TamilNadu Khadi and Village Industries Board

"The Charkha honours the dignity of labour. It provides dignified work to crores of people."

-Mahatma Gandhi

To improve the standard of living of artisans, spinners and weavers and considering their unemployment, the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board was formed in April 1960 as per the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board Act, 1959.

The main objective of the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board is to promote and develop Khadi and village industries in rural areas, also integrating the artisans and the underprivileged, thereby improving their standard of living and economic status.

1. Objectives

a) Encouraging the development of Khadi and Village Industries.

b) Achieving the social objective of creating employment opportunities for the poor in rural areas.

c) Implementing economic objectives by producing eco-friendly and easily marketable village industries products.

d) Achieving a broad goal of fostering a strong sense of rural community spirit among the poor by instilling self-reliance.

e) Increasing the Productivity and Profitability for rural artisans through their collective efforts.

2. Administration

The Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board function as a statutory body with the Honourable Minister for Forest and Khadi as its president. The following officials,

appointed by the Government act as members:

i) The Secretary to Government, Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department.
ii) The Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
iii) Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board.
iv) The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce.
v) Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer,

Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board.

The activities of the Board are being carried out by the Chief Executive Officer.

The board's functions include two main divisions viz., promotion of Khadi and Village Industries.

3. Khadi

Khadi played an important role in the Indian freedom struggle. It symbolized patriotism, peace and simplicity among the Indian people and it had a close association with the Indian Independence movement. Khadi represents Indian culture and the way of life. The fabric is made from cotton that is hand-spun using spinning wheels and the

Khadi cloth is woven from it. Khadi fabric is natural, durable and gentle on the body, making it suitable for the Indian climate.

After the introduction of polyester in the market, a blend of 67% cotton yarn and 33% polyester yarn is processed into a fabric called "Polyvastra." Therefore, Khadi now includes three types "Khadi Cotton," "Polyvastra," and "Khadi Silk."

3.1. Khadi Cotton and Polyvastra

One of the main activities of the Khadi Board is Khadi production, which plays a significant role in creating employment opportunities for rural artisans. Under the Khadi production categories, main activities

include spinning yarn, weaving, bleaching, dyeing and printing. Sliver is being purchased from the Central Sliver Plant of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission distributed to 14 Khadi Sub-Centres. From these Sub-Centres, Sliver is being supplied to 24 Rural Textile Centres (RTCs), where it is spun into yarn and sent back to the Khadi Sub-Centres. These hanks (yarn) are given to weavers, who weave into Kora fabric, which is sent back to the Khadi Sub-Centres.

Apart from the Board, 70 Sarvodaya Sanghs certified by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are also involved in production and sale of Khadi products,

providing employment opportunities to rural people in Tamil Nadu.

Through the Rural Textile Centres and Khadi Sub-Centres, about 10,000 weavers, particularly rural women are provided with employment opportunities in spinning and weaving.

The Board has produced Khadi cotton and Polyvastra varieties worth Rs.231.66 lakh and along with the products manufactured by the Sarvodaya Sanghs a total of Rs.506.42 lakh were sold during the financial year 2024-2025 (upto February 2025).

The list of the Khadi production units functioning under the Board are as follows:

I. Rural Textile Centres

Sl.No.	District	Place of Unit
1.	Tiruppur	Poolavadi
2.		Avinashi
3.		Vellakoil
4.		Kolathupalayam
5.	Erode	Kavilipalayam
6.		Getticheviyur
7.	Salem	Viruthasampatty
8.		Narthampatty
9.	Coimbatore	Sulur
10.	Tiruchirappalli	Karungulam
11.	Karur	Thennilai
12.	Namakkal	Namakkal
13.	Dindigul	Chinnalapatti
14.	Pudukkottai	Thiruvarangulam
15.	Madurai	Annamarpatti
16.	Sivagangai	Kandanur
17.	Virudhunagar	Vanniyampatti
18.		R.N.Patti
19.		Mangapuram
20.	Tenkasi	Pavoorchathram
21.		Perumalpatti

Sl.No.	District	Place of Unit
22.	Kanyakumari	Agastheeswaram
23.		Devicode
24.		Mudalar

II. Khadi Sub-Centres

Sl.No.	District	Place of Unit
1.	Tiruppur	Poolavadi
2.		Avinashi
3.	Erode	Kavilipalayam
4.		Getticheviyur
5.	Coimbatore	Sulur
6.	Salem	Kattampatti
7.	Karur	Thennilai
8.	Namakkal	Namakkal
9.	Dindigul	Chinnalapatti
10.	Madurai	Usilampatti
11.	Sivagangai	Kandanur
12.	Virudhunagar	Watrap
13.	Tenkasi	Keelapavoor
14.	Kanyakumari	Marthandam

In the year 2024-2025, the Khadi and Village Industries Board has directly engaged 718 spinners and 160 weavers in the production of Khadi varieties. To sell the products being manufactured by the Khadi units, the Board runs 39 sales outlets under the brand name "Khadi Kraft."

The details of production and sales carried out in the Khadi Board units over the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. In lakh)

Year	Production	Sale
2022-2023	720.66	1,186.20
2023-2024	469.53	1,042.44
2024-2025 (Upto February 2025)	231.66	506.42

3.2. Khadi Silk

Khadi Silk production is a traditional industry. The prestigious silk sarees are manufactured by the 5 Khadi Silk manufacturing units of the Board. The silk sarees produced by the Board are well-received by the public due to its uniqueness, reasonable pricing, the emphasis on quality and tradition since the silk sarees are woven with great care. The "Silk Mark" label, which is awarded by the Central Silk Board as a mark of quality silk, is given to the silk sarees produced by the Khadi Board.

Continuous employment around 124 silk weavers has been provided by the Board throughout the year.

Khadi Silk Sub-Centres

Sl. No.	District	Weaving Centre
1.	Thanjavur	Kumbakonam
2.	Dindigul	Narikkalpatti
3.	Salem	Salem
4.		Tharamangalam
5.	Coimbatore	Vadavalli

The details of the production and sales of silk varieties over the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Production	Sale
2022-2023	496.65	657.29
2023-2024	498.61	526.81
2024-2025 (Upto February 2025)	469.80	354.66

4. Village Industries

The board plays a vital role in promoting village industries. By utilizing the

human potential of artisans living in rural areas, it aims to bring out their traditional skills, create profitable employment opportunities, and enhance their livelihoods. This is the main objective of rural industries.

Under the Board, various village industry production units such as soap, carpentry and Blacksmithy products, leather goods, honey and other village industries are functioning.

4.1. Soap Industry

Among the various village industries being run by the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, the soap industry plays a prominent role and has emerged as a profitable sector. Under the Board, 5 Bathing

Soap Units, 1 Washing Soap Unit, 1 Detergent Soap Unit, 1 Detergent Powder Unit and 1 Liquid Soap Unit are functioning. The details are as follows:

I – Bathing Soap Units

Sl.No	District	Place
1.	Chengalpattu	Thirukkazhukundram
2.	Tiruchirappalli	Samayapuram
3.	Erode	Modakurichi
4.	Sivagangai	Kandanur
5.	Kanniyakumari	Myladi

II. Washing Soap Unit

Sl.No	District	Place
1.	Tiruvallur	Poondi

III. Detergent Soap Unit

Sl.No	District	Place
1.	Cuddalore	Panruti

IV. Detergent Powder Unit

Sl.No	District	Place
1.	Chenglepet	Mamandur

V. Liquid Soap Unit

Sl.No	District	Place
1.	Sivagangai	Kandanur

In the above units Kumari, Kurinji Sandal, Kurinji Neem, Herbal, Nitham, Khadi Fragrance, Carbolic and Transparent Bathing soap varieties are being produced. Among these, Kumari Soap has gained more popularity among the public and has received a greater response in the market.

Also, under the brand name "Gopuram," Laundry Bar Soap, Detergent Cake, Liquid

Detergent and Detergent Powder are being produced, as well as Liquid Soaps like "Saaral" Shampoo, "Vaigai" Hand Wash Liquid, "Ezhil" Bath Liquid.

Soap products worth Rs.1294.95 lakh were produced, and sold for Rs.1515.78 lakh during the financial year 2024-2025 (upto February 2025)

4.2. Carpentry and Blacksmithy Industry

The Carpentry and Blacksmithy Industry has emerged as an another significant Village Industries that provides excellent employment opportunities for rural artisans. The following Carpentry and Blacksmithy

units are functioning under the control of the Board:

Sl.No	District	Place of Units
1.	Ranipet	Arakkonam
2.	Vellore	Pallikonda
3.	Tirunelveli	Pettai
4.	Sivagangai	Kandanur

Best Wooden and steel furniture required by the Government Departments, Courts, Universities, Libraries, Hospitals, Hindu Religious and Endowment Department, Police Department, Educational Institutions and other Government Departments and organizations are being manufactured and supplied.

To improve the economic condition of pottery workers, electrically operated pottery

wheels with various speeds are being produced in these Carpentry and Blacksmithy Units with modern technology and distributed to the selected beneficiaries by the government.

In the 2024-2025 financial year (upto February 2025), production worth Rs.625.93 lakh and sales worth Rs.428.67 lakh were achieved in these units.

4.3. Leather Units

Among the various industries functioning under the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board, the age-old leather industry occupies an important place. At

present 4 footwear manufacturing units are functioning under the control of this board.

Sl.No	District	Place of Units
1.	Tiruvallur	Ambattur
2.	Salem	Gugai
3.	Tirunelveli	Palayankottai
4.	Kanyakumari	Nagercoil

Conductor cash bags, gloves, footwear, file boxes, Coir mattresses etc. required by Transport Corporations, Local Bodies are being manufactured and distributed by the above units.

In the 2024-2025 financial year (upto February 2025), production worth Rs.56.57 lakh and sales worth Rs.81.77 lakh were achieved in these units.

4.4. Handmade Paper Units

The following Handmade Paper Units are functioning under the control of the Board:

Sl.No	District	Place of Unit
1.	Villupuram	Pidagam
2.	Erode	Senbagapudur
3.	Tiruppur	Tiruppur
4.	Cuddalore	Vadalur

Raw pads, file pads and carton boxes are produced in these Hand Made Paper Units.

In the 2024-2025 financial year (upto February 2025), production worth Rs.33.38 lakh and sales worth Rs.20.84 lakh were achieved through these units.

4.5. Honey Processing Unit

Honey processing holds a prominent place in the Board's village industries. In Kanyakumari District, around 12,000 beekeepers are engaged in this industry. The raw honey purchased directly from them is processed at the Amsi honey processing unit in the District and is sold through the Board's Khadi Krafts with the "Agmark" quality certification.

Also, Honey Packing Centres are operating in Chennai Kuralagam, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruppur, and Madurai, where the processed honey is bottled and dispatched to required locations.

Since the honey sold through the board is of high quality, it has been well received by the customers.

During the financial year 2024-2025 (upto February 2025), production worth Rs.59.02 lakh and sales worth Rs.134.19 lakh were achieved in these units.

4.6. Other Village Industry Units

In addition to the products manufactured in the Board's main production units, such as the Soap Unit, Carpentry and Blacksmithy Unit, Leather Goods Unit and Handmade Paper Unit, rural products produced on a small scale in rural areas, such as Jawadhu, Sambirani, Pain

Palm and Herbal Tooth Powder, are also produced and sold by the Board to improve the livelihoods of rural workers. The details are as follows:

4.6.1. In Vedapatti, Dindigul District, various products such as Jawadhu powder, Cup Sambirani, Computer Sambirani, Camphor, Rose water and Pooja powder are being manufactured. Also, in the financial year 2023-2024 new products like Jawadhu fragrance liquid and "Pooja Gift Box" were introduced and being produced for the benefit of the general public.

4.6.2. In Kandanoor, Sivagangai District, Agarbathi and Sandal Garlands are being produced.

4.6.3. In the Mamandur unit of Chengalpattu District, "Sukapriya" pain relief oil is being produced using pure eucalyptus oil as the main raw material and is being sold. This pain relief oil has received a good response from the general public.

4.6.4. In Poondi, Thiruvallur District, "Mooliga" tooth powder is being manufactured.

4.6.5. Traditional wood pressed machines are used for producing high-quality

ground nut oil and sesame oil in the units located at Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruppur, and Kandanur. These oils are being manufactured and sold for the well being of the people.

In the financial year 2024-2025 (upto February 2025), the production to the tune of Rs.84.91 lakh and sales to the tune of Rs.111.97 lakh have been achieved.

5. Welfare Schemes

5.1. Welfare Fund for Spinners and Weavers

The welfare fund for spinners and weavers is being maintained by the Board. Weavers contribute 12% of their wages to this

welfare fund, and the Board also contributes an equal amount of 12%, to this fund. Based on the request of the weavers, financial assistance is provided from this welfare fund for various purposes such as marriage, education, medical expenses and during festivals expenses, according to the available balance in their accounts. Upon retirement, the total amount in their accounts will be fully paid. Also, the Board provides an amount equivalent to 10% of the wages along with the wages paid to spinners and weavers as incentives.

5.2 Khadi Spinners and Weavers Welfare Board

A Welfare Board has been established for spinners and weavers engaged works in the Khadi Board and Sarvodaya Sanghs, and welfare assistance is being provided to them. For this purpose, the Government has allocated a grant of Rs.100.00 lakh to the Board.

The welfare assistances provided under this scheme are as follows:

Sl. No.		Details of Assistances	Amount (Rs.)
1.		**Accident Insurance Scheme**	
	a.	In case of Accidental Death	1,00,000/-
	b.	In case of loss/damage to any organs of the body due to an accident, according to its nature	10,000/- to 1,00,000/-
2.		**Natural Death Assistance**	15,000/-
3.		**Funeral Expenses**	2,000/-
4.		**Educational Assistance**	

Sl. No.		Details of Assistances	Amount (Rs.)
	a.	Girl children studying 10th Standard	1,000/-
	b.	For those of 10th Standard passed	1,000/-
	c.	Girl children studying 11th Standard	1,000/-
	d.	Girl children studying 12th Standard	1,500/-
	e.	For those passed in 12th Std.	1,500/-
	f.	For Regular Degree course	1,500/-
		For Regular Graduate Course with hostel facility	1,750/-
	g.	For Regular Post Graduate course	2,000/-
		For Regular Post Graduate Course with hostel facility	3,000/-
	h.	For Professional Degree course	2,000/-
		For Professional Degree course with hostel facility	4,000/-
	i.	For Professional Post Graduate course	4,000/-
		For Professional Post Graduate course with hostel facility	6,000/-
	j.	I.T.I. Industrial Training	1,000/-

Sl. No.		Details of Assistances	Amount (Rs.)
		Course	
		For Industrial Training Course With hostel facility	1,200/-
5.		**Marriage Assistance**	2,000/-
6.		**Maternity Assistance**	
	a.	Rs.1,000/- per month (3 months before and after delivery)	6,000/-
	b.	Abortion / Miscarriage	3,000/-
7.		**Reimbursement for cost of Spectacles**	Upto 500/-
8.		**Old Age Pension (per month)**	1,000/-

From the year 2010-2011 to 2024-2025, financial assistance amounting to Rs.81.57 lakh has been provided to 1459 spinners and weavers.

5.3 Welfare Schemes for Pottery Workers

The pottery industry is one of the ancient industries of Tamil Nadu. This industry helps to improve the livelihood and economic conditions of pottery workers living in rural areas.

Under the Board's control, 33 pottery industry Co-Operative Societies with 3,816 members are functioning.

During the rainy season, to alleviate the hardships being faced by the pottery workers, a rainy season maintenance allowance of Rs.5,000 per family is being provided.

Also, 7,634 pottery families have been provided with electrically operated pottery wheels at free of cost.

6. Marketing Development Assistance (MDA)

6.1 Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission introduced the "Marketing Development Assistance Scheme" (MDA) in the year 2010-2011 to promote Khadi production and sales.

The scheme was revised and renamed as "Modified Marketing Development Assistance Scheme" (MMDA) in the financial year 2016-2017. Under the revised scheme, 30% of the prime cost of Khadi production is

provided as financial assistance and this amount is being distributed quarterly.

The Spinners and Weavers under the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board and 70 Sarvodaya Sanghs are provided with 30% incentive, while artisans receive 10% incentive. These amounts are being transferred electronically to their bank accounts every quarter and the details are uploaded on the Khadi and Village Industries Commission website. The remaining 60% is earmarked in the accounts of Sarvodaya Sanghs and Khadi Village Industries Board for infrastructure development, skill development, sales and business development activities.

6.2. State Government

The Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board and the Sarvodaya Sanghs in Tamil Nadu receive 20% on the production value of Khadi as Marketing Development Financial Assistance by the State Government. In the 2024-2025 financial year, the State Government has allotted Rs.4.00 crore for the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board and Rs.16.50 crore for the Sarvodaya Sanghs.

7. Industrial Co-Operative Societies

Under the control of the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board, 168 Industrial Co-Operative Societies are functioning.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Board acts as the Functional Registrar for these Co-Operative Societies. The accounts of these societies are being audited by the Co-Operative Audit Department.

During the financial year 2024-2025 (upto February 2025), these societies have produced goods worth Rs.2647.07 lakh and sold for Rs.2983.41 lakh.

8. **Marketing**

8.1 Khadi Krafts

To market the Khadi and Village products produced in the units of the Board, 39 sales outlets are functioning in the name of "Khadi Kraft" in Chennai and other Districts.

In addition to the Board's manufactured products, unique, specialized, and high-quality rural industry products produced in the Districts are also purchased from eligible organizations and sold through Khadi Krafts.

8.2 Sale of Districts unique Village products

Village industry products and food items that add special value to each District are being purchased and marketed accordingly.

The key components of this program include identifying unique and exceptional rural products, standardising the process, design and quality fixing competitive prices

for the products and marketing through Khadi krafts, Sarvodaya Sanghs and Private Outlets.

Under this scheme, rural products worth Rs.227.26 lakh have been sold so far.

8.3. Online Sales

To increase the sale of the products being manufactured by the Board, online sales are made through the website tnkvib.org and tnkvib.com also through the "Tnkhadi" mobile application to attract younger generation.

Also, Khadi products are being sold through e-commerce platforms like Amazon and Flipkart.

With the aim of promoting Khadi and Village Industries products and increasing sales among the general public, and in a way that appeals to youth, awareness about Khadi and Village Industries products is being created through social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and X (formerly Twitter).

8.4. Franchise Branches

To enhance the sale of products manufactured by the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board and to ensure that

customers can access these products near to their locations, licenses have been issued to individuals and private organizations to establish exclusive branches and actions have been taken to facilitate this.

8.5. Exhibitions and Sale

To popularize the products of the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board and to increase sale, various exhibitions are periodically held in private, government offices and college campus for selling the products.

Moreover, every year "Kolu Dolls Exhibition" is being held at Main Khadi Kraft in Chennai. In the financial year 2024-2025,

Khadi and Village Industries products, terracotta dolls, handicrafts and ceramic products worth Rs.38.00 lakh have been sold in this exhibition.

9. Marketing Development Initiatives

- To increase the sale, various types of Village Industries products having Geographical index and herbal products for health have been procured and is being sold at all Khadi krafts.

- Beautiful Jewellery/ cash wooden boxes, made from the teak wooden chips generated out of the production process at the Board's Carpentry and Blacksmithy units have been introduced

and are being sold at all Khadi Krafts by the Khadi Board.

- Indents for furniture items such as teak wood chairs, wardrobes, and dining tables, worth Rs. 197.00 lakh, have been received from the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation and work is in progress.

- Steps are being taken to lease and rent out lands and buildings other than those used for its purposes belonging to the Board, the Industrial Co-Operative Societies and Palmgur Co-Operative Federations under its control for

implementing the objectives of the Board.

- The Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development and Khadi and Village Industries Board has introduced the following new products on 01.01.2025:

a) New variety of Arani Silk Sarees with Zari border.

b) New variety of Silk yarn sarees.

c) Newly printed modern ready-made shirts

d) Apple green transparent soap

e) Modern design men and women leather footwear.

- On 04.01.2025 and 05.01.2025, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board the Honourable Minister for Khadi and Board officials were participated in the International Trade Expo and Global Business Networking Conference organized by the World Tamil Diaspora Trade Association in Penang, Malaysia. The Board's products were displayed at this event.

- The Board's village industry products are now being displayed and sold at selected Co-Optex and Poompuhar sales outlets.

10. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme has been implemented since 2008-2009 financial year through the four Departments such as Tamil Nadu Khadi Village Industries Board, Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission of the Union Government and the Coir Board which are under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises of the Union Government. This scheme has been implemented online since 01.07.2016.

Under this scheme, from the financial year 2022-2023 onwards, the bank loan provided to beneficiaries have been increased to Rs.50.00 lakh for the manufacturing sector and Rs.20.00 lakh for the service sector. In the financial year 2024-2025, up to February'2025 Margin Money amounting to Rs.1520.95 lakh has been disbursed to 368 units, creating employment for 4739 persons.

Further, since the financial year 2018-2019, the Union Government has introduced a second time loan assisting scheme in expanding and modernizing the already successfully operating units that had received subsidies earlier. Under this new scheme,

manufacturing sector enterprises are eligible for loans up to Rs.100.00 lakh and service sector enterprises are eligible for loans up to Rs.25.00 lakh.

11. Khadi and Village Industries Products - Production and Sale

The details of the production and sale of Khadi and Village Industries products carried out by the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board for the financial years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 are as follows:

(Rs.in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Industry	2023-2024		2024-2025 (Upto February 2025) (Unaudited)	
		Production	Sales	Production	Sales
1.	Khadi	968.14	1,569.25	893.51	861.08
2.	Village Industries				
	(a) Soap	1,716.81	1,780.93	1,294.95	1,515.78
	(b) Carpentry and Blacksmithy	763.33	763.08	625.93	428.67
	(c) Leather Products	123.73	109.67	56.57	81.77
	(d) Handmade Paper	51.76	37.64	33.38	20.84
	(e) Honey	80.86	147.27	59.02	134.19
	(f) Other Industries	87.38	161.92	84.31	111.97
	(g) ODOP	--	474.62	--	227.26
3.	Industrial Cooperative Societies	2,411.61	3,490.07	2647.07	2983.41
		6,203.62	**8,534.45**	**5,694.74**	**6,414.97**

12. Schemes being implemented by the Board during the Financial Year 2024-2025.

12.1. Pottery Industry

- Due to the difficulties faced by the Pottery workers to work during the rainy

season, a rainy season maintenance allowance of Rs.5,000/- per family has been provided to a total of 9,223 families amounting to Rs. 461.15 lakh in the financial year 2024-2025.

- The Government have sanctioned Rs. 465.88 lakh for 2175 pottery workers pertaining to the financial year 2022-2023. Out of this, 1630 electric Shaila wheels were distributed worth Rs. 349.15 Lakh.

- To increase the production capacity of the Kothas tribal people involving in pottery in the Nilgiris District at Kokkal, Thiruchikadi, Keezhkothagiri,

Puthukothagiri and Kollimalai, 100 modern electric pottery wheels have been distributed at free of cost to the tune of Rs.22.00 lakh.

- During the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations on 02.10.2024, a cash award of Rs.25,000 and a certificate of appreciation with a shield were given to one best Khadi spinner, one best Khadi weaver and one best silk weaver in recognition of their contributions.

12.2. Carpentry and Blacksmithy Industry

- 1287 teak wood desks and teak wood benches for Kallar reclamation schools

were manufactured and supplied by the Board's Carpentry and Blacksmithy units worth Rs.165 lakh.

- Wooden furniture for courts functioning in the Chengalpattu District, were manufactured and supplied by the Board's Carpentry and Blacksmithy units worth Rs. 29.00 lakh.

13. Sustainable Development Goals

The objective of the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1959, was to create employment opportunities for rural poor artisans, produce eco-friendly and marketable products, improve the social awareness of rural poor people, foster self-

reliance develop confidence, to integrate rural artisans and enhance their production and profitability.

In September 2015, the Government of India adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consisting of 17 global goals and 169 associated targets, as part of the United Nations' 2016-2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," which aims to transform our world, includes aspects of economic, environmental, and social well-being for the benefit of society.

- According to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Report, 2015, by the year 2030, Goal 8.5 aims to

achieve full and productive employment, as well as equal pay for equal work for all women and men, including youth and persons with disabilities.

- According to the Sustainable Development Goals Report, 2015, by the year 2030, Goal 8.7 aims to end child labor, modern slavery, and human trafficking. It also focuses on the eradication of forced labor.
- The board is helping improve the economy by providing equal and appropriate employment opportunities in rural and urban artisans and rural industries, in line with Goals 8.5 and 8.7.
- The Sustainable Development Goals Report, 2017, under Goal 8, focuses on

promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. It aims to provide decent employment opportunities for all workers, including women engaged in rural industries, to achieve these objectives.

Furthermore, no child laborers are employed in the units operating under the control of Board.

14.Financial Assistance of the Government

The State Government is providing the necessary financial assistance to the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board employees and pensioners by giving salaries

and pensions, offering business development subsidies for Khadi production Varieties, and Providing maintenance allowance to pottery workers.

The details of the financial assistance allocated by the government in the budget estimates for the year 2025-2026 for the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board and the Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board are as follows:

(Rs.in lakh)

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	(c) Leather Products	123.73	109.67	56.57	81.77
	(d) Handmade Paper	51.76	37.64	33.38	20.84
	(e) Bee-keeping	80.86	147.27	59.02	134.19
	(f) Other Industries	87.38	161.92	84.31	111.97
	(g) ODOP	--	474.62	--	227.26
3.	Industrial Cooperative Societies	2,411.61	3,490.07	2647.07	2983.41
		6,203.62	**8,534.45**	**5,694.74**	**6,414.97**

The TamilNadu Palm Products Development Board

The TamilNadu Palm Products Development Board was established under Tamil Nadu Act No. 15 of 1994 and has been functioning since 06.01.1995, with its headquarters in Chennai. Under the board's control, there are 310 primary Palm jaggery Manufacturing cooperative societies, 8 District Palmgur Co-Operative Federations, and the Tamil Nadu State Palmgur and Fibre Marketing Co-Operative Federation operating at the state level.

1. Objectives

The main objectives of the Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board are:

- To provide profitable employment opportunities for Palm workers involved in Palm Neera extraction and the production of other Palm products.
- To introduce modern practices in both the production and utilization of Palm products, to improve research and development in the sector.
- To make Palm products available at affordable prices to the general public, ensuring both attractiveness and affordability.

- To coordinate primary cooperative societies and federations at various levels involved in Palm products, thereby improving the Palm industry.

- To ensure that Palm workers have access to the necessary modern tools and equipment for production of Palm product.

- To increase the production and sale of Palm products by providing institutional motivation, with an aim of improving the economic status of the workers engaged in the Palm industry.

2. Administration

The activities of the Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board are being carried out by the employees of the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board. The President of the Board is the Hon'ble Minister for Forest and Khadi. The Chief Executive Officer of the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board acts as Functional Registrar of this Board.

The details of other administrative members of the board are as follows:

1. Secretary to Government,
   Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles, and Khadi Department.

2. The Chief Executive Officer,
   Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board.
3. Additional Director General of Police
   (Prohibition & Excise),
4. Additional Director,
   Finance (BPE) Department.
5. Chief Executive Officer (Ex-Officio),
   Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board.

3. License for tapping Palm Neera

Every financial year, the Tamil Nadu Palm Products Development Board is authorized by the Government to issue and renew licenses for tapping Palm Neera.

In the financial year 2024-2025 (upto February 2025), licenses have been issued to 2,612 Palm workers for tapping Palm neera and selling.

4. Schemes Implemented in the Financial Year 2024-2025

- Under the Palm Development Mission, good quality of 12 lakh Palm seeds worth Rs.36.00 lakh were procured through the branches of the State and District Federations. These seeds were distributed to farmers interested in growing Palm trees under 100% subsidies by the Department of Horticulture and Hill plantations.

- A training program for 250 women in the making of Palm leaf products has been conducted at a total cost of Rs.31.28 lakh.

- A training program for 400 Palm farmers on producing quality Palm jaggery and Palm candy has been conducted at a cost of Rs.25.68 lakh.

- In the Common Facility Centre at State Federation owned land at Kayalpattinam in Tuticorin District, where a modern Palm jaggery production unit was installed, to store and preserve Palm jaggery and Palm leaf products, a

storage / production has been set up at a cost of Rs.20.00 lakh.

- A 60-day technical training on making Palm brushes has been imparted to 25 persons at the Tamil Nadu State Palm Jaggery and Palm Fibre Marketing Cooperative Federation branch at Manamadurai at a cost of Rs.5.00 lakh.

5. **Palm Products and Sale**

Edible and non-edible Palm products are being sold through Khadi Krafts, Palm Crafts, Fair Price Shops and whole sale stores under Co-Operative Departments, Aavin and Civil Supplies Corporations.

5.1. Palm Neera

The base ingredient for Palm products is Palm Neera. Palm Neera, a natural beverage harvested from Palm trees during the seasonal period, is a popular drink that people enjoy. Various Palm food products such as Palm jaggery (karupatti), Palm candy, and Palm sugar are produced using Palm Neera as the primary raw material.

In the 2024-2025 financial year, in order to produce edible Palm products and for sale, 1.25 lakh litres of Neera have been procured from Palm Neera tappers.

5.2. Palm Products and Sukku Coffee Sale

Various types of Palm Jaggery are sold under different names such as "Karpagam" in Public Distribution System stores and "Karumpanai" in Departmental Stores through the Tamil Nadu State Palm Jaggery and Fiber Marketing Co-Operative Federations.

With increasing public awareness of health benefits and traditional natural drinks, Palm jaggery-based Sukku Coffee powder made from nine types of herbal ingredients, has been introduced by the Palm Board. This Sukku Coffee drink is being sold in Chennai and other various locations.

In addition, Palm products including Sukku Coffee and other Palm-based items, along with Khadi and Village Industries products, are being sold at Hon'ble Madras High Court, Madurai Bench, Ooty and Chennai Kuralagam.

To market the Palm products produced by Palm workers, Palm product sales outlets are operating in the following 10 District Collectorate complexes:

Sl.No	District
1.	Ranipet
2.	Vellore
3.	Tiruvannamalai
4.	Villupuram
5.	Perambalur
6.	Thanjavur
7.	Pudukottai

8.	Nagapattinam
9.	Thoothukudi
10.	Theni

5.3. Palm Leaf Products

Other Palm products made by Palm artisans, such as Palm fibre brushes, Palm leaf mats, baskets, Palm fibre products and various types of natural and dyed Palm leaf handicrafts, are also sold.

5.4. Sale of Palm Products through Website and Social Media

To increase the sales of Palm products, sales are being conducted through the websites tnkvib.org and tnkvib.com, as well as through the

"Tnkhadi" mobile app, which is designed to attract the younger generation.

Also, Palm products are being sold through major e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart.

In order to promote and increase sales, awareness campaigns regarding Palm products are being carried out on social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and X (formerly known as Twitter). These efforts aim to attract the attention of the general public, especially the youth, and increase visibility of Palm products.

6. Production and Sale of Palm Products

The details of the production and sale of Palm products over the past three financial years are as follows:

(Rs. In lakh)

Year	Production	Sale
2022-2023	1,817.70	2,084.35
2023-2024	1,909.86	2,146.85
2024-2025* (upto February 2025)	1820.55	2082.45

*To be audited

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Rural Textile Centre, Kandanur,
Sivagangai District



Khadi Sub-Centre, Geticheviyur,
Erode District



Khadi Silk Sub-Centre, Narikkalpatti, Dindigul District



Detergent Soap Unit, Panruti, Cuddalore District



Bathing Soap Unit, Kandanur, Sivagangai District



Carpentry and Blacksmithy Unit, Pallikonda, Vellore District.



Footwear Unit, Gugai, Salem District



Handmade Paper Unit, Vadalur, Cuddalore District



Honey Processing Unit, Amsi, Nogercoil, Kanyakumari District



Agarbathi Unit, Kandanur, Sivagangai District



Manamadurai Pottery Workers Industrial Co-Operative Society, Manamadurai, Sivagangai District



Neera Tapping



Palm Leaf Manufacturing Co-Operative Society, Manapad, Thoothukudi District