₹212.58 crore for modernising Tamil Nadu Police

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A High Powered Committee approved ₹212.58 crore to modernise the Tamil Nadu Police (Oct 2026). The biggest share is for communication equipment (₹99.03 crore). It also covers 500 special vehicles for the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), CCTV monitoring of police stations, bomb-detection gear and weapons.

Key facts

Total	₹212.58 crore
Communication	₹99.03 crore (largest share)
ERSS vehicles	₹55 crore – 500 special-purpose four-wheelers
CCTV	₹30.51 crore – VPN for 877 police stations, CCTV in 46 cyber-crime stations
IT	₹13.43 crore
Security	₹11.28 crore – Security Branch CID, bomb detection and disposal
Weapons	₹3.33 crore

Background

- ERSS (Emergency Response Support System): a single nationwide emergency number '112' for police, fire and ambulance, implemented under the 'Nirbhaya Fund'.

- Nirbhaya Fund: announced in the 2013 Budget for women's safety projects; ERSS and Safe City projects come under it.
- Central support: through the umbrella scheme 'Assistance to States for Modernisation of Police', the Home Ministry funds weapons, communication and forensics.
- Constitution: police is in the State List (List II, Entry 2), so modernisation is mainly the State's responsibility.
- Technology: a VPN (virtual private network) securely carries police-station CCTV feeds to a central control room; the Supreme Court ordered CCTV in police stations in the Paramvir Singh Saini case (2020).

Tamil Nadu link: the Tamil Nadu Police 'Kaaval Uthavi' app lets people seek emergency help; the State has cyber-crime police stations in every district.

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