



## **ABSTRACT**

Vision Tamil Nadu, 2023 – Making Tamil Nadu as the “Innovation Hub of India” – Establishment of Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives and setting up of the State Innovation Fund – Institution of “Chief Minister’s Award for Innovation” – Orders – Issued.

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**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES (SP.1) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O. (MS) No. 93**

**Dated: 26.09.2014.  
Jaya, Purattasi – 10  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2045.**

**Read:**

Announcement of the Hon’ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 in  
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 08.08.2014.

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### **ORDER:**

The Hon’ble Chief Minister made an announcement under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly on 08.08.2014 stating that, “to promote innovation culture in Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) will be established in the State Planning Commission to promote Innovation in Government. Initially, Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) would work within Government and Government agencies to foster innovation. This idea could be eventually extended further to the non-Government sector as well. Prizes will also be instituted and awarded for innovative practices. A State Innovative Fund will be set up for this purpose. New schemes would be financed from the State Innovation Fund, if they are truly innovative in nature. An amount of Rs.150.00 crores will be provided every year to this fund. An award in the name of “Chief Minister’s Award for Innovation” will be instituted for the best innovative initiatives”.

2) Accordingly, after careful consideration and as a follow-up on one of the themes of the “Vision Tamil Nadu 2023” of making Tamil Nadu the “Innovation Hub” of the country and to encourage a culture of innovation in Government and Government agencies, the “Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII)” will be established in the State Planning Commission.

3) The Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) will carry out the following activities:-

- i. The process of innovation would be institutionalized. This would consist of initially identifying a goal to be achieved or a problem to be solved, which requires an innovative initiative. Identification of the right goal or problem is important to ensure that resources are not wasted. Thereafter, competent human resources are applied to the situation to find an appropriate innovative solution and the necessary financial and administrative support would be provided to implement the innovation. The innovation process in itself would be made a learning exercise with transparency about the successes, failures and lessons learnt. Innovations implemented will be showcased and the process repeated with other issues and problems.

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- ii. The innovation process outlined above will be applied to specific difficult problems identified by Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU's) and District Collectors. The State Planning Commission will support this process. Separate detailed guidelines will be issued.
- iii. Innovative practices adopted, whether pre-existing, developed independently or with Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative (TANII) intervention will be studied, their impact evaluated in a rigorous manner and detailed documentation done.
- iv. Awareness building and capacity building programmes would be conducted.

4) A State Innovation Fund will be set up by restructuring the existing Part-II Schemes (New Schemes) from the financial year 2015-2016. The fund will have an initial corpus of Rs.150.00 crores, which is the current level of allocation for Part-II Schemes. New schemes would be financed from the State Innovation Fund, if they are truly innovative in nature. Upto 5 percent from the State Innovation Fund will be utilized for other activities including awards, capacity building, awareness building, evaluation and documentation. The process of sanction and approval of proposals under the State Innovation Fund would follow a process similar to Part-II Schemes. A discussion in this regard will be held in the State Planning Commission after inviting proposals from the Government departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU's) and District Collectors for appraisal and sanction therefor. Detailed guidelines and schedule for submission of proposals, appraisal and discussions will be issued separately.

5) Initially TANII would work within Government and address processes and problems within Government agencies to foster innovation through a variety of promotional activities and funding support to innovative ideas, schemes and programmes in Government agencies. This idea could be eventually extended further to the non-Government sector as well.

6) An award in the name of "Chief Minister's Award for Innovation" will be instituted and awarded for the best innovative initiatives for which detailed guidelines will be issued separately.

7) The expenditure for the State Innovation Fund shall be debited to the following head of the account:

"3475.00 Other General Economic Services – 800. Other Expenditure – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan - II. State Plan – JH. State Innovation Fund – 10. Contributions – 09. Others (DPC Code 3475 00 800 JH 1092)"

8) This order issue with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 53635/ Finance (Public) Department/ 2014, Dated: 26.09.2014.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**S. KRISHNAN  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

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All Head of Departments.  
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26.9.14.

**SECTION OFFICER.**

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