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TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES "TAMIL NADU COASTAL RESTORATION MISSION"

Government of Tamil Nadu on Wednesday issued orders for the launch of the Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission which is the fourth mission mode project of the Government after Climate Change Mission, Green Tamil Nadu Mission & Wetland Mission. An announcement to this effect was made by the Minister for Finance and Human Resource Management in the Budget Speech during 2023-2024.

The mission focused on 14 Coastal Districts in Tamil Nadu covering 1076 Kilometres shall be implemented with assistance of World Bank for a period of 5 years. The project outlines 4 key thematic areas including enhancement of Coastal Biodiversity, Coastal protection, improving livelihoods of the Coastal communities and Pollution Control in Coastal areas. The project envisages setting up the first ever Tamil Nadu Blue Carbon Agency to harness the potential of Blue Economy. The Tamil Nadu "Blue Carbon Agency" will undertake restoration of Mangroves, Corals and Salt Marshes. Kariyachalli Island in Gulf of Mannar has been taken up under the project for restoration of Corals. The project will also undertake following initiatives.

1. Biodiversity Conservation Park at Kadambur, Chengalpattu District
2. Sea Turtle Conservation Centre at Nagapattinam and Chennai
3. International Dugong Conservation Centre at Manora, Thanjavur District
4. Coastal Wetlands (including Pallikaranai) Conservation and Restoration

A significant emphasis has been laid on protection of Coastal Biodiversity under this initiative. Government has planned to take up certification of 11 Beaches as Blue Flag Beaches. It has also been planned to engage youth from Coastal communities in setting up Plastic Waste Management facilities, removal of (Abandoned, Lost & Discarded Fishing Gears (ALDFG)) and initiatives towards circular economy solutions towards

pollution abatement including Identifying plastic waste hotspots and installing capture booms in high-pollution areas along river and coastal ecosystems.

Investing in river systems to prevent marine pollution by establishing Material Collection Facilities (MCF) and Material Recycling Facilities (MRF) for proper segregation and storage of plastic waste and creating a digital waste exchange platform to connect collection facilities, promoting upcycling and reuse of materials for effective plastic waste management. Developing climate-smart coastal villages by integrating sustainable practices like resilient housing, eco-friendly infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy sources, and community engagement through awareness programs and skill-building initiatives, shall be taken under the project.

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