

**Press Release**

Vice Chairman, Dr J Jeyarajan, State Planning Commission inaugurated the Centre for Innovation in Governance at the State Planning Commission on 06.08.2024 in the presence of the Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development, Prof. R. Srinivasan, Full Time Member, Prof. M. Vijayabaskar, Additional Full Time Member, Tmt. S.Sudha IFS Member Secretary, Members Dr.N.Ezhilan, MLA, Thiru. K.Deenabandhu IAS (retd), Dr J.Amalorpavanathan, Dr.G.Sivaraman, Dr. Narthaki Nataraj, and the officials of the State Planning Commission.

He also launched the revamped website of the State Planning Commission ([www.spc.tn.gov.in](http://www.spc.tn.gov.in)), along with the new websites for Tamil Nadu Land Use Research Board ([www.tnslurb.tn.gov.in](http://www.tnslurb.tn.gov.in)) and Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative ([www.tanii.tn.gov.in](http://www.tanii.tn.gov.in)) in the presence of the august gathering.

A first of its kind initiative in the country, the Centre for Innovation in Governance established by Government of Tamil Nadu under State Planning Commission aims to foster an innovative ecosystem in governance in the state. The Centre will provide support to government departments and district administrations in piloting innovative projects and building capacity in various technologies that would augment effective governance in the state. The Centre's core activities include identifying problem statements, piloting innovative projects, and evaluating their effectiveness.

The centre will support eligible agencies in identifying innovations for funding under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives Scheme (TANII). Since its inception in 2015-16, the State Planning Commission through the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) has recommended more than 400 innovative projects to a tune of 800 crores.

The Centre aims to establish a collaborative platform where industry, academia, government, and innovators can jointly develop solutions, which would augment public governance in the state. The Centre will study best practices adopted in various states across the country and around the globe to explore their potential application in Tamil Nadu. The Centre's efforts also extend to documenting and evaluating the outcomes of innovative interventions implemented within the various government sectors in the state.

The Centre plans to conduct a 'GovTech' workshop themed on the applications of emerging technology in governance, a design thinking workshop on social innovation for district administrators, and tech-based hackathons etc across the state in the upcoming months.

**Member Secretary  
State Planning Commission**

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