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Tholainokku Pathram

Assembly Elections 2021



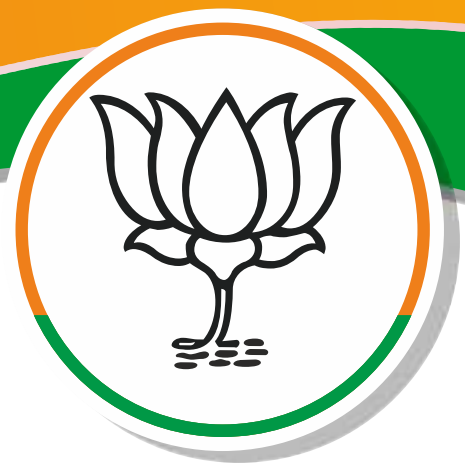


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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings from Tamil Nadu Bharatiya Janata Party,

BJP has never failed to touch the hearts of Tamil people and has never forgotten to work for the welfare and betterment of Tamil Nadu irrespective of whether we have been in power or not.

BJP has always been committed to serve the people of Tamil Nadu during all the difficult times like natural calamities, disasters and also during the recent pandemic. As a party, we have always strived to fulfill the needs of the people in Tamil Nadu.

In the upcoming general assembly election 2021, BJP is contesting in 20 seats and has come out with the detailed manifesto 'Tholainokku Pathram' a vision document highlighting and assuring our commitment to the people of Tamil Nadu.

Our Vision Document carefully lists out our commitment after meeting the people through 'Ungal Viruppam Engal Arikai' campaign directly and understanding their needs and requirements.

Together let's work towards building a strong and progressive Tamil Nadu. This 'Tholainokku Pathram' gives thrust to the development of the farmers, complete prohibition, women's welfare and security, education, employment, schedule caste rights and social justice.

Let the lotus bloom and Tamil Nadu flourish!

Best wishes,

Dr L Murugan
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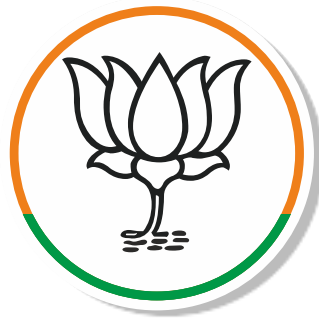


Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Elections 2021

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BHARATHIYA JANATA PARTY

TAMIL NADU

Highlights

- 50 lakhs new employment opportunities will be created.
- Fishermen assistance of Rs. 6000 per year would be provided like its being provided for farmers.
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- The administration of Hindu temples will be handed over to a separate board comprising Hindu scholars and saints.
- Total prohibition will be implemented in the state
- Free two-wheeler driving license will be issued to girls aged between 18 and 23.
- Free Tablets will be provided to 8th and 9th grade students
- Separate Budget for Agriculture
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- Government Multi-specialty hospitals will be established at all district headquarters in the state and treatment will be provided free of cost
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, pure drinking water through pipelines will be provided free of cost to every household in the state within 2022
- Sand mining will be banned for 5 years to prevent the erosion of riverbeds and improve ground water table. During this time, import of sand for construction will be allowed
- Chennai Corporation will be divided into 3 municipal corporations similar to New Delhi
- Legislative Council will be revived again in Tamil Nadu to allow experts from various fields to debate and participate in the legislative process





1. Agriculture and Farmer Welfare

I. Farmers Welfare

- Dedicated separate Budget for Agriculture like in other BJP States
- Loans for crops will be given at 0% interest and loans will be given for agricultural items at low rate of interest
- Profitable price for Agricultural commodities will be fixed
- Whenever there is a fall in open market price for Agriculture products, Government will directly procure from farmers at MSP
- 5-member Farm Products Pricing Committee will be formed to review and fix the price/incentive of Agricultural products
- Cold storages at low rent for farmers will be established at vegetable/fruits farm lands centers, areas, big vegetables markets, fruit
- MNREGA workers will be employed for agricultural work during farming seasons.



- Dedicated “Agricultural Irrigation” department will be formed under Tamil Nadu Public works department
- Vocational Training Centers for Agricultural Industry will be established at all Town panchayats
- Exports of Treated Toddy from coconut, palm trees will be allowed through Farmers Produce Organization.
- Subsidy will be given for Tree cultivation in barren lands.
- “Less Drop, more Crop” principle on Micro irrigation and Drip irrigation will be emphasized and given more focus to save ground water Table.
- Solar Pump sets will be given at a subsidized price within 3 months of application for those farmers who are waiting for pump sets for irrigation

ii. Agricultural Infrastructure

- Incentives will be provided to young graduates and research development centers for inventing new farm tools and equipment
- Tax waiver will be given for inventing new Farm tools and instruments
- Upgradation of Agriculture markets infrastructure
- Non-Operational Agricultural co-operative societies will be brought into operation
- Due to high yield of vegetables and higher supply in market, prices of vegetables are crashing causing distress to farmers. To avoid this, Information Technology centers for rural areas will be set up to help and guide the farmers on growing vegetables as per seasons and market demands
- Farmer Service Centers will be opened at all Village Administrative offices. Farmers will get their land documents from these Farmer Service Centers
- Agricultural products will be organized as Value Added Products

iii. Organic Farming

- New Dedicated Policy for Organic Farming
- Institutionalize Annual Nammazhvar award for best Organic Farmer measured by maximum quality yield on Nammazhvar’s Anniversary
- Nilgiris will be announced as an Organic Farming District
- Subsidy for Organic farming to preserve Soil Fertility
- Organic Seeds and other items for cultivation will be given free of cost to all organic farmers
- Organic Shops/Stores will be established to trade Organic Produce
- Technical expertise and guidance will be provided to adopt Organic farming from traditional methods for cultivating Millets, Oil seeds according to seasonal and soil health conditions at low cost for high income
- “Traditional Seed Banks” will be established to preserve and distribute Traditional paddy and millet grains to the organic farmers free of cost



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iv. Sugarcane

- Steps will be taken to improve the operations of Sugarcane Mills so that farmers will not be affected with dues from Sugarcane mills
- Dues for Sugarcane farmers from cooperative and private Sugarcane mills will be paid immediately
- MSP of Sugarcane will be increased to Rs 3500 per ton. Efforts will be taken to increase Minimum Support Price for Sugarcane at the central Govt.

v. Turmeric

- Turmeric Development Board will be formed on the lines of Coconut Development Board.
- MSP for Turmeric will be increased to Rs 15,000 per quintal
- Steps will be taken to improve the turmeric production to meet Global demands
- “Integrated Turmeric Center” will be formed as per Turmeric Farmers demands

vi. Paddy

- More number of Paddy storage centers, godowns will be built at all Districts.
- MSP for Paddy will be increased to Rs 2500 per quintal by incentivizing the gap.

vii. Other Crops

- To improve the earnings of Sericulture farmers, Silkworm cocoons trading center will be established in Tamil Nadu.
- MSP for Copra (dry coconut) will be increased to Rs 150 per Kilograms
- Food processing centers will be established to extract, process and preserve Juices of Mango, Jackfruit, Guava for trading
- MSP for Tea will be introduced
- Efforts will be taken to improve the welfare of small tea estate farmers and workers
- Perfume Industries will be set up on flower growing areas in TamilNadu
- Incentives will be given to farmers to encourage different Millets
- “Millet Board” will be formed to encourage production and consumption of Millets
- Government will provide seeds for Carrot plantations to farmers and help the farmers from buying seeds from open market at exorbitant price



viii. Animal Husbandry

- Separate Board will be formed to increase production of indigenous breeds
- Subsidy for production of indigenous breeds
- Good quality proportionate fodder to be provided at low cost for breeding milch cows and other live stocks
- Dairy Producers to get price of additional 50% on top of cost of production
- Dairy Producers will be facilitated to sell value added dairy products
- Infrastructure to be established for livestock exhibition to promote breeding of livestock
- Subsidy with loans will be provided to develop pastures for livestock
- Existing Veterinary Hospitals will be upgraded and additional Govt veterinary hospitals will be setup
- Subsidy for livestock breeding to encourage use of animal waste as manure

ix. Fisheries

- Fishermen assistance of Rs. 6000 per year would be provided like its being provided for farmers.
- The fishing harbours in Chennai Kasimedu and the districts of Cuddalore, Puducherry, Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Kanyakumari will be modernized for improving the welfare of the fishing community
- Desilting of river estuaries along all TN coastal districts from Pazhaverkadu to Kanyakumari will be done
- Bait tackles will be set up in coastal areas like Ennore, Cuddalore, Poompuhar, Kanyakumari, Ramanathapuram, Nagapattinam, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli to control sea erosion
- Diesel subsidies to the fishermen will be delivered promptly
- Drying centers and godowns will be set up for drying fish
- Use of solar power to dry fishes and fishing nets will be promoted
- Modern FPOs for Fisheries will be set up in major fishing areas
- Community Halls and Cyclone Safety centers will be set up in all fishing villages
- Quality education and skill development for children of the fishing community to engage in alternate jobs
- Women engaged in allied fishing related jobs will be recognized as Fishermen and markets will be enabled for their produce like shell etc.,



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2. Women Welfare

- Female Infanticide will be abolished completely
- With an objective of protecting girl children, a sum of one lakh rupees will be deposited in a deposit fund account in the name of each girl child born in a Below Poverty Line Family
- Under the Swachh Bharat project, separate toilets will be built in Schools and Colleges for girl students.
- Proper training will be provided to the Women self-help groups to manufacture hygienic sanitary napkins which will be distributed free of cost to girls and women from BPL families through vending machines installed in rural areas, schools, colleges, public distribution system
- Fertility centers will be opened at district headquarters hospitals in TamilNadu for the benefit of poor and middle-class women who cannot afford fertility treatments in the private hospitals.
- Special Skill centers will be established for women in the state.
- Free two-wheeler driving license will be issued to girls aged between 18 and 23.





3. Inclusive Development

i. Scheduled Caste Welfare

- 12 Lakh acres of Panchami Land will be recovered and handed over back to Scheduled Caste people of Tamil Nadu
- Adi Dravidar Welfare will be renamed as “Scheduled Caste Welfare Department”
- Swami Sagajananda’s birthday, one who championed the cause of the scheduled castes, will be observed as ‘Downtrodden Rights Protection Day’ by the government
- Arunthathiyar Welfare Board will be set up for the empowerment and welfare of the very backward Arunthathiyar community

ii. Scheduled Tribes Welfare

- Long pending demand of Badagas to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribes will be fulfilled.
- Caste certificates will be issued to Scheduled Tribe people who have migrated to other places for work



iii. 10% Reservation for Economically Weaker Section

- A reservation of 10% as introduced by the central government will be implemented in the state for economically weaker sections belonging to 67 groups in the general category including the minorities who are not eligible for any other reservation

iv. Public Distribution System

- All essential commodities that are distributed through Tamil Nadu Public Distribution system will be delivered to homes directly for all electronic ration card holders

v. Labour Welfare

- Housing facilities will be provided to the large population of interstate migrants labourers who are working in Tamil Nadu. Adequate protection will be provided to the women labourers who work round the clock
- New Modern ESI hospitals with all amenities will be established with the help of the Central Government for the benefit of thousands of immigrant workers working in industrial cities

vi. Non-Resident Tamils Welfare

- A separate government department will be set up to connect with the Tamil migrants who emigrated from Tamil Nadu since British era and non-resident Tamils living abroad
- Steps will be taken to promote cultural relationships and help the children of non-resident Tamils living abroad for many generations learn Tamil
- Quick steps will be taken to set up a control room in Chennai to help bring home the mortal remains of deceased non-resident Tamils from abroad.

vii. Social Welfare

- Free bus pass concessions will be provided to ex-servicemen and war widows of Defence personnel
- State employees will be encouraged to buy Khadi products at a 25% discounted price
- Pension will be provided to folk artists to protect the declining folk arts
- 24 Veera Saivar groups, Muttharayars, Devangar weaving community and Telugu Devangar community belonging to Backward Classes category will be included in Most backward class category
- Destitute widows welfare board will be set up
- Pensions for destitute widows will be hiked from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 3000 per month
- Boyar welfare board will be set up for the benefit of the Boyar community



viii. Prohibition

- Total prohibition will be implemented in the state
- TASMAC employees who lose their jobs consequent to the implementation of total prohibition in the state will be transferred to other departments in the state government





4. Education and Sports

i. Education

- New National Education Policy will be implemented in its entirety
- School syllabus will be enriched with morals based Tamil literature like Aathichoodi, Kondrai Vendhan, Naaladiyar, Vivega Sindhamani and spiritual literature like Devaram, Thiruvagam etc
- Tamil Nadu Government school syllabus will be enriched and upgraded on par with CBSE syllabus focusing on skill development
- The history of world renowned Chera, Chola and Pandiya kings will be included in the syllabus
- Standards, infrastructure and teaching methods of Government schools will be improved
- Smart classrooms will be enabled by facilitating digital education tools in all Government schools
- Agriculture lessons will be included at middle and high school levels
- Basic education on Constitution and Law will be taught at middle and high school levels
- Medicine and Vocational education will be taught with mother tongue as the medium of education
- Classes I to V will have Tamil as medium of instruction in all Government and Private schools. The government order in this regard will be implemented in its entirety
- Facilitation of separate learning sessions for students who wish to learn additional languages of their choice

- Braille Education will be upgraded on par with other methods of education. Easy availability of sound cards and Braille posts will be ensured
- Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) will be set up at Panchayat Union and Municipality levels
- Moral Instruction Classes will be brought back and taught in classrooms to inculcate discipline and values among the students. Yoga and Meditation classes will be introduced from class VI.
- Equal and Fair opportunities will be created and ensured in opening and running schools for all religious groups
- Coaching centres will be established in all districts to coach students appearing for competitive exams like JEE, NEET and CLAT
- Hostels used by SC, ST and BC students will be upgraded and government assistance amounts will be increased
- CBSE schools will no longer need to get No Objection Certificate from the state government once in every 3 years
- NCC and scouts will be implemented in all schools and colleges
- More women's colleges will be opened in Dharapuram and all the districts
- Free Tablets will be provided to 8th and 9th grade students

ii. Sports

- Special training and coaching will be provided for qualified sports persons from villages and Scheduled Tribe areas to help them achieve greater heights in International sporting events
- Sports Complex will be established in every district for the benefit of youngsters in villages
- 10% reservation for sports persons in Tamil Nadu government appointments will be reinstated
- Traditional Tamil sports will be introduced in Government educational institutions
- Jallikattu players will be included in the list of eligible candidates for reservation under sports quota for Government jobs
- Efforts will be taken to recognize martial art Silambam as a National sport



5. Public Healthcare

- Government multi-specialty hospitals will be established at all district headquarters in the state and treatment will be provided free of cost
- Blood banks and master health checkup camps will be installed at all government taluk hospitals in the state
- Air ambulance services will be provided at all major government hospitals in various cities like Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli etc
- Tele medicine centres will be set up to provide healthcare accessibility and medical needs in rural and distant areas





6. Infrastructure Development

i. Drinking Water Supply, Urban Development and Infrastructure

- Under the Jal Jeevan mission, pure drinking water through pipelines will be provided free of cost to every household in the state by 2022
- Solid waste management project will be implemented in the state completely
- Single window system will be brought in the state for getting clearances, licenses and approvals for construction of buildings
- Total ban on sale of non-biodegradable plastic products in the state
- Plan to build roads from the waste of single use plastics
- All district headquarters in the state will be connected by four lane road ways
- All state highways will be upgraded to four lane highways
- Sewage treatment plants will be established in urban cities to prevent contamination of water bodies
- Dharapuram, Kolathupalyam co operative sugar factory which is locked down now will be reopened immediately
- Erode-Dharapuram-Palani broad gauge line which was pending for long under 50:50 scheme will be started immediately



ii. Environment

- Treatment plants to treat the discharge from leather tanneries, dyeing Industries will be established and steps will be taken to treat the water for agriculture
- To protect the fisheries, sewage water treatment plants will be established to treat the sewage water before they are draining into sea. Quality control measures will be set up for measuring treated sewer water quality so that it won't be harmful for fishes
- Since it is difficult for industrialists alone to build sewer treatment plants, government will be partner with them to build Sewage Treatment Plants to protect the environment

iii. Natural Resources

- Sand mining will be banned for 5 years to prevent the erosion of riverbeds and improve ground water table. During this time, import of sand for construction will be allowed
- Strict actions will be taken against those who are involved in illegal sand mining and against the officials who helping illegal sand mining
- Strict measures will be taken to prevent illegal mining and smuggling of minerals and granite
- To preserve the environment, Government will do the mining and sale of minerals and granite on its own in a controlled manner

iv. Water Management

- Encroachments on all water bodies like lakes, tanks, ponds and riverbanks will be removed as per Supreme Court order Dated 23.02.2006
- Dried tanks, ponds will be filled with excess water from other water sources using pipes provided under the Central Government's Jal Shakti schemes
- Water absorbing thorn, bushes growing on lakes, tanks and government owned barren lands will be destroyed immediately
- Planting and growing Eucalyptus Tree that deplete the water table will be banned. Alternative tree plantation will be encouraged
- Irrigational societies will be renamed as lake water usage societies that will be comprised of the entire village
- Kudi Maramathu (water bodies maintenance by local farmers) schemes will be strengthened more
- Farmers will be allowed to use the sedimented soils in local waterbodies like tanks, ponds, for their agricultural purpose
- Water treatment plants will be established more to prevent effluents merging with local water bodies
- Solid waste management schemes for local panchayats will be established
- Steps will be taken to produce electricity from treatment of waste in Panchayats
- 1 lakh check dams will be built across rivers like Cauvery to improve the ground water table



- Desalination plants will be established for drinking water needs in major coastal cities like Chennai, Tuticorin
- A new Law will be brought to protect ground water for domestic and agriculture.
- Farm ponds will be built by the government to save rain water in rainfed and well irrigation areas
- Heavy rain water logging will be identified and steps will be taken to build deep pits to store the rain water to avoid water logging in future

v. River Interlinking

- Steps will be taken immediately to start the Rs 60,361 Crore Central Government of interlinking of Godavari - Krishna - Penna - Cauvery rivers
- Cauvery - Gundaru excess water interlinking, Tamirabarani - Karumeniyaru-Nambiyaru interlinking, South Penna - Cheyyaru interlinking projects will be expedited
- Steps will be taken to divert excess water from Amaravathi Dam to Upparu Dam in Dharapuram, NallaThangal Dam in Ponniwadi village and Vattamalai lake in Kangeyam area.
- Tanks and ponds in Mettur, Anthiyur areas will be rejuvenated using Thoni Maduvu scheme
- Flood water canals to link Tamirabarani, Karumeniyaru, Nambiyaru, Pachaiyaru, Kothaiyaru, Elumichaiyaru and many more rivers will be constructed
- To avoid flooding during North East Monsoon season flood water canal will be constructed to link Sarabanga River, Tirumani Mutharu River, Ayyaru River and excess water will be stored in tanks, lakes in Namakkal, Tiruchirappalli Districts
- Steps will be taken to implement interlinking of Aanaimalai River - Nallaru, Pandiyaru - Punnampuzha - Moyar Rivers
- To double the Parambikulam - Aazhiyaru scheme irrigation areas, excess water that drains from Idlyaru in Aanamalai will be diverted to Kuthirai Aatru Dam, Palaru Dam
- State waterways will be built to reduce the congestion on road traffic
- Memorial will be built for M.A. Eswaran who was a notable Freedom Fighter who spent 11.5 years in jail for India's freedom and is considered as Father of Lower Bhavani Irrigation Area

vi. Electricity

- Pending and shelved power projects will be revised and taken up on a war footing
- Priority will be given for Solar power and Wind power projects
- 3 CFL and LED bulbs will be distributed to every Ration Card holder free of cost to emphasize energy conservation



vii. Wind Power

- To tap full potential of wind power generation capacity, new transmission lines and grids will be built
- New sub stations will be set up to conserve wind power
- Outstanding dues owed to wind power manufacturers will be paid immediately.
- Wind power manufacturers to get the fair price for the generated wind power

viii. Solar Power

- Solar Power for houses scheme will be implemented with 30% subsidy provided by the Central Government
- Solar Panels will be installed on the rooftops of all Government offices, municipality and panchayat offices
- Barren lands will be utilized for Solar power generation by installing solar panels





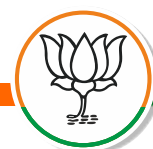
7. Industrial Development and Employment

i. Industrial Development

- 50 lakhs new employment opportunities will be created
- Tamil Nadu will be made Number 1 state in South India in Ease of Doing Business
- Simple, transparent, long term development based Single Window System will be implemented
- Industrials and Entrepreneurs will be encouraged and incentivized to start industries in economically backward districts of Tamil Nadu
- Rubber Park will be set up for Rubber manufacturing in Kanyakumari District
- Policy on setting up industrial parks and complexes will be revised to facilitate full usage of industrial parks and complexes

ii. Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME)

- Clearance will be provided within 30 days to set up MSME through the Single Window system
- Steps will be taken to market the MSME products locally and to create export markets for them
- State Government agencies, departments will be instructed to purchase 30% of their requirements from MSMEs
- During natural disasters relief measures and packages will be provided to MSMEs to safeguard them



- Knitwear exports are bringing us more forex revenues. Dedicated “Knitwear Board” will be established to improve and facilitate Knitwear Industries
- National Investment and Production Center will be established in Tamil Nadu and separate MSME Board will be formed under it

iii. Handlooms

- Government and handloom and powerloom associations will discuss and arrive at an amicable solution to classify the exclusive products for handlooms
- Loans and other help will be provided for those handloom weavers who decide to move to power loom weaving
- Yarn Bank will be established to control the increase in price of yarn
- Yarn prices will be regulated every month
- Spinning Mills will be instructed to produce at least 25% of handloom quality yarns (sitta type)
- Steps will be taken to procure quality cottons in Co-operative spinning mills
- Handloom weaver wages will be revised annually
- Handloom weavers will be provided with 500 watts solar power per weaving unit instead of free electricity
- Pensions for weavers aged 60 and above will be increased to Rs 2000 per month
- Gratuity for the weaver’s family, after weaver’s life time will be from Rs. 60000 to Rs. 1,00,000
- Fake handloom products will be banned to protect handlooms

iv. Powerlooms

- Integrated Textile Parks will be set up at Salem, Vellore, Karur and Erode Districts
- Dedicated Textile Co-operative societies will be formed for Textile Industry on the lines of Agricultural Co-operative societies
- Special loan schemes with subsidy will be launched for the development of power loom
- Separate varieties will be allocated for power looms.

v. Cooperative Sector

- To ensure proper function of co-operative societies, Co-operative Societies registration will be streamlined to allow genuine business owners as members.
- Amendments to co-operative societies laws will be brought in to ensure free and independent functioning of co-operative societies without any political interference
- Free and fair elections for co-operative societies will be conducted



vi. Skill Development and Employment

- Skill Development Centers will be established in every district for youth
- Tie-up between educational institutions and related industrial sector focusing on skill development and training of educated youth
- Virtual Skill development universities will be established
- Entrepreneurial incubators will be set up and training, financial assistance and infrastructure will be facilitated for youth to transform into entrepreneurs from being job seekers





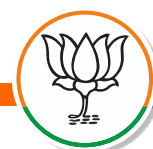
8. Good Governance

i. Law and Justice

- A circuit bench of the Madras High Court will be set up in Coimbatore
- To fast track pending cases in Lower Courts, appointing judges for the vacant positions in lower courts will be expedited by working with the High Court.
- Gratuity for deceased lawyers who are registered with Tamil Nadu Bar Council will be increased from Rs. 7 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh.
- Stipend will be increased from Rs. 3000 per month for 2 years to Rs. 5000 per month for 3 years for practicing young law graduates registered with Tamil Nadu Bar Council

ii. Police Department

- New Police stations will be opened to maintain a good police station to population ratio
- More police personnel will be employed in proportion to the population
- Salary levels of Police personnel will be revised and increased
- Police personnel will be trained in the usage of modern weaponry
- Training and coaching will be provided to Police personnel to overcome and handle stress and depression
- New schemes will be implemented to protect health conditions of police personnel in the line of duty



- Intelligence wing will be modernized by providing training on par with international standards and upgradation of weaponry
- Justice delayed is justice denied. Special courts will be set up for speedy resolution of long pending murder cases related to communal violence with daily hearings
- A new separate dedicated wing will be set up for handling judicial functions. Additional police personnel will be appointed for this wing. This is to address the current shortage of personnel for judicial functions as almost all of them primarily handle law and order
- Cyber Crime wing will be strengthened by modern training and appointment of additional personnel
- Experience criteria for Grade 1 police officer promotion will be reduced from 10 years to 7 years
- Experience criteria for Special Sub Inspector Promotion will reduced from 25 years to 20 years

iii. Computerization

- Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Town Panchayats, Panchayat Unions, Village Panchayat offices in all 38 districts will be computerized, interconnected with network to ease the services to citizens
- Information and registration of Government schemes, tax payments, receiving benefits from the Government, all these services will be improved so that public can avail these services from the home directly.
- Caste certificate, residence certificate, income certificate and land pattas will be issued within 24 hours of request submission
- Computerization of Police stations, Government hospitals, transportation offices among various departments with large public interaction will be upgraded and extended with many services



9. Tourism and Culture

i. Tourism

- Spiritual tourism project will be implemented for the benefit of pilgrims visiting major pilgrimage centres in the state such as Navagraha temples, Arupadai Veedu temples (six abodes of Lord Muruga) and Vaishnava Divya desams.
- Subsidy for spiritual tours will be provided to senior citizens aged above 60.
- Furthermore, separate tourism projects will be announced to connect the heritage and cultural places and religious places of the minority communities in the state,

ii. Art and Culture

- Establishing an annual global MS Subbulakshmai Awards to honor the eminent artists from across the world
- To encourage the promotion of art, music, dance and drama a Kalakshetra will be set up in all the districts.
- Pension of Rs 1500/- per month will be given to the workers of Film Industry who are aged 60 and above





10. Cultural Heritage

i. Freedom of Religion Act

- Right to freedom of religion is not the same as forcible religious conversion. Strict anti-conversion laws will be enacted in the state to criminalize religious conversion by force or allurement.
- The recommendations of Justice Venugopal Commission report will be implemented to prevent communal violence in the state

ii. Cow protection

- Anti-Cow Slaughter Act in accordance with the articles of Indian Constitution will be strictly implemented in the state
- Total ban will be imposed on smuggling of cows to Kerala and other states for beef and meat.
- Goshalas will be established in various temples to shelter and upkeep cows seized from cattle smugglers.



iii. Separate board for Hindu temples

- As per the recommendations of an advisory committee headed by His Holiness Kundrakudi Adigalar, the administration of Hindu temples will be handed over to a separate board comprising Hindu scholars and saints. This would replace the system of a secular government controlling only the Hindu religious temples.
- The verdict delivered by the Madurai bench of Madras High Court on 11. Feb.2018 in relation to the writ petition on administration of Hindu temples in the state will be implemented.
- As per G.O. Ms. No. 689 Home Dt. 18-02-1958 not to let out the temple lands for rent or lease to non-Hindus, encroachers will be removed immediately.
- Temples with an annual income of more than Rs. 2 lakhs will be audited by a chartered accountant. Any discrepancies will be fixed within 3 months.
- Annadhanam will be provided in the temples without any caste discrimination on the annual celebrations of the births of Azhwars and Nayanmars.
- Agricultural lands, commercial complexes, plots etc. owned by Hindu temples will be freed from any encroachments and handed over to the respective temples.
- Total ban will be imposed on paid darshan tickets at all temples.
- University for Siddha Medicine will be established at Palani.
- A separate research university will be established to teach Agama rituals.

iv. Temple Priests Welfare

- All village temple priests, Archakars and Bhattacharyars will be provided a minimum income of Rs 5000 per month
- Scholarships to the families of village temple priests will be increased.
- Unfilled vacancies for the posts of archakars, Odhuvars, Clerks, Musicians and support staff will be recruited.
- Daily wage workers working in various temples will be recruited permanently.
- Marriage assistance scheme for the families of temple priests will be introduced.
- Monthly pension that is being provided by the Village Temples Priests Welfare Board to 2000 beneficiaries will be expanded to cover all village temple priests in the state who are above 60 years of age.
- Monthly pension for the above beneficiaries will be hiked to Rs. 2000.
- Electrical musical instruments installed at various temples in lieu of Nadhaswara music will be removed and replaced by Nadhaswara artists.
- Religious courses on Hindu religious beliefs and practices will be conducted at all the temples for the benefit of children.
- The graduates of Vidhya Jyoti from Vellimalai Ashram located in Kanniyakumari district will be posted as teachers for the above-mentioned religious courses.





11. Tamil Development

- Thirukkural Maamalai park will be set up with stone inscriptions of 1330 golden verses of Thirukkural and their meanings
- Thirukkural stone inscription park will be set up with all amenities at Malayapalayam hill formed out of a single stone and spanning across 20 acres and located in Nambiyur Taluk of Erode district
- Announcement will be made for adoption of Tamil as official language in Madras High Court
- Creation of Tamil Chairs in all the universities across the world

12. Sri Lankan Tamils

- Recommendations will be made to provide Indian citizenship to Sri Lankan Tamil people living in various refugee camps in the state



13. Chennai Corporation

- Chennai Corporation will be divided into 3 municipal corporations similar to New Delhi
- Coovam River will be cleaned and used as a waterway to ease the traffic

14. Legislative Council

- Legislative Council will be revived again in Tamil Nadu to allow experts from various fields to debate and participate in the legislative process.





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