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Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program

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The **central government, Tamil Nadu and the World Bank** have signed a \$287 million loan agreement for the “**Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program**”

The Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program will support the state government:

- To achieve **national accreditation** for primary, secondary, and tertiary-level health facilities in the public sector. Strengthen physicians, nurses and paramedics through continuous medical education.
- To strengthen the **feedback loop between citizens** and the state by making quality and other data accessible to the public.
- To improve the **quality of healthcare**, reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and fill equity gaps in reproductive and child health services.
- To promote **population-based screening**, treatment and follow-up for NCDs, and improve monitoring and evaluation.
- To strengthen the **lab services** and health provider capacity to address mental health.
- To tackle road injuries, the programme will improve in- hospital care, strengthen protocols, **strengthen the 24x7 trauma care services** and establish a trauma registry.

NITI Aayog Health Index

- The Tamil Nadu **ranks third** among all Indian states in the NITI Aayog Health Index.
- The state’s maternal mortality rate has declined from 90 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2005 to 62 deaths in 2015-16.
Infant mortality has declined from 30 deaths per 1000 live births to 20 in the same period.