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Title: Beyond Populism: Freebies have worked for Dravidian parties. But their real success was pulling TN out of socialist rut

The article at hand talks about the election manifestos of AIADMK and DMK amid the political campaign for the assembly elections in Tamil Nadu (TN).

Just like the years before, both parties have thrown in lucrative incentives to woo the voters and they have largely been able to deliver on their promise as well.

Rapid industrialization since the 1990s has been the reason behind such lavish spending but the author believes things have been going overboard for a long time now.

TN's expenses have grown multifold with each passing election and by targeting women voters, the two sides are also defining gendered household roles.

This will discourage women's participation in the workforce and instead, the political sides must focus on improving education. TN has been at the forefront of industrial and professional development for years now and such generous policies will only help push the state backward.

Words to look out for

Freebie:
- **Synonyms**: perk, handout, giveaway
- **Antonyms**: loan, bribe, sop
- **Word usage**: The politician knew e was not going to win the election only by giving away freebies.

Awry:
- **Synonyms**: slant, skew, twist
- **Antonyms**: even, level, straight
- **Word usage**: The poll went awry from the slightest of impacts from the car.

Foster:
- **Synonyms**: advocate, support, endorse
- **Antonyms**: discourage, hinder, inhibit
- **Word usage**: Rashmi was fostered in her journey to become an IAS officer by her father.

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