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TAMIL NADU

- **For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, an exclusive budget for agriculture - was presented by the Tamil Nadu Minister for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare MRK Panner selvam on August 14 for the year 2021-22**
- ✓ A total of Rs.34,220.65 crore has been allocated in the budget for agriculture and allied sectors, which include Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Revenue, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Agricultural engineering, Rural development and Panchayat Raj
- ✓ In the previous budget, then ruling AIADMK government had allocated Rs 11,894.48 for these sectors.
- ✓ The minister began the presentation by dedicating the budget to those farmers who are protesting at New Delhi against the farm laws
- ✓ The budget was drafted after several discussions with farmers, representatives of farmers associations of 18 districts
- ✓ 42% of Tamil Nadu's workers are farmers and, in rural areas, more than 58% of households depend on agriculture for a livelihood

Highlights of the state's first ever Agriculture budget

- ✓ The government is planning to implement a project called 'Kalaignar's Anaithu Grama Oruginaintha Velan Valarchi Thittam' in the span of next five years to ensure all the 12,524 village panchayats of Tamil Nadu attain overall agricultural development and self-sufficiency - The scheme is set to be implemented in 2,500 village panchayats this year at a cost of Rs 250 crore.
- ✓ The government will convert 11.75 lakh hectares of fallow lands into farmland in the next 10 years to increase the area of cultivation from 60 to 75%.
- ✓ A separate wing for organic farming will be created under the Agriculture Department.

- ✓ An Integrated Farming System will be implemented during this year to benefit the 13,300 farmer families in the state at an expense of Rs. 59.85 crore that will be met with central and state government funds.
- ✓ Nammazhavar Organic Farming Research Centre will be set up at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore at an expense of Rs 3 crore.
- ✓ A 16 point strategy is proposed to be adopted for the growth of farm sector which includes value addition for agri products, ensuring reasonable prices for millets, fruits, and other agri products and encouraging youth to be agri-entrepreneurs.

NEW KALAINAR PLAN FOR VILLAGES

➤ **Incentive price of ₹100/quintal** for procuring grade-A paddy varieties, **₹75 per quintal** for common varieties

➤ **Special incentive of ₹150** per tonne of sugarcane

➤ **10 small-scale Uzhavar Sandhais** in 10 districts



➤ **Agriculture museum** to be set up in Chennai

➤ **Minor millet rice to be distributed to PDS** in Chennai & Coimbatore

➤ **Nammazhvar organic farming research centre** to come up in TN agricultural university

- ✓ An agroindustrial corridor from Trichy to Nagapattinam in the Cauvery delta region, and a drumstick export zone in the districts of Theni, Dindigul, Karur, Tuticorin, Ariyalur, Tirupur and Madurai are the other highlights.
- ✓ The government will increase the area of cultivation and set up a special export facilitation centre for drumstick exports in Madurai for Rs. 1 crore
- ✓ Reflecting the DMK's focus on Tamil culture and heritage, the Budget made permission from collectors mandatory for cutting down palmyra trees.
- ✓ Besides, 76 lakh palmyra seednuts and one lakh almyra seedlings will be distributed to farmers with full subsidy in 30 districts this year.
- ✓ Also, measures will be taken to sell palm jaggery at PDS shops.

FIRST OF ITS KIND



STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION: CM M K Stalin with agriculture minister M R K Panneerselvam

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➤ Special incentive of ₹150 per tonne of **sugarcane** for 2020-21 crushing season

➤ **₹4,508.23 crore** towards free power subsidy to electricity board

➤ **Nammazhvar organic farming research centre** in TN agricultural university

➤ **Geographical indication tag** for traditional unique produce, such as Kolli hills pepper, Panruti jackfruit and ponni rice

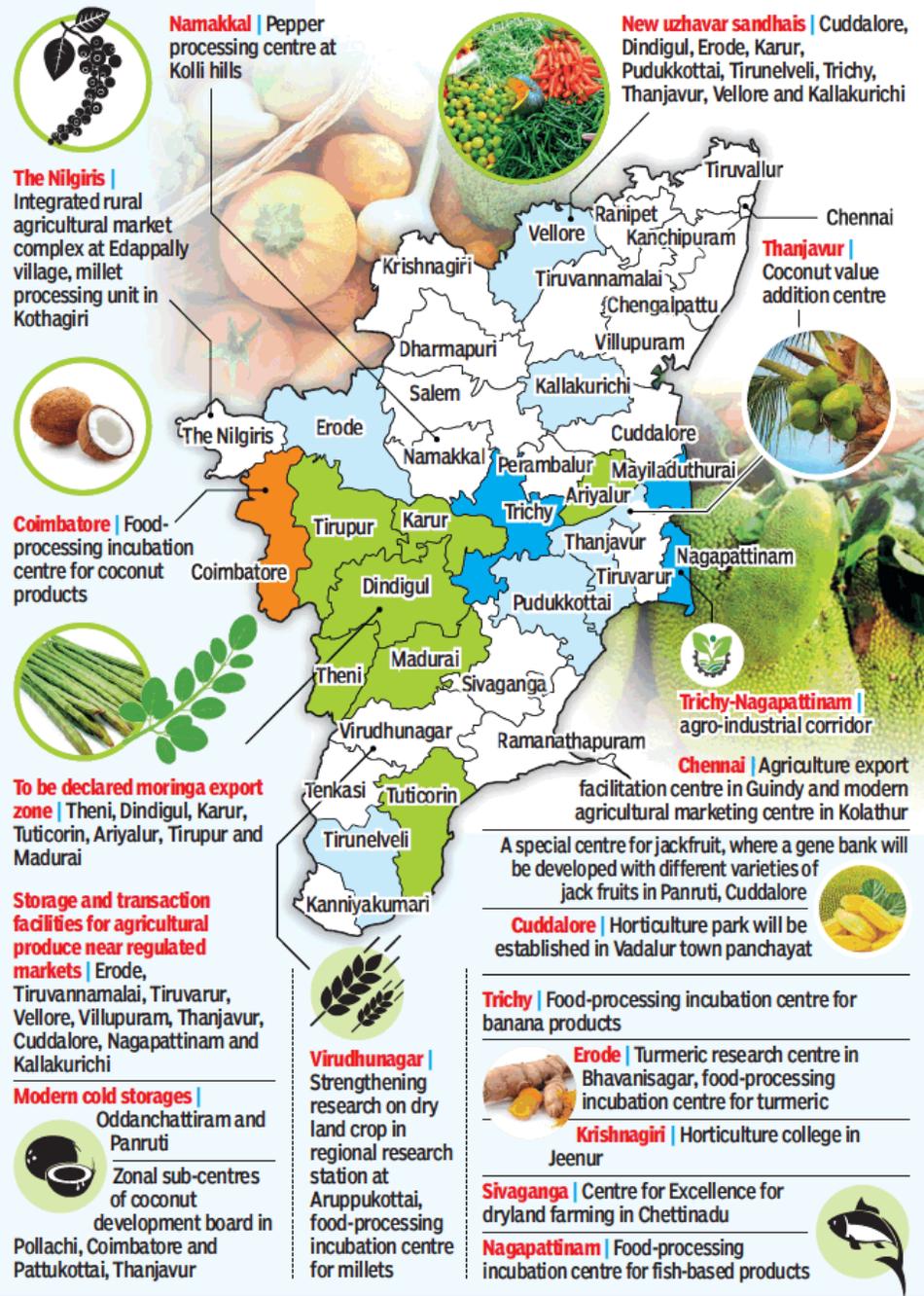
- ✓ The purchase price of sugarcane will be increased from Rs 2,750 to Rs 2,900 per tone

- ✓ The Union-State Fund for Youth Entrepreneurship will be implemented at a budget of Rs. 2.62 crore.
- ✓ Coconut Value Added Center for Delta Coconut Farmers will be set up at Thanjavur

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A SLICE OF PIE FOR EVERY REGION

The DMK used its budget to promote region-specific and district-specific farming to ensure inclusive development. The plan is to boost small industries while improving existing industrial estates



- ✓ Uzhar sandhais (farmers' market), the brainchild of the late chief minister Kalaignar M Karunanidhi, will get a makeover, at a cost of Rs 12.50 crore.

- ✓ As many as 10 new Uzhavar Santhais will be set up in town panchayats and other urban areas of Cuddalore, Dindigul, Erode, Karur, Pudukkottai, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Vellore and Kallakurichi districts at a cost of Rs. 6 crore
- ✓ Capacity-building training will be imparted to students during the course of their graduation with the help of agri-business firms and alumni at a cost of Rs 2.68 crore
- ✓ The government will also introduce teaching of agriculture and horticulture courses at the undergraduate level in Tamil medium at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh for the first phase - This is the first time the university will be offering an undergraduate course in Tamil.
- ✓ To motivate the educated youth to take up agriculture to next level in their native places, a scheme of 'Rural Youth Agricultural Skill Development Mission' will be rolled out - In the first phase this year, skill training will be given to 2500 youth in areas of grafting, layering, operating horticultural machineries, etc, with an estimated expense of Rs 5 crore
- ✓ Mission mode will be adopted to conserve traditional varieties of paddy, develop skills among rural youth and promote cultivation of millets, cotton and coconut.
- ✓ 5000 solar powered pump sets with a capacity of upto 10HP will be installed in the current year at 70% subsidy at an outlay of Rs.114.68 crore with state and Union government funding
- ✓ Subsidy will be provided to improve soil fertility in 2000 villages where vegetable cultivation is less
- ✓ It is proposed to establish modern cold storages in two locations, Oddanchattiram and Panruti, based on the requests received from the farmers
- ✓ Pulses will be procured through cooperative societies and civil supplies corporation and supplied to PDS and noon meal scheme, while minor millet rice will be supplied to PDS in cities such as Chennai and Coimbatore.
- ✓ About three lakh rainfed farmers will get Rs.146.64 crore under the CM's dry land development mission.
- ✓ Over 1,100 farmer producer groups will also get a corpus fund of Rs.5 lakh each under collective farming scheme by coordinating 1.10 lakh farmers
- ✓ A 'Modern Agricultural Marketing Centre' will be set up at Kolathur in Chennai Corporation at a cost of Rs 1 crore to make the farm fresh vegetables available in Chennai.
- ✓ On a pilot basis, 30 mobile vegetable shops will be operated in five corporations, viz, Chennai, Trichy, Coimbatore, Salem and Tiruppur
- ✓ The government will set up an integrated rural agricultural market complex at Edapally village situated on the borders of Coonoor and Kothagiri at Rs 2 crore
- ✓ The government will construct 28 drying yards in Cuddalore, Villupuram, Salem, Namakkal, Krishnagiri, Erode, Trichy, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Dindigul, Tiruppur and Kanniyakumari Districts at a cost of Rs. 3.5 crore

- ✓ The government has also proposed a scheme for the establishment of an Agricultural Export Facilitation Centre for promoting export trade by farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) at Guindy in Chennai at a cost of Rs 1 crore.
- ✓ The government has also allocated Rs 4508.23 crore to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board to provide free electricity for agriculture, while Rs 573.24 crore has been allocated to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
- ✓ The government is planning to provide a kit of agricultural equipment to half lakh farmers, which includes shovels, weeders, iron pots, crowbars and sickles which are required to undertake daily farming activities at an outlay of Rs.15 crore.
- ✓ A separate museum for agriculture will be set up in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 2 crore to showcase the glory of agriculture to the younger generation - The museum will showcase varieties of paddy, native agricultural implements, including millstone used in ancient times, pounder, milling machine, and pictures of traditional cattle, sheep, goat, poultry, dogs - It will also have displays on traditional land classification modes, local crop varieties with high nutritional value, traditional equipment used for irrigation and value added products
- ✓ The best performing farmers who fetch maximum production by adopting traditional organic farming practices and the best performing exporters who excel in agro exports will also be rewarded with prizes.
- ✓ A high level committee for agriculture will be constituted at state level under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to review farming related schemes and to suggest solutions for the problems faced by farmers.
- ✓ Rs. 2,327 crore has been allocated for the crop insurance scheme for the year 2021-2022.
- ✓ To encourage production of fresh and residue-free vegetables at households for daily needs and to enable children to learn about plants, two lakh seed kits consisting of 12 types of vegetable seeds will be distributed at subsidised rates in rural areas
- ✓ A new horticulture park will be set up at Vadalur at the expense of Rs 1 crore.
- ✓ The government will take steps to get GI tag for traditional unique produces such as Kolli Hills-Pepper, Panrutti-Jack and Ponni rice
- ✓ Food Processing Incubation Centres will be launched in five locations including Nagapattinam for fish-based products, Coimbatore for coconut, Trichy for banana, Erode for turmeric and Virudhunagar for millets
- ✓ The government will focus on cultivation of horticultural crops such as greens and chillies in Tiruvallur district, cashew and jackfruit in Cuddalore, pepper and onion in Namakkal and acid lime and amla in Tenkasi.
- ✓ A new horticulture college will be set up at Jeenur near Krishnagiri district while a Turmeric Research Centre will be established at Bavanisagar near Erode – Tamil Nadu ranks fifth in the country for turmeric production.
- ✓ The government will set up agricultural zonal committees to support farmers based on water resources, fertility of soil and climatic conditions consisting of

officials from departments of agriculture, horticulture, agricultural engineering, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, water resources department, pollution control board, forest department, progressive farmers and environmental experts.

- **Fifteen officers of the Tamil Nadu Police - have been selected for Chief Minister's Police Medal which will be awarded by chief minister M K Stalin on Independence Day.**
- ✓ Amaresh Pujari, ADGP (Technical Services), Chennai, A Amalraj, ADGP (Operations), Chennai, S Vimala, Deputy Commissioner (Intelligence), Chennai police. N Navukkarasan, inspector, Fort traffic police station, Trichy and B Prem Prasad, head constable, CCB will get the medal for public service. V Selvi Thirumayam All Women Police Station, Pudukottai, inspector K Shanthi, CID, Kanniyakumari, inspector S Ravi, Kumarapalayam police station, Namakkal, inspector G Sayeelakshmi Nesemony Nager Circle, Kanyakumari, inspector A Amutha Chathirakudi police station, Ramanathapuram and inspector V Santhanalakshmi, CID, Dindigul are among those who will be awarded for excellence in investigation.

STATES

- **Assam - has become the first state in the country to promulgate a tenancy Act to establish a rent authority**
- ✓ The new authority will regulate renting of premises as determined by a mutual agreement between tenants and landlords.
- ✓ The new law has been formulated on the basis of a Model Tenancy Act which was approved by the Union Cabinet on June 2 this year for adoption across all states and Union Territories.
- ✓ The bill was introduced in the assembly on August 9 and was passed on August 13.
- ✓ The earlier Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Act, 1972, stands repealed.
- ✓ The Act will provide a speedy adjudication mechanism for resolution of disputes between landlords and tenants through the establishment of a rent authority, a rent court and rent appellate at the district level.

NATIONAL

- **On August 14, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - announced August 14 to be observed as "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day"**
- ✓ The observance of the Day is to commemorate the "struggles and sacrifices" of millions who were displaced and who lost their lives during Partition.
- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a gazette notification in this regard soon after the PM's announcement
- ✓ Pakistan was carved out as a Muslim country after the division of India by the British colonial rule on August 14, 1947



August 14 will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day: PM Modi



- ✓ Partition remains a bitter and painful memory in the history of the two nations, as millions of people were displaced and lakhs of them lost their lives as large scale rioting broke out
- ✓ The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the ideological mentor of the BJP, has been observing August 14 as the Akhand Bharat Divas or Unified India Day.
- ✓ Pakistan celebrates its independence day on August 14.

- **The Ministry of Health - has approved release of over Rs.7,200 crore or 50% of the Centre's share in the Rs.23,123 crore emergency response package announced in July.**
- ✓ As per the ministry, all 1,755 PSA oxygen generating plants will get commissioned by the end of August.
- ✓ If oxygen plants to be set up by PSUs are also taken into account, a total of 2,200 such plants will be functioning in the near future.
- ✓ At present, around 375 plants have been commissioned across states and 500 are at an advanced stage and likely to be set up soon.
- ✓ The 'India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II (ECRP-II package)' amounting Rs.23,123 crore was approved by the Cabinet on July 8.
- ✓ The fund sharing is Centre and state in the 60:40 ratio.
- ✓ This scheme is to be implemented over nine months from July 1 to March 31.

- **The government - released India's first Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)-based chip called 'Indi-Gau'**



- ✓ The chip is to be used for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds such as Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal and Ongole.
 - ✓ This indigenous chip is developed by the scientists of National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad, an autonomous institution under the department of biotechnology (DBT).
 - ✓ Minister for Science, Jitendra Singh released the DNA sequence variation chip, IndiGau
 - ✓ IndiGau is purely indigenous and the largest cattle chip of the world.
 - ✓ This chip will have practical utility in government schemes to achieve the goal of conservation of native breeds with better characteristics and help towards doubling of farmers' income by 2022.
- **India's renewable energy (RE) capacity - has crossed the milestone of 100 gigawatts (GW), without including large hydro projects**
- ✓ With this, India stands at 4th position in the world in terms of installed RE capacity, 5th in solar, and 4th in wind in terms of installed capacity
 - ✓ This is an important milestone given India has a power generation capacity of 383.73 GW
 - ✓ While 100 GW has been installed, 50 GW is under installation and 27 GW is under tendering.
 - ✓ India is now planning to install 450 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and if large hydro is included the installed RE capacity increases to 146 GW
 - ✓ India's solar and wind generation recorded an all-time high of 43.1GW on 27 July.
 - ✓ India is on track of meeting its Nationally Determined Contributions targets for electricity generation from non-fossil fuel sources and emission reductions.
 - ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) is the only dedicated public sector financial institution for financing renewable energy projects
 - ✓ India plans to reduce its carbon footprint by 33-35% from its 2005 levels by 2030 and meet 40% of its electricity needs from non-fossil fuel sources by then
 - ✓ These are the commitments of India to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted by 195 countries in Paris in 2015.
- **Union minister of youth affairs and sports Anurag Thakur - launched the nationwide Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 programme as part of the 75th anniversary of Independence Day celebrations - Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**
- ✓ The run will start on August 15 and will go on till October 2
 - ✓ Union minister of the state of the ministry of youth affairs and sports, Nisith Pramanik also joined the launch event held at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on August 13
 - ✓ The government has organised 75 physical events at different historical locations on the launch day, including iconic ones like the Cellular Jail in Port Blair, Kaza Post in Lahaul Spiti, Mumbai's Gateway of India and the Attari Border in Punjab among many others



- ✓ Over the months, it will be organised in 75 villages in each of the 744 districts and 30,000 educational institutions across the country.
- ✓ Through this initiative, more than 7.50 crore youth and citizens will be reached to take part in the run.
- ✓ The event will also see participation from organisations like the Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Railways, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), National Security Guard (NSG), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) etc.,
- ✓ The first edition of 'Fit India Run' was held from August 15 to October 2 in 2020, in which more than 5 crore people participated and covered around 18 crore km
- ✓ The campaign was first launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019 on National Sports Day on August 29 to inspire people to make physical fitness a way of life.
- ✓ Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav is being organised by Government of India to commemorate 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.
- ✓ This event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra in March 2021 from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmadabad and will continue till August 15, 2023.
- **The consortium of firms led by a Bengaluru-based drone company – to begin the country's first ever night trials of the medical drone delivery system from August 16**
- ✓ The Throttle Aerospace Systems (TAS) consortium has received the clearance for trials from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
- ✓ The consortium has completed 100 hours of the beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) medical drone delivery experiment in Gauribidanur, some 80km from Bengaluru.
- ✓ It will conduct experimental flying and delivery for 10 hours from August 16 till August 20
- ✓ The TAS consortium had already delivered 454-plus packages and travelled around 2,105-plus km in extremely harsh experiments.

- ✓ TAS's day experiments had begun in the third week of June where they used two variants of its drone Med-COPTER and its on-demand delivery software called RANDINT.
- ✓ The smaller variant of Med-COPTER can carry one kilogram load for up to 15km, while the other variant can carry 2kg for up to 12km.
- ✓ Both of them were tested for range and safety through the 100 hours of flying and the data has since been submitted to DGCA.
- ✓ Aside from TAS, the consortium has Involi-Swiss, which specialises in air traffic awareness systems for professional drone applications and provides unmanned traffic management (UTM) systems, alongwith Honeywell Aerospace as a safety expert.
- ✓ The consortium had partnered with Narayana Health Care which will decide the kinds of medicines that could be routinely transported using drones.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Pakistan - conducted the test launch of surface-to-surface nuclear-capable ballistic missile Ghaznavi (Hatf III) successfully recently**



- ✓ The indigenously developed Ghaznavi (Hatf III) is a short-range ballistic missile.
- ✓ It can carry several types of warheads to a range of up to 300 kilometres.
- ✓ Pakistan conducted its first test of the Ghaznavi missile in May 2002 and the solid-fuelled missile entered service in 2004
- ✓ The Shaheen 2 (Hatf VI), medium-range ballistic missile, with an estimated range of 1,500 – 2,000 km and the Ghauri (Hatf V) which has a range of up to 1,500 km, have also entered operational service.
- ✓ In January 2021, Pakistan conducted another test of Shaheen 3 medium-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a strike range of up to 2,750km, making it the country's longest-range missile
- ✓ It was the fifth missile test by the armed forces since the start of the year, with the launches of Shaheen-3, Ghaznavi, Babur cruise missile, and the Fatah-1 conducted earlier.
- ✓ Ghaznavi is a Hypersonic surface to surface short range ballistic missile, designed and developed by National Development Complex.

- ✓ The missile has been named after 11th century Muslim Turkic conqueror Mahmud of Ghazni.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Bharat Biotech's intranasal vaccine - is the first nasal vaccine that has received regulatory approval for phase 2 trials in the country**
- ✓ Nasal Covid-19 vaccine, developed by Bharat Biotech, has got regulatory approval for late-stage human clinical trials.
- ✓ This is the first of its kind Covid-19 jab to undergo human clinical trials in India
- ✓ Earlier, phase 1 clinical trial has been completed in age groups ranging 18 to 60 years with no serious adverse events reported
- ✓ Previously, the vaccine was found to be safe, immunogenic and well tolerated in the pre-clinical toxicity studies.
- ✓ The vaccine was able to elicit high levels of neutralizing antibodies in animal studies

AWARDS

- **ASI Babu Ram and Constable Altaf Hussain Bhat of the J&K police - have been posthumously honoured with the Ashok Chakra and Kirti Chakra, the nation's highest and second highest gallantry medals in peacetime**



- ✓ The awards will be conferred on the occasion of Independence Day this year.
- ✓ The awards list also include 15 Shaurya Chakras (four posthumously) to four Army officers and two soldiers, two IAF officers, a Navy officer, six CRPF and police personnel.
- ✓ Babu Ram laid down his life during an assault on terrorists in Srinagar last year while constable Bhat died saving the life of a protected person who was attacked by terrorists in Ganderbal.
- ✓ The six Shaurya Chakras for the Army include Captain Ashutosh Kumar (18 Madras), who laid down his life while killing a terrorist and saving a fellow soldier's life during an operation near the LoC in November last year.

Roll of honour

List of awards to the armed forces personnel and members of paramilitary forces

ASHOK CHAKRA BABU RAM ASI, Jammu & Kashmir Police (posthumous)		KIRTI CHAKRA ALTAF HUSSAIN BHAT Constable, Jammu & Kashmir Police (posthumous)	
SHAURYA CHAKRA			
Major ARUN KUMAR PANDEY			Army
Major RAVI KUMAR CHAUDHARY			Army
Captain ASHUTOSH KUMAR			Army (posthumous)
Captain VIKAS KHATRI			Army
Rifleman MUKESH KUMAR			Army
Sepoy NEERAJ AHLAWAT			Army
Group captain PERMINDER ANTIL			Indian Air Force
Wing commander VARUN SINGH			Indian Air Force
Captain SACHIN REUBEN SEQUEIRA			Navy
Deputy commandant CHITESH KUMAR			CRPF
Sub inspector MANJINDER SINGH			CRPF
Constable SUNIL CHOUDHARY			CRPF
Commando DEBASIS SETHY			Odisha Police (posthumous)
Commando SUDHIR KUMAR TUDU			Odisha Police (posthumous)
Special police officer SHAHBAZ AHMAD			J&K Police (posthumous)

- ✓ The others are Majors Arun Kumar Pandey (Rajput Regiment/44 RR) and Ravi Kumar Chaudhary (Grenadiers/55 RR), Captain Vikas Khatri (Mechanised Infantry/16 RR), Sepoy Neeraj Ahlawat (Jat Regiment/34 RR) and rifleman Mukesh Kumar (Rajputana Rifles/9 RR), all for anti-terror operations in J&K.
- ✓ Sukhoi Su-30MKI pilot Group Captain Perminder Antil and Tejas pilot Wing Commander Varun Singh of the IAF were awarded Shaurya Chakras for showing exceptional bravery in safely landing their jets that had developed technical snags.
- **A total of 1,380 police personnel – were recognised for their gallantry, distinguished service and meritorious service on the 75th anniversary of India’s Independence**
- ✓ Twenty ITBP heroes who resisted the Chinese aggression in eastern Ladakh in May-June 2020 as well as a record 256 personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police, credited with successful counter-terror actions, are among the winners

- ✓ Of the gallantry medals for ITBP personnel – the highest ever for action along the border – eight went for the June 15 action in Galwan Nalla, six each for the violent face-off in Finger 4 area and action in Hot Springs on May 18, 2020.
- ✓ The total number of police medals is 49% higher than the 926 medals announced last year.
- ✓ The rise is largely on account of a nearly threefold jump in gallantry medals from 215 last year to 630.
- ✓ The maximum number of gallantry medals — 398 or 63% of the total count — were awarded for actions in J&K region, while 155 (24%) went to those battling Left-wing extremism and 27 (4%) to police personnel in the northeast.
- ✓ The 1,380 police medals announced include 2 President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG), 628 Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG), 88 President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM) and 662 Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PM).
- ✓ J&K police sub-inspector Amar Deep who killed JeM terrorist Momin Rasool Gojri on August 20, 2019, and CRPF head constable Kale Sunil Dattatreya, who lost his life in an anti-terror operation on June 23, 2020 in Pulwama after killing two terrorists, have been honoured with PPMG.
- ✓ No PPMG was awarded on I-Day eve last year.
- ✓ J&K Police won one PPMG and 255 PMG, while CRPF personnel bagged one PPMG and 150 PMG.
- ✓ Among the state/UT police, Odisha Police won 67 PMGs, Maharashtra Police 25, ITBP 23 and Chhattisgarh Police, 2.
- ✓ Delhi Police was awarded 23 medals, including six for gallantry. BSF won 56 medals including four for gallantry, Intelligence Bureau 35, CISF 30 (including 4 for gallantry), CBI 30, SSB 16 (including 4 for gallantry).

