



ABSTRACT

Environment, Climate Change – Budget Announcement 2022-2023 - Setting up of District Climate Change Mission in all Districts of Tamil Nadu – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (EC.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.120

Dated: 11.07.2022

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு -2053

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms). No.54, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (EC.2) Department, Dated 23.03.2022.
2. From the Director, Department Environment and Climate Change Letter No.P4/665/2022, Dated 26.05.2022.

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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, Government have issued orders constituting the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, a first of its kind initiative with a vision to make Tamil Nadu a climate smart state.

2. The Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Youth Welfare and Sports Development made an announcement on the floor of the Assembly on 25.04.2022 as below:-

"Climate Change Mission shall be set up in Tamil Nadu at the District Level"

Combating and mitigating the impact of climate change is a major concern for a coastal State like Tamil Nadu. As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the Budget Speech for the year 2021-2022, Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission will be launched to focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation activities with a total outlay of Rs.500 crores.

Government has decided to set up District Climate Change Missions to strengthen the climate response of Government of Tamil Nadu at the grass roots level.

In accordance with the above objective, District Climate Change Mission shall be set up in every District in Tamil Nadu. The District Collector shall be the Chairman of the District Climate Change Mission. The District Forest Officer shall be the District Climate Officer. Government has decided to allocate an amount of Rs.3.80 crores towards District level mission activities.

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3. Objectives of the District Climate Change Mission (DCCM):

- 1) District Climate Change Mission shall work with all Departments at the District level in line with the State Action Plan.
- 2) District Climate Change Mission shall deliver information on mitigating negative effects of climate change, monitor and report on performance against environmental targets.
- 3) District Climate Change Mission shall communicate climate change and environmental issues to internal and external stakeholders. They will be responsible for the development, planning and implementation of the District climate change priorities.
- 4) District Climate Change Mission shall closely associate itself with the Project Management Unit of the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC).
- 5) District Climate Change Mission shall coordinate with the activities of the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission in developing Climate Smart Villages, Climate Resilient Green Temples, Green Schools, Creation of Bioshield, Blue Flag Beach, Sustainable Habitat, Carbon enrichment programme and Waste to energy power generation.
- 6) District Climate Change Mission shall Conduct District Stakeholder workshops on integrating Climate Change adaptation and mitigation at the grass roots level to enhance development planning.

3.1. Strategies:

- a. District Climate Change Mission shall apply a climate lens to every project that is implemented in the District. Identify the relevance of climate change to a policy, programme, plan or project.
- b. Incorporate the local level climate data in all schemes, programmes.
- c. Plan and coordinate short and long-term response to impact of Climate Change, as well as implement adaptation and mitigation measures.
- d. Adopt traditional indigenous knowledge and the local appropriate nature-based solutions with technological interventions and scientific based evidence.
- e. Integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation into development planning of the District.
- f. Undertake capacity building and improve institutional capacities.
- g. Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for climate action projects.
- h. Documentation and learning experiences.

3.2. Organisational set up of District Climate Change Mission:

- The District Collector shall be the Chairman of the District Climate Change Mission and the District Forest Officer shall be designated as District Climate Officer for District under their jurisdiction.

- District Climate Change Mission will be formed in 38 Districts of Tamil Nadu with one Technical field staff appointed on a short contract at the District to coordinate and design a calendar of events pertaining to capacity building and training and also to document the success stories from the programme.
- Green Fellows appointed at the District Level under the Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme will act to disseminate information and ideas between the Project Management Unit of the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC) which monitors the activities of Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, Green Tamil Nadu Mission and Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission at State level and the District Climate Mission at District level.

3.3. Role of a District Collector as the Chairperson of the District Climate Change Mission:

The Chairperson of the District Climate Change Mission shall setup a District Project Management Unit in the District involving Green fellows and other local institutions, agencies etc. shall involve various stake holders viz, departments, agencies, institutions and NGOs in the adaptation and mitigation activities.

3.4. Role of the District Forest Officer as the District Climate Officer:

The primary responsibility of the District Climate Officer will be to work on the development and implementation of the District Climate adaptation and mitigation plan. Additionally, the Climate Officer will contribute to the development and implementation of District operational and institutional changes that will lead to operational savings and reduced vulnerability to climate change impact. The Climate Officer will also be responsible for broader capacity-building and knowledge-sharing activities and deliverables, as required.

3.5. Functions of the District Climate Change Mission:

1. Creating strong policy support for climate change, cutting across all sectors of governance.
2. Devise strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, bench marking of industries to move towards green manufacturing.
3. Promote eco-friendly technologies towards a sustainable future e.g., solar and wind harvesting technologies, biodegradable packaging, e-vehicles.
4. Use proven climate change science & technologies to create evidence based green models for emulation and adaptation.
5. Educate and empower local communities in management of climate change at district level.
6. Promote successful climate change adaptation and mitigation models at District level.
7. Build standards for energy efficient infrastructure to save precious energy and reduce energy consumption.
8. Create practical models for green mobility to reduce emissions.

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9. Create State-of-the-Art monitoring mechanism for better compliance of Environmental Standards through transparent and credible systems.
10. Conserve and preserve natural resources and promote their sustainable use.
11. Creating a framework to bring synergy among the line Departments for environment protection.
12. Creating a platform for integration of knowledge and experience of International, National and State agencies through collaboration and partnership.
13. Developing a framework for capacity building of various stakeholders (Line Departments, Institution/Universities, Researchers, Experts, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)) on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

3.6. Deliverables:

- Prepare District level Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Plan
- Create awareness on negative effects of climate change and its mitigation and adaptation measures.
- Capacity building programmes for District functionaries
- Provide inputs on low-carbon, climate-resilient development strategies and plans, review of sectoral plans and ensuring consistency with climate policy of the State Government.
- Act as a technological intervention centre and promote ideas to support line departments at district level.
- Conduct staff awareness/training and behavioral change programmes, along with developing and supporting delivery against a Carbon Reduction Action Plan, including green energy promotion.
- Strengthen 'Meendum Manjapai' campaign against the use of Single Use Plastic.
- Create a grass roots climate literacy programme.
- Strengthen Climate Smart Villages.
- Create bio-shields in coastal areas.
- Move towards green mobility initiatives etc.

District Climate Change Mission will function under the overall supervision of the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission and Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC) focusing on climate change adaptation and mitigation activities with a total outlay of Rs.3.80 crores through funding from Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

4. The Government after careful examination, constitutes District Climate Change Missions in all Districts of Tamil Nadu and also direct that :-

- I. The District Collector shall be the Mission Director of the District Climate Change Mission.
- II. The District Forest Officer shall be the District Climate Officer for districts under their jurisdiction.

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- III. The sanction is accorded for an amount of Rs.3.80 crore for 38 Districts (each District Rs.10.00 Lakh) from Environment Management Agency of Tamil Nadu (EMAT) for the following expenditure :-

S.No.	Budget Break-up for each district	Rs. (In lakhs)
1.	Conducting training programmes, (6 programmes) One Programme Rs.50,000 x 6	3.00
2.	Capacity Building workshops (6 programmes) One Programme Rs.50,000 x 6	3.00
3.	Technical/ Field Staff monthly salary of Rs.20,000/- per month x 12 months (on contract)	2.40
4.	Infrastructure, Documentation, Contingencies and other charges	1.60
	Total amount for each district	10.00
	38 Districts x 10 lakhs	380.00

- IV. District Collectors are permitted to open a Savings Bank account in the name of "District Climate Change Mission" for carrying out the activities under Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, subject to condition that ;

- A Savings Bank account shall be opened in a Nationalized Bank only.
- The Savings Bank account shall be used only for implementation of schemes sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

5. This order issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2368/PS/P/2022, dated 12.06.2022.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To:

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The Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai-32.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Finance Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.
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Energy Department, Secretariat, Chennai -9.
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Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Secretariat, Chennai -9.
The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
The Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai-5.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai-15.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15.
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Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, Chennai-15
The Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-9.

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