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## I POLICY ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIP DISCUSSIONS

### 1. Workshop of Industry Round Table Discussion on Establishing Childcare Centres to Improve Female Labour Force Participation

The Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission, with support from United Nation Development Programme India and Tamil Nadu Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC), hosted an Industry roundtable on 'Establishing Childcare Centres in Tamil Nadu', facilitating Industry-Government dialogue to explore Public – Private Partnership (PPP) avenues in setting up Childcare Centres to increase the Female Labour Force Participation. The event was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Key Government Agencies— Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Department of Social Welfare & Women Empowerment; TN Women Employment and Safety (TNWESAFE), Department of Special Program Implementation; State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT); Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI); The Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA); Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (TANSIDCO) and 10+ sector-specific associations and Industry representatives joined hands with leading Industry Associations and chambers to explore actionable strategies for improving women's workforce participation, with a strong focus on accessible and affordable childcare.

### Major Outcomes

Adoption of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model for promoting Childcare Centres in Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Palna and Anbukudil. Key Industrial associations, including the SICCI, MCCI and TANSTIA, will enter into a PPP with the Government. Comprehensive childcare demand Study across Tamil Nadu in partnership with UNDP to be taken up for mapping needs and gaps in childcare support within industrial zones and documentation of Best Practices from existing childcare models in Tamil Nadu and across India. With an expectation to guide policy formulation for replication of best models and quality improvement initiatives in the existing Childcare Centres.

### Next Steps : ➤

1. Follow up with Industry Associations on their commitment to pilot the implementation of Childcare Centres under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in their respective industrial areas.
2. Coordinate with the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment on adopting the PPP model for promoting Childcare Centres in Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Palna and Anbukudil along with the Industry partners of SICCI, TANSTIA and MCCI

### 2. Exposure visit to the Childcare Centres operated by the Ambattur Industrial Estate

As a follow-up to the Industry Round Table on "Establishing Childcare Centres in Tamil Nadu" and as part of documenting Best Practices from across the State, the SDGCC, along with representatives from ICDS and TN WESAFE, undertook two exposure visits in May 2025.

- 1 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Visit to the Childcare Centre operated by the Ambattur Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (AIEMA).
- 2 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Visit to the Childcare Centre operated by Saint-Gobain Private Limited.

These two models present distinct approaches to workplace childcare management.

#### AIEMA Common Creche – Ambattur Industrial Estate

Operating for over 20 years, the AIEMA Common Creche serves as a shared facility for employees working within the Industrial Estate. Catering to around 85 children aged 6 months to 6 years, the Centre Provides:



The facility is strategically located alongside the estate's administrative office, enabling easy drop-off and pick-up for parents. With well-trained staff, strict adherence to safety protocols and clear operational guidelines, it stands as a robust example of a community-driven childcare model within an Industrial Cluster.



### Saint-Gobain Workplace Childcare Model

Situated within the company's premises, Saint-Gobain's Childcare Centre is managed by Kids, Learning And You (KLAY) Play School. It caters to children aged 6 months to 6 years, providing activity-based learning and supervision. While the centre focuses on engagement and developmental activities, it does not provide meals or additional care services, as these are managed directly by the parents.

### Next Steps: ➤

Documenting the Best Practices from Childcare Centres to facilitate adoption in other industrial locations.

### 3. Event on Launch of the CGIAR Climate Action Science Programme in Tamil Nadu

The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) organised the CGIAR Climate Action Programme launch event on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025, focusing on the potential collaboration with various State Government Institutes, including Government Departments. SDGCC participated in the event, vying for the collaboration with IWMI to work on action plans related to exigent indicators in SDG India Index – 4.0 (2023-24). Particularly, Tamil Nadu showed an increase in the use of Nitrogenous Fertiliser, currently stands at 59.84% and an increase in desertification (3.63%). Key takeaways from the event include strategies to strengthen the food-water-energy nexus and also the importance of launching the CGIAR Climate Action Programme, which would help food systems adapt to various climate vagaries and offer farm-level adaptation strategies to overcome risks of climate change.

### Next Steps: ➤

SDGCC is exploring the opportunities to leverage the scientific strength of IWMI on promoting strategies related to minimising the use of 'N' fertiliser in Tamil Nadu and curtailing the growth of desertification.





#### 4. Non-Fare Box Revenue for Transportation

An all-Managing Director's, State Transport Undertakings (STUs) meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) was organised on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The major objective of the meeting is to highlight the various innovations that STUs can bring about to generate additional revenue for the Transport Sector. As part of this, SDGCC was invited to present the alternative revenue mechanism for improving the operational sustainability of Public Transport in Tamil Nadu. The Development Goals Specialist, Sustainable Transport and Mobility highlighted the Best Practices particularly the global case studies highlighting the advertising potential and opportunities for our STUs.

Few Strategies were recommended by the SDGCC during the meeting for consideration of Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Transport Department.



#### Next Steps : ➤

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Transport Department directed for the early implementation of a common tendering process for advertising—such as on ads on paper rolls (tickets), installation of telecom towers in the bus depots, audio advertisements in city buses, digital displays inside buses, seat-back advertising and panels at entry/exit points.

#### 5. Leveraging a partnership with EV Taskforce

As an outcome of the Policy Round Table of "Energy Transition and Industrial Development", held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. TN EV Taskforce to collaborate with SDGCC vide on Initiatives such as E-vehicle promotion in rural areas, Skill gap and other energy-efficient models to be leveraged for promoting sustainable transport in Tamil Nadu.

#### Next Steps : ➤

A meeting will be held with the Head of, EV Task Force to discuss the next action plans and concept notes to be drafted and implemented.



● ● ● Policy Roadmap on "Energy Transition and Industrial Development"  
● ● ● Action Plan for EV Task Force  
17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Outcomes

MSME, in association with WRI, India has proposed to conduct the Study on the Assessment of Skill Gap in Tamil Nadu.

#### 6. Strengthening first and last-mile connectivity in Tamil Nadu

The Centre for Public Policy and Research (CPPR) a Kochi-based policy Think Tank, approached SDGCC to formally prepare a study framework to understand the needs of rural villages. The first meeting in this regard was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. It was agreed that SDGCC will provide technical input to come up with a framework that will help CPPR to conduct a study in select rural areas (Tamil Nadu) and understand the challenges faced by people regarding first and last-mile connectivity.

The outcomes of the study will be shared with the relevant stakeholders for formulating/initiating appropriate policy measures.

To start with, SDGCC undertook a field visit to Thirumullaivoyal, Chennai, to conduct a key informant survey and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to understand the mobility pattern of the residents. The findings reveal that most residents own private vehicles, owing to convenience and comfort. Residents expressed that there are adequate public buses available, let alone the increasing number of shared mobility options. However, they choose to commute using their vehicles owing to a lack of last-mile connectivity. In order to reach the nearest bus stop, they were informed that they must walk for at least a few minutes. Therefore, to save walking time, the use of private vehicles is showing an increasing trend. It can be summarised that until the issues surrounding last-mile connectivity are addressed, it is very unlikely for commuters to use public transport. Hence, the policies and interventions in transport may focus on ensuring first and last mile connectivity to encourage people to use public transport at large. Additionally, the use of private vehicles can be minimised, resulting in less congestion.



## 7. Implementation of the Outcomes Safe Bus Stop Study of Greater Chennai Corporation

Implementation of Safe Bus Stops by the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC). GCC conducted this in 2024. SDGCC was also a major technical partner and extended its support throughout the study period. Based on the study outcomes as prepared by GCC most bus shelters are renovated and are well-lit ensuring the safety and security of women accessing these bus stops throughout the day and night.

Bus Shelters are being lit up by GCC. It's a Gender Lab initiative  
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## DATA ANALYTICS, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

### 1. State Indicator Framework (SIF) – 2.0

The fifth High Power Committee (HPC) meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Secretariat, to review the State Indicator Framework (SIF) – 2.0. The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary to the Government. The Executive Vice Chairman, State Planning Commission (SPC) as Co-Chairman High Power Committee (HPC), participated in the meeting. The Planning and Development Department has developed a robust SIF-2.0 framework by collaborating with the State Planning Commission (SPC), Department of Economics and Statistics (DoES) and the Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC)- UNDP.

At the outset, the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Planning and Development Department set the context by outlining the methodology and framework adopted for developing the State Indicator Framework (SIF)- 2.0. Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Planning and Development Department had further briefed on the details of working group meetings conducted by the respective Chairman of the Working Group to review the indicators and consider the suggestions and remarks for finalising SIF-2.0. The Departments were asked to review SIF-2.0 indicators in line with their relevance to Departments and suggest launching them in the ensuing days.

## 1. Workshop on PM e-DRIVE Scheme

The Transport Department, the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC), in collaboration with Guidance, organised a one-day workshop on the implementation of the "PM e-DRIVE scheme and EV charging infrastructure: An Overview and Implementation Strategies in Tamil Nadu. The discussion hovers around the roles of different agencies and departments in the implementation of the PM e-DRIVE and discusses the roles of different agencies and departments and how to improve the EV charging stations to enable the public to buy EVs in the ensuing days.



## 2. In-service training for Indian Diplomats

SDGCC presented the current performance of Tamil Nadu on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the officials of various capacities as part of the capacity-building programmes organised by the Planning and Development Department. The details of the target group are as follows:

S.No.	Target Group	Date
1.	Orientation to Public Policy Management Course (CPPM) candidate	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
2.	Mid-career orientation for Indian Forest Services officers	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
3.	Section Officers of the Secretariat deputed for Accounts Training	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
4.	Training program of IAS Probationers of the 2024 batch and Thiru. Dhawlendu, IAS (2020 batch)	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
5.	Mid-career orientation for Indian Foreign Service 2010 batch officers	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025



### 3. Online Meeting UNEP-IGEN Energathon, 2025

SDGCC attended an Online Meeting of "UNEP-IGEN Energathon, 2025", conducted by the Institution of Green Engineers (IGE). It was discussed during the meeting on the importance of peace, energy and other important things, public health, youth leadership, energy-conscious life and ambassadors of energy. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Energathon, which is recognised globally. A total of 25 Academic partners, 25 Development Organisations and 25 Countries are certified by the Asia Book of Records and the World Book of Records. SDGCC presented the current activities promoted to ensure localisation of SDGs and mainstreaming SDGs into Departments and assessing various schemes and programmes of the Government and aligning them with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



#### Next Steps : ➤

SDGCC will promote its Youth Club in various Colleges by collaborating with Institution of Green Engineers.

### 4. Symposium on SDGs

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, Dr MGR University organised a symposium on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aimed at orienting UG and PG engineering students about the importance of SDGs and sensitising them to undertake projects on SDGs. The SDGCC team represented the symposium and delivered a lecture on SDGs. During the programme, students demonstrated their present SDG projects that they have been working on.

#### Next Steps : ➤

SDGCC may work with such Colleges and Universities to promote SDG clubs.



## Internship with SDGCC

SDGCC is offering an Internship to scholars of both UG and PG. SDGCC guided more than 25 students from various Universities and Colleges, such as Loyola College of Arts and Science, Presidency College, Women's Christian College, National Institute of Technology Calicut and Gujarat National Law University, etc., across the Country.

The activities of interns broadly cover themes such as monitoring and evaluation, the Output Outcome Monitoring Framework (OOMF), Urban Planning and Development.



States are focusing on integrating the budget with SDGs. Many States in India are now developing a framework. Aligning budgetary allocation of States with SDGs helps Departments better plan and apportion the budget to enhance the SDG-aligned budget spending. In this process, the entire schemes implemented by Government Departments are mapped with Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets.

Also, while mapping, though one scheme may contribute to improving the performance of multiple Goals, the budget mapping of a particular scheme with a Goal is carried out keeping in view the major Goal of benefiting from the implementation of the scheme. The key benefits include.

Ensures Government spending is linked to National priorities and the SDGs, preventing fragmented or conflicting programs.



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Budget tagging and monitoring provide data on what works, enabling better allocation in future cycles



3

Helps identify overlaps, gaps and underfunded areas in development programs.

4



Citizens and oversight bodies can track how much is being spent toward each SDG target

SDG-linked budgets can appeal to development partners, investors and climate funds seeking measurable impact.



5

Enables Governments to measure spending outcomes against SDG indicators, supporting progress reporting.

Encourages collaboration between Ministries, Departments and Agencies to address interconnected Goals.



6

Moves budget planning beyond short-term political cycles, embedding global commitments into fiscal frameworks.

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