ஒரே தவணையில் ஐந்தாயிரம் ரூபாய் கலைஞர் மகளிர் உரிமைத் தொகை!

முதலமைச்சர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலினின் அமோக அறிவிப்பு!

நாட்டோரும், மகளிரும் மட்டுல்ல; நாளேடுகளும் வரவேற்புப் பாராட்டுகின்றன!

THE HINDU

T.N. CM's bonanza: ₹5,000 in accounts of 1.31 crore women

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday announced a bonanza for women in poll-bound Tamil Nadu, crediting ₹5,000 each to the bank accounts of 1.31 crore women family heads who are beneficiaries of the *Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam* (KMUT).

The amount includes ₹1,000 monthly assistance for February, advance disbursal of ₹2,000 for both March and April, and a "special summer aid" of ₹2,000.

Mr. Stalin declared that the monthly grant would be increased to ₹2,000 under the 'Dravidian 2.0' government [if his party is re-elected in the upcoming Assembly elections].

Last month, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami had made a similar promise in the first list of his party's

M.K. Stalin

Assembly election manifesto.

Mr. Stalin justified the decision to advance the monthly grant for three months, alleging there were attempts by some to prevent its disbursal. "But this government has overcome it. This *urimai thogai* (rights grant) was an assurance made by Stalin to the women of Tamil Nadu. I will not step back, irrespective of whoever places obstacles," he said.

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SC seeks CBI status report on Manipur violence cases

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to file a status report detailing whether the agency has compiled sufficient evidence to "bring home the guilt" to persons accused of various heinous offences, including the sexual assault and gang rape of women during the violence that rocked Manipur in May 2023.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said the CBI must share copies of the chargesheets with the victims or their families.

The top court proposed entrusting the monitoring of the progress of the criminal trials to the Chief Justices of the Manipur and Gauhati High Courts.

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DECCAN Chronicle

₹5,000 bonanza in bank accounts for 1.31 cr women

G BABU JAYAKUMAR & D SEKAR | DC
CHENNAI, FEB 13

Women exhibit cash from the ₹5,000 payment made into their accounts today in a surprise govt. move.—*N. Sampath*

Circumventing what he called a conspiracy hatched to deny the monthly assistance of ₹1,000 to poor women under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai scheme in the last three months before the Assembly elections, Chief Minister M K Stalin released ₹5,000 in bulk to each of the beneficiaries – ₹3,000 as assistance for three months and another ₹2,000 as bonus amount for summer.

While the surprise move that saw the amount credited to the accounts of beneficiaries early in the morning of Friday was a delight to the 1.31 crore women, who received the assistance two days before the regular payment date of 15th every month, Stalin made the announcement of increasing the amount to ₹2,000 when the DMK came to power and vowed to never back out of it whatever happened

While the allies of the DMK, including the Congress, welcomed the measure, the Chief Minister urged the women to spend the money judiciously without splurging. Apart from putting out a message on X, he released a video speech explaining the significance of the scheme and how it would affect the beneficiaries if it was suspended for three months.

Allegedly that was a conspiracy by some forces in New Delhi and their minions in the State to approach the court and make other efforts to stop the distribution of assistance citing the coming Assembly elections as the reason. Since he managed to get information of such covert moves, he decided to disburse the money in advance, he said

He said that he was aware of the difficulties that the families would face if they were deprived of the assistance for three months and knew how much their children would suffer. So before they could do it, the State government circumvented it by paying the amount in bulk along with the additional summer allowance, he said. ■ P5

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Ahead of polls, DMK govt credits ₹5,000 each to 1.3cr women beneficiaries

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The DMK govt on Friday sprang a surprise by crediting ₹5,000 each into the bank accounts of 1.31 crore beneficiaries of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam. Chief minister M K Stalin justified the pre-poll move saying the sum was credited as there was an attempt to scuttle the scheme citing election code of conduct.

In an early morning video statement, Stalin said the govt had deposited ₹1,000 monthly entitlement for Feb along with advance payments for March and April. In addition, a special summer assistance of ₹2,000 was credited.

The special summer component entails an additional expenditure of around ₹2,600 crore, while the total outgo for the consolidated payment accounted for an approximate ₹6,550 crore.

> We are receiving information **that a group in Delhi, along with another group in Tamil Nadu** that acts as their slave, is conspiring to halt this scheme for the next three months, citing the election ...
> **M K Stalin, CM**

Stalin said there were attempts to stall the scheme by invoking the model code of conduct ahead of the upcoming assembly election, and that the advance payment was meant to pre-empt such a move.

▶ Will double aid, P 6

Six students among 7 dead in K'taka crash

Bengaluru: An early-morning joy ride ended in tragedy when a speeding SUV was reduced to a mangled heap of metal and shattered glass, snuffing out seven lives — six students, five of them minors, and a bike rider — near Kambalipura Gate in Bengaluru Rural's Hoskote taluk on Friday, **reports Chaithanya Swamy.**

Police said the accident occurred between 4.15am and 4.30am. The group of six was heading towards Devanahalli from Hosakote when, near Kambalipura Gate, the SUV driver allegedly lost control while speeding and rammed into the bike, killing the rider on the spot. After hitting the bike, the SUV rear-ended a moving truck. A senior police officer said the SUV was crushed beyond recognition, with all six occupants found dead inside the vehicle.

▶ Against crash barrier, P 12

தினத் தந்தி DAILY THANTHI வெல்க தமிழ்

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

FRIYAY IN POLL-BOUND TN AS 1.31 CR WOMEN GET ₹5K EACH

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

THE DMK government headed by Chief Minister MK Stalin showered a ₹6,550-crore bonanza on poll-bound Tamil Nadu on Friday by depositing ₹5,000 each in the bank accounts of 1.31 crore women beneficiaries of the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam (KMUT). The payout includes combined advance payment of the monthly honorarium of ₹1,000 each for February, March and April and a special summer package of ₹2,000.

Explaining the reason for the move, the CM, in a video message posted on 'X', said, "I have decided to provide the sum in view of an attempt (by vested interests) to freeze the scheme citing upcoming elections." In order to counter the attempt to prevent women from receiving the monthly financial assistance, "we have made the advance payment", he said. The CM also promised to double the monthly honorarium from ₹1,000 to ₹2,000 if the DMK is voted back to power in the Assembly elections. "This is Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin's promise to my sisters! We shall win together," he said.

In his video message, the CM recalled that when his government assumed office during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic, it not only safeguarded lives but also provided ₹4,000 to protect livelihoods. Despite a severe financial crisis inherited from the previous AIADMK regime and "discrimination" by the union government, the state launched the ₹1,000 monthly entitlement scheme in September 2023, and later expanded it from 1.13 crore to 1.31 crore women beneficiaries.

The CM said the 15th of every month has become an eagerly awaited day for women heads of families who receive the entitlement sum. He noted that other states have started replicating the scheme, but alleged that certain forces in Delhi, along with their allies in TN, were attempting to use the Assembly polls as a pretext to halt the assistance for three months, possibly through legal action.

"As someone in your family, I know how much difficulty you will face if this scheme, which recognised the labour of 1.31 crore women, is stopped for three months. I can feel how much pain you will experience if this amount is stopped during summer when it is difficult to go to work in the heat," he said. P9

₹6,550 CR BONANZA

~₹3,930 cr Advance payment for three months under KMUT	~₹2,620 cr Special summer package
	~₹6,550 cr Total money credited on Friday to 1.31 crore women

Major welfare schemes

- **₹13,807 crore:** Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam
- **₹420 crore:** Pudhumai Penn Thittam
- **₹420 crore:** Tamil Pudhalvan scheme
- **₹600 crore:** Chief Minister's breakfast scheme
- **₹3,600 crore:** Vidiyal Payanam (Free bus for women)

(As per Budget Estimates 2025-26)

இல்லத்தரசிகளுக்கு இன்ப அதிர்ச்சி

கோடைகால நிதி, 3 மாத உரிமைத்தொகை வரவு வைப்பு

1.31 கோடி பேர் கணக்கில் ரூ.5 ஆயிரம்

'புதிய ஆட்சியில் மாதம் ரூ.2 ஆயிரம்' என முதல்-அமைச்சர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அறிவிப்பு

நடிகர்கள் சூர்யா, தனுஷ், விஜய் சேதுபதி உள்ளட

433 பேருக்கு தமிழக அரசின் திரைப்பட விருதுகள்

நிமிர்ந்த நன்னடை நேர்கொண்ட பார்வை

தினமணி

நிலத்தில் யார்க்கும் அஞ்சாத நெறிகள்

1.31 கோடி மகளிரின் வங்கிக் கணக்கில் ரூ.5,000

முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அதிரடி

தினகரன்

3 மாத உரிமை தொகை ரூ.3,000, கோடைக்கால தொகுப்பு ரூ.2000 வரவு வைப்பு

1.31 கோடி மகளிர் வங்கிக்கணக்கில் ரூ.5,000

- முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கொடுத்த இன்ப அதிர்ச்சி
- தேர்தலுக்கு பின் உரிமை தொகை ரூ.2000 ஆக உயர்த்தப்படும் என அறிவிப்பு
- ரூ.6,000 கோடிக்கு மேல் வங்கியில் இருந்து எடுத்த பெண்கள் மகிழ்ச்சி

'பார் தடை ஏற்படுத்தினாலும் பின்வாங்க மாட்டேன்'

தினமலர்

உண்மையின் உரைகல்

1.31 கோடி மகளிருக்கு 'ஜாக்பாட்'

வங்கி கணக்கில் ரூ.5,000 வரவு வைத்து இன்ப அதிர்ச்சி தந்த தமிழக அரசு

இன்று... 22+4 பக்கம் 4 கனவு பக்க இல்லம் சிறுவர் மலர் புத்தகம்