

**Press Release**  
**Submission of Draft Policies and Study Reports prepared by State Planning  
Commission to the Honourable Chief Minister**

Today, on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the Executive Vice Chairman Dr J Jayaranjan, State Planning Commission submitted Draft Policies and Reports drafted by the State Planning Commission to the Thiru M.K. Stalin Honourable Chief Minister and the Chairman of the State Planning Commission at the Secretariat in the presence of Thiru. Udayanidhi Stalin, Deputy Chief Minister/ Ex-officio Vice Chairman, SPC, Thiru. N.Muruganandam IAS, Chief Secretary Govt of Tamil Nadu and Thiru. Ramesh Chand Meena IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Planning and Development, Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Reports submitted today by the Executive Vice Chairman, Dr J Jeyaranjan SPC to Honourable Chief Minister includes Four Draft Policies and Five Reports/Studies on various themes. The Draft Policies include (1) Policy for sustainable land use, (2) Tamil Nadu Employment Policy 2023, (3) Tamil Nadu State Water Policy and the (4) Community Dog Management and Regulation Policy. The reports submitted includes assessments of the flagship schemes of the State Government such as (1) The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme in Tamil Nadu : Impact on Children in Primary Classes in Government Schools (interim Report), (2) Benefits of Pudumai Penn Scheme , (3) Ennum Ezhuthum Scheme and the studies such as (4) Urban Heat Island – Hotspot Analysis and Mitigation Strategies for Tamil Nadu and (5) Opportunities for District Cooling System in Tamil Nadu

The State Planning Commission (SPC), Government of Tamil Nadu is an apex advisory body Chaired by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The State Planning Commission is mandated, among many tasks, to evaluate the flagship programmes of the government, to conduct studies and to prepare policy drafts for the government.

A brief outline of the reports submitted to the Honourable Chief Minister is provided below:

## **I Policies:**

### **1. Sustainable Land Use Policy (SLUP) for Tamil Nadu (draft)**

The draft Sustainable Land Use Policy (SLUP) for Tamil Nadu aims to address urbanization, environmental conservation, and economic development by aligning land use with long-term sustainability goals. It proposes zoning land into Development, Conservation, Agricultural, and Transition zones to optimize urban growth, protect ecosystems, support agriculture, and regulate development. The policy emphasizes coordinated spatial planning, sustainable practices in resource management, and alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through

periodic reviews and stakeholder input, SLUP seeks to promote responsible land use, sustainability, and improved socio-economic outcomes for the state.

## **2. Tamil Nadu Employment Policy, 2023**

The Policy addresses several pressing concerns in the current labour market. Among these are high unemployment rates among educated youth and a noticeable mismatch between education, skills, aspirations, and job opportunities. Further, the Policy outlined various measures in formulating appropriate solutions. A 10-year strategy for productive jobs and inclusive growth is crucial to raise the median income level and support the fast-paced growth of the economy.

## **3. Draft Tamil Nadu State Water Policy**

The draft Tamil Nadu State Water Policy, developed with a multi-disciplinary approach, focuses on addressing the state's specific challenges in water management. It outlines strategies to ensure equitable access to clean water, protect and enhance water resources, and promote efficient and productive water use. The policy also recommends the establishment of Tamil Nadu Water Resources Authority, Water Policy Research Centre, and a unified Tamil Nadu Water Information System, among other initiatives.

## **4. Draft Community Dog Management and Regulation Policy**

The policy takes a holistic approach to managing community dogs. It recommends sustainable measures such as humane sterilization, organized vaccination drives, and the creation of shelters for abandoned and surrendered dogs. It also includes rules for pet registration, reporting dog bites, and regulating commercial dog breeding. The policy aims to promote public health and safety while fostering peaceful coexistence between humans and dogs.

## **II Evaluation Studies / Study Reports:**

### **1. Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme in Tamil Nadu: Impact on Children in Primary Classes in Government Schools: Interim Report (Second Phase)**

An ongoing study, this second phase report presents a comparison between the follow-up-2 assessment conducted in June 2024 and the baseline study conducted in December 2023 on the academic and physical activity impacts on children after the introduction of the Scheme. The report also incorporates assessment of newly enrolled students for the current academic year.

### **2. Evaluation of Pudhumai Penn Scheme**

This study aims to assess the implementation process, its challenges, awareness levels among students, utilization patterns of scheme assistance, and socio-economic implications of the Pudhumai Penn scheme among college students and their families. The scheme has enabled an increase in enrolment of girl students particularly among vulnerable social groups.

### 3. Evaluating Ennum Ezhuthum

This evaluation study critically examines the 'Ennum Ezhuthum' initiative, designed to enhance primary education quality. By gathering data as well as conducting interviews with teacher educators, the research assesses the program's effectiveness. This study provides a foundation for a comprehensive review of 'Ennum Ezhuthum,' aiming to refine its implementation and enhance educational outcomes for every child.

### 4. Urban Heat Island - Hotspot Analysis and Mitigation Strategies for Tamil Nadu

This report provides detailed assessment of the Urban Heat Island Effects by mapping of heat zones across Tamil Nadu to identify hot spots and understand rising temperatures due to urbanization and climate change. It gives essential insights into urban heat risks and potential mitigation strategies tailored to Tamil Nadu emphasizing resilient urban planning.

### 5. Opportunities for District Cooling System

Tamil Nadu faces an increased number of heat stress days, notably from March to August, with a rising trend in heatwaves. Thermal comfort and access to cooling, at the household level and for occupations exposed to heat is a necessity. DCS report aims to help investors and providers of cooling solutions with appropriate business models and financial models. The report recommends policy and regulatory support for implementation of District Cooling System in Tamil Nadu. The State Action Plan is framed for promotion of DCS with short, medium and long term strategies and roles of Government Departments for facilitating development of DCS projects.

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