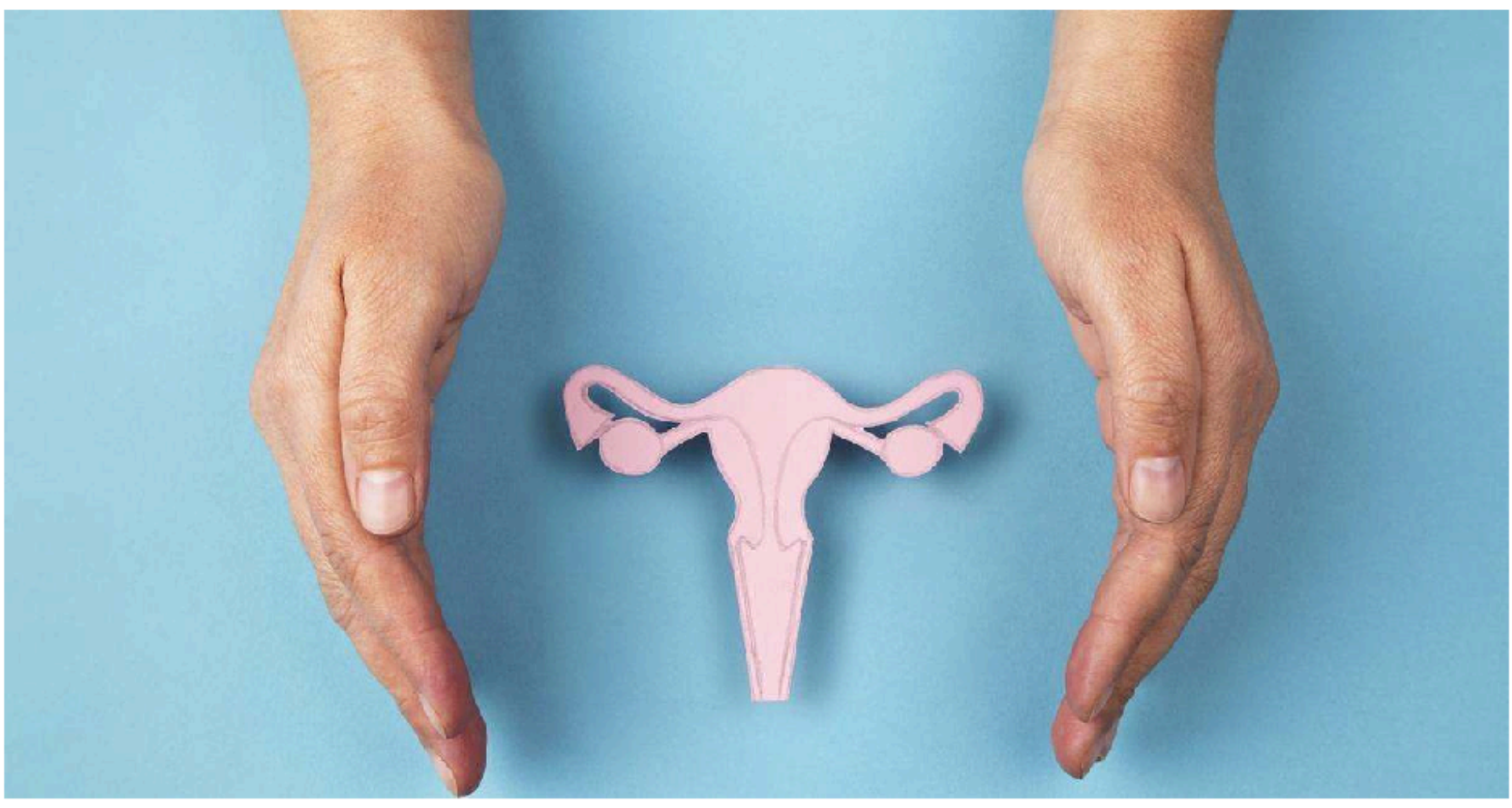
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In the first phase, Tamil Nadu is ready to implement HPV-DNA testing for cervical cancer in five highly affected districts: Dharmapuri, Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai, Perambalur, and Ariyalur. The Health Department plans to test 124,215 women under the HPV-DNA testing program.

In a recent order, the State Government granted permission to the Mission Director of the Tamil Nadu National Health Mission (NHM) to implement this scheme, which was one of the announcements made by the Chief Minister in the Legislative Assembly earlier this year.

The National Health Mission (NHM) has sent a proposal to the State Government to implement the HPV-DNA screening program for cervical cancer in women under the Tamil Nadu Cancer Care Mission. According to the Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Program 2023 report, 87,156 new cancer patients - 37,931 men and 49,225 women - were registered in Tamil Nadu in 2023. It stated that the number of new cancer cases for 2026 is projected to be around one lakh (94,098).