

Hon'ble Chief Minister of TamilNadu
Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami speech in United Kingdom Parliament
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Hon'ble Members of Parliament and other dignitaries,

Good evening one and all !

Tamil Nadu is a front runner among Indian States in various health indicators.

Our policy interventions, introduction of several novel schemes and increased funding played an important role in the State's improved health outcomes.

Tamil Nadu has already achieved the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) set by the United Nations and it is poised to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the Health Sector, ahead of 2030.

My Government is implementing a massive Insurance scheme for 15.8 million families at an annual cost of 140 million US Dollars for giving free medical treatment which includes 1,027 medical procedures.

My Government is implementing a number of health programmes focusing on women and children. Primary health centres provide 24 hours delivery care services and Tamil Nadu is one of the few states in India, where institutional delivery is almost 100 per cent.

Tamil Nadu has the highest per capita availability of doctors and qualified health care professionals in India. The doctors and nurses from Tamil Nadu contribute immensely to NHS.

We have learnt the expertise available in UK and will be upgrading our health care delivery systems to better standards.

Tamil Nadu, with its vast industrial base, hosting 18% of the country's institutions of higher learning and quality of living, is the best investment destination in India, today.

Frost & Sullivan published a ranking of Indian States in 2018, in which, Tamil Nadu stood second in overall performance and ranked first in investment potential.

Further, the Public Affairs Index 2018, published by the Public Affairs Centre, recognized Tamil Nadu as the second best governed state in the country.

"India Today" Magazine, in its "State of the States ranking 2018", placed Tamil Nadu in the number one position in the overall performance category, maintenance of Law and Order and in Tourism.

The Global Investors Meet, 2019 hosted by my Government attracted investors from all over the world, particularly from countries like Japan, South

Korea, Taiwan, France, USA, Germany and Finland in which 304 MoU's were signed, amounting to more than 43 billion US Dollars.

The State's major exports include automobiles and auto-parts, textiles, leather products and electronic goods. 45% of India's automobile exports, 34% of India's automobile component exports, and 16% of India's electronic exports are from Tamil Nadu.

To take Tamil Nadu to the next level, we have taken many steps like:

- A state supported "Alternative Investment Fund" which will facilitate investment by global investors, in the area of economic infrastructure.
- A Social Impact Fund (with seed capital from the State, World Bank and Asian Development Bank) to fund affordable housing for the lower income groups and vulnerable sections of society.
- A bio technology fund to help promote this sunrise industry in India.
- These funds are managed by an independent Fund Manager, where the State has a minority equity holding, to ensure its independence and professionalism.
- We look forward to working with you to create a new paradigm for funding green energy, water, urban infrastructure and affordable housing.

Thank you!

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