Expansion of TN Government School Breakfast Scheme Deferred to September 22

The Tamil Nadu government rescheduled the expansion launch of the school breakfast scheme to September 22.

A state welfare initiative providing free nutritious breakfast to government primary school students across Tamil Nadu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Tamil Nadu government** deferred the statewide expansion launch of the breakfast scheme to **September 22**.
- The launch was originally scheduled for **September 17**, the birth anniversary of social reformer **Periyar E.V. Ramasamy**.
- The expansion covers **primary schools** across all districts of the state in a phased rollout.
- **Chengalpattu** and **Tiruppur** districts are temporarily exempted due to the **Model Code of Conduct**.
- The Model Code of Conduct is in force due to Assembly bypolls in **Madurantakam** and **Dharapuram** constituencies.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The Mid-Day Meal Scheme was first introduced in India by **Sir A. Theagaraya Chetty** in **1920** in Chennai.

Chief Minister **K. Kamaraj** expanded the Mid-Day Meal Scheme statewide in primary schools in **1956**.

Chief Minister **M.G. Ramachandran** upgraded it into the Nutritious Meal Programme in **1982**.

Chief Minister **M. Karunanidhi** introduced eggs and bananas to the nutritious meal menu in **1989**.

Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** launched the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme on **September 15, 2022**, in **Madurai**.

The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme targets primary school children in **Classes 1 to 5** in government schools.

Tamil Nadu was the first state in India to implement a statewide school breakfast scheme for government primary students.

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First launched in Madurai on Sept 15, 2022, TN's Breakfast Scheme benefits primary school students (Classes 1-5).

Syllabus Relevance: High priority for Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 under Unit 8 and Unit 9 (TN Welfare Schemes and Social History).

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