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TAMIL NADU

AGRICULTURE BUDGET

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AGRICULTURE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – 2023

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

1. **Kalaigharin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme**
 - a. Convergence with the “Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam”
 - b. Implemented in **2,504 village panchayats**
2. **Tamil Nadu Millet Mission:**
 - a. International Year of Millets - 2023
 - b. Implemented for a period of five year.
 - c. **Two millet zones** encompassing 20 districts were declared in the last Agriculture Budget. Five new districts were added namely
 - a. Namakkal,
 - b. Tirupur,
 - c. Coimbatore
 - d. Erode and
 - e. Pudukottai
 - d. Distribution of **2 kilograms of Ragi** to family card holders in **Nilgiris** and **Dharmapuri** districts on a pilot.
 - e. **Millet Festivals** – To increase the awareness and consumption
3. **State Agriculture Development Schemes:**
 - a. **Village Agricultural Development Group**
 - i. It consists of **25 to 50** farmers
 - ii. Implemented in 2504 villages under KAVIADP
 - iii. To increase the income from the cultivation
 - iv. Training will be provided to the group
 - b. **Nel Jeyaraman Traditional Paddy Varieties:**
 - i. To conserve and propagate Tamil Nadu's traditional Rice varieties
 - ii. Seeds will be produced in an area of **200 acres** in Government seed farms and distributed to farmers at subsidized rates.
 - c. **Rewards for Best Performing Farmer**
 - i. Cash award of five lakh rupees to the farmer with the highest yield in a crop at State level.
 - ii. Awards to officers – Filed, Block and District Level – for Highest production and productivity

- d. **Alternative Crop cultivation during Kuruva season:** To increase the soil fertility and enhance the production
- e. **Making Youth into Agri – Entrepreneurs:** Financial assistance at the rate of **2 lakh Rupees** will be extended to **200 young Agricultural and Horticulture graduates**
- f. **Distribution of Farm Implement kits**
 - i. To help and improve the efficiency of farmers in the traditional agricultural operations
 - ii. Kits will be distributed to
 - 1. small and marginal farmers and
 - 2. landless agricultural labourers

4. **Promotion of Organic Farming:**

- a. Tamil Nadu Organic Farming Policy 2023 – released recently
 - b. To encourage organic farming, 725 clusters will be formed covering an area of 14,500 hectare in 32 districts.
 - c. Awards will be given to District Collectors - completing this task in a timely manner to benefit more farmers
 - d. Promotion of Organic farming in Nilgiris
 - e. To provide fifty percent subsidy to organic farmers for undertaking pesticide residue analysis
 - f. Awareness creation
 - g. Identification potential areas to bring under organic farming
5. **Nammazhvar Award for Best Organic Farmer.** - To the farmers who practice and promote organic farming – Rs. 5 Lakh – on Republic Day
6. **Green Cover through agroforestry:** Financial assistance to set up new nurseries to increase forest cover under **Agroforestry Scheme**
7. Additional 20% subsidy for SC/ST Farmers or high value components
8. **DIGITAL AGRICULTURE**
- a. **Agricultural e-Service centres** will be established – To get all services electronically
 - b. **Information Dissemination Group - WhatsApp groups of farmers at block levels** will be formed for Disseminating Information.

- c. **GRAINS**-One Platform-Multiple Benefits (Grower Online Registration of Agriculture Input System) - enable the farmers to avail various benefits from a single source – **One Stop Solution**

9. **PULSES DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

- a. rich source of protein
- b. Essential for a balanced diet
- c. Vital for building strong muscles and a healthy nervous system
- d. Implemented to expand the area and production of pulses in Tamil Nadu
- e. **Red Gram Zone:**
 - i. Krishnagiri,
 - ii. Dharmapuri,
 - iii. Tiruvannamalai and
 - iv. Salem

10. **SPECIAL OILSEEDS ZONE**

- a. Sesame
- b. Groundnut

Tiruvannamalai	Kallakurichi	Villupuram
Erode	Dharmapuri	Namakkal
Salem	Tiruchirappalli	Krishnagiri
Cuddalore	Thirupattur	Ariyalur
Vellore	Pudukottai	

Attention will be given for production, value addition, marketing and export of oilseeds

- 11. Increasing the production of **Dwarf x Tall hybrid coconut seedlings**
- 12. Sustainable **Cotton Cultivation** Mission is launched - To satisfy the raw material requirement of Cotton Mills of Tamil Nadu
- 13. **ORGANIC MANURE PRODUCTION FROM PRESS MUD:** Press Mud bio-composting infrastructure will be established at **Salem** and **Amaravathi** Cooperative Sugar Mills
- 14. **UZHAVAR ALUVALAR THODARBU THITTAM-2.0 (UATT):**
 - a. To disseminate technologies and scheme benefits to farmers

- b. Implemented from 2020-21

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE AND PLANTATION CROPS

1. Mission for **Madurai Jasmine**
 - a. implemented continuously over a period of five years.
 - b. Measures to ensure off-season production of jasmine
 - a. Madurai,
 - b. Virudhunagar,
 - c. Dindigul,
 - d. Theni and
 - e. Tenkasi
2. **Jack Mission:**
 - a. State fruit of Tamil Nadu
 - b. Period - five years
 - c. **Integrated Cluster for Jack fruit - Cuddalore** district
 - d. Implemented in 21 districts
 - e. Vegetable research station in **Palur** will be strengthened to research on development of new varieties, and value addition in **Jack fruit**.
3. **Chilli Zone**
 - a. To increase the cultivation to 40,000 hectares in a period of five years
 - a. Ramanathapuram,
 - b. Virudhunagar,
 - c. Sivagangai and
 - d. Thoothukudi
4. **Curry Leaf Cluster - Coimbatore** district
5. **Moringa Mission:**
 - a. **Special Export Zone for Moringa**
 - a. Theni,
 - b. Dindigul,
 - c. Karur,
 - d. Thoothukudi,
 - e. Tirupur,
 - f. Ariyalur and
 - g. Madurai
 - b. Export Facilitation Centre - Madurai.
6. **Banana cluster development** scheme – **Theni**

7. **Banana research centre** for will be established at **Agriculture College Killikulam**, Thoothukudi - To address the needs of the southern district farmers
8. Distribution of **fruit saplings to 10 Lakh families**
9. Farm tourism is proposed to be promoted in association with Education Department for school students
10. **Palmyra Development Mission**
 - a. To encourage Palmyra cultivation
 - b. Establishment of Palmyra Research Station at Killikulam Agricultural College in Thoothukudi district
11. **Overseas training** for the 150 farmers.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

1. **e-Vaadagai App** - Uploading the details of private machinery and mechanics
2. **One Village Two Power Tillers** under **Kalaigarin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme**

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND AGRI BUSINESS

1. Securing **Geographical Indication** tag - proposed to get Geographical Indication (GI) for ten products
 - a. Krishnagiri Arasampatti Coconut,
 - b. Krishnagiri Panneer Rose,
 - c. Thanjavur Peravoorani Coconut,
 - d. Mulanoor Kuttai Moringa,
 - e. Sattur Cucumber,
 - f. Thanjavur Veeramangudi Jaggery (Achu vellam),
 - g. Thoothukudi Vilathikulam Chilli,
 - h. Cuddalore Kotimulai Brinjal,
 - i. Madurai Sengarumbu and
 - j. Sivagangai Karuppukavuni rice
2. Renovation of Uzhavar Sandhais - steps will be taken to secure Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Certificate for 50 Uzhavar Sandhais
3. Expansion of electronic National Agriculture Markets – (e NAM)

TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

1. Corpus fund of **Rs.100 Cr** provided for Tamil Nadu Agricultural University - for carrying out research projects, implementing schemes
2. **Insects' museum** has been created in **Coimbatore** (TN agricultural University) - digitize the museum
3. **Nanotechnology Centre** is established at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
4. **Millet cafes** will be set up **one each** in **every District Collector's office** and in **Mathi-Poomalai complex** to promote consumption of millet products produced by **SHGs**.
5. Selling of honey under '**MATHI**' brand.
6. Special committee under the Chairmanship of the **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests** to review and provide solution for crop damage caused by wild animals
7. **Tamil Nadu Food Processing and Agri Export Promotion Corporation**, (TN-ApEx) has been formed
8. The **Agro Industrial corridor** in the **Cauvery delta Zone** in the area between Tiruchirappalli and Nagapattinam
9. **Regional Startup Hub** will be created in **Thanjavur** by the **TANSIM** to promote agrotechnological innovations in Cauvery Delta Region.
10. **Integrated Micro Irrigation system** in **Lower Bhavani** in **Erode**.
11. Introducing a system of **e-Negotiable Warehouse Receipt**.
12. **One Agricultural Scientist** at **Block level** to provide information to farmers.

KEY FACTS ON AGRICULTURE BUDGET

First state to enact agriculture budget in India – Karnataka

	STATE	YEAR	PRESENTED BY	PARTY
1.	Karnataka	2011-12	BS Yeddyurappa	BJP
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2013-14	Kanna Laxminarayana	BJP
3.	Tamilnadu	2022-2023	MRK Pannerselvam	DMK