TN Assembly Introduces Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Higher Education Minister P. Viswanathan introduced the Tamil Nadu Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in the State Legislative Assembly.

It is a legislative amendment aimed at revising the statutory land and endowment fund requirements for establishing private universities in Tamil Nadu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Higher Education Minister **P. Viswanathan** introduced the bill on **September 8, 2026**, during the Assembly Budget session.
- The amendment proposes a reduction in mandatory **land area norms** required for setting up private universities.
- It seeks to lower the statutory **endowment fund** corpus mandated for starting operations.
- The proposed relaxations have sparked debate over potential impact on **educational infrastructure** and quality.
- The bill addresses regulatory frameworks governing private higher education institutions across **Tamil Nadu**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The parent Tamil Nadu Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act was passed in **2019**.

Education was moved from the State List to the **Concurrent List** by the **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1976**.

The **University Grants Commission** (UGC) was established as a statutory body in **1956**.

Article 200 of the Constitution lays down options available to a Governor regarding assent to State Assembly Bills.

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (**TNSCHE**) was established in **1992**.

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TN Private Universities Amendment Bill 2026 proposes relaxing land and endowment fund norms for new private varsities.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2, and 2A exams covering Tamil Nadu state legislation, higher education administration, and statutory bodies.

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