன். உடன் துறைச் செயலர் ப.செந்தில்குமார் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

பொருள் 'ரத்த தானம் செய்வோம், நம்பிக்கை கொடுப்போம், ஒன்றாக இணைந்து மனித உயிர்களைக் காப்போம்' என்பதாகும்.

தமிழகத்தில் மொத்தம் 101 அரசு ரத்த வங்கிகள், 252 தனியார் ரத்த வங்கிகள் உள்ளன. அரசு ஆரம்ப சுகாதார நிலையங்களில் 415 ரத்த சேமிப்பு மையங்கள் இருக்கின்றன.

தமிழகத்தில் ரத்தம் தேவைப்படும் அனைவருக்கும் பாதுகாப்பான மற்றும் தரமான ரத்தம் உரிய நேரத்தில் கிடைக்கும் வகையில் அதிநவீன மற்றும் குளிர்சாதன வசதிகளுடன் கூடிய 32 நடமாடும் ரத்த ஊர்திகள், 2 நடமாடும் ரத்த தான ஊர்திகள் சென்னை மற்றும் மதுரை மாவட்டங்களில் செயல்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

2024-25-ஆம் ஆண்டு அரசு மற்றும் தனியார் ரத்த மையங்கள் மூலமாக, 9.50 லட்சம் யூனிட் ரத்தம் சேகரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

தில்லியிலுள்ள சுகாதார பொது இயக்குநரகத்தால் 2024-25-ஆம் ஆண்டில், 4.50 லட்சம் யூனிட் ரத்தம் சேகரிக்க அரசு ரத்த மையங்களுக்கு இலக்கு நிர்ணயிக்கப்பட்டது. உரி

மம் பெற்ற அரசு ரத்த மையங்களில் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்கள் மூலமாக, 4,354 ரத்ததான முகாம்கள் நடத்தப்பட்டு, 4,53 லட்சம் யூனிட் ரத்தம் சேகரிக்கப்பட்டு, தமிழகம் 101 சதவீதத்தை அடைந்துள்ளது.

தமிழகத்தில் ரத்த மையங்களின் செயல்பாடுகளை கண்காணிப்பதற்காக e-RatKosh என்ற வலைதளம் உள்ளது. இதில் ரத்த வகைகளின் இருப்பை தெரிந்துகொள்ளும் வசதிகள் உள்ளன என்றார்.

மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறைச் செயலர் ப.செந்தில்குமார், தமிழ்நாடு மாநில குருதி பரிமாற்று குழும திட்ட இயக்குநர் ஆர்.சீத்தாலட்சுமி, பொது சுகாதாரம் மற்றும் நோய் தடுப்பு மருத்துத் துறை இயக்குநர் ஏ.சோமசுந்தரம், மருத்துவ கல்வி மற்றும் ஆராய்ச்சி இயக்குநர் ஆர். சுசந்தி ராஜகுமாரி, சென்னை மாநகராட்சி நகர நல அலுவலர் ஜெகதீசன், அரசு பல்நோக்கு மருத்துவமனை இயக்குநர் டாக்டர் மணி உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 11 October 2025, p.5

6 மாவட்டங்களில் அரசு மருத்துவக் கல்லூரிகள்

சுகாதாரத் துறை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் தகவல்

தென்காசி

தென்காசி உட்பட 6 மாவட்டங்களில் அரசு மருத்துவக் கல்லூரிகள் அமைக்கப்படும். இதற்கு மத்திய அரசின் பதிலுக்காக காத்திருக்கிறோம் என்று தமிழக சுகாதாரத் துறை அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் கூறினார்.

நெல்லை அரசு மருத்துவக் கல்லூரி மருத்துவமனையின் 60-வது ஆண்டு விழாவில் அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக பங்கேற்றார். சட்டப்பேரவைத் தலைவர் மு.அப்பாவு முன்னிலை வகித்தார். மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் ஆர்.சுகுமார் தலைமை வகித்தார்.

ராமர்ட் புரஸ் எம்.பி., எம்எல்ஏக்கள் ரூபி மனோகரன், அப்துல் வகாப், மருத்துவக் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் ரேவதி பாலன் உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்றனர். முனைஞ்சிப்பட்டி மற்றும் பத்தமடை ஆகிய இடங்களில் அமைக்கப்பட்ட புதிய ஆரம்ப சுகாதார நிலையக் கட்டிடங்களை திறந்துவைத்த அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன், பின்னர் செய்தியாளர்களிடம் கூறியதாவது:

மத்திய பிரதேச மாநிலம் சிந்து வாராமாவட்டத்தில் குழந்தைகள் உயிரிழப்புக்கு தொடர்புடையதாக கருதப்படும் 'கோல்ட்ரிப்' இருமல் மருந்து குறித்து, மத்

திய அரசிடமிருந்து கடந்த 1-ம் தேதி அவசரக் கடிதம் கிடைத்தது. உடனடியாக அந்த மருந்தின் விற்பனைக்கு தடை விதித்தோம். தமிழ்நாடு அரசு மருத்துவப் பணிகள் கழகம் மூலம் அந்த மருந்து கொள்முதல் செய்யப்படவில்லை என்றாலும், தனியார் விற்பனைக்கு உடனடியாக தடை விதிக்கப்பட்டது.

இருமல் மருந்தில் டைஎத்திலீன் கிளைக்கால் என்ற நச்சு ரசாயனம் ஒரு சதவீதம்கூட இருக்கக் கூடாது. ஆனால், 48 சதவீதம் வரை கலந்திருப்பது பெரும் குற்றமாகும். இதற்காக சம்பந்தப்பட்டவர்கள் மீது கிரிமினல் வழக்கு பதிவு செய்து

நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும்.

தென்காசி, மயிலாடுதுறை, காஞ்சிபுரம், திருப்பத்தூர், ராணிப்பேட்டை, பெரம்பலூர் ஆகிய 6 மாவட்டங்களில் புதிய மருத்துவக் கல்லூரிகள் அமைக்கப்படும். இது தொடர்பாக கடந்த 4 ஆண்டுகளாக மத்திய அரசிடம் வலியுறுத்தி வருகிறோம். பிரதமரிடமும், மத்திய சுகாதாரத் துறை அமைச்சரிடமும் நேரடியாக கோரிக்கை வைத்துள்ளோம். இக்கோரிக்கையைப் பரிசீலிப்பதாக கூறி உள்ளனர். மத்திய அரசின் பதிலுக்காக காத்திருக்கிறோம்.

இவ்வாறு அமைச்சர் தெரிவித்தார்.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 09 October 2025, p.7

தமிழக வனப்பகுதிகளில் 3,170 யானைகள் உள்ளன

▶ வனத்துறை அமைச்சர் ராஜகண்ணப்பன் துகவல்

■ சென்னை

தமிழகத்தில் 3,170 யானைகள் உள்ளதாக வனத் துறை அமைச்சர் ஆர்.எஸ்.ராஜகண்ணப்பன் தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

யானைகள் பாதுகாப்பில் தமிழகம் நீண்டகாலமாகவே முன்னணி வகிக்கிறது. இந்நிலையில், கர்நாடகாவுடன் இணைந்து கடந்த மே 23 முதல் 25-ம் தேதி வரை 3-வது ஒருங்கிணைந்த யானைகள் கணக்கெடுப்பு நடத்தப்பட்டது.

தமிழகத்தில் புலிகள் காப்பகங்கள், வனவிலங்கு சரணாலயங்கள், பிராந்திய வனப்பிரிவுகள் மற்றும் ஒரு தேசியப் பூங்காவில் நடத்தப்பட்ட கணக்கெடுப்பில் 2,043 வனத்துறைப் பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் தன்னார்வர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர். மொத்தமுள்ள யானைகளில் 44



சதவீதம் வளர்ச்சியடைந்தவை என்பது தெரியவந்துள்ளது.

இந்நிலையில், யானைகள் கணக்கெடுப்பு குறித்த அறிக்கையை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் வனத்துறை அமைச்சர் ஆர்.எஸ். ராஜகண்ணப்பன் நேற்று வெளியிட்டார். இதுகுறித்து அவர் கூறியதாவது:

தமிழகத்தில் 3,170 காட்டு யானைகள் உள்ளன. முந்

தைய கணக்கெடுப்பில் 3,063 யானைகள் உள்ளதாக தெரிய வந்தது. தற்போது 107 யானைகள் அதிகம் உள்ளன. தமிழக யானைகளின் எண்ணிக்கையில் ஏற்பட்டுள்ள இந்த நிலையான வளர்ச்சி, அறிவியலை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட வனவிலங்கு மேலாண்மை மற்றும் சமூகப் பங்களிப்பின் காரணமாக ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது.

வனம் குன்றிய காடுகளை மீட்டெடுப்பது, யானை வழித்தடங்களை வலுப்படுத்துவது, மனித-யானை மோதலைத் தடுக்க தொழில் நுட்பத்தைப் பயன்படுத்துவது உள்ளிட்ட எங்களது அணுகு முறைகள் முழுமையானதாகவும், மக்களை மையமாகக் கொண்டதாகவும் உள்ளன. இவ்வாறு தெரிவித்தார். வனத் துறைச் செயலர் சுப்

ரியா சாஹு கூறும்போது, “யானைகள் நமது காடுகளிலும், கலாச்சார அடையாளத்திலும் அங்கமாக உள்ளன. அவற்றின் எண்ணிக்கை தொடர்ந்து அதிகரித்து வருவது, நமது கொள்கைகள் பலனளிப்பதற்கான அறிஞர்மையாகும். வாழ்விட மறுசீரமைப்பு, அந்நிய களைச்செடிகளை அகற்றுதல், தீவனம் மற்றும் நீர் மேலாண்மையை மேம்படுத்துதல் மற்றும் யானைகளின் நடமாட்டத்தைக் கண்காணிக்கத் தொழில் நுட்பத்தைப் பயன்படுத்துதல் ஆகியவற்றில் முழுகவனம் செலுத்தி வருகிறோம்” என்றார்.

நீழ்வில், முதன்மை தலைமை வனப் பாதுகாவலர் ஸ்ரீநிவாஸ் ஆர்.ரெட்டி, தலைமை வன உயிரினக் காப்பாளர் ராகேஷ் குமார் டோக்ரா பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 08 October 2025, p.11

அழிவின் விளிம்பில் உள்ள 4 உயிரினங்களை பாதுகாக்க ரூ.1 கோடியில் புதிய திட்டம்

சென்னை, அக்ட. 3: தமிழகத்தில் அழிவின் விளிம்பில் உள்ள 4 உயிரினங்களைப் பாதுகாக்கும் வகையில் ரூ.1 கோடியில் புதிய திட்டம் ஒன்றை தமிழக அரசு அறிவித்துள்ளது.



அழிவின் விளிம்பில் உள்ள சிங்கவால் குரங்கு, மெட்ராஸ் முள்ளம்பன்றி, வரிக் கழுதைப் புலி, கூம்புத் தலை மஹிர் மீன்.

இது குறித்து வனத்துறை சார்பில் வெளியிடப்பட்ட செய்திக் குறிப்பு: தமிழகத்தில் மேற்கு மற்றும் கிழக்கு தொடர்ச்சி மலைகளைக் கொண்ட பகுதிகள், உலக விலங்கு வளம் பல்புலிப் பெருக்கம் மையமாக அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இங்குள்ள, மேற்குத் தொடர்ச்சி மலை பகுதிகளில் காணப்படும் சிங்கவால் குரங்கு, தமிழ்நாடு, ஆந்திரம், கேரளத்தின் வறண்ட நிலப்பரப்புகளில் காணப்படும் மெட்ராஸ் முள்ளம்பன்றி, முதலமை புலிகள் காப்பக நிலப்பரப்பில் வாழும் கழுதைப் புலி, மோரூறு அற்றில் வாழும் கூம்புத் தலை மஹிர் மீன் வகை ஆகியவை அழிந்து வரும் உயிரினங்களாக வரையறுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இந்த உயிரினங்களைப் பாதுகாக்க தமிழக அரசு புதிய திட்டம் ஒன்றை வகுத்து, அதற்காக ரூ.1 கோடியை ஒதுக்கியுள்ளது. அதன்படி, சிங்கவால் குரங்கை பாதுகாக்க ரூ.48.50 லட்சம், மெட்ராஸ் முள்ளம்பன்றிக்கு ரூ.20.50 லட்சம், வரிக் கழுதைப் புலிக்கு ரூ.14 லட்சம், கூம்புத் தலை மஹிர் மீன் வகைக்கு ரூ.17 லட்சம் என மொத்தம் ரூ.1 கோடி ஒதுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இந்நிதியின் மூலம் அழிவு நிலையில் உள்ள இந்த உயிரினங்களின் வாழ்விடங்களைக் கண்காணித்து, அது தொடர்பாக ஆய்வுகள் மேற்கொள்ளத் திட்டமிடப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், இந்த உயிரினங்களுக்கு, அவை வாழும் இடங்களிலேயே பாதுகாப்பான இனப்பெருக்க மையங்களும் அமைக்கப்பட உள்ளன.

இதமட்டுமன்றி, வனத் துறை ஊழியர்களின் நிறைவேற்றத் திட்டமுதலான, விலங்குகளின் முக்கிய வாழ்விடங்களான மழைக் காடுகள், வறண்ட நிலங்கள், நதி அமைப்புகள் போன்றவற்றை முன்னேற்றும் நடவடிக்கைகளும் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் என அதில் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

Source: Dinamani, 04 October 2025, p.14

கடல் ஆமைகள் மறுவாழ்வு மையம் அமைக்கும் திட்டம்: ஒப்பந்தப் புள்ளி கோரியது அரசு

சென்னை, அக்ட. 24: கிண்டியில் கடல் ஆமைகள் பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும் மறுவாழ்வு மையத் துக்கான கட்டுமானப் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ள தமிழக அரசு சார்பில் ஒப்பந்தப் புள்ளிகள் கோரப்பட்டுள்ளன.

புசம்பர் முதல் ஜூன் மாதம் வரை கடல் ஆமைகள் முட்டையிடும் காலமாகும். இக்காலத்தில், தமிழக கடலோரப் பகுதிகளில் ஆண்டுதோறும் ஆயிரம் கணக்கான ‘ஆலிவ் ரெட்லி’ வகை கடல் ஆமைகள் கரைக்கு வந்து முட்டையிட ரெட் செல்லும். நிகழ்வுகளில் சென்னை காசிமேடு, மெட்ராஸ், பெசன்ட் நகர் ஆகிய கடற்கரைகளில் நூற்றுக்கணக்கான ஆமைகள் உயிரிழந்த நிலையில் கரை ஒதுங்கின.

இதைத் தொடர்ந்து கடல் ஆமைகளின் உயிரிழப்புகளைத் தடுக்கவும், அவற்றைப் பாதுகாக்கும் நோக்கிலும் தமிழக அரசு சார்பில் பல்வேறு சிறப்பு திட்டங்கள் செயல்படுத்தப்படுகிறது. அதன் ஒருபகுதியாக சென்னை கிண்டியில் உள்ள தேசியப் பூங்கா வளாகத்தில் 4,400 ச.மீ. பரப்பில் கடல் ஆமைகள் பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும் மறுவாழ்வு மையம் அமைக்க அரசு திட்டமிட்டுள்ளது.

இதற்கான கட்டுமானப் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ள ஒப்பந்தப் புள்ளிகளை தமிழக அரசு கோரியுள்ளது.

விருப்பமுள்ளவர்கள் tenders.gov.in என்ற இணையதளத்தில் இதற்கான விண்ணப்பங்களைப் பதிவிறக்கம் செய்து கொள்ளலாம். பூர்த்தி செய்யப்பட்ட விண்ணப்பங்களை அதே இணையதளத்தில் வரும் நவ.5-ஆம் தேதி பிற்பகல் 3.30-க்குள் சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டும்.

இதில், தகுதிவாய்ந்த ஒப்பந்தப் புள்ளி தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டவுடன் இதற்கான கட்டுமானப் பணிகள் தொடங்கப்படும் என அதிகாரிகள் தெரிவித்தனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 25 October 2025, p.2

உலகின் கடல்சார் மையமாக இந்தியாவை மாற்ற தமிழகம் முன்மாதிரியாக செயல்படும்

திருவொற்றியூர், அக். 29: உலக கடல்சார் துறையின் மையமாக இந்தியாவை மாற்றும் பயணத்தில் முன்மாதிரி மாநிலமாக தமிழகம் செயல்படும் என்று அமைச்சர் எ.வ.வேலு தெரிவித்தார். மத்திய துறைமுகங்கள், கடல் போக்குவரத்து மற்றும் நீர்வாழ் பாதைகள் அமைச்சு சார்பில் இந்திய கடல்சார் வாரம்-2025 என்ற உச்சி மாநாடு மும்பையில் திங்கட்கிழமை (அக். 27) தொடங்கியது. வெள்ளிக்கிழமை (அக். 31) வரை தடைபெற்று இந்த மாநாட்டில், தமிழக அரசின் சிறு துறைமுகங்கள் துறை மற்றும் தொழில் துறைகளில் வழிகாட்டி அமைப்பு சார்பில் சிறப்பு அமர்வு புகழ்விழை நடைபெற்றது. அமர்வுக்கு, சென்னை துறைமுகத்தின் தலைவர் கனில் பாலிவால் தலைமை வகித்தார். நிகழ்வில் சிறப்பு அழைப்புாளராக தமிழக பொதுப்பணித் துறைஞ்சாலை, சிறு துறைமுகக் கனி துறை அமைச்சர் எ.வ.வேலு பேசினார்.

இந்திய கடல்சார் துறையின் வலிமை, வளர்ச்சிப் பாதையை உலகிற்கு வலியுறுத்தும் முக்கிய திசு வாக இவ்விழா அமைந்துள்ளது. இந்த மாநாட்டை தனது தனித்துவமான கடல்சார் உள் கடல்மையப், வர்த்தக நிறைவு உலகிற்கு காட்டும் ஒரு அரிய வாய்ப்பாக தமிழகம் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ளும். தமிழக கடல்சார் வர்த்தகத்துக்கு வண்ணகோவை சென்னை, துத்துக்குடி, வடக்கு சிம்பரூர், என்னூர் காவரம்

அமைச்சர் எ.வ.வேலு



மும்பையில் நடைபெற்ற உலகளாவிய இந்திய கடல்சார் விழா 2025-இல் தமிழக அரசு சார்பில் பங்கேற்ற பொதுப்பணித் துறை அமைச்சர் எ.வ.வேலு, தொழில்துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பிரகாஷ் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

ஜர் உள்ளிட்ட 3 பெரிய துறைமுகங்கள், ஏராளமான சிறு துறைமுகங்கள், தொழிற்புழங்கங்கள் உள்ளன.

மத்திய அரசின் 'சாக்ஸ்ஸா' திட்டம் மூலம் துறைமுகங்களின் மேம்பாடு மற்றும் தொழில்துறை வளர்ச்சியில் இந்தியா

முன்னணி தாடக மாறி வருகிறது. துத்துக்குடி, கடல்சார் துறைமுகங்களில் உள்ளிட்ட கடல்சார் தொழில் மையங்களான

அமைச்சு புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தங்கள் செய்யப்பட்டு பூர்வாகப் பணிகள் தொடங்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. தமிழக அரசு, தனது கடல்சார் வர்த்தகம் மற்றும் தொழில்துறையை மேம்படுத்துவதை முக்கிய இலக்காகக் கொண்டு செயல்படுகிறது. தனியார் முதலீட்டில் கடல்சார் துறைமுகத்தை நவீனப்படுத்தி இயக்கவும், ராமேசுவரம் நீர்ப் பகுதியை கடல் மார்க்கமாக கற்றுவர பட்டுப் போக்குவரத்து தொடங்கவும், ராமேசுவரம்-தலைமன்னார் இடையே குறைந்த தூர பன்னாட்டு கடல் போக்குவரத்தை தொடங்கவும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

மீன் வாரியத்துக்கு தேவைப்படும் நிலக்கரிசை லைகான உட்கட்டிடம் கட்டும் பணியும் உள்ளது. அனுமுகம் தேவைத்துவரை விரைவில் பயன்பாட்டுக்குவரும். உலகின் கடல்சார் மையமாக இந்தியாவை மாற்றும் மாபெரும் பயணத்தில் உறுதுணையாக இருந்து முன்மாதிரி மாநிலமாக தமிழகம் செயல்படும் என்றார். நிகழ்வில் தொழில்துறை அமைச்சர் டி.ஆர்.பிரகாஷ், தொழில்துறை செயலர் அருண்ராஜ், கற்றுவரத்துறை செயலர் கே.மணிவாசன், கடல்சார் வாரிய துணைத் தலைவர் டி.என்.வெங்கடேஷ், சென்னை துறைமுக துணைத் தலைவர் எஸ்.விஸ்வநாதன் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 30 October 2025, p.2

ஈரோடு நாகமலை குன்று: தமிழகத்தின் நான்காவது பல்லுயிர் பாரம்பரியத் தலம்

சென்னை, அக்.8: ஈரோடு மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள நாகமலை குன்றை தமிழகத்தின் 4-ஆவது பல்லுயிர் பாரம்பரியத் தலமாக தமிழக அரசு அறிவித்துள்ளது. இதுகுறித்து தமிழக கற்றுச்சுழல், காலநிலை மாற்றம் மற்றும் வனத் துறை சார்பில் புதன்கிழமை வெளியிடப்பட்ட செய்திக்குறிப்பு: தமிழகத்தில் உள்ள பல்லுயிர் கணப் பாதுகாக்க மாநில அரசு சார்பில் பல்வேறு முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. அதன் காரணமாக, 20 ராம் சர் தலங்களுடன், நாட்டிலேயே அதிக எண்ணிக்கையிலான தலங்களைக் கொண்ட மாநிலமாகத் தமிழகம் உள்ளது. அதேபோல், அரிய, அச்சுறுத்தலுக்கு உள்ளான மற்றும்

அழிந்துவரும் உயிரினங்களைப் பாதுகாக்கவும், அவற்றின் இனப் பெருக்கத்தை அதிகரிக்கவும் ஏற்ற பகுதிகள் பல்லுயிர் பாரம்பரியத் தலங்களாக அறிவிக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. அதன்படி, கடந்த 2022-ஆம் ஆண்டு மதுரை மாவட்டம் அரிட்டாபட்டி, நிகழ்மானிடல் திண்டிக்குடி மாவட்டம் காசம்பட்டி, ஈரோடு மாவட்டம் எலத்தூர் ஏரி ஆகிய இடங்கள் பல்லுயிர் பாரம்பரியத் தலங்களாக அறிவிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அதைத்தொடர்ந்து ஈரோடு மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள நாகமலை குன்றை மாநிலத்தின் 4-ஆவது பல்லுயிர் பாரம்பரியத் தலமாக அறிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. நாகமலை குன்று: மொத்தம்

32.22.50 ஹெக்டேர் பரப்பில் அமைந்துள்ள நாகமலை குன்று, இடம்பெயரும் மற்றும் உள்நூர் பறவைகள், நீர்வாழ் உயிரினங்கள், ஈரநிலச் சுற்றுச்சூழல் அமைப்புக்கான முக்கிய வாழ்விடமாக உள்ளது. இங்குள்ள ஆழமான நீர்நிலைகள், சேற்று நிலங்கள் மற்றும் பாறை மேடுகள் பல்வேறு உயிரினங்களுக்குப்பாதுகாப்பான சூழலை வழங்குகின்றன. கடந்த ஆண்டு மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட தமிழக ஒருங்கிணைந்த பறவைகள் கணக்கெடுப்பின் படி, நாகமலைகுன்றில் 138 தாவர இனங்கள், 118 பறவை இனங்கள் (30 இடம்பெயரும், 88 உள்நூர்), 7 பாலூட்டிகள், 11 ஊர்வனங்கள், 5 சிலந்திகள்

மற்றும் 71 பூச்சியினங்கள் காணப்படுகின்றன. இதில் பெரிய புள்ளிகள் கொண்டசுழல், வெளிறியபூனைப் பருந்து, பென்னெல்லின் சுழல் போன்ற அரிய பறவை இனங்களும் உள்ளடங்கும். அதேபோல், இரும்பு காலத்தைச் சேர்ந்த கற்குவை வாட்டங்கள், பாறை மறைவிடங்கள், பழங்கால கலைப்பொருள்கள் உள்ளிட்டவை யும் இப்பகுதியில் கண்டறியப்பட்டுள்ளன. மேலும், இப்பகுதியில் தொல்லியல் துறையால் பதிவுசெய்யப்பட்ட 400 ஆண்டுகள் பழைமையான ஆஞ்சனேயர் கவாமி கல் வெட்டு இதன் பாரம்பரியத்தை எடுத்துரைக்கிறது எனத் தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

Source: Dinamani, 09 October 2025, p.14

யானைப் பாகன்களுக்கான பிரத்யேக கிராமம்

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார்



ஆனைமலை புலிகள் காப்பகத்தில் உள்ள கோழிக்கமுத்தி முகாமில் 47 பணியாளர் குடியிருப்புகள் கொண்ட யானைப் பாகன்களுக்கான கிராமத்தை சென்னை தலைமைச் செயலகத்திலிருந்து காணொலி மூலம் திறந்து வைத்த முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின். உடன், துறை அமைச்சர் ஆர்.எஸ். ஐயங்கண்ணப்பன், தலைமைச் செயலர் நட.முருகானந்தம் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

சென்னை, அக். 8: ஆனைமலை புலிகள் காப்பகத்தில் உள்ள கோழிக்கமுத்தி யானைகள் முகாமில், இந்தியாவின் 2-ஆவது பாகன்களுக்கான பிரத்யேக கிராமத்தை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார். இதேபோன்று, மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வு உட்பட பல்வேறு துறைகளின் திறை வற்ற திட்டங்களை தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில் இருந்து காணொலி மூலம் திங்கட்கிழமை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் தொடங்கி வைத்து, புதிய திட்டங்களுக்கு அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார். இதுகுறித்து தமிழக அரசு சார்பில் வெளியிடப்பட்ட செய்திக்குறிப்பு: கோவை மாவட்டம் கோழிக்கமுத்தி யானைகள் முகாமில், பாகன்கள் மற்றும் யானை பராமரிப்பாளர்கள் நலனுக்காக ரூ.5.40 கோடி மீள் 47 பணியாளர் குடியிருப்புகள் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ளன. இந்த முகாமில்

தற்போது 24 யானைகள் உள்ளது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. மேலும், முதலமைச்சர் ஆனைமலை புலிகள் காப்பகங்களில் காலியாக உள்ள பணியிடங்களை நிரப்பவும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. அவற்றில் 6 பேருக்கு பணிநியமன உத்தரவுகளை முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திங்கட்கிழமை நேரில் வழங்கினார். மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறை மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறையில் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்ட புதிய உட்கட்டமைப்புகளை காணொலி வழியாக முதல்வர் திறந்து வைத்து, புதிய திட்டங்களுக்கு அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார். அதன்படி, வேலூர் மாவட்டம் காட்டாடியில் புதிதாக அமைக்கப்பட்ட அரசு மருத்துவமனை, திண்டுக்கல் மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள பழனி அரசு தலைமை மருத்துவமனை, திருப்பத்தூர் மாவட்ட அரசு தலைமை மருத்துவமனை மற்றும் தீவிரி மாவட்டம்

கடல்சார், கள்ளக்குறிச்சி மாவட்டம் சங்கராபுரம், மதுரை மாவட்டம் மேலூர் ஆகிய அரசு மருத்துவமனைகள் தரம் உயர்த்தப்பட்டுள்ளன. மருத்துவ உட்கட்டமைப்பு புகழ்மே மேம்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன. அவற்றை பொது மக்களின் பயன்பாட்டுக்காக முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார். இதேபோன்று, தென்காசி, திருப்பத்தூர், கள்ளக்குறிச்சி, மயிலாடுதுறை, மதுரை, திருநெல்வேலி, தஞ்சாவூர் ஆகிய இடங்களில் மொத்தமாக ரூ.42 கோடியில் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள 7 மாவட்ட மருத்துவகிட்டுகளுக்கும் அவர் திறந்தார். மேலும், இந்திய மருத்துவம் மற்றும் ஹோமியோபதி ஆணையகம் சார்பில் சென்னை அருங்காக்கம் அண்ணா அரசு இந்திய மருத்துவமனை வளாகத்தில் ஆயுஷ், யுனாவி போன்ற பிரிவுகளுக்கு கட்டடங்கள் கட்டுவதற்கு அவர் அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார்.

உயர்த்தப்பட்ட ஒய்லுதியம் - குருமபு ஒய்லுதியம் ஒய்வு பெற்ற திருக்கோயில் பணியாளர்களுக்கான ஒய்லுதியம் ரூ. 4,000-இல் இருந்து ரூ.5,000-ஆக உயர்த்தப்படும் என்று அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது. அதன்படி, உயர்த்தப்பட்ட ஒய்லுதியத் தொகை ரூ.5,000-ஐ பயனாளிகளுக்கு முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின், திங்கட்கிழமை நேரில் வழங்கினார். இதேபோன்று, உயர்த்தப்பட்ட குருமபு ஒய்லுதியத் தொகையான ரூ.2,500, தொழிலாளர் சேமநலநிதி ஒய்லுதியம் பெறும் பணியாளர்களுக்கு ரூ.2,190 ஆகியவற்றிற்கான சரகாலைகளையும் அவர் அளித்தார். இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் அமைச்சர்கள் ராஜகண்ணப்பன், மாசுப்பிரமணியன், பி.கே.சேகரபாபு, தலைமைச் செயலர் நட.முருகானந்தம் உள்ளிட்ட பலர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 07 October 2025, p.14

‘ஆன்மிகம், மருத்துவச் சுற்றுலாவில் தமிழகம் முதலிடம்’

சென்னை, அக். 23: இந்திய அளவில் ஆன்மிகம் மற்றும் மருத்துவச் சுற்றுலாக்களில் தமிழகம் முதலிடம் பிடித்துள்ளதாக மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறை அமைச்சர்கள் மா. சுப்பிரமணியன், பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு பெருமிதம் தெரிவித்தனர்.

தமிழக சுற்றுலாத் துறை சார்பில் 4-ஆவது ‘தமிழ்நாடு மாநில சுற்றுலா விருதுகள் - 2025’ வழங்கும் விழா சென்னையில் வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது. நிகழ்வில் சிறப்பு அழைப்பாளராக கலந்து கொண்ட அமைச்சர் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன் பேசியதாவது:

தமிழகம் முழுவதும் சுற்றுலாத் தலங்களை மேம்படுத்துவதற்காக ரூ.705 கோடியில் பணிகள் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றன. மாமல்லபுரத்தில் பலூன் திருவிழா, சர்வதேச பட்டம் விடும் திருவிழா போன்ற நிகழ்வுகள் தொடர்ந்து நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. இதன்மூலம், வெளி மாநிலங்கள் மட்டுமன்றி, வெளிநாட்டுச் சுற்றுலாப்பயணிகள் அதிக அளவில் தமிழகம் வருகின்றனர்.

இதேபோல், இந்தியாவுக்கு மருத்துவச் சுற்றுலாவுக்காக வரும் பயணிகளில் 25 சதவீதம் பேர் தமிழகத்துக்கு வருகை தருகின்றனர். இதன்மூலம்,



தமிழ்நாடு சுற்றுலாத் துறை சார்பில் வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற விழாவில், சிறப்பாகச் செயல்பட்ட சுற்றுலா செயற்பாட்டாளருக்கு விருது வழங்கிய அமைச்சர்கள் மா.சுப்பிரமணியன், பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு, உடன், மேயர் ஆர்.பிரியா, சுற்றுலா, பண்பாடு மற்றும் அறநிலையங்கள் துறை அரக கூடுதல் தலைமைச் செயலர் க.மணிவாசன், சுற்றுலாத் துறை இயக்குநர் தா.கிறிஸ்துராஜ்.

தமிழகம் மருத்துவச் சுற்றுலாவில் இந்திய அளவில் முதலிடம் பிடித்துள்ளது என்றார்.

ஆன்மிகச் சுற்றுலா: தொடர்ந்து அறநிலையத் துறை அமைச்சர் பி.கே.சேகர்பாபு பேசுகையில், இந்தியா மட்டுமன்றி உலக அளவில் ஆன்மிகச் சுற்றுலாப்பயணிகளை அதிக அளவில் ஈர்க்கும் மாநிலமாக தமிழகம் விளங்குகிறது. இன்றும் வடமாநிலங்களில் இருந்து அதிகமான பக்தர்கள் ராமேஸ்வரம் கோயிலுக்கு வருகை

தருகின்றனர். இந்தியாவிலேயே சுற்றுலாவிற்கு உகந்த கோயில்கள் அதிக அளவில் உள்ள மாநிலம் தமிழகம் தான். தமிழக அரசின் முயற்சி காரணமாக நமது ஆயிரம் ஆண்டுகள் கடந்த பண்பாட்டையும், 5 ஆயிரம் ஆண்டுகள் கடந்த வரலாற்றையும் வெளிப்படுத்தும் சின்னங்களாக சுற்றுலாத் தலங்கள் விளங்குகின்றன என்றார்.

தொடர்ந்து, தமிழகத்தில் 13 பிரிவுகளின் கீழ் சிறந்து விளங்கும் தொழில் நிறுவனங்கள், தங்கும் விடுதிகள், உண

வசங்கள், போக்குவரத்து நிறுவனங்கள் என மொத்தம் 31 அரக மற்றும் தனியார் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு விருதுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

நிகழ்வில், சென்னை மேயர் ஆர். பிரியா, சுற்றுலாப் பண்பாடு மற்றும் அறநிலையங்கள் துறை அரக கூடுதல் தலைமைச் செயலர் க.மணிவாசன், தமிழ்நாடு சுற்றுலா வளர்ச்சிக் கழக மேலாண்மை இயக்குநர் தா.கிறிஸ்துராஜ் உள்ளிட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 24 October 2025, p.2

தொகுப்பு சுற்றுலா திட்டங்களால் ரூ.2.37 கோடி வருவாய்

சென்னை, அக். 9: தொகுப்பு சுற்றுலா திட்டங்களின் மூலம் நிகழ் நிதியாண்டில் இதுவரை ரூ.2.37 கோடி வருவாய் ஈட்டியுள்ளதாக சுற்றுலாத் துறை அமைச்சர் இரா.ராஜேந்திரன் தெரிவித்தார்.

தமிழ்நாடு சுற்றுலா வளர்ச்சிக் கழகத்தின் நடவடிக்கைகள் குறித்து சுற்றுலாத் துறை அமைச்சர் இரா.ராஜேந்திரன் தலைமையில் ஆய்வுக் கூட்டம் சென்னையில் வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்றது.

இக்கூட்டத்தில் அமைச்சர் இரா.ராஜேந்திரன் பேசியதாவது: தமிழ்நாடு சுற்றுலா வளர்ச்சிக் கழகத்தின் சார்பில் 8 நாட்கள் கோவா மந்திராலயம் சுற்றுலா, 4 நாட்கள் அறுபடை வீடு சுற்றுலா, ஒரு நாள் திருவண்ணாமலை சுற்றுலா, 3 நாட்கள் உதகை,கொடைக்கானல், மூணாறு என பல்வேறு புதிய தொகுப்பு சுற்றுலா திட்டங்



தமிழ்நாடு சுற்றுலா வளர்ச்சிக் கழகத்தின் நிலையான இயக்க நடைமுறை குறித்த கையேட்டை வெளியிட்ட அமைச்சர் இரா.ராஜேந்திரன், உடன், துறையின் அரக கூடுதல் தலைமை செயலர் க.மணிவாசன் உள்ளிட்டோர்.

கள் அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இந்தத் திட்டங்களின் மூலம் நிகழ் நிதியாண்டில் இதுவரை ரூ.2.37 கோடி வருவாய் ஈட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது.

அதேபோல், சுற்றுலாத் துறையின் கீழ் இயங்கும், உணவகங்கள், தங்கும் விடுதிகள், படகு குழாம்கள் ஆகியவற்றுக்கு உள்நாட்டு மற்றும் வெளிநாட்டு சுற்றுலாப் பயணிகளின் வருகை அதிகரித்துள்ளது.

சுற்றுலாப் பயணிகளின் வருகைக்கு ஏற்ப விருந்தோம்பல் சேவையையும் மேம்படுத்த வேண்டும் என்றார்.

சுற்றுலா பண்பாடு மற்றும் அறநிலையங்கள் துறை கூடுதல் தலைமைச் செயலர் க.மணிவாசன், சுற்றுலா துறை இயக்குநர் தா.கிறிஸ்துராஜ் உள்ளிட்ட அதிகாரிகள் பலர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 10 October 2025, p.4

தமிழகம் - இத்தாலி இடையே இலக்கிய, கலாசார பரிமாற்றம்

சென்னை, அக். 17: தமிழகம் - இத்தாலி இடையே இலக்கிய, கலாசார பரிமாற்றம் தொடர்பாக ஜெர்மனியில் நடைபெற்று வரும் பிராங்க்பர்ட் சர்வதேச புத்தகத் திருவிழாவில் புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டுள்ளது.

உலகப் புத்தகப் பெற்ற பிராங்க்பர்ட் புத்தகத் திருவிழா ஜெர்மனியில் கடந்த புத்தகிழை (அக். 15) தொடங்கி நடைபெற்று வருகிறது. இதில், தமிழக அரசின் சார்பில் பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை முதன்மைச் செயலர் பி.சந்திரமோகன் உள்ளிட்ட 10 கொண்பு குழுவினர் பங்கேற்று சிறப்பு அரங்கு அமைத்துள்ளனர்.

இந்த நிலையில், புத்தகத் திருவிழாவில் இரண்டாம்

ஜெர்மனியில் புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம்



ஜெர்மனியில் நடைபெற்று வரும் பிராங்க்பர்ட் சர்வதேச புத்தகத் திருவிழாவில் தமிழகம் - இத்தாலி இடையே மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்ட இலக்கிய, கலாசார பரிமாற்றம் தொடர்பான நிகழ்ச்சியில் பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை முதன்மைச் செயலர் பி.சந்திரமோகன், பாடநூல் கழக மேலாண்மை இயக்குநர் மா.ஆர்த்தி உள்ளிட்டோர்.

நாளான வியாழக்கிழமை நடைபெற்ற நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழகத்தின் சென்னை சர்வதேச புத்தகக் காட்சி (சிறுபிஎஃப்) - இத்தாலியின் பொலோனியா குழந்தைகள் புத்தகக் காட்சி நிறுவனம் இடையே இலக்கிய, கலாசார பரிமாற்றம் தொடர்பாக புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இதன்மூலம் தமிழின் சிறந்த நூல்கள் உலகெங்கும் உள்ளவாசகர்களுக்கு எடுத்துச் செல்ல நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொள்ளப்படும். பொலோனியாவில் நடைபெறும் புத்தகக் காட்சியில் தமிழில் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்ட புத்தகங்கள் இடம்பெறும்; அது தொடர்பான விவாத நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடைபெறும். மேலும், சென்னையில் அடுத்த ஆண்டு நடைபெறும்

சர்வதேச புத்தகத் திருவிழாவில் இத்தாலியின் பொலோனியா குழந்தைகள் புத்தகக் காட்சி நிறுவனம் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க பங்களிப்புக்களை வழங்கும் என பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அதிகாரிகள் தெரிவித்தனர்.

முன்னதாக, இது தொடர்பாக நடைபெற்ற கலந்துரையாடல் நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழ்நாடு பாடநூல் கழக மேலாண்மை இயக்குநர் மா.ஆர்த்தி, பொலோனியா புத்தகக் காட்சி நிறுவனம் சார்பில் அதன் இயக்குநர் எலீனா பசோலி, பொலோனியா புத்தகக் காட்சி நிறுவனம் இயக்குநர் ஜாக்ஸ் தாமஸ் உள்ளிட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். வரும் ஞாயிறுக்கிழமையுடன் (அக். 19) இந்தப் புத்தகத் திருவிழா நிறைவுபெறுகிறது.

Source: Dinamani, 18 October 2025, p.4

மலைப் பகுதி வாழ் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கும் 'விடியல் பயணத் திட்டம்' விரிவாக்கம்

தமிழக அரசு உத்தரவு

சென்னை, அக். 10: மலைப் பகுதிகளில் இயக்கப்படும் விடியல் பயணத் திட்டப் பேருந்துகளில் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் கட்டணமின்றி பயணிக்க தமிழக அரசு அனுமதி வழங்கியுள்ளது.

தமிழகம் முழுவதும் செயல்படுத்தப்படும் விடியல் பயணத் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் மலைப் பகுதிகளிலும் இயக்கப்படும் பேருந்துகளில், கட்டணமில்லா பயணத் திட்டம் மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கும் விரிவுபடுத்தப்படும் என ஆக. 15-இல் நடைபெற்ற சத்திர தின உரையில் முதல்வர் அறிவித்திருந்தார்.

முன்னதாக, மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நல ஆணையரும் விடியல் பயணத் திட்டத்தை விரிவுபடுத்துமாறு கடந்த ஜூன் 6-ஆம் தேதி கடிதம் மூலம் கோரிக்கை விடுத்திருந்தார்.

இந்த நிலையில், மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் நல ஆணையரின் கோரிக்கையையும் பரிசீலித்த தமிழக அரசு, மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் கட்டணமில்லாமல் பயணிக்க அனுமதி வழங்கியுள்ளது.

இது குறித்து போக்குவரத்துக் கழக அதிகாரிகள் கூறிய தாவது:

மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள் அரசுப் பேருந்துகளில் சலுகை கட்டண அடிப்படையில் பயணம் செய்வதற்கான வசதி ஏற்கெனவே இருந்து வருகிறது. இந்த நிலையில், மலைப் பகுதிகள், அதற்குள்பட்ட பேருந்து வசதி உள்ள பகுதிகளில் 35 கி.மீ. முதல் 40 கி.மீ. வரை சாதாரணக் கட்டணப் பேருந்துகளில் 40 சதவீதம், அதற்கு மேல் பாதிப்புத் தன்மை கொண்ட மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகள், துணையாளர் ஒருவருக்கு கட்டணமில்லாமல் பயணிக்க அனுமதி வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இதற்கான உத்தேசத் தொகை ரூ.88.65 லட்சமாக இருக்கும். இதற்கான அரசாணை வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், இந்தத் திட்டம் விரிவுபடுத்த வாய்ப்புள்ளது என்றனர்.

Source: Dinamani, 11 October 2025, p.11

'சென்னை ஒன்' செயலியில் மினி பஸ் டிக்கெட் பெற வசதி

சென்னை, அக். 27- சென்னையில் மாநகர போக்குவரத்து கழக சிற்றுந்துகளில் பயணிக்க, 'சென்னை ஒன்' செயலியில் டிக்கெட் பெறும் வசதி, விரைவில் அறிமுகம் செய்ய ஒருங்கிணைந்த போக்குவரத்து குழுமமான 'கூட்டா' திட்டமிட்டுள்ளது.

சென்னையில் போக்குவரத்து சேவைகளை ஒருங்கிணைப்பதற்காக, கூட்டா என்ற போக்குவரத்து குழுமம் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டது. இந்த குழுமம் வாயிலாக, 'சென்னை ஒன்' என்ற செயலி புதிதாக உருவாக்கப்பட்டது. கடந்த செப்., 22ல் துவக்கி வைக்கப்பட்ட இந்த செயலி வாயிலாக, மேட்டூர் ரயில், மின்சார ரயில், மாநகர பேருந்துகளில் பயணிப்பதற்கான டிக்கெட்டுகளை, க்யூ.ஆர்., குறியீடு வழியாக பெறலாம்.

இந்த மூன்று சேவைகளுக்கும் சேர்த்து அல்லது தனித்தனியாகவும் மக்கள் இந்த செயலியில்



டிக்கெட் பெற முடியும்.

அறிமுகம் செய்யப்பட்ட 30 நாட்களில், 'சென்னை ஒன்' செயலியை, 30 நாட்களில், 4.58 லட்சம் பேர் பதிவு

இந்த காலகட்டத்தில், மொத்தம் 3.7 லட்சம் டிக்கெட்டுகள், செயலி மூலம் பெறப்பட்டுள்ளன.

இதன்படி, சராசரியாக ஒரு நாளைக்கு, 22,000 பேர் சென்னை ஒன் செயலியில் டிக்கெட் எடுப்பதாக தெரிய வந்துள்ளது.

இதன் வாயிலாக, சம்பந்தப்பட்ட துறைகளுக்கு, 73 லட்சம் ரூபாய் வருவாய் கிடைத்துள்ளது.

இந்த நிலையில்,

சென்னை ஒன் செயலியில், மாநகர போக்குவரத்து கழக மாதாந்திர பயணச்சீட்டு பெறும் வசதிக்கான சோதனை ஒட்டம் நடத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது. இது வெற்றிகரமாக அமைந்துள்ள நிலையில், இந்த வசதி விரைவில் சேர்க்கப்பட உள்ளது.

தற்போது, சென்னை ஒன் செயலியில், மாநகர போக்குவரத்து கழக சிற்றுந்துகளுக்கு டிக்கெட் பெறும் வசதி இல்லை. சென்னையில், பல்வேறு வழித்தடங்களில், 148 சிற்றுந்துகள் இயக்கப்படுகின்றன.

வழக்கமான பேருந்துகளை விட, இதற்கு வேறுபட்ட கட்டணம் உள்ளது. இந்த கட்டண விபரங்களை, சென்னை ஒன் செயலியில் இணைக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

விரைவில், இதற்கான வசதியும் மக்கள் பயன்பாட்டுக்கு வரவுள்ளதாக, கூட்டா அதிகாரிகள் தெரிவித்துள்ளனர்.

Source: Dinamalar, 27 October 2025, p. 17

பெரம்பூரில் ரூ.9.64 கோடியில் வணிக வளாகம்

▶ அமைச்சர் கே.என்.நேரு அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார்

■ சென்னை

பெரம்பூர் ஐமாலியா பகுதியில் ரூ.9.64 கோடியில் புதிய வணிக வளாகம் கட்டும் பணியை அமைச்சர் கே.என்.நேரு அடிக்கல் நாட்டி தொடங்கிவைத்தார்.

சென்னை மாநகராட்சி திரு. வி.க.நகர் மண்டலம், 76-வது வார்டு குடியேற்றத்தில் உள்ள மாநகராட்சி உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளியில் சிங்கராச்சென்னை 2.0 திட்ட நிதியில் ரூ.5.96 கோடியில் பள்ளி கட்டிடம் புதிதாக கட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது. 1,473 ச.மீ. பரப்பளவில்

தரைதளம் மற்றும் 2 தளங்களுடன் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது. தரை தளத்தில் 6 வகுப்பறைகளும், முதல் தளத்தில் 7 வகுப்பறைகளும், 2-ம் தளத்தில் அறிவியல், இயற்பியல் ஆய்வகங்கள், நூலகம் மற்றும் கலையரங்கம் ஆகியவை அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. புதிய கட்டிடத்தை நகராட்சி நிர்வாகத்துறை அமைச்சர் கே.என்.நேரு நேற்று திறந்து வைத்தார். பள்ளியில் பயிலும் 354 மாணவர்களுக்கு புத்தகப் பை, குடிநீர் பாட்டில், நோட்டுப்

புத்தகம் மற்றும் பேனா உள்ளிட்ட தொகுப்பை வழங்கினார்.

இதைத்தொடர்ந்து, 74-வது வார்டு, பெரம்பூர் ஐமாலியா பகுதியில் மாநகராட்சியின் மூலதன நிதியில் ரூ.9.64 கோடியில் புதிய வணிக வளாகம் கட்டும் பணிக்கு அமைச்சர் அடிக்கல் நாட்டினார். இந்த வளாகத்தில் ஏற்கெனவே பழுதடைந்த நிலையில் இருந்த கட்டிடத்தை இடித்து அகற்றிவிட்டு, புதியதாக வணிக வளாகம் 2,371 ச.மீ. பரப்பளவில் கட்டப்படவுள்ளது.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 25 October 2025, p.5

தொழில், சட்டம், சமூகநலத் துறைகள் சார்பில்

ரூ.245 கோடியில் புதிய கட்டிடங்கள்

➔ முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் திறந்து வைத்தார்

■ சென்னை

தமிழக தொழில் துறை சார்பில் ரூ.190 கோடியில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள மெகா உணவுப் பூங்காக்கள், சட்டத் துறை சார்பில் ரூ.54.67 கோடியில் கட்டப்பட்ட கல்விசார் கட்டிடங்கள், சமூக நலத் துறை சார்பில் ரூ.43.88 லட்சத்தில் திருநங்கைகளுக்கு காக அமைக்கப்பட்ட அரண் இல்லங்களை முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் காணொலி வாயிலாக திறந்து வைத்தார்.

இதுகுறித்து தமிழக அரசு வெளியிட்ட செய்திக்குறிப்பு:

தமிழக தொழில் துறை சார்பில் தேர்வாய்க்கண்டிகை, வல்லம்வடகால், சிறுசேரி, கும்மிடிப்பூண்டி, கடலூர், பரகூர், பெருந்துறை, தூத்துக்குடி, நிலக்கோட்டை, ராணிப்பேட்டை, புதுக்கோட்டை, மானா மதுரை, ஓரகடம், பிள்ளைப்பாக்கம், ஓசூர், கங்கைகொண்டான் ஆகிய 16 தொழில் பூங்காக்களில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள

குழந்தைகள் காப்பகங்களை முதல்வர் ஸ்டாலின் காணொலி வாயிலாக திறந்து வைத்தார்.

விழுப்புரம் மாவட்டத்தில் கொள்ளூர், பெலாகுப்பம் ஆகிய கிராமங்களை உள்ளடக்கி 157.91 ஏக்கரில் ரூ.120 கோடியில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள திண்டிவனம் மெகா உணவு பூங்கா, தேவி மாவட்டம் உப்பார்பட்டி, தப்புகுண்டு, பூமலைகுண்டு ஆகிய கிராமங்களை உள்ளடக்கி 123.49 ஏக்கரில் ரூ.70 கோடியில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள தேவி மெகா உணவுப் பூங்காவையும் முதல்வர் திறந்து வைத்தார்.

சட்டத் துறை சார்பில் மதுரை அரசு சட்டக் கல்லூரிக்காக தல்லாகுளம் தங்கராஜ் சாலையில் 1.35 லட்சம் சதுரஅடி பரப்பில் ரூ.48.20 கோடியில் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள கல்விசார் மற்றும் நிர்வாக தொகுதி கட்டிடங்கள், வேலூர் அரசு சட்டக் கல்லூரிக்காக காட்பாடி வட்டம் காந்தி நகரில் 20 ஆயிரம் சதுரஅடி

பரப்பில் ரூ.6.47 கோடியில் தரை மற்றும் 2 தளங்களுடன் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள நூலகக் கட்டிடம் ஆகியவற்றை முதல்வர் திறந்து வைத்தார்.

சமூகம், மனநலம், பாதுகாப்பு தொடர்பாக திருநங்கைகள் எதிர்நோக்கும் சவால்களை கருத்தில் கொண்டு, அவர்களுக்கு பாதுகாப்பான, மதிப்பு, மரியாதை நிறைந்த, ஆதரவான வாழ்விடச் சூழலை உருவாக்கும் நோக்கில், சமூகநலத் துறை சார்பில் 'அரண் இல்லம்' எனும் சிறப்பு மையங்களை அமைக்க தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டது. முதல்கட்டமாக, சென்னை ஷோளப்பநகர், மதுரை அண்ணா நகரில் ரூ.43.88 லட்சத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள அரண் இல்லங்களை திறந்து வைத்தார்.

இந்த நிகழ்வுகளில் அமைச்சர்கள் துறைமுகன், தோஜிவன், டிஆர்.பி. ராஜா, தலைமைச் செயலர் நா.முருகானந்தம் உள்ளிட்ட உயர் அதிகாரிகள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 14 October 2025, p.2

950 மையங்களில் தமிழ் இலக்கியத் திறனறி தேர்வு

▶ 2.70 லட்சம் பிளஸ் 1 மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்பு

■ சென்னை

தமிழகம் முழுவதும் 950 மையங்களில் தமிழ் மொழி இலக்கியத் திறனறி தேர்வு நேற்று நடைபெற்றது. பிளஸ் 1 மாணவர்கள் 2.70 லட்சம் பேர் தேர்வு எழுதினர்.

பள்ளி மாணவர்களிடம் தமிழ் மொழி இலக்கியத் திறனை மேம்படுத்த, திறனறி தேர்வை பள்ளிக்கல்வி இயக்ககம் நடத்துகிறது. பிளஸ் 1 பயிலும் மாணவர்கள் இந்த தேர்வை எழுதலாம். இதில், 50 சதவீதம் அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள், எஞ்சிய 50 சதவீதம் அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் பிற தனியார் பள்ளி மாணவர்கள் என அதிக மதிப்பெண் பெறும் 1,500 பேர் தேர்வு செய்யப்படுவார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு 2 ஆண்டுக்கு மாதம்தோறும் ரூ.1,500 கல்வி உதவித்தொகை வழங்கப்படும்.

இந்நிலையில், நடப்பு கல்வி ஆண்டிற்கான தமிழ் மொழி இலக்கியத் திறனறி



▲ சென்னை ஷெனாய் நகர் மாநகராட்சி மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி மையத்தில் தேர்வு எழுதிய மாணவர்கள். படம்: எஸ்.சத்தியசீலன்

தேர்வு தமிழகம் முழுவதும் 950 மையங்களில் நேற்று காலை 10 முதல் மதியம் 12 மணி வரை நடைபெற்றது. 2.70 லட்சம் மாணவ, மாணவிகள் எழுதினர்.

சென்னையில் ஓசோக் நகர் அரசு பெண்கள் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி, திருவல்லிக்கேணி என்கேடி. பெண்கள் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி, சாந்தோம் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி, ஷெனாய் நகர் மாநகராட்சி மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி உள்ளிட்ட மையங்களில் ஏராளமானோர் ஆர்வத்தோடு தேர்வு எழுதினர்.

இந்த தேர்வுக்கான உத்தேச விடைகள் ஓரிரு நாளில் வெளியிடப்படும். அதன்பிறகு தேர்வு முடிவுகள் வெளியாகும் என்று அதிகாரிகள் தெரிவித்தனர்.

Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, 12 October 2025, p.2

நகர்ப்புற நிலங்களின் வில்லங்க விபரங்களை பொதுமக்கள் எளிதாக பெற கூடுதல் வசதி

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நகர்ப்புற நிலங்கள், சொத்துக்களின் வில்லங்க சான்றிதழ் விபரங்களை, பொதுமக்கள் எளிதாக அறிவதற்காக கூடுதல் வசதியை இணைத்து பதிவுத்துறை நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துள்ளது.

தமிழகத்தில் வீடு, மனை போன்ற சொத்துக்களை வாங்குவோர், அதன் முந்தைய பரிமாற்ற விபரங்களை, வில்லங்க சான்றிதழ் வாயிலாக அறியலாம். இதில், ஒரு சொத்தின் பின்னணியை சரிபார்க்க, 30 ஆண்டு களுக்கு வில்லங்க சான்றிதழ் தேவை. தற்போது, வில்லங்க



சான்றிதழ் பெற விரும்பு வோர், சார் - பதிவாளர் அலுவலகம் செல்லாமல், 'ஆன்லைன்' முறையில் கட்டணம் செலுத்தி விண்ணப்பித்தால் போதும். குறிப்பிட்ட நாட்களில், 'இ - மெயில்' முகவரிக்கு, வில்லங்க சான்றிதழ்

பதிவுத்துறை நடவடிக்கை

கிடைத்து விடும்.

இதில், ஒவ்வொரு முறையும் கட்டணம் செலுத்தி, வில்லங்க சான்று வாங்க வேண்டுமா என்று தவிப்போருக்காக, 'ஆன்லைன்' முறையில், வில்லங்க விபரங்களை மக்கள் இலவசமாக பார்க்கும் வசதியை, பதிவுத்துறை வழங்கி வருகிறது.

சொத்து குறித்த முதல் கட்ட சரிபார்ப்புக்கு இது பேருதவியாக உள்ளது. எனினும், சர்வே எண் மற்றும் ஆவண எண் அடிப்படையில் மட்டுமே, இந்த

வசதியை பயன்படுத்தும் சூழல் இருந்தது. இந்நிலையில், சில ஆண்டுகளுக்குமுன்மனை எண், வீட்டு எண் அடிப்படையிலும், வில்லங்க விபரங்கள் தேடும் வசதி அறிமுகமானது. இதில், நகர்ப்புற நிலங்கள் குறித்த வில்லங்க விபரங்களை பார்க்க, கூடுதல் வசதி ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டு உள்ளது.

இது குறித்து, பதிவுத்துறை அதிகாரி ஒருவர் கூறியதாவது:

நகர்ப்புற நில அளவை முடிந்த பகுதிகளில், நிலங்

கள், 'ப்ளாக், வார்டு' அடிப்படையில் பிரிக்கப்படுகின்றன. இந்த நிலங்களை, பழைய சர்வே விபரங்கள் அடிப்படையில் தேடும் போது, உரிய விபரங்கள் கிடைப்பதில் சிரமம் ஏற்படுகிறது.

எனவே, நகர்ப்புற நிலங்களை, 'ப்ளாக், வார்டு எண்' அடிப்படையிலும் தேடுவதற்கான வசதி, இணையதளத்தில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. இதனால், நகர்ப்புற நிலங்கள், சொத்துக்கள் குறித்த வில்லங்க விபரங்களை, பொதுமக்கள் எளிதாக பெற வழி ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது.

இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

Source: Dinamalar, 20 October 2025, p. 4



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