

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-MARCH 28, 2023**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Mayor R Priya - presented the Greater Chennai Corporation budget for the financial year 2023-24**
- ✓ On March 27, the Greater Chennai Corporation's budget session began under the chairmanship of Mayor R Priya, for the second consecutive year.




- ✓ The budget focussed on education, transport, solid waste management, stormwater drains, and ward development, among other areas.
- ✓ The Corporation's revenue receipt for the financial year 2023-24 is estimated to be Rs 4,131.70 crore and the expenditure is pegged at Rs 4,466.29 crore.
- ✓ It has brought the revenue deficit down to Rs.334. 5 crore from about Rs.780 crore the previous year
- ✓ The civic body is projected to receive Rs 1,680 crore in property taxes in 2023-24 and QR code payment method for property tax has been now proposed.
- ✓ Similarly, the income through the commercial tax is to be estimated at Rs 500 crore this year, stated Sarbajaya Das, chairperson, Tax and Finance committee, who tabled the Budget in the Corporation Council.
- ✓ The salient features of the budget includes -

- ✓ Under the Singara Chennai 2.0 scheme and Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Project, Rs 881.20 crore has been allocated for the makeover of roads.
- ✓ Allocation for storm water drains rose by Rs.200 crore from Rs.1,235 crore to Rs.1,482 crore.
- ✓ Expenditure on bus route roads will go up from Rs.36 crore last year to Rs.881 crore.
- ✓ Allocation for bridges fell from Rs.221 crore to Rs.102.5 crore, while funds for solid waste management too dipped from Rs.424 crore to Rs.260 crore.
- ✓ Rs 25 crore has been allotted for carrying out various maintenance works in the schools.


## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

A look at major allocation in education, public health and waste management




**EDUCATION**

- ₹1.86cr**  
Internet in 70 high schools
- ₹7.5cr**  
Uniforms for 72,000 students
- ₹23.66cr**  
Sanitary pads
- ₹5.4cr**  
CCTVs
- English language lab in 18 schools
- ₹10,000** per Class XII student per subject who scores 100/100 in boards




**PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Raincoats for NULM works **₹18.75 lakh**
- Vector control kit **₹35 lakh**
- Six additional dog catching vehicles **₹1.3 crores**
- Disease surveillance centre at Tondiarpet




**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- Two incinerator plants with 5 tonne processing capacity each
- Abandoned vehicles to be cleared
- ₹3.2 cr** for sanitary workers welfare




**PARKS**

- 2.5 lakh** trees to be planted
- ₹48 cr** allocated to maintain 584 parks
- 25 sports** field to be maintained at ₹50 cr
- 70 road** medians to be beautified



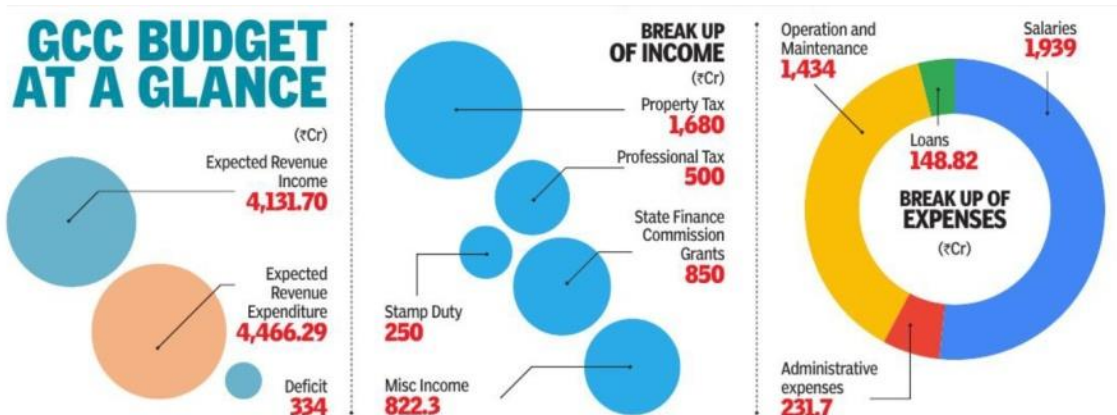
**BUILDINGS**

- > Cold storage at Anna Nagar burial ground worth **₹1 crore**
- > Modern fish market worth **₹80 lakh** under Singara Chennai 2.0
- > Maintenance, renovation of burial grounds **₹14 crore**
- > Creche at Ripon Buildings for infants



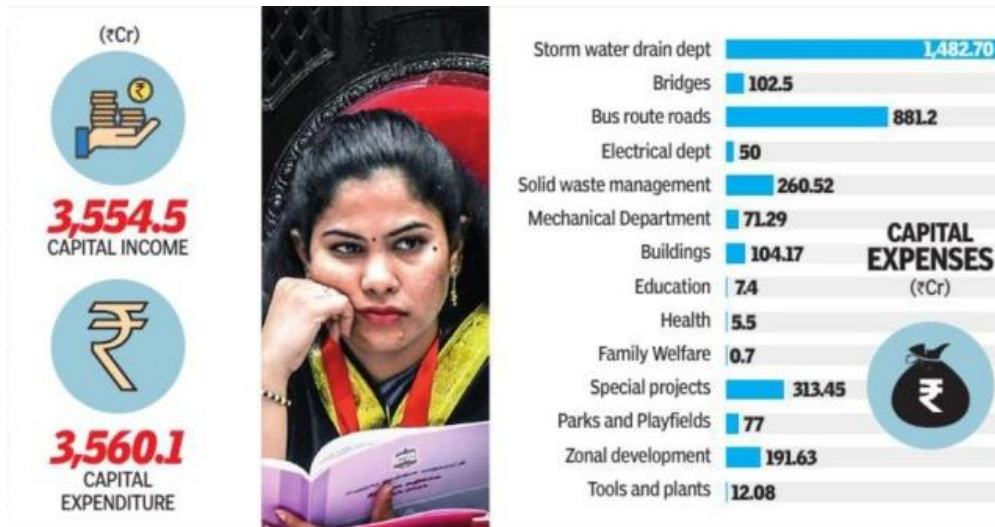
- ✓ Under the 'Makkalai Thedi Mayor' scheme, the mayor will address public grievances directly in each of Chennai's three regional offices, north, central and south, once a month.
  - ✓ Under the initiative, she will meet residents once every month at the regional corporation offices.
- ✓ The Corporation will reward the top three wards on counts of cleanliness and hygiene, and solid waste management in each zone every year.

- ✓ Rs 30 lakh has been allocated to appoint counsellors for providing counselling to adolescent students studying in corporation schools.
- ✓ A medical camp is set to be organised every three months in all Corporation schools.
- ✓ The infrastructure in corporation schools is set to be upgraded.
  - ✓ Public Address System (PAS) is to be set up on each floor in all Corporation schools.
  - ✓ In the initial phase, this is set to be implemented in about 70 schools at a cost of Rs 35 lakh.
  - ✓ Under the Namakku Naame scheme, smart classes with internet facilities will be introduced in some schools.
- ✓ Under Nan Mudhalavan scheme, special classes will be conducted for students from Classes 6 to 8 who need extra attention.
- ✓ Teachers of schools securing a 100% success rate in Class X and XII board exams will be provided with an incentive of Rs 3,000 each (as against Rs.1,500 earlier) and the scheme will be implemented for at least 400 teachers at a cost of Rs 12 lakh.
- ✓ Snacks will be provided for higher and higher secondary students studying in evening schools and remedial schools for 2023 -24 academic year, till exams and Rs 1 crore will be allotted for this scheme.
- ✓ Students securing a cent per cent score in any subject in the Class XII public examination will be awarded Rs 10,000 as an incentive (as against Rs. 1,000 earlier) and Rs 10 lakh has been allotted under this scheme.
- ✓ Model 'United Nations' will be formed in Chennai corporation schools to improve students' knowledge in international affairs
- ✓ Introduction of "happy classes" everyday for 10 minutes during the first period.



- ✓ For students facing economic challenges, the Corporation will bear the tuition fee for the first year if they clear exams like JEE, Common Law Admission Test, and NEET and join institutes like the IITs, National Law School, AIIMS, etc.





- ✓ To ease traffic movement, the civic body along with the Greater Chennai Police, and the Greater Chennai Traffic Police, will implement measures to remove abandoned vehicles.
  - ✓ A dedicated parking and transportation development committee is set to be formed.
  - ✓ This committee will consist of Chief Engineer (Town Planning), Superintending Engineer (Bus Route Roads), Additional Revenue Officer, Operator (Parking and Traffic Management), Assistant Revenue Officer (Headquarters – Parking), Assistant Executive Engineer (Parking and Traffic Management) and three Assistant Executive Engineers for this role.
- ✓ A mortuary is set to be constructed for those who die suddenly owing to natural causes or accidents.
  - ✓ The mayor noted that it is necessary to safeguard the bodies of those whose immediate family members live abroad.
  - ✓ The initiative under the public-private partnership programme is set to be implemented in Anna Nagar Velangadu crematorium at a cost of Rs 1 crore.
  - ✓ The corporation noted that based on the feedback from the public, this scheme will be expanded to other areas.
- ✓ Councillor ward improvement allocation has been increased to Rs 40 lakh from Rs 35 lakh for 2023-24.
- ✓ The family security fund for councillors has been increased to Rs 3 lakh from Rs. One lakh earlier
- ✓ The civic body will set up a parking and transport development committee consisting of eight officials.
- ✓ These officials will be studying the possibilities of expanding on-street parking areas across the city.
- **The state government has added another member — A Ramachandran — to the Tamil Nadu governing council on climate change.**

- ✓ A Ramachandran is the Emeritus Professor and former director, centre for climate change and disaster Management, Anna university
- ✓ In a government order, it was stated that the objectives of the council is to provide a policy directive to the Tamil Nadu climate change mission, advise on climate adaptation and mitigation activities
- ✓ The council will also approve Tamil Nadu state action plan on climate change and provide guidance to the state climate change mission and district Climate Change Missions on implementation of various climate initiatives.
- ✓ This takes the entire membership of the council to 26.

## NATIONAL

- **On March 27, Parliament - passed the Finance Bill 2023-24 after the Lok Sabha approved an amendment recommended by the Rajya Sabha**
- ✓ The amendment to the Finance Bill 2023, which sought to correct an error with regard to the tax rate on Securities Transaction Tax (STT), was moved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ✓ With this, Parliament has completed the budget exercise for the next financial year.
- ✓ The legislations were passed without any debate amid continuing din over the Adani issue in the Lok Sabha.
- ✓ Earlier, the Rajya Sabha also passed several bills without any discussion.
- ✓ The Upper House approved the Rs.45 lakh crore spending proposed in the budget, followed by the nod to the Finance Bill that contains tax proposals.
- ✓ Rama Devi, who was in the Chair, adjourned the House for the day after the passage of the Finance Bill.
- ✓ The Bill gives effect to tax proposals for the fiscal year starting April 1, 2023
- ✓ A total of 64 official amendments were proposed in the Bill.
- ✓ The Finance Bill 2023 was passed in the Lok Sabha without a discussion on March 24
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tabled the Finance Bill after presenting the Union Budget 2023-24 on February 1.
- ✓ The Rajya Sabha passed five bills - Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2023; The Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill, 2023; The Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2023; The Appropriation Bill, 2023 and The Finance Bill, 2023 -within minutes

## INTERNATIONAL

- **On March 27, Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama - has named an eight-year-old US-born Mongolian boy as the reincarnation of a spiritual leader.**
- ✓ He has been named as the 10th Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa Rinpoche, the third most important leader in Tibetan Buddhism.



- ✓ The ceremony took place in Dharamshala, the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, where the Dalai Lama, 87, lives in exile.
  - ✓ It was attended by 5,000 monks and nuns, 600 Mongolians and other members.
  - ✓ The Dalai Lama believes that he will live up to the biological age of 113 and has no immediate plans to announce his reincarnation as head of the influential Gelugpa school of Tibetan Buddhism
  - ✓ The tenth Khalkha is one of the twin boys named Aguidau and Achiltai Attanmar.
- **Scotland's governing party, Scottish National Party (SNP)- elected Pakistani-origin Humza Yousaf as its new leader on March 27**



- ✓ This makes him the first person of color and the first Muslim to lead the country of 5.5 million people.
- ✓ The 37-year-old Glasgow-born son of South Asian immigrants is set to be confirmed as first minister during a session of the Scottish parliament in Edinburgh on March 28.
- ✓ Yousaf paid tribute to his late grandparents, who emigrated from the Punjab to Glasgow more than 60 years ago.
- ✓ He studied at the Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow and earned a degree in politics from the University of Glasgow.
- ✓ Yousaf, who currently is Scotland's health minister, replaces First Minister Nicola Sturgeon
- ✓ Nicola unexpectedly stepped down last month after eight years as leader of the party

- ✓ In 2012, Yousaf became the first Muslim to be appointed to the Scottish government and he later became a transport minister in 2016

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ World Theatre Day – March 27



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise the importance of theatre arts, their contribution in terms of entertainment and the transformations that theatre brings to people's lives
- ✓ The International Theatre Institute or ITI established World Theatre Day in 1961.
- ✓ The ITI has been celebrating this day every year since 1962 on March 27, the date of opening of the 1962 "Theatre of Nations" season in Paris.
- ✓ French Poet and Play writer, Jean Cocteau was the person who wrote the first World Theatre Day Message in 1962.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – “Theatre and a Culture of Peace”
- ✓ The first ITI conference was held in Finland, Helsinki and the second one was held in Vienna.
- ✓ On this day, a number of national and international theatre events are planned globally

