



TN-SHORE

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Why in News?

The Tamil Nadu government has announced a new scheme called TN-SHORE, to revive the **coastal resources and protect the endangered species** in the 2024-2025 State Budget.

- TN-SHORE, aims to enhance coastal biodiversity, and coastal protection, improve livelihoods of coastal communities, and control pollution in coastal areas.
- Additionally, the Tamil Nadu government also highlighted the **Tamil Nadu Endangered Species Conservation Fund** aimed at [Endangered Species Conservation](#) and the pursuit of [Blue Flag certification](#) for 8 beaches.

What are the Key Highlights of TN-SHORE?

- **About:**
 - TN-SHORE (Neithal Meetchi Iyakkam) is announced to **restore coastal resources** across 14 districts, spanning 1,076 km, at an estimated cost of Rs 1,675 crore.
 - The scheme aims to enhance coastal biodiversity, and coastal protection, improve livelihoods of coastal communities, and **control [pollution in coastal areas](#)**.
- **TN-SHORE and Blue Economy:**
 - The [Blue Economy](#) refers to the **sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth**, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of the ocean ecosystem.
 - The scheme will capitalise on the potential of the Blue Economy by focusing on the **restoration of [mangroves](#), [coral reefs](#), and [salt marshes](#)**, which are vital for the marine environment and the coastal economy.
 - The scheme will also help in achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), **especially SDG 14 (Life Below Water)**.
- **Benefits the Coastal Communities:**
 - The scheme will involve the participation of the local communities, especially the youth, in the conservation and management of the coastal resources.
 - The scheme will provide alternative livelihood opportunities for the coastal communities, such as ecotourism, waste management, and [circular economy](#) solutions.
 - The scheme will also contribute to the preservation of the cultural and natural heritage of the coastal areas.

Tamil Nadu (TN) Government's Conservation and Certification Initiatives

- **Endangered Species Conservation:**
 - The TN government emphasised initiatives to **protect endangered species** through the establishment of the **Tamil Nadu Endangered Species Conservation Fund**.
 - Various stakeholders, including government entities, [corporate social responsibility initiatives](#), and national and international funds, will contribute to this fund to protect endangered and critically endangered species.
- **Blue Flag Certification for Beaches:**

- The government is actively pursuing [Blue Flag certification \(BFC\)](#) for eight beaches in Tamil Nadu, including the iconic **Marina Beach in Chennai**.
 - BFC is an **eco-label given to beaches**, marinas, and sustainable tourism boats that meet certain criteria. The criteria include environmental, educational, safety, and accessibility concerns.
 - It is accorded by the international jury composed of eminent members - [United Nations Environment Programme](#) (UNEP), [United Nations World Tourism Organisation](#) (UNWTO), Denmark-based NGO Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) (IUCN).

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year's Question (PYQs)

Prelims

Q. What is blue carbon?

- (a) Carbon captured by oceans and coastal ecosystems
- (b) Carbon sequestered in forest biomass and agricultural soils
- (c) Carbon contained in petroleum and natural gas
- (d) Carbon present in atmosphere

Ans: (a)

Mains

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