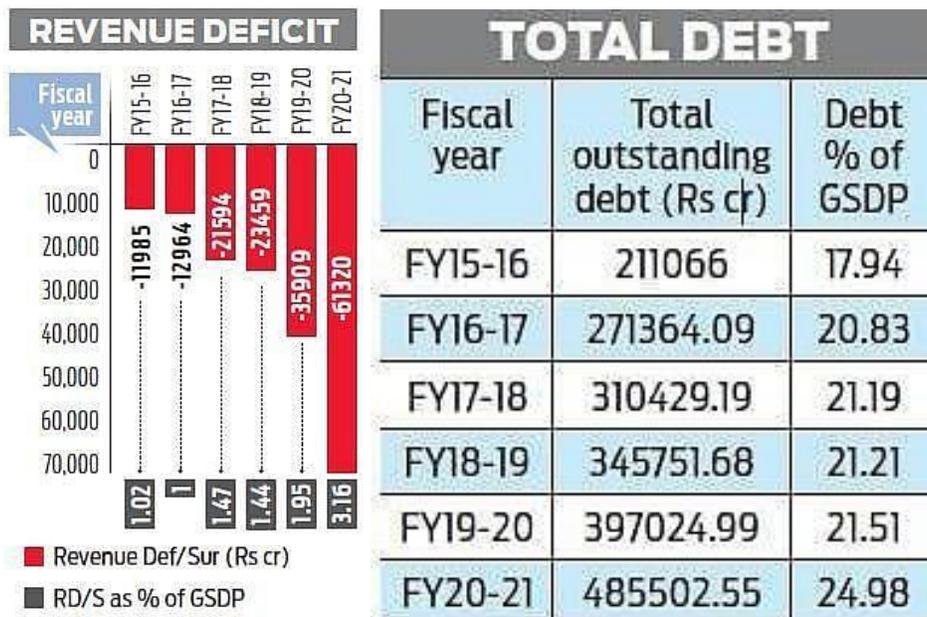


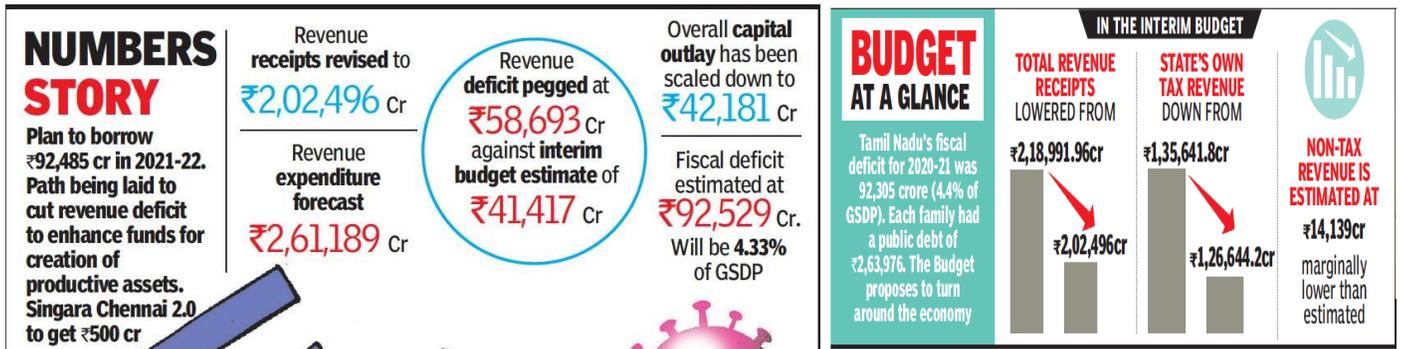
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TAMIL NADU BUDGET SPECIAL

- Tamil Nadu Finance Minister P.T.R. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan - presented the government's first paperless budget for the year 2021-22 in Assembly on August 13.
- ✓ This is the first budget presented by the DMK government after it came to power in May after a gap of ten years
- ✓ Tablet computers have been given to all the legislators in the assembly to follow the presentation.
- ✓ As per the revised budget estimates, the revenue deficit for 2021-22 is expected to go up to Rs.58,692.68 crore from the interim budget estimates of Rs.41,417.30 crore
- ✓ The total revenue receipt estimates range from Rs.2,18,991.96 crore in the Interim Budget Estimates to Rs.2,02,495.89 crore in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22.



- ✓ The State's Own Tax Revenue estimates in the Revised Budget Estimates 2021-22 are expected to be Rs.1,26,644.15 crore, as against the Interim Budget Estimates of Rs.1,35,641.78 crore



- ✓ Tamil Nadu presently bears an overall debt burden of Rs 5,70,189 crore and public debt of Rs.2,63,976 per family, as per the White Paper released by the finance minister on August 9
- ✓ Power body TANGEDCO was losing Rs 2.60 for every unit consumed and the transport sector was bleeding Rs 59.15 for every kilometre run, as per the White Paper
- ✓ The most significant finding in the White Paper is the deterioration of the tax-GSDP ratio of the state from 8.48% in 2006-07 to just 5.46% in 2020-21

 <p>ARCHITECTS OF THE BUDGET: TN finance minister P T R Palanivel and CM M K Stalin</p>	OVERALL REVENUE EXPENDITURE is expected to be ₹2,61,188.57cr in the revised Budget estimates	FISCAL DEFICIT is estimated to be at ₹92,529.4 cr	
	REVENUE DEFICIT is pegged to be higher at ₹58,692.7cr , as against the unrealistic interim budget estimates at ₹41,417.3cr	FISCAL DEFICIT AT 4.3% OF GSDP will still be within the overall norms prescribed by the 15th Finance Commission	
	OVERALL CAPITAL OUTLAY has been scaled down to ₹42,180.97cr from the ₹43,170.6cr provided		

- ✓ Tamil Nadu has already borrowed Rs.36,000 crore so far in 2021-22, and is the top borrower among the States.

Highlights of the Budget

- ✓ Launch of a Green Tamil Nadu Mission to increase the total areas under forest and tree cover to 33% of the land areas in the state.
- ✓ Launch of Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission to focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation activities at a budget of Rs.500 crore.
- ✓ World Bank-funded Chennai City Partnership will be implemented over a period of nine years (2021-2030) with a total estimated budget of \$1.43 billion for development of institutions, infrastructure and systems.
- ✓ A Rs 57 crore integrated stormwater drain network in Kosasthalaiyar Basin backed by the Asian Development Bank.

- ✓ India's first integrated air quality monitoring system to be set up under TN Pollution Control board
- ✓ To reduce travel time, Tamil Nadu plans to expand 8,900km of state highways under a new scheme named 'Chief Minister's Road Development Programme'.
- ✓ The State government will establish a Directorate of Textiles to give a fillip to the sector in the State.
- ✓ The government will constitute a high-level committee to fix the disparity and rationalise guideline value based the on-ground situation. The guideline value was revised thrice in the past 15 years with the recent being 2017
- ✓ The state government has decided to empower the Inspector General of Registration to cancel fake property registrations.
- ✓ Waiver of loans to the tune of Rs.2,756 crore due from self-help groups to the co-operative credit societies.
- ✓ Petrol price to become cheaper in the state by Rs.3 per litre, causing a loss of Rs. 1,160 crore to the government's exchequer

KEY BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS



Going digital: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Finance Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan at the Assembly before presenting the State's maiden paperless Budget. • #1

- A high-level committee of educationists and experts will be constituted to formulate a distinct State education policy for Tamil Nadu
- The government will launch *Kalaigal nagarpura membattu thittam*, with an allocation of ₹1,000 crore in 2021-22, to meet the needs of people in urban areas, while bridging the resource gap
- New urban development authorities to be formed in Madurai, Coimbatore-Tiruppur area and Hosur
- Detailed feasibility report to be prepared for Metro Rail in Madurai
- Maternity leave increased from nine months to 12 for government employees with less than two surviving children, with effect from July 1, 2021
- e-procurement will be mandatorily adopted across all procuring entities. A separate e-procurement portal will be created for Tamil Nadu to enhance transparency
- As an observance of the 100th anniversary of the T.N., Assembly, the entire documentary archives and records of the House will be digitised
- Areas in Keeladi, Sivakalai and Kodumanal, where excavations have been carried out, will be declared protected archaeological sites
- 1,000 check dams and barrages to be constructed over the next 10 years
- Over the next five years, 10 beaches will be upgraded with the active support of local bodies to achieve the prestigious 'Blue Flag' certification
- The government will launch the Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission, at a cost of ₹150 crore. This will identify and map 100 wetlands in five years and restore the ecological balance, focusing on livelihood options
- Feasibility report will be prepared for bringing Krishna water through pipelines from Andhra Pradesh to the reservoirs in Chennai
- Mini stadia at a cost of ₹3 crore each will be established in all Assembly constituencies where such sporting facilities are not available
- The first stage of deep-sea excavations will be undertaken in areas where Sangam-Age harbours of Korkai and Athagankulam were located, in co-ordination with the National Institute of Oceanography, the National Institute of Ocean Technology and the Indian Maritime University
- A panel will be constituted to review the guidelines for opening new ration shops
- There will be a special focus on swift and effective investigation of serious crimes, especially those against women and children and cyber and economic crimes
- The government will formulate schemes to restore the storage capacity of important dams like Mettur, Amaravathi, Vaigai and Pechipara
- A FinTech City will be developed in Chennai in two phases, at Nandambakkam and Kavanur. The first one will come up in Nandambakkam at an estimated cost of ₹165 crore

- ✓ Chief Minister's Insurance Scheme will be implemented from this year at a budget of Rs.1,046 crore
- ✓ Announcement of a subsidy of Rs. 703 crore for free bus travel for women
- ✓ Extension of maternity leave period for government employees to 12 months from 9 months. The scheme will be restricted to women with less than two surviving children with effect from July 1, 2021
- ✓ Revised DA announced for the government employees with effect from April 2022.
- ✓ Singara Chennai 2.0, chief minister M K Stalin's dream project, got a Rs. 500 crore boost

ALLOTMENTS AT A GLANCE

What the city gets in the budget

SMART CITY MISSION | ₹2350cr

AMRUT | ₹1450cr

For integrated SWD project in Kosasthalaiyar river basin, TN allots ₹87cr

Three new flyovers | ₹335cr

Underground sewerage for added areas | ₹2056cr

To stop sewage outflow into waterways | ₹2371cr

► Krishna water through pipelines from AP to Chennai reservoirs

► Govt to launch Chennai city partnership programme



SINGARA CHENNAI 2.0 | ₹500cr

► Removal of wall posters | ► Tap connection for all households | ► Better cleanliness | ► Biomining at Kodungaiyur and Perungudi dump yards | ► Improving spaces under flyovers | ► Increasing greenery and tree cover in parks, centre medians, traffic islands | ► Improving city lakes on the model of Villivakkam lake rejuvenation project | ► Adding infra to manage solid waste

OTHER PROMISES

► Urban Governance to be made **responsive, participatory & transparent**

► Improve **non-tax revenue** of urban local bodies

► **100% source segregation** and door-to-door waste collection

► Pedestrian-friendly and disabled-friendly streets

► **Streetlights** at every 30m

► All corps to get **135lpcd water**

► ₹300cr for **Namakku Naame Thittam** to improve water bodies, parks, upgrade school buildings, dispensaries and libraries

► ₹1000cr allocated under **Kalaiginar Nagarpura Membattu Thittam**

- ✓ Chennai Metro Rail Phase 2 will be completed by 2025 and announcement of three new flyovers for Chennai city at a budget of Rs. 500 crore and fully financed by loans from TN Urban Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TUFIDCO).
- ✓ A fintech city will come up in Chennai, which will be developed in two phases at Nandambakkam and Kavanur
- ✓ Further, a separate Fintech Cell will be formed to facilitate the establishment of Fintech companies in the state, which was originally proposed by CM M K Stalin when he was the deputy CM
- ✓ The desalination plant at Perur on East Coast Road (ECR), with a capacity to generate 400 million litres a day (MLD) of drinking water, will be expeditiously implemented with financial assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- ✓ Allocation of Rs. 1,725 crore has been allocated for the MGR lunch scheme for the year 2021-22.
- ✓ The DMK government's poll promise of providing a monthly amount of Rs.1,000 to women members of the family was also announced
- ✓ Allocation of Rs 32,599 crore towards school education, which is Rs 1,582 crore lesser than the last year.
- ✓ Allocation of Rs 5,369 crore to higher education, which is Rs 316 crore more than the last year.
- ✓ State highways department got a bumper allocation of Rs 17,899 crore.
- ✓ Construction of bypass roads in 59 municipalities in line with 'TN Vision 2023', which aims at providing bypass roads for all 129 municipalities
- ✓ The state has sanctioned adequate funds to continue four key highway projects — Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project Phase II, Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor, and Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project at Rs.14,282 crore
- ✓ A TN Siddha University, a proposal mooted by Kalaiginar, will be established with an initial allocation of Rs 2 crore

- ✓ The ancient healing wisdom of Siddhars will be promoted by establishing a Siddha medical college by the Arulmigu Baladhandayuthapani Swamy temple in Palani
- ✓ Announcement of an installed capacity target of 17,970 megawatts over the next decade to offset the 2,500 megawatt power purchase that the state has made so far. While the state's average power demand is about 15,000MW, the installed capacity of Tangedco's own existing thermal power plants is only 4,320MW
- ✓ Allocation of Rs 3,954 crore towards building more homes in the effort to make Tamil Nadu a "hutless state" over the next decade that will house nearly 8 lakh homeless individuals
- ✓ Allocation of Rs. 3,800 crore for rural housing.
- ✓ Allocation of over Rs 8,000 crore to the implementation of food subsidies and Rs 6,600 crore to irrigation-related infrastructure.
- ✓ Allocation of Rs. 3954.44 crore to Tamil Nadu slum clearance board
- ✓ The state police department was allotted a little less than Rs 8,930 crore and was promised to fill up all the 14,317 existing vacancies out of a sanctioned strength of 1,33,198 personnel
- ✓ Rs. 405 crore has been allotted for the fire service department.
- ✓ The government will revitalise the Common Effluent Treatment Plants and set up new ones in Erode and Namakkal clusters.
- ✓ The government allocated Rs.490.27 crore for 2021-2022 for the free sarees and dhotis scheme
- ✓ Rs.409.30 crore will be allocated to distribute free school uniforms for students in Classes I to VIII.
- ✓ The overall allotment for Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare is enhanced to Rs.4,142.33 crore
- ✓ The facilities at the Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue in Kanyakumari and at Poompuhar to be upgraded
- ✓ An expert panel to be constituted to formulate a distinct State education policy.
- ✓ A committee chaired by Dr.N.Sundaradevan, I.A.S. (Retd) has been established to study the financial, infrastructural and other issues faced by MSMEs in Tamil Nadu and suggest measures to enable them to thrive.
- ✓ Government will launch a State Level Credit Guarantee Scheme to enable more MSMEs, particularly micro enterprises to access credit
- ✓ TAICO Bank will be repurposed to enable lending to MSMEs.
- ✓ Tidel parks will now be established in Villupuram, Vellore, Chidambaram, Tiruppur and Thoothukudi too.
- ✓ New Sipcot (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu) complexes will be established in Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Villupuram, Namakkal, Theni and Nagapattinam to be spread across 4,000 acres
- ✓ An industrial park will be established in Thoothukudi district with investment of Rs 1,000 crore in an area of 1100 acre

- ✓ An e-vehicle park to be set up at Maanallur in Tiruvallur, a medical devices park at Oragadam, a leather products park at Panapakkam in Ranipet, a dedicated furniture park in Tuticorin and three food parks at Manapparai, Theni and Tindivanam
- ✓ Setting up of five mega clusters in pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, precision manufacturing, defence and aerospace, and smart mobility sectors
- ✓ A defence industrial park is also planned in Coimbatore on about 500 acres with an investment of Rs.3,000 crore
- ✓ 15 skill development centres will be set up in ITIs and a new skill centre will come up in partnership with NLC India at Neyveli.
- ✓ Kalaigiar's 'Namaku Naame' public participation scheme to expand green cover will be implemented again at a cost of Rs 100 crore. Launched in 1997-98 by CM Karunanidhi, the scheme was renamed twice when J Jayalalithaa was voted to power in 2001 and 2011, while the original name was restored by Kalaigiar in 2006
- ✓ Relaunch of 'Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam' with an outlay of Rs.1,200 crore
- ✓ 'Kalaigiar M Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamizh award' will be given along with Rs 10 lakh cash prize every year in Central Classic Tamil institute. The award is set to be awarded every year on June 3. The award was last presented in 2010. A budget of Rs. 300 crore allotted for the award
- ✓ The government would revive the Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Chennai
- ✓ Sanctioning of Rs 623.59 crore to purchase 1000 new buses.
- ✓ Piped drinking water will given to each household in Chennai - 135 litres of water per person per day in city corporations, 90 litres of water per person per day in municipalities and 70 litres of water per person per day in town panchayats to be ensured
- ✓ To supply at least 55 litres per capita per day (LPCD) of good quality drinking water to all households in the state by March 2024 and will implement the Jal Jeevan Mission at Rs.2,000 crore for 2021-22. As per government data, 83.92 lakh state households currently do not have water supply connections
- ✓ The Budget promises drinking water to 1.27 crore households in rural areas and to make the state becomes accident free in 10 years.
- ✓ Rs 500 crore has been allotted to ensure accident free Tamil Nadu
- ✓ The state increased the allotment for the health sector by nearly 20% from Rs.15,863.4 in 2020-21 to Rs.18,933.2 in the revised Budget for 2021-22
- ✓ An outlay of Rs.257.2 crore has been set aside for 'Makklai Thedi Maruthuvam'. Under this programme, healthcare workers will screen people for diabetes and hypertension, schedule doctor visits, give them drugs at their doorsteps and offer home dialysis, palliative care and physiotherapy
- ✓ Rs 1149.79 crore allotted for fisheries department, while Rs 6.25 crore allocated for establishing six fishing harbours in the state
- ✓ A museum to be established near the archaeology site at Keezhadi.

- ✓ Announcement of Rs. 5 crore in the budget for excavations in the State, which is the highest amount allotted for the purpose among all states in the country
- ✓ The areas in Keezhadi, Sivakalai and Kodumanal where excavations have been carried out to be declared as protected archaeological sites
- ✓ The first stage of deep-sea excavation is to be undertaken in areas where Sangam age harbours of Korkai and Azhagankulam were located in coordination with the National Institute of Oceanography, National Institute of Ocean Technology and Indian Maritime University.
- ✓ All the assembly documents and files will be digitised, as part of marking 100 years of the Tamil Nadu assembly
- ✓ A dedicated e-portal to be formed to ensure transparency in all government procurements
- ✓ In the revised budget estimates, an enhanced amount of Rs 4,807.56 crore is provided for social security pensions,
- ✓ The implementation of the crop loan waiver and agricultural jewel loan schemes announced by the previous AIADMK government was put on hold, due to several irregularities and the move is expected to save Rs. 10,000 crore
- ✓ The urban poor to get an employment guarantee scheme, whose details were not spelt out
- ✓ For ease of doing business, 100 more services will be brought under the single window portal by July 2021 and a further 110 services by March 2022.
- ✓ Launch of “SMART (Swift, Measurable, Accessible, Responsive and Transparent) governance” by deploying information and communication technology across all government departments
- ✓ In a first, the state plans to set up an Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Corporation in partnership with Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University
- ✓ Use of ‘technology’ to undertake surveys of the state using Differential and Global Positioning System (DGPS) to protect government lands, and location of new fire stations will be based on a scientific mapping exercise
- ✓ An effective Samadhan scheme will be launched to clear the pending dues of Rs.28,000 crore under Tamil Nadu value added tax and other legacy legislations.
- ✓ Establishing mini sports stadia at a cost of Rs.3 crore each in all assembly constituencies that currently don’t have sports facilities.
- ✓ 12 sportspersons from the state who participated in the Tokyo Olympics were given a cash award of Rs.5 lakh each and two women among them were provided government jobs
- ✓ The overall allocation for youth welfare and sports development is Rs.225.6 crore
- ✓ Master plans to be developed for 539 temples to conserve their rich heritage and enhance the devotees’ experience