

# Tamil Nadu Budget 2025-26: Key Highlights

## 1. Revenue and Expenditure

- **Total revenue receipts:** ₹3,31,569 crore
- **State's own revenues:** 75.3% of total revenue
- **Total expenditure:** ₹4,39,000 crore (11.7% increase from last year)

## 2. Infrastructure Development

- **Global City Near Chennai:** A 2,000-acre satellite city planned to attract global investments.
- **Metro Rail Expansion:**
  - **Kilambakkam-Airport extension:** ₹9,335 crore
  - **Koyambedu-Avadi-Pattabiram expansion:** ₹9,744 crore
  - **Poonamallee-Sriperumbudur project:** ₹8,779 crore (awaiting Union government approval)

## 3. Social Welfare

- **Support for Gig Workers:**
  - ₹20,000 subsidy for 2,000 registered gig workers to buy e-scooters.
  - Insurance scheme covering 1.5 lakh gig workers.
- **Women's Welfare:**
  - Continued funding for the fare-free bus travel scheme for women.

## 4. Education and Skill Development

- **School Education:**
  - ₹46,767 crore allocated to the School Education Department.
  - Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme expanded to government-aided schools, benefiting an additional 3 lakh students (₹600 crore allocation).
- **Higher Education:**
  - ₹500 crore allocated over five years to elevate Anna University into the world's top 150 universities.

## 5. Healthcare

- **Cancer Care:**
  - Anna Cancer Hospital in Kancheepuram (800 beds) to be upgraded.

- **Vaccination Initiatives:**

- HPV vaccines for 14-year-old girls to prevent cervical cancer.

## **6. Transportation**

- **Public Transport Enhancements:**

- 1,125 new electric buses for Chennai and other major cities.
- 700 diesel buses to be converted into CNG buses.

## **7. Tourism Development**

- **Major Tourism Projects:**

- ₹300 crore allocated to enhance tourism facilities in Mamallapuram, Tiruvannamalai, Rameswaram, and Thiruchendur.

## **8. Controversy**

- The budget documents replaced the official Indian Rupee symbol (₹) with the Tamil letter "Ru," sparking political debates.
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