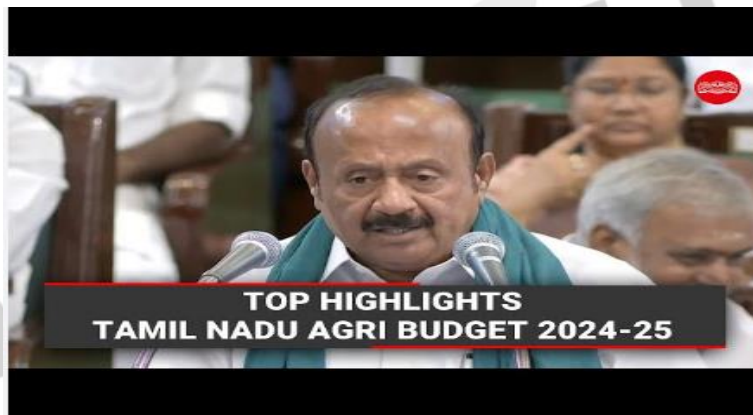


## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 23, 2024

### TAMIL NADU - AGRICULTURE BUDGET



- 1) Agriculture Minister Mr. Panneerselvam announced **65.30 crore for millets**, purposes including optimizing yield.
- 2) '**One Village, One Crop**' scheme presented in Tamil Nadu Agriculture budget 2024.
- 3) The Tamil Nadu farm budget also announced steps to **reduce chemical fertilizers** in paddy crops.
- 4) Several measures to nurture villages to help them tackle **climate change**.
- 5) "A new scheme called the 'Chief Minister's **Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom** Scheme (CM MK MKS)' with 22 components will be implemented at an outlay of Rs. 206 crores during the year 2024-2025," the minister said.
- 6) "**Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme** aims to transform every village into a model of self-sufficiency by focusing on the

development of agriculture as the primary occupation, and by converting fallow land into cultivable land to increase the net cultivable area. During 2024-2025, this scheme will be implemented in 2,482 selected village panchayats at an outlay of 200 crores."

7) "To help the farmers recover from loss of income due to unforeseen natural calamities, **Crop Insurance Scheme** is being implemented. The insurance claim for an amount of 14.55 crores was immediately disbursed to 9,988 farmers of Thoothukudi district for the crop loss that occurred due to incessant rains on 17th and 18th December 2023. This scheme will be implemented during 2024-2025 with an allocation of 1,775 crores."

## TAMIL NADU

### ➤ **State Policy for Women**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday unveiled the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Women 2024, with a vision to ensure social justice for all and provide women access to their rightful entitlements.



- ✓ Under the policy, which will be implemented over 10 years, the State envisages raising the status of women through awareness, education, gainful employment and capacity-building initiatives.
- ✓ The objective of the policy framework is to enable access to services such as health, education and employment.
- ✓ It also seeks to promote digital literacy to bridge the digital gender gap and support women in finding remunerative placements, and encourage their active participation in politics.

## SCHEMES

### ➤ **'One Village One Crop' Scheme**

- ✓ The government on Tuesday announced that the 'One Village One Crop' scheme will be introduced in 15,280 revenue villages to boost agricultural production in rural areas.



- ✓ Presenting the Agriculture Budget in the Assembly, Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare M.R.K. Panneerselvam said demonstrations would be conducted on 5 to 10 acres in each village, focusing on one crop per village, to spread awareness.
- ✓ "This initiative would feature demonstrations covering land preparation, seed treatment for high-yielding varieties, and integrated nutrient management for a range of crops.
- **Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme (CM MK MKS)**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister M.R.K. Panneerselvam on Tuesday announced the launch of a new programme, the Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme (CM MK MKS), aimed at improving soil quality, and moving towards sustainable and chemical-free agricultural practices for the well-being of society.



- ✓ The allocation for this scheme is 206 crore for 2024-25. Mr. Panneerselvam presented the State Agriculture Budget 2024-25 on Tuesday in the Legislative Assembly.
- ✓ He pointed out that the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides, initially employed to boost production, had taken a toll on the beneficial soil microbial population, leading to a decline in overall soil fertility and health.

# DEFENCE

## ➤ **Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti-16'**

- ✓ Indian and Sri Lankan coast guard ships joined the Dosti 16 exercise held in the Maldives from February 22-25.



- ✓ This year marked a significant development with Bangladesh participating as an observer, indicating a widening scope for the exercise and underlining the growing importance of maritime collaboration in tackling evolving challenges.
- ✓ By fostering cooperation, the exercise addresses traditional security concerns while collectively preparing for non-traditional threats like piracy, smuggling, and environmental disasters.

