

TN Budget 2026: Scientific Steps to Mitigate Human–Wildlife Conflict

Farmers along the Western Ghats welcomed TN Budget 2026 announcements for scientifically minimising human-wildlife conflict.

Scientific initiatives and policy measures announced in Tamil Nadu Budget to reduce crop damage and wildlife attacks in fringe villages.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Farmers in **Tirunelveli** and **Tenkasi** districts welcomed **Tamil Nadu Budget 2026** initiatives to control wild animal intrusions.
- The State government proposed science-based measures to minimise **human-wildlife conflict** along **Western Ghats**.
- Wild animal invasions near forest borders cause extensive damage to **agricultural crops** and farmlands.
- Recent attacks by sloth bears in **Kadayam** and **Papanasam** highlighted the urgency of human safety measures.
- Scientific interventions aim to achieve **ecological balance** while safeguarding rural farming livelihoods.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Wildlife Protection Act was enacted in the year **1972** to provide comprehensive legal protection to wild animals and flora.

Tamil Nadu Forest Act was enacted in the year **1882** for the management and protection of forest areas in the State.

Project Elephant was launched in the year **1992** as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to conserve wild elephant populations.

Project Tiger was launched in **April 1973** from Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand.

Article 48A of the Constitution directs the State to protect and improve the environment and safeguard forests and wildlife.

Article 51A(g) states that it is the Fundamental Duty of every citizen to protect and improve forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife.

Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) was created in **1988** across Tirunelveli and Tenkasi districts.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Wildlife Protection Act: 1972; TN Forest Act: 1882; Project Elephant: 1992; Project Tiger: 1973.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2 & 4 under Geography (Unit 3) and TN Environment Administration (Unit 8/9).

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