

# Budget Speech 2026-27

## Vellathooval Grama Panchayat

Respected President of Vellathooval Grama Panchayat, Vice President of the District Panchayat, Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, Block Panchayat Members, Governing Body Members, Secretary, Implementing Officers, Staff Members, CDS Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and all distinguished guests,

I warmly welcome everyone to this special meeting convened for the presentation of the Budget for the financial year 2026-27.

This budget has been prepared with the objective of making the best possible use of our limited resources. I consider it a privilege to present before you the development blueprint for the coming financial year. This budget is not merely a statement of income and expenditure; it is a roadmap for the future growth and progress of our Panchayat.

Sustainable development of a Panchayat can be achieved through focused investments in agriculture, education, healthcare, infrastructure, tourism, and social welfare. This year's budget gives special priority to schemes aimed at improving the lives of marginalized and vulnerable sections of society. Inspired by the ideals of our national leaders, the Panchayat Committee has paid special attention to planning and implementation.

Key highlights of this budget include allocations for resolving drinking water issues, road development, and the promotion of tourism. Public cooperation and participation are essential for the successful implementation of many of these projects. Local development cannot depend solely on government assistance; mobilization of local resources is equally important.

In recent years, the tourism sector has witnessed significant growth in our Panchayat, particularly in Anachal, Eatticity, Chengulam, Ellakkal, and Thokkupara. Considerable opportunities still remain to be explored in this sector. Tourism has contributed to employment generation and improved the living standards of ordinary people.

This budget has been designed with the aim of addressing the needs of both vulnerable and middle-income sections of society.

To enhance revenue collection, measures will be taken to assess and collect taxes from buildings that have been assigned numbers but are not currently taxed. Reassessment of buildings with altered dimensions will also be undertaken to ensure proper tax collection.

In the health sector, provision has been made for the construction of a new Family Health Centre building by utilizing the Government grant of ₹1.40 crore along with Panchayat funds. The budget also envisages beautification works and infrastructure improvements for the Homoeo and Ayurveda dispensaries.

As part of welfare initiatives, the budget includes the construction of a Day Care Centre for senior citizens, support for women's income-generating enterprises, and sports facilities for children and youth. It also proposes an agricultural nursery, a Honey Village project, support for farmers in the Anaviratty paddy fields, development of the Kuthupara Watch Tower, and renovation of the Thottappura Tunnel tourism site.

The Panchayat also plans to install a sponsored tea vending machine to provide tea and snacks free of cost to citizens visiting Panchayat offices for various services.

With the support and cooperation of all well-wishers, I respectfully submit this draft budget before you.