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Destitute/Deserted Wives Pension Scheme (DDWPS)

Tamil Nadu pays a monthly pension from state funds to destitute women who have been deserted or legally divorced, or who hold a legal separation certificate.

What you may get

A pension of Rs 1,200 a month, funded fully by the state government. The 2026-27 policy note shows 1,14,721 beneficiaries in the July 2026 pension payment data. Payments go through direct benefit transfer.

Who it is for

Destitute women aged 30 or above in Tamil Nadu who are legally divorced, deserted for at least 5 years, or legally separated.

Main conditions

- The woman must be destitute and aged 30 years or above.
- She must be legally divorced, or have been deserted for 5 years or longer, or hold a legal separation certificate from a competent court.
- Her fixed assets must not exceed Rs 1,00,000.

How to apply

1. Apply online on the Tamil Nadu e-Sevai social security portal, tnesevai.tn.gov.in.
2. The Village Administrative Officer and the Revenue Inspector check the claim and recommend approval or rejection to the Tahsildar (Social Security Schemes).
3. Online applications for these pensions are meant to be checked and disposed of within 30 days. The pension is then paid by seniority as vacancies arise.

Status

Active

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Official application: https://www.tnesevai.tn.gov.in
Official PDF: https://cms.tn.gov.in/cms_migrated/document/docfiles/revenue_e_pn_2026_27.pdf
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