

## **Highlights of Budget, 2008-09**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Able to clear the arrears of social security pensions</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>The monthly pension of agricultural workers, fisheries, coir, cashew, handloom, reed, beedi, artisan, building construction, etc is increased to Rs.200/month.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Workers involved in Clam collection would be given membership in Fisherman Welfare Fund Board and pension will be sanctioned.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>A health insurance scheme for all families below the poverty line, as approved by the Government of India. Rs.20 crore for this purpose.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Kerala Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme. Rs.20 crore set apart for this purpose.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>The mess allowance of students in Government and aided special schools will be enhanced from Rs.500 to Rs.750. The annual dress allowance is increased from Rs.500 to Rs.750. The pension for physically challenged and mentally challenged are to be enhanced from Rs. 160/- to Rs. 200/-.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>An enhancement of Rs.50 per month to the assistance given to children in orphanages.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>A novel scheme shall be implemented in making use of the base kitchen in Kozhikkode Medical College Hospital. It is proposed to launch a scheme offering lunch to any one in need at Rs.2 a meal.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Rs.30 crore for Kudumbasree</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>'Samagra' scheme under Kudumbasree</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Rs.50 crore for agriculture debt relief.</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Rs.2 crore for Dairy farmers welfare fund.</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Rs.10 crore being the additional amount for debt relief programme for the fishermen in areas outside the Tsunami area.</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Rs.5 crore for the modernisation of Coir industry.</b>

15	Rs.5 crore for disbursing gratuity and retirement benefits to the Cashew workers
16	Rs.16 crore as one time assistance for Cashew corporation and Capex
17	Writing off the tax arrears of KSRTC to the tune of Rs.700 crore and forgiving the interest and penal interest amounting to Rs.153 crore.
18	Rs.25 crore for KSRTC
19	The interest on loans drawn by the Kerala Water Authority to the tune of Rs.1006 crore will write off.
20	The loan amount of Rs.839.60 crore given to Kerala Water Authority will be converted as an interest free fund.
21	Rs.1 crore for PVC pipe manufacturing factory at Chavara.
22	Rs.5 crore for Meenachal River valley project.
23	Rs.60 crore for Athirappilly project.
24	Rs.25.7 crore for Vizhinjam International Sea port Ltd
25	Rs.2.80 crore for construction of Azheekkal port.
26	Rs.1 crore for Kerala Maritime Institute at Manjeswaram.
27	Rs.1 crore is set apart for the hangar for the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Civil Aviation
28	Contractor's arrears for another two months will be disbursed before March 31 <sup>st</sup>
29	An amount of Rs.50 lakh is set apart for the preliminary work to prepare tender documents for the flyover at Nagambadam in Kottayam on BOT basis.
30	Rs.15 crore for Tourism marketing.
31	Rs.20 crore for establishing trade fare authority.
32	642 vacancies in Arts and Science colleges will be filled up.

33	1700 posts of Higher Secondary teachers would be sanctioned before the new academic year and 400 posts will be created afresh in VHSE
34	Rs.100/- enhanced on 'Prerak' allowance.
35	Rs.4.2 crore for establishing new I.T.Is.
36	Rs.1 crore each for constructing stadiums at Nedunkandam, Muvattupuzha and Alappuzha.
37	Rs.2 crore for Speciality Block at Kozhikode Medical College.
38	Rs.7 crore for KSDP.
39	Rs.5 crore for the renovation of One Lakh Housing Scheme.
40	Rs.5 crore additional assistance for KILA.
41	Rs.30 crore for Attappady Development Project.
42	Rs.20 crore for Kozhikode City improvement Plan.
43	Rs.4.50 crore for Litter Free Kerala.
44	Rs.15 crore for Scheduled Tribes Rehabilitation programme.
45	Rs.10 crore for the implementation of Sachar Committee Recommendations.
46	Rs.2.25 crore for Gender awareness programme.
47	Rs.5 crore for the construction of building for Co-operative Engg. College, Punnapra.
48	Rs.3 crore for NRI Welfare fund.
49	Rs.5 crore for Kerala Land Bank.
50	Rs.5 crore for the second phase of 'Corruption free Walayar' and a check post plaza at Walayar in 40 acre land.