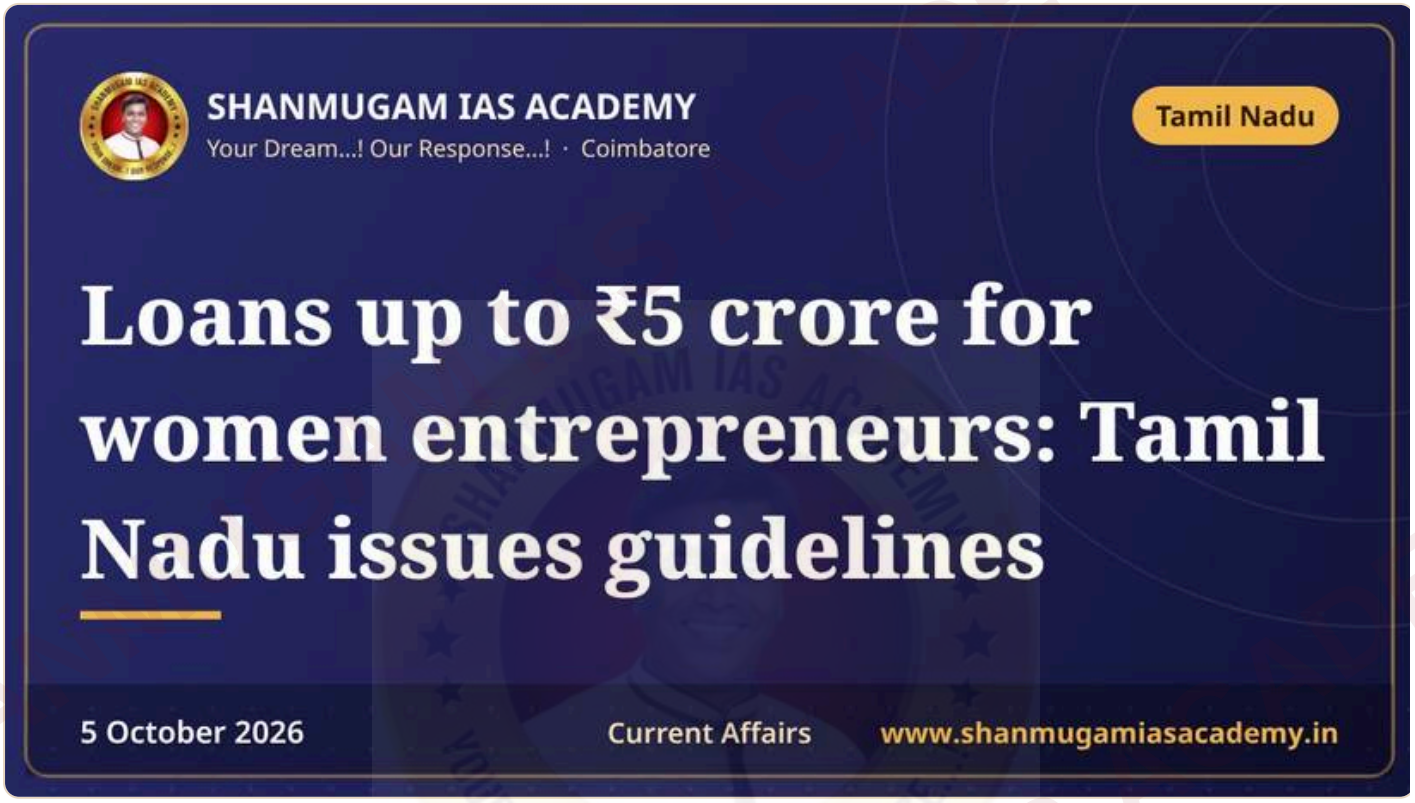
Loans up to ₹5 crore for women entrepreneurs: Tamil Nadu issues guidelines

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News

On **4 October 2026** the Tamil Nadu Government released guidelines for the **Vetri Magalir Thozhil Munaivor Membattu Thittam** (Vetri Women Entrepreneurs Development Scheme), which gives women loans of **₹10 lakh to ₹5 crore** to start or expand a business. It is run through the **Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC)**. Industries Minister **S. Keerthana** announced the scheme on 27 September 2026.

Key facts

Loan	Minimum **₹10 lakh**, maximum **₹5 crore** (new unit or expansion)
Interest	**9.95%** a year, on reducing balance
Repayment	Up to **9 years**, including a **2-year moratorium**
Ownership	Women must hold at least **51%** of the business
Security	Property worth **40%** of the loan (units under 3 years old); **20%** for older units
Selection	**10 women per Assembly constituency × 234 = 2,340** in the first round, recommended by MLAs and then checked by TIIC on merit

Background

- **TIIC** began in **1949** as the **Madras Industrial Investment Corporation**, one of India's oldest State-level financial corporations; HQ Chennai.
- **Stand-Up India (2016):** bank loans of **₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore** for at least one SC/ST and one woman borrower per bank branch.
- **PM Mudra Yojana (2015):** loans for micro units (Shishu, Kishore, Tarun, Tarun Plus).
- **Article 15(3)** allows the State to make special provisions for women.

Tamil Nadu link: The **Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (1983)** runs the **Mahalir Thittam** self-help groups, which began in **Dharmapuri (1989)** with IFAD support.

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