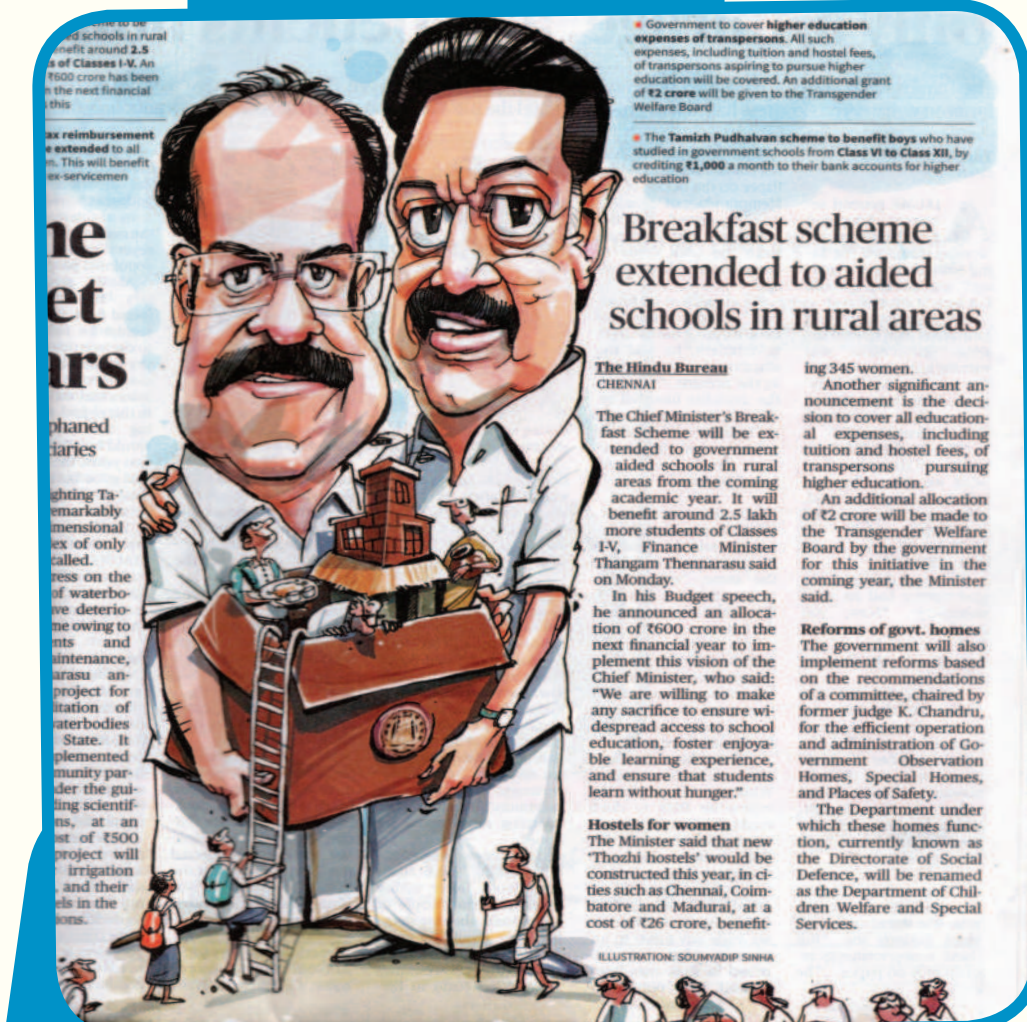




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Breakfast scheme extended to aided schools in rural areas

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The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme will be extended to government aided schools in rural areas from the coming academic year. It will benefit around 2.5 lakh more students of Classes IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, by spending ₹2 crore will be made to the Transgender Welfare Board by the government for this initiative in the coming year, the Minister said.

In his Budget speech, he announced an allocation of ₹600 crore in the next financial year to implement this vision of the Chief Minister, who said: "We are willing to make any sacrifice to ensure widespread access to school education, foster enjoyable learning experience, and ensure that students learn without hunger."

Hostels for women
The Minister said that new 'Thodai hostels' would be constructed this year, in cities such as Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai, at a cost of ₹26 crore, benefiting 345 women.

Another significant announcement is the decision to cover all educational expenses, including tuition and hostel fees, of transpersons pursuing higher education.

An additional allocation of ₹2 crore will be made to the Transgender Welfare Board by the government for this initiative in the coming year, the Minister said.

Reforms of govt. homes
The government will also implement reforms based on the recommendations of a committee, chaired by former Judge K. Chandru, for the efficient operation and administration of Government Observation Homes, Special Homes, and Places of Safety.

The Department under which these homes function, currently known as the Directorate of Social Defence, will be renamed as the Department of Children Welfare and Special Services.



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