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INTRODUCTION:

ஒருமைக்கண் தான்கற்ற கல்வி ஒருவற்கு
எழுமையும் ஏமாப் புடைத்து. (குறள் 398)

According to the Thirukural couplet by sage Thiruvalluvar, a person shall receive all accolades only through education. The Government of Tamil Nadu, under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, is committed to remove all the obstacles to impart education so as to make the people self-reliant to approach their future with confidence; and aims to establish an egalitarian society devoid of caste differences furthering the cause of social justice. Toward this, the Government of Tamil Nadu implements

welfare schemes for the upliftment of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes communities.

VISION STATEMENT

- To accomplish the goal related to the Integrated Development of welfare of Adi Dravidar and Tribal people, especially those living below the poverty line, women and children.
- To enhance academic performance, self-confidence and self - esteem of Adi Dravidar and Tribal students with special focus on education.
- To uplift the socio-economic status of socially backward communities and bring them into the mainstream of society with focus on Adi Dravidar and Tribal development.

Administrative structure

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department was created in 1988 as a separate department from the Social Welfare Department with the aim to uplift the Adi Dravidar and Tribal people in terms of literacy and socio-economic status and to deliver specific programs aimed at improving their standard of living.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department comprises of the Directorate of Adi Dravidar Welfare, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Social Justice and Human Rights Police Wing, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO), Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Affairs and Tribal Research Centre, Centre for Social Justice and Equity and number of welfare boards established.

The **Adi Dravidar Welfare Directorate** identifies the requirements of the people and functions towards the improvement of basic amenities in the habitations, issues house site pattas, runs of schools and hostels for the Adi Dravidar students, implements pre-matric and post-matric educational assistance programs, implements educational assistance programs for the students studying in foreign countries, and takes care of welfare of Adi Dravidar community.

The **Directorate of Tribal Welfare** runs Tribal Residential Schools and Hostels, Eklavya Model Residential Schools and Hostels, implements Comprehensive Tribal Development Programs, Infrastructure facilities, Schemes in the tribal habitations, and administers livelihood schemes for the economic development of tribals and oversees provision of individual and community forest rights under Forest Rights Act, 2006.

The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO)

implements subsidised economic development projects aimed at uplifting the livelihood of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal people, provides economic development programs, imparts skill development training to the youth for self-employment and employability and undertake construction works for the benefit of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal people.

The Centre for Social Justice and Equity

was established at the Madras School of Social Work to conduct research and offers certificate courses on social justice and equity. The Centre organizes conference, seminars and undertakes research publication on issues of social justice and equity.

The Social Justice and Human Rights

Wing of the Police Department enforces the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Adi

Dravidars and Tribals (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 amended in 2015. A State Level Vigilance Committee headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister monitors the implementation and enforcement of the the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.

The Tribal Research Centre was established on 1983-84 in Nilgiris to carry out research on the language and culture of 37 Tribal communities of Tamil Nadu and to serve as a repository of tribal culture and art.

The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidars and Tribes was constituted on 13.10.2021 to protect the rights of Adi Dravidars and Tribals and ensure the protection of constitutionally mandated rights and liberties.

The Tamil Nadu Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board (Est.2009) was reconstituted on

03.08.2023 to implement various welfare schemes for Puthirai Vannar people.

The Tamil Nadu Narikuravar Welfare Board (Estd:2008) was reconstituted on 30.10.2023 to implement various welfare schemes to Narikuravars and enable them to undertake alternative careers.

The **Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board** (Estd:2007) was reconstituted on 09.08.2023 to implement various schemes for the welfare of the Tribal people.

The Tamil Nadu Sanitary Workers Welfare Board (Estd:2007) was reconstituted on 08.09.2023 to monitor the implementation of welfare schemes for sanitary workers.

The Tamil Nadu Tribal Advisory Council (Estd:1961) reconstituted on 30.11.2023 to advise on planning new projects and schemes to ensure integrated development of Tribals.

Towards the implementation of various welfare schemes for the integrated development of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal people, an allocation of **Rs.3706.05 crore** is provided in the Budget Estimate for the financial year 2024-2025.

Project Monitoring Unit

A Project Monitoring Unit was set up to monitor the implementation of various schemes of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department viz., scholarship schemes, the Forest Rights Act 2006, sub plans for Adi Dravidars and Tribals, economic development schemes to ensure effective and timely implementation.

An allocation of Rs.2.63 crore has been made for this scheme in the financial year 2024-2025.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Sub-Plans (SCSP & TSP)

Tribal Sub-Plan and Adi Dravidar Sub-Plan have been implemented from 1976-1977 and 1980-1981 respectively, with the aim of uplifting the socio-economic and educational status of Adi Dravidar and Tribal people. Tami Nadu Government allocates funds to Adi Dravidar Welfare and Tribal Welfare in accordance with the extent of population i.e., 20.01% and 1.17% respectively.

To give greater impetus to the plan, a Special Act has been enacted in the Legislative Assembly and issued Gazette Notification on 29.05.2024 to ensure smooth implementation of the Adi Dravidar Sub Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan as per the announcement made in Budget Session for the year 2023-2024.

The Act provides for the preparation, approval, implementation and monitoring of the

Development Action Plan for Adi Dravidars and Tribals, as per population ratio and allocation of funds and purposes incidental or incidental there to.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department functions as the Nodal Department for implementation of the schemes under the Sub Plans. At the State level, the Secretary of the department has been appointed as the Monitoring Officer.

To ensure expeditious utilization of funds allocated for the welfare of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes by all implementing departments, monthly progress reports of the schemes are received and performance is monitored. The performance of the departments is reviewed periodically by the State Level Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary.

During the financial year 2024-2025, Rs.19363.56 crore (21.97%) has been earmarked for Adi Dravidar sub-plan and Rs.1738.40 crore (1.97%) for Tribal sub-plan, out of the State annual plan allocation of Rs.88,130.83 crore.

Details of Sectoral Fund Allocation under Adi Dravidar Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan for the financial year 2024-2025

(in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	section	Adi Dravidar Sub-Plan	Tribal Sub-Plan
1	Welfare of Adi Dravidars, Tribals, Backward, Most Backward Classes and Minorities	3194.52	715.46
2	Housing and Urban Development	768.00	81.00
3	Rural development	1633.26	208.31
4	Social welfare and nutrition	6576.32	408.36
5	Drinking water supply and sanitation	1058.45	46.11

S. No.	section	Adi Dravidar Sub-Plan	Tribal Sub-Plan
6	Agriculture and allied activities	1257.55	60.53
7	Education, Sports and Culture	1257.94	136.43
8	Health and Family Welfare	844.01	54.75
9	Transport	150.00	0.00
10	General economic Services	2335.58	4.89
11	Labour and Labour Welfare	52.72	9.20
12	Special Area Programs	20.71	5.05
13	Industry and Minerals	200.22	2.44
14	Other social Services	14.28	5.87
Total		19363.56	1738.40

I. ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE

According to Census 2011, 20.01 percent (1.44 crore) of Tamil Nadu's total population of 7.21 crore belong to Adi Dravidar communities.

Through the Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare, the government implements various initiatives, welfare schemes on education, skill development, housing and health welfare programs aimed at uplifting the social and economic status of Adi Dravidar people. As a result, the enrolment rate in education among Adi Dravidars are significantly higher than the national average.

1. Educational development programs

அறிவைத் தேடி ஓடுங்கள்...!

நாளைய வரலாறு உங்கள் நிழலாக தேடி ஓடி வரும்...!

" Go after knowledge,

the future will follow you like a shadow"

Based on the above B.R. Ambedkar's quote, various welfare schemes are being implemented to improve the education of students so that they face the future with courage and confidence.

According to the 2011 census, the literacy rate in Tamil Nadu is 80.09 percent and the literacy rate of the Adi Dravidar population stands at 73.29 percent. Out of the total allocation of Rs.2992.57 crore for the Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, an amount of Rs.2252.51 crore (75.27 percent) has been earmarked for educational projects.

Apart from providing Educational Scholarship for Adi Dravidar students, the department runs schools in areas where the higher population of Adi Dravidar communities benefitting close to two lakh students.

1. 1 Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools

With the aim to raise the literacy among Adi Dravidars and to provide quality education, 1,138 schools have been established by the department in the areas where Adi Dravidar people are most populated.

These schools ensure that students get education, textbooks, food etc. without any hindrance.

Currently 28,85,168 students of Adi Dravidar communities are studying in government, government aided and private schools in the state. (Source – Integrated District Information System)

Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools 2023-2024

Classification of schools	No of Schools	Boys	Girls	Total
Primary schools	833	16,477	16,520	32,997

Classification of schools	No of Schools	Boys	Girls	Total
Middle schools	99	4,678	4,484	9,162
High schools	108	5,654	5,223	10,877
Higher Secondary schools	98	14,557	13,596	28,153
Total	1,138	41,366	39,823	81,189

Facilities like libraries, additional classrooms, science laboratories, drinking water, toilets and sports equipment are provided in the schools.

To improve pedagogy various initiatives and training is imparted to teachers on emerging techniques and ICT applications.

1.2 New initiatives

- Internship stipend of Rs.10,000/- is offered to students in the final year of Government Law Colleges to expose them to various aspects of emerging facets of law. During

2023-2024, 774 students have been offered stipend amounting to Rs.77.40 lakh. Further, 15 final year students interned with the Hon'ble Judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and Madurai Bench are offered an additional stipend of Rs. 10,000. For the financial year 2024-2025, a sum of Rs. 65.00 lakh has been allocated under the scheme.

- Education Tours is arranged to stimulate interest among Higher Secondary students to pursue higher education and to give first-hand knowledge enabling them to make wiser career choices. Educational tours are arranged to reputed educational institutes like Indian Institute of Technology, Madras; University of Agriculture, Coimbatore; PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore; National Institute of Technology, Trichy; Government Medical College, Madurai; Government Engineering College, Salem; Christian

Medical College, Vellore; and Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore.

- During the academic year 2023-2024, the Career Guidance counselling camps were arranged in all the districts and information on higher education institutions, Brochures on scholarship, various higher education opportunities and information were provided benefitting 13000 students.
- Smart Class Rooms have been set up in 90 Higher Secondary Schools and 29 High Schools. Smart Boards have been set up in 87 middle schools through non-Government organisations. Also, Smart Boards have been set up in 8 Higher Secondary Schools, 79 High Schools. High Tech Labs have been established by the Government in 83 Higher Secondary Schools and 103 High Schools.
- To encourage the students to pursue post-graduate and doctoral research studies abroad, an educational assistance of Rs.36

lakh per annum is provided. The annual family income ceiling has been increased from Rs.2.5 lakh to Rs.12 lakh. 54 students have benefited perusing courses such as engineering, finance, global health, global industry and law in the countries like England, Australia, New Zealand, France and Belgium.

- 150 students participated in the 5 day training camp (From 26.12.2023 to 30.12.2023) of Tamil Nadu Model Schools Art Festival held in Chengalpattu.
- To improve the pass percentage of 9th to 12th Class students, B.T Teachers and P.G Teachers have been appointed specially through the Parent Teachers Association. About 18,000 students have been benefited under this scheme.
- The pass percentage of Adi Dravidar school students in 10th Standard and 12th Standard stood at 85.40% and 91.15% respectively in

the year 2023-2024, which is higher than the previous year.

- A summer art-talent camp “Kalamadu” held in Madurai and Coimbatore districts, in which programs on art, skill development training, awareness on Government schemes, and opportunities to pursue higher education were conducted for the benefit of Adi Dravidar students studying in colleges.

1.3 Scholarship Schemes

The Department implements various scholarship and fee concession schemes to help Adi Dravidar and Tribal students to achieve academic excellence and achieve their dreams.

(a) Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

With a view to encourage Adi Dravidar students to take up higher education, the scholarship is provided to students studying in

courses from 11th and above. This scholarship is extended to students whose,

The expenditure is shared between the Union and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40.

Parent /guardian annual income ceiling not exceeding Rs.2.50 lakh.

Also, for Adi Dravidar students studying in approved courses beyond class 10th in recognized educational institutions, tuition fees and academic allowances are credited by the government to the student's bank savings accounts as educational assistance.

(i) Education Fees

An Adi Dravidar student studying in Government/Government Aided Educational Institutions and Self-Finance Colleges in Government/Administrative Allotment Seats is

provided with compulsory and non-refundable fees as fixed by the Government appointed Fee Fixing Committee.

(ii) Academic Allowance

Group	courses	Academic allowance per annum (Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
I	Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Engineering, Medicine, Fashion Technology, Veterinary and Agriculture PG Diploma Courses in Management and Medicine CA/CWA/CS/ CFA etc., and M.Phil. Ph.D and Post doctoral programmes.	13,500/-	7,000/-
II	Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Pharmacy, Nursing, LLB, Hospitality, Tourism and Hotel Management etc., (for which entrance qualification is minimum 12 th Std.) B.Sc., (Nursing), B.Pharm, B.O.T,	9,500/-	6,500/-

Group	courses	Academic allowance per annum (Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
	B.P.T, M.Sc. (Nursing), M.Pharm, M.P.T. etc.,		
III	U.G and P.G Courses leading to a Degree but not covered under Group I & II. (B.A. B.Sc., B.Com., M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., etc.)	6,000/-	3,000/-
IV	All Diploma Courses, Certificate courses etc., non degree courses for which entrance qualification is 10 th Std. (XI, XII, ITI, Polytechnic etc.,)	4,000/-	2,500/-

472.50 crore has been allocated towards this scheme as 40% of the state government share during the financial year 2024-2025 and 60% of the Union government's share of educational assistance directly released to students.

(b) State Govt Special Post Matric Education Scholarship Scheme

Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students who cannot avail benefits under the Post Matric Education Scholarship Scheme of the Union Government are provided educational scholarship through a special Post Matric Education Scholarship Scheme. The scholarship is credited to the student's bank accounts.

The annual income of the student's parent/guardian should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

During the financial year 2024-2025, Rs.75.00 crore allotted for this scheme.

(c) State Government's Higher Education Special Scholarship Scheme

The Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students who are staying in non-government hostels are provided scholarship under Higher Education Special Scholarship Scheme. The

scholarship directly credited to the student's bank accounts to cover the accommodation cost.

S. No.	courses	Scholarship per annum
1	Under Graduate Courses in Arts and Science and Polytechnic courses	Rs.7,500/-
2	Professional courses and Post Graduate courses in Arts and Science	Rs.8,000/-

To be eligible under this scheme, the annual income of the parent or guardian of the student should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

During the financial year 2024-2025, Rs.10.00 crore is allocated.

(d) Overseas Scholarship to pursue Post Graduate and Research courses

Scholarship of Rs.36.00 lakh per annum is provided to encourage students to undertake postgraduate and doctoral research studies in educational institutions abroad.

Full Scholarship of Rs.36.00 lakh is provided as educational Scholarship (annual family income of Rs.8.00 lakh.) Rs.24.00 lakh is given if the family income limit is between Rs.8.00 lakh to Rs.12.00 lakh.

The students should be enrolled in Universities of rank of up to 1000 in the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) rankings.

Graduate students must be under 35 years of age and full-time doctoral research students must be under 40 years of age on the first day of April (1st April) of the year of applying for scholarship.

An allocation of Rs.8.94 crore has been made for the implementation of this scheme in the financial year 2024-2025.

(e) Incentive for full-time Ph.D Scholars

Adi Dravidar, Tribal and Christian Adi Dravidar students are extended educational incentives towards pursuing research.

The scholarship scheme is implemented to encourage students pursuing research in the fields of Medicine, Engineering, Arts, Science and Law, and whose annual income not exceeding Rs.8.00 lakh.

1,600 eligible students are provided educational incentive of Rs.1,00,000/- each.

An amount of Rs.16.00 crore is allocated for this scheme during the financial year 2024-2025.

(f) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme

Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for Adi Dravidar Students of Class IX and Class X and Scholarship Scheme for Children of parents who are involved in hazardous occupation, studying

Class I to X was merged and implemented as a single scheme from the financial year 2021-2022. The total expenditure for this scheme is shared between the Union and State Governments in the ratio of 60:40 respectively.

Component-1

Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for Class IX and X students

Scholarship under this scheme is provided to Adi Dravidar students studying in Class IX and X in schools recognized by Government and Government aided Institutions with a view to prevent dropout of Adi Dravidar students. The annual income of the student's parent or guardian should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

During the financial year 2024-2025, Rs.50.67 crore is allocated.

Component-2

Pre Matric Education Scholarship Scheme for Children whose parents involved in occupation prone to health hazards

This scholarship is provided to the children of workers engaged in occupations prone to health hazards, irrespective of caste, creed and income.

Students studying from Class 1 to Class 10 in recognized educational institutions are eligible for this scholarship.

Under this scheme the educational assistance amount is credited to the bank accounts of the students at the following rates.

component	Day Scholar	Hostel student
	(Per annum in Rs.)	
Component-1	3,500/- (Class 9-10)	7,000/- (Class 9-10)
Component -2	3,500/- (Class 1-10)	8,000/- (Class 3-10)

During the financial year 2024-2025, Rs.5.32 crore is allocated for this scheme.

1.4 Education Fee Concessions

Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students studying in government and government-aided educational institutions are offered the following tuition fee concessions, regardless of income.

- a) Tuition fee concession for college students
- b) Special and examination fee concession for degree students
- c) Special and examination fee concession for Girls pursuing post-graduate studies
- d) Application fee for college students
- e) Special fare concession for school students
- f) Exemption of Public Examination Fees for Class Xth, XIth and XIIth Students.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.18.38 crore is allocated.

1.5 Special Incentive Scheme for Girls Education

To promote education among girls, and to prevent dropouts the State Government implements the Girls Education Incentive Scheme.

The details of the incentive given to the students under this scheme are as follows:

Standard	Amount (per annum) in rupees)
III to V	500/-
VI	1,000/-
VII and VIII	1,500/-

During the financial year 2024-2025 an amount of Rs.45.31 crore is allocated.

1.6 Prize Money Scheme

The first 1000 Adi Dravidar, Christian Adi Dravidar and Tribal students who score 60% and above in are provided with the following incentive.

Courses	Prize Amount per Student (in Rs.)	No of students awarded
Under Graduate	3,000/-	500
Post Graduate	5,000/-	300
Professional Courses	6,000/-	200

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.42.00 lakh is allocated.

1.7 Educational tour to higher education institutions

To guide and encourage the students to take up higher education, visits to eminent Central/State Government institutions, were

undertaken. Towards this Rs.25,000/- per school was allocated to 206 High/Higher Secondary Schools.

During the financial year 2024-2025 Rs.51.50 lakh is allocated.

1.8 Supply of textbooks and notebooks

To reduce the financial burden of Adi Dravidar, Christian Adi Dravidar and Tribal students in the schools run by the department, textbooks free of cost are provided to the students of class 1 to 12 and notebooks free of cost to students of class 1 to 10 by the Department of School Education.

In the financial year 2023-2024, 17,037 students of class 10 and 14,487 students of class 12 have been provided with special guide books at a cost of Rs.1.80 crore.

During the financial year 2024-2025 Rs.2.47 crore is allocated.

1.9 Distribution of Uniforms

Four sets of uniforms are provided to school and Hostel students from Class 1 to Class 8 by the Department of School Education and Class 9 to Class 12 by ADW Department benefiting 34,640 male and 23,389 female students at a cost of Rs.14.00 Crore.

During the financial year 2024-2025 Rs.14.00 crore is allocated.

1.10 Supply of Magazines and books

To foster reading habits among students and to prepare the students for job opportunities and to prepare them to face other competitive examinations, books and Magazines are purchased annually in high schools, higher secondary schools and hostels are as follows.

S. No.	Schools / Hostels	Library Books / Magazines (per annum in Rs.)
1.	High / Higher Secondary Schools	1,450/-
2.	School hostels	3,690/-
3.	College hostels	7,997/-

The school hostels are supplied with newspapers (2 Tamil and 1 English dailies), monthly magazines such as Thittam, Sampak, Magic pot, Tel Me Why and Manorama Year Book.

For the College Hostels monthly magazines such as Yojana, Kurushetra, weeklies such as Employment News, India Today, India Year Book and question bank for competitive examination are provided.

Under this scheme, books and magazines worth Rs.57.06 lakh was given during the financial year 2023-2024.

During the financial year 2024-2025 fund of Rs.60.05 lakh is allocated.

1.11 Distribution of Bicycles

Bicycles are provided to Adi Dravidar and Christian Adi Dravidar students studying in class 11th in government, government aided and partially aided higher secondary schools with a view to help students reach school on time.

During the financial year 2024-2025 an amount of Rs.80.00 crore is allocated.

2. Hostels

To ensure adequate accommodation to Adi Dravidar Students, Hostel facilities are run by Department. These Hostels are located proximal to educational Institutions.

Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels (2023-2024)

Type of the hostel	Number of hostels			Number of students		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
School Hostels	738	403	1,141	53,881	28,530	82,411
College Hostels	71	81	152	7,881	5,849	13,730
ITI Hostels	16	2	18	1,356	116	1,472
Polytechnic Hostels	3	2	5	178	110	288
Post Graduate College Hostels	9	6	15	693	315	1,008
Total	837	494	1,331	63,989	34,920	98,909

- Additional 10 seats each (160 total seats) is created in 16 hostels in Theni district for the children of coffee/tea plantation workers native to Tamil Nadu working in neighbouring states.
- In each hostel, 5 additional places have been created to accommodate the children of Sri Lankan Tamils.

2.1 New Initiatives - 2023-2024

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.07.2023 laid the foundation for the MC Raja College Student Hostel, Chennai to augment the hostel capacities and meet raising demands for student's accommodation in and around Chennai.
- In a first of its kind, integrated kitchen has been introduced at a cost of Rs.3.73 crores across 23 Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare hostels in Chennai District.
- Eight modern student hostels with all amenities are constructed in Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli and Nilgiris at a cost of Rs.100.00 crore benefiting students.
- College student hostels in Chennai, Thanjavur, Dharmapuri, Namakkal districts and a college student hostel in Madurai will be constructed at a total cost of Rs.80.00 crore.
- To improve the academic environment in hostels, learning cum teaching rooms

with modern facilities in college hostels is constructed at cost of Rs.10.00 crore benefiting 2197 students in 22 hostels in 17 districts.

- To provide access to e-Journals/ e-Books, e-library is set up in 23 college student hostels in 14 districts at a cost of Rs.21,19,749/-.
- Rs.50,000/- per hostel is allocated to undertake minor works, repairs and unforeseen medical expenses of the students in the hostels at a cost of Rs.7.50 crores.
- To ensure safety of the inmates, hostel management system with surveillance camera, biometric attendance systems is implemented in 1275 hostels at a cost of Rs.27.15 crore.
- In the academic year 2024-2025, hostels will be established in five districts: Chennai, Madurai, Thanjavur, Dharmapuri, and Namakkal.

- The food allowance given to the hostel students has been increased from Rs.1000/- to Rs.1400/- per month for school students and from Rs.1100/- to Rs.1500/- per month for college students.
- Steps are being taken to provide special training to the 10th and 12th class students in hostels at a cost of Rs.1.00 crore.
- In hostels, to foster the social skills of students by identifying their interests so as to build their self-confidence, clubs were formed on the following topics for
1. Music, Information Technology, Drama, Photography and Poetry
2. Reading and Debate
3. Environment,
4. Chess and other sports activity
- These initiatives have resulted in conducting special training courses; they have passed the NIT, NEET, NIFT entrance exams and are studying in national educational institutes.

2.2 Facilities provided in hostels

- i) Two tier Cots for College Hostels, Jamukalam, Mat, Bed sheet, Pillows with Cover, Stainless Plate and Tumbler. First aid kit containing medicines, sports equipment.
- ii) Cooking Gas Connection, Drinking Water Purifiers, Wet Grinders, Steam Boilers, Electronic Weighing Machines, Mixer Grinders
- iii) Sanitary napkin disposer machines are being provided for Adi Dravidar welfare student hostels.
- iv) Library facility.

2.3 Feeding and miscellaneous Charges

Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels, students are provided with feeding charges, special feeding charges on festival days and miscellaneous charges as follows.

Charges	School student (in Rs.)	College student (in Rs.)
Food Charges (per month)	Rs.1,400/-	Rs.1,500/-
Miscellaneous Charges (per month) (For buying soap, sikakai, oil and for hair cutting expenses)	Rs.100/-	Rs.150/-
Special Feeding Charges (During festival days such as Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New year, Independence day and Diwali)	Rs.40/-	Rs.80/-

2.4 Financial Assistance to schools and hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)

(i) Hostels

4,432 Adi Dravidar students staying in 18 hostels run by 16 non-governmental organizations are provided with food, miscellaneous expenses.

(ii) School with Hostels

The Government sanctions grants towards the salary for the 160 teachers and non-teaching staff working in Schools and Hostels by Muthukaruppan Memorial Education Trust in Thoothukudi District benefiting 3,500 Adi Dravidar students.

During the financial year 2024-2025 an amount of Rs.11.44 crore is allocated.

2.5 Government Industrial Training Institutes

Two Government Industrial Training Institutes imparting vocational Education are functioning exclusively for the benefit of Adi Dravidar students.

Sl. No.	District Name	Location of ITI	Students Strength
1	Cuddalore	Chidambaram	253
2	Tiruvallur	Vadakarai	194
TOTAL			447

3. Socio-Economic Development Programmes

3.1 New Initiatives

3.1.1 Iyothee Thass Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme

To improve basic facilities like roads, street lights and drinking water in Adi Dravidar habitation in urban and rural areas, the Iyothee Thass Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme, is undertaken from the financial year 2023-24 at a cost of Rs.1000.00 crore to be spent across five years, of which annually Rs.100.00 crore is allocated to the Rural Development Department Rs.50.00 crore is allocated to Municipalities and Rs.50.00 crore is allocated to the Tamil Nadu Housing Development Board. In addition, 120 communities Hall have been constructed at the Cost of Rs. 100.00 Crore.

3.1.2 Translation and re-prints of literary works of eminent writers

The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literary Development Association, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Text Book Association, has re-printed the below mentioned six eminent works on Adi Dravidar and tribal communities. These work showcases the rich art, culture, and literary heritage of the Community thereby facilitating dissemination to a global audience.

1. Towards a Non-Brahmin Millenium: From Iyothee Thass to Periyar translated by Tmt. V. Geetha and Thiru. S.V. Rajadurai
2. Karukku by Tmt. Bama translated by Lakshmi Holmstrom
3. Dark Interiors: Essays on Caste and Culture by Thiru. Raja Gauthaman translated by Theodore Baskaran
4. Koogai by Thiru. Cho Dharman translated by Vasantha Surya
5. The Scar by Thiru. K. A. Gunasekaran translated by Tmt.V.Kadambari
6. The Grip of Change written and translated by Tmt.P.Sivakami

Apart from these six books re-printed, translations of books on thoughts of Iyothee Dasar, writings of M.C Rajah, Imayam's Sedal and collection of short stories by Dalit writers are under progress.

3.1.3 The Centre for Social Justice and Equity

- The Centre for Social Justice and Equity at Madras School of Social Work was established under the financial grant of the Department of Adi-Dravidar and Tribal Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, in accordance with the G.O.(MS.) No. 87, date 12-07-2023. The Centre would undertake research, impart trainings and promote documentations on social justice and equity.
- The Centre has undertaken two surveys: on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) of Tamil Nadu; on a nomadic tribe

known as Boom Boom Maatukarar in Thiruvavarur district. The Centre is current pursuing the following research studies:

- Invisible Margins: A Study on Panniandi community in Thiruvannamalai and Dharmapuri Districts of Tamil Nadu.
- Road Map for Mission of Implementing Forest Rights Act, 2006 in Tamil Nadu: Approaches, Activities and Architectures
- A Study on the Impact of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes Students in Tamil Nadu
- An Exploratory Study on Caste Atrocities against Scheduled Castes in Tamil Nadu – 1990 to 2023
- A Study on the Implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009 and its impact among Socially Deprived Communities in Tamil Nadu

- A Case Study of Dalit entrepreneurship with reference to Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI)
- The documentation unit of the Centre has commissioned a documentary titled "Nadodigalin Thalam" on nomadic tribes of Tamil Nadu. The unit is in the process of developing a data repository making use of all available open-sourced data pertaining to social justice and equity.

3.1.4 Samathuvam Kaanbom (Seeking Equality)

771 Police and Revenue Department officers offered sensitivity training – "Samathuvam Kaanbom " through the Anna Management Training Centre "Samathuvam Kaanbom " (Seeking Equality) to approach victims of violence with empathy and provide timely and proper relief.

3.1.5 Puthirai Vannar survey

The Department has undertaken a basic survey of the education and socio-economic status of the Puthirai Vannar people. This would enable the department to understand the requirements of the community and uplift the educational and social status by developing specific schemes based on the survey findings. This ICT enabled survey would cover all the 38 Districts.

3.2 Iyothee Thass Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme - Improvement of basic infrastructure in Adi Dravidar habitation

To improve basic facilities like roads, street lights and drinking water in Adi Dravidar habitation in urban and rural areas, the Iyothee Thass Pandithar Habitation Development Scheme, is undertaken from the financial year 2023-24 at a cost of Rs.1000.00 crore to be spent across five years, of which annually Rs.100.00

crore is allocated to the Rural Development Department Rs.50.00 crore is allocated to Municipalities and Rs.50.00 crore is allocated to the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitation Development Board.

During the financial year 2023-2024, 1325 works by rural Development Department, 326 works by Town Panchayats and 32 works by Tamil Nadu Urban Habitation Development Board were taken up.

During the financial year 2024-2025 the amount is enhanced to Rs.230.00 crores. Further, additional allocation of Rs.100.00 crores is sanctioned towards the construction of 120 community halls under the scheme.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.230.00 crore is allocated.

3.3 Pradhan Mandri Adarsh Gram Yojana – (PMAGY)

Under the scheme, villages with more than 40% Adi Dravidar population are selected and provided with basic facilities like drinking water and sanitation, education, health and nutrition, social security, rural roads and housing, electricity and clean fuel, agricultural practices, financial inclusion, digitization, livelihood and skill development. The objective of the scheme is to identify and fulfil the needs and promote integrated development in the villages.

269 Villages in 2018-2019 and 203 villages in 2019-20, 472 villages have been selected and 1964 works at a cost of Rs.97.73 crore were completed by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. During 2021-22, 1339 villages were selected and 3855 works at a cost of Rs.229.54 crore were completed.

During 2022-2023, 3162 works were completed in 1,113 villages at a cost of Rs.184.23 crore.

Out of 2924 villages selected under this scheme, 1543 villages have been declared as Adarsh gram. During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.116.79 crore is allocated.

3.4 Issuance of Free House Site Patta to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

To provide the social and economic status of the homeless Adi Dravidar and Tribal people, the scheme of providing free housing to them is ongoing.

Through this scheme, land acquisition is done through private negotiation and according to the applicable land acquisition laws and the appropriate beneficiaries are selected and free housing plots are provided.

Under the scheme of providing free house title to Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, annual income ceiling of the beneficiaries has been increased from Rs.72,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- with effect from 19.01.2024.

Area	Extent of Land Provided	Beneficiaries Annual income ceiling limit
Rural	3 Cent	Rs.1,00,000/-
Municipality	1 ½Cent	
Corporation	1Cent	

In the financial year 2023-2024, a fund of Rs.6.00 crore has been allocated and 1007 beneficiaries in 8 districts have been given free house site pattas.

In the financial year 2023-2024, a fund of Rs.30.66 crore has been allocated for higher compensation has been given in 204 cases in 28 districts.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 6.00 crore is allocated.

4 Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Arts and Literature Development Society

Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Development Society works to promote art, culture and literary works related to Adi Dravidar and Tribal communities.

Prize money is given to the best writers who produce excellent works in story, essay, poetry, history and novel as a separate corpus fund (Corpus Fund) through interest earned from the deposit of Rs.50.00 lakh.

Rs.1,00,000/- for a total of 11 writers including 9 Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Christian Adi Dravidar writers, 1 Adi Dravidar / Non-Tribal writer writing on Adi Dravidar issues and 1 Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar and Non-Tribal writer writing on Tribal issues. The cost of

publication of the selected books is subsidised whichever is less.

5. Dr. Ambedkar Award

Dr. Ambedkar Award is conferred by the Government of Tamil Nadu to recognize contribution of individuals towards upliftment of Adi Dravidar and Tribal population since 1998.

Dr. Ambedkar Award is presented annually by Hon'ble Chief Minister on Tiruvalluvar Day. The award carries a cheque of Rs.5,00,000/- certificate of merit and a gold medal along with the prize money.

Dr. Ambedkar Award for the year 2023 was conferred to Mr. P. Shanmugam for his contribution towards the ensuring justice for the tribal women of Vachathi village in Dharmapuri District. Mr. P. Shanmugam had taken a keen role in pursuing the legal battles of the Tribal

women of Vachathi Village which culminated in the conviction of the offenders.

6. Verification of Genuineness of community certificates

In order to protect the interests of the Adi Dravidars, District Level Vigilance Committees have been constituted to verify the genuineness of the Scheduled Caste community certificates as detailed below:-

District Level Vigilance Committee (DLVC)

District Collector	Chairman	To scrutinize the correctness of the Scheduled Caste Community Certificates and to pass final orders.
District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer	Member-Secretary	
Anthropologist	Member	

7. Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015

In order to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims of untouchability and atrocities, the Government of India have enacted the Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015, Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995 Amended Rules, 2016 and 2018. These acts and rules are implemented in our State.

At State level, the Social Justice and Human Rights Wing, monitors the implementation of these acts in the districts, its headed by Inspector General of Police, Assistant Inspector General of Police and 31 Deputy Superintendent of Police

and 7 Assistant Commissioners of Police at district level.

A dedicated help centre with helpline number at Adi Dravidar Welfare Directorate has been established to handle grievances related to this act.

(a) Exclusive Special Courts

For the expeditious trial of offences against Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes as well as relief and rehabilitation of the victims of atrocities, 23 Exclusive Special Courts have been established at Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Villupuram, Sivagangai, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar (Srivilliputhur), Pudukottai, Cuddalore, Namakkal, Theni, Tiruvannamalai, Perambalur, Vellore, Thoothukudi, Coimbatore, Chengalpet, Tiruppur, Thiruvarur, Kanniyakumari (Nagercoil) and Salem Districts

During 2023-2024, Rs.71.45 crore was disbursed towards Monetary relief ex-gratia and pension.

Relief Details	Amount in Rs.	Gender	
		Male	Female
Monetary Relief Fund	51,33,56,965	3,144	1,839
Ex-Gratia	13,76,93,043	2,835	1,642
Pension	6,31,26,168	125	410

Jobs to the next of kith and kin of victims of heinous crimes under atrocities act were given to 104 persons and 153 persons during 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 respectively.

During 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.70.00 crore is allocated.

(b) Abolition of untouchability campaign

Every year, “Manitha Neyavaara Vizha” is observed in all the districts of Tamil Nadu from 24th to 30th January to create awareness among the people against untouchability. A sum of Rs.50,000/- at district level and Rs. 1,00,000/- at State level are given for conducting “Manitha Neyavaara Vizha”.

Community feasts are arranged every year on 26th January, 15th August, 2nd October and also on important local holidays declared in the district. Voluntary organisations are also involved in arranging the ‘Samathuva Virundhu’.

In the financial year 2023-2024, an amount of Rs.3.40 crore was utilized for this scheme.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.3.41 crore is allocated.

(c) Selection of the best villages with social harmony

An amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs is given to select villages from all the districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai), which practice social harmony without observing untouchability.

Under this scheme, villages in 37 districts benefited during 2023-2024 at a cost of Rs.3.70 crore.

During 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.3.70 is allocated.

8. Burial Grounds and Pathways

Funds are allocated every year and works are undertaken to acquire land for burial grounds and pathways to burial grounds in Adi Dravidar habitations.

Land acquisition is taken up under Harijan welfare Act 31 of 1978 and also through private

negotiation for purchase and acquisition of land towards burial grounds and access to burial grounds.

During the financial year 2023-2024, Rs.60.91 lakh is allocated towards improvement of burial and burial pathways. Also, 4.16 acres of land has been acquired at an estimated cost of 60.47 lakhs for setting up a burial and pathways to burial grounds.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.74.46 lakh is allocated.

9. Providing Incentives to the Villages which follow caste free burial grounds

A cash award of Rs.10.00 lakh is given to the villages where caste free burial grounds are in practice. The award amount is utilized for the development activities of that village. Under this scheme 3 Villages per districts (except Chennai) are selected. An amount of 19.9 crore was

released to 63 villages, 70 villages, 66 villages during 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 respectively.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.8.10 crore is allocated.

10. Assistance for Funeral Rites

Financial assistance of Rs.5,000/- is provided to Adi Dravidars, Tribals and Christian Adi Dravidars to meet the funeral expenses towards bereavement.

During the financial year 2023-2024, 20,206 families received funeral assistance amounting to Rs.9.95 Crore.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs.9.95 crore is allocated.

II. Tribal Welfare

The Directorate of Tribal Welfare was established in April 2000 for the socio-economic development of the indigenous tribal communities of the State. Since 2018, it has been functioning as a separate entity with full financial and administrative powers.

According to the 2011 census, there are 8,41,558 tribal people belonging to 37 tribal communities, living in Tamil Nadu including the recently added Narikuravar community in 2023. Tribals constitute 1.17 percent of the total population of the state.

The Department is taking various measures to uplift the status of tribal people by safeguarding their culture, establishing infrastructure in schools and tribal habitations, providing scholarships and offering financial

support for livelihood development including the creation of employment opportunities.

1.Education

Recognizing that education is key to improving the livelihood and quality of life for future generations, the Department implements educational welfare schemes and scholarships with great care to bring significant changes to the community.

The department of Tribal Welfare spends 43.23% of the total budget allocation on Education.

New Initiatives and Achievements in 2023-24

- 37 Students of GTR and EMR Schools have cleared JEE entrance examination and 15 Students have cleared CLAT entrance examination, 9 Students have cleared the NIFTEE entrance examination

and one has cleared the NEET entrance exam. Further, 67 students who appeared for the CUET entrance exam are awaiting their results.

- Special workshop “Thottuvidum Thoorathil Ilakku” was held in Salem district to provide guidance and counselling to 11th and 12th students aiming to make exams like JEE, CLAT, NIFTEE, NEET and CUET more accessible for tribal students and to encourage them to pursue higher education.
- The Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary School, Top Sengattupatti in Trichy district has achieved remarkable success in 2022-2023 academic year with 100% pass rate in both 10th and 12th classes and 88% of the 12th students got admission for higher education. This school has been selected as the best Higher Secondary School of 2024 and awarded a prize money of Rs.5.00 lakh. Additionally, the school has distinguished itself by having

the highest number of students enrolled in the 2023-24 academic year.

- Special coaching classes are conducted for 9th to 12th students in tribal welfare hostels through special teachers.
- In the academic year 2023-24, 5 students from Ekalaiva Model Residential Schools received 26 days of training in trekking and para sports at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute in Himachal Pradesh, at a cost of Rs. 1 lakh.
- 20 tribal students who received pre-matric scholarships for the academic year 2022-23 along with 2 caretakers attended the Republic Day function in New Delhi on January 26, 2024, as special guests of the President of India.
- 72 tribal students represented Tamil Nadu in the Khelo India Rural and Indigenous National Games 2023 (KIRING) held at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. A team of 12 boys won a Silver medal in Kabaddi and a Bronze medal in Volleyball. Rs. 8.50 lakh was spent for this event.

- Established Smart classrooms in 8 Eklavya Model Residential Schools across seven districts at the cost of Rs. 41.40 lakh in the 2023-24 academic years and special coaching is provided for higher education institution entrance exams.
- To ensure the welfare of students in tribal hostels CCTV cameras, biometric devices and central monitoring dashboard software have been installed at a cost of Rs. 1.04 crore.
- As a result of these new initiatives, tribal schools have achieved the highest pass percentage at the state level in the 10th and 12th standard Government public examinations.
- In the year 2023-2024, 81 Girl students studying Diploma in Nursing received financial assistance of Rs. 70,000/- each, at the cost of Rs. 56.70 lakhs.

1.1 Tribal Residential Schools

To improve the educational status of Tribal People with preserving the cultural heritage Tribal residential schools were set up in the tribal habitations with food and lodging facilities.

Government Tribal Residential Schools and Students Strength (2023-2024)

Schools	No. of Schools	Boys	Girls	Total
Primary School	212	4,635	4,437	9,072
Middle School	49	2,110	1,992	4,102
High School	31	2,080	1,569	3,649
Higher Secondary School	28	4,475	4,039	8,514
Total	320	13,300	12,037	25,337

The pass percentage for the SSLC public exams has increased from 84.06% to 90.63% in

the academic year 2023-24. Similarly, 12th pass percentage has risen from 94.05% to 94.71%.

1.2. Ekalavya Model Residential Schools

To improve the educational standards of Scheduled Tribes, eight (8) Ekalavya Model Residential Higher Secondary Schools, providing English medium education from grades 6 to 12 are functioning with funding supporting from the Union Government.

S. No.	District	Place	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Kallakurichi	Vellimalai	316	@	316
2	Salem	Abinavam	#	475	475
3	The Nilgiris	M.Palada	132	68	200
4	Namakkal	Sengarai	254	112	366
5	Tiruvanna- malai	Puliyampatti	190	157	347
6	Tirupathur	Keelur	157	106	263
7	Chengalpet	Kumizhi	108	57	165
8	Salem	Yercaud	153	84	237
Total			1310	1059	2369

@ exclusively for boys and # girls respectively

In these schools, the pass percentage for SSLC public exams is 94.25%, and for the HSC public exams, it is 96.49%.

In the academic year 2023-24, 14 schools achieved a 100% pass percentage in HSC public examination, and 28 schools achieved a 100% pass percentage in the SSLC public examination.

2. Educational Scholarships

To ensure tribal children continue their education, reduce dropout rates, alleviate financial burdens on their families, and encourage students to pursue higher education after completing school, the following scholarship and fee concession schemes are implemented.

2.1 Girls Incentive Scheme

To ensure that all girl children attend school and to prevent dropouts, an incentive scheme is

provided as follows for girls studying 3rd to 8th Standard.

S. No.	Standard	Incentive (Rs.) (Per Year)
1	3 rd to 5 th	500/-
2	6 th	1000/-
3	7 th and 8 th	1500/-

From the academic year 2023-2024, data obtained from the Education Management Information System (EMIS) are verified by TNeGA, and funds are directly credited to the students' bank accounts based on their Aadhaar numbers. In 2023-2024, 27,098 students have benefited by this scheme.

During the financial year, an amount of Rs. 3.75 crore is allocated.

2.2 Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme

Pre-matric scholarships are provided to tribal students studying in 9th and 10th standard, whose parents/guardians have an annual income

not exceeding Rs. 2.50 lakhs. The expenditure for this scheme is shared between the Union and State Government in the ratio of 75:25.

These scholarships are deposited into the students' bank accounts linked with their Aadhaar numbers as follows:

Details	Hostellers	Days Scholars
	(in Rs. Per Annum)	
Maintenance Allowance	5250/-	2250/-
ADHOC Grant	1,000/-	750/-

For the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 5.90 crore is allocated.

2.3 Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme

The expenditure for the post-matric scholarships is shared between the Union and State Government in the ratio of 75:25. Tribal students studying from 11th standard to postgraduate courses, whose parents/guardians

have an annual income not exceeding Rs. 2.50 lakhs, are eligible for this scholarship.

a) Government and Government-Aided Educational Institutions

For tribal students studying in recognized courses beyond the 10th standard, the compulsory non-refundable fees and maintenance allowances are directly credited into the student's bank account as an educational scholarship.

b) Self-Financing Educational Institutions

For tribal students studying in self-financing colleges, the tuition fee is directly credited into the bank account of the educational institutions on behalf of the students and the maintenance allowance is directly credited into the students' bank account.

c) Details of Maintenance Allowance

The details of the maintenance allowance provided to students under the post-matric scholarship scheme are as follows:

Group	Courses	Allowance per month (in Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Days Scholar
I	Bachelor, Master Degree, M.Phil/Ph.D Degree leading to degree, P.G Diploma, in professional courses in various streams.	1,200/-	550/-
II	All non-professional recognized courses leading to a Bachelor, Master Degree, M.Phil/Ph.D degree not covered under group I in Arts, Science and Commerce like B.A/B.Sc/B.Com or M.A/M.Sc/M.Com.	820/-	530/-
III	Vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in polytechnics etc.,	570/-	300/-

Group	Courses	Allowance per month (in Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Days Scholar
IV	All post-Matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior secondary certificate (Class XI and XII).	380/-	230/-

In the financial year 2023-2024, an amount of Rs. 44.87 crores have been disbursed, benefiting 23,529 students.

For the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 46.44 crores is allocated.

2.4 Other Educational Scholarship Schemes for Higher Education

The following schemes are implemented to encourage tribal students to pursue higher education:

- Reimbursement of examination fees to the Department of School Education for government examinations.
- Reimbursement of tuition fees, application fees, and registration fees.
- Tuition fee concession for undergraduate students.
- Tuition fee concession for postgraduate female students.
- Higher Educational Special Scholarship

3. Tribal Welfare Hostels

The Government is establishing and managing hostels with proper infrastructure to support the education of tribal students from remote areas and poor backgrounds.

New Hostels:

Three Government college hostels have started and are functioning in 3 districts of Dharmapuri, Namakkal and Tirupattur, each accommodating 50 tribal girl students.

Details of Tribal Welfare Hostels and Students Strength (2023-2024):

Hostels	No. of Hostels	Boys	Girls	Total
School Hostels	40	1,025	905	1,930
College Hostels	5	0	264	264
ITI Hostels	6	358	0	358
Total	51	1,383	1,169	2,552

- The food charges for students residing in Government Tribal Residential Schools/Hostels has been enhanced to Rs. 1,400 per month for school student and Rs. 1,500 per month for college student with effect from January 24, 2024.
- Solar Lights, Sweaters and Raincoat are also provided to the students of Tribal Hostels in Hilly Areas.

4. Industrial Training Institutes

Six Industrial Training Institutes with hostel facilities are currently operational exclusively for Tribals in collaboration with the Department of Employment and Training. These training institutes aim to prepare Tribal students for employment opportunities in manufacturing sectors domestically and internationally, as well as to encourage self-employment.

These institutes offer training in 14 different trades, including Tailoring, Electrician, Fitter, Plumber, Wireman, Welder, Advanced CNC Machinist Industrial Robotics and Digital Manufacturing Technician, and Motor Vehicle Mechanic.

In the academic year 2023-2024, over 100 students were enrolled in courses such as Electrician, Plumber, Wireman, Advanced CNC Machinist, Industrial Robotics and Digital Manufacturing Technician and Motor Vehicle

Mechanic. Moreover, a total of 1,150 students have undergone training during this period.

For the financial year 2023-2024, an outlay of Rs. 8.28 crore has been allocated to support the operational expenses of these training institutes and hostels.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an allocation of Rs. 9.74 crore has been earmarked for administrative functions related to these training institutes.

5. Financial Assistance to the Schools and Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organisations

(i) Schools with Hostels

The Society for Rural Development (SFRD) is running a higher secondary school for Tribal students in Jawadhu Hills, Thiruvannamalai district. This school, which imparts education to 2,027 students from 1st to 12th standard, receives

salary grant from State Government for 36 teaching and 7 non-teaching staff. Since 2005, Food Charges, miscellaneous expenses and other benefits have been provided to sanctioned strength of 550 hostel students. The school has consistently achieved 100% pass percentage in the 10th and 12th public examinations.

In the financial year 2023-2024, a grant of Rs. 3.50 crore was released.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 3.70 crore is allocated.

(ii) Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations

Hostels for Tribal students are opened not only by the government but also by private charitable Non-Governmental Organizations. Aim for Seva in Coimbatore District, and Ramco & Group in Virudhunagar District are getting grants

for food and other benefits to 100 Tribal students on par with GTR School Students.

(iii) Scheme for Supporting Non-Governmental Organizations to run Schools with Hostels in Interior Tribal Habitations

A financial assistance scheme is implemented for Non-Governmental Organizations which start schools for tribal students.

In the financial year 2023-2024, Rs. 4.45 crore was provided as financial assistance to schools run by Montfort Community School in Yercaud, Salem district, and Community Service Centre in Kallakurichi district, benefiting 1352 and 641 students, respectively.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 14.50 crore is allocated.

6. State Government Schemes:

New Initiatives

- ❖ The inauguration ceremony of the **"Tolkudiyinar Velanmai Melanmai Thittam – Ainthinai"** was held on 06.03.2024 in Namakkal district. Administrative sanction was accorded for Rs. 15.65 crore to implement the Livelihood activities to improve the socio economic development of Tribals through six Government Institutions and four Non-Government Organizations in three years. For the year 2023-24, Rs. 5.59 crore has been released for these initiatives.
- ❖ In 20 districts, 1,500 houses are being constructed at a cost of Rs. 79.00 crore to benefit 500 Narikuravar families and 1,000 other Tribal families who are economically backward and homeless.
- ❖ Rs. 104.73 lakhs was sanctioned to provide Agricultural equipment to the Malaiyali Agricultural Development

Association in Perappansolai and Edappulinadu villages, Rasipuram Taluk, Namakkal district; Malayarasi Farmers Producer Company Limited in Pachamalai, Thuraiyur Taluk, Trichy district; and Malaiyali Agricultural Development Association in Malayalapatti, Veppanthattai Taluk, Perambalur district.

- ❖ Ten solar milling machines at a cost of Rs. 29.85 lakhs were provided to Grind Millets like Ragi, Varagu, and Samai in forest villages of Erode and Coimbatore districts where electricity connections are unavailable, thus improving the livelihood of the tribal people.
- ❖ Long-range wireless connectivity facilities at a cost of Rs. 622.02 lakhs are being provided in 78 remote villages where there are no telecommunication facilities in Erode and Tirupattur districts. Efforts are underway to leverage facilities for activities such as Tele-medicine, Tele-education, and Tele-counselling.

- ❖ A two-month skill development training at a cost of Rs. 81.12 lakhs was provided to 148 unemployed tribal youths in technical and non-technical fields through Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF) in Bengaluru, securing employment in various private companies.
- ❖ A socio-economic survey of the tribal population in Tamil Nadu is being conducted by the Madras School of Social Work at a cost of Rs. 3.00 crores.
- ❖ Eighty-six individuals from the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and 9 liaison officers were invited to New Delhi as special guests of the Hon'ble President of India.

6.1 Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme (CTDP)

The Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme is being focused to fulfil the needs of tribal communities in Education, Health,

Infrastructure, Livelihood development, Cultural preservation and Legal rights.

In the financial year 2023-24, Rs. 93.51 crore was spent under this scheme.

6.2 Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP)

10 hilly areas in the revenue taluks of seven districts—Salem, Namakkal, Kallakurichi, Thiruvannamalai, Tiruchirappalli, Dharmapuri, and Tirupattur—where tribal populations constitute 50% or more of the total population have been designated as ITDP areas. Seven Project Offices have been established for the effective implementation of welfare schemes.

Integrated Tribal Development Programme Areas

S. No.	District	Project Areas
1.	Salem	Yercaud, Pachamalai, Arunoothumalai and Kalrayan Hills

S. No.	District	Project Areas
2.	Namakkal	Kollihills
3.	Kallakurichi	Kalrayan Hills
4.	Tiruvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills
5.	Tiruchirapalli	Pachamalai
6.	Dharmapuri	Sitheri Hills
7.	Tirupathur	Jawadhu Hills and Yelagiri Hills

Under this scheme, Rs. 3.48 crore was spent in the year 2023-2024.

For the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 3.95 crores is allocated.

6.3 Scheme for Improving Basic Infrastructure in Tribal Habitations

To improve the basic Infrastructure in Tribal Habitations and to improve their living conditions, facilities such as safe drinking water, improved road infrastructure, modern solar lights streetlights and houses with modern toilets are being provided. Special funds have been

allocated for these activities and the scheme is implemented by the Tribal Welfare Department, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests and the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

- In the financial year 2023-2024, basic amenities such as Road, Drinking Water, Drainage, Compound wall and solar lights were provided at a cost of Rs. 40.00 crore by the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO), the Forest Department, and District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers / District Project Officers.
- Under the special infrastructure scheme in the financial year 2023-2024, besides 40 tribal villages identified, various basic infrastructure facilities such as Road, Drinking Water, Drainage, Compound wall and solar lights were provided.
- A sum of Rs. 100.00 crore was spent in 2023-2024.

6.4 Tholkudi - Special Scheme

The "**Tholkudi**" special scheme has been introduced to improve the basic amenities such as Houses, Roads, Drinking Water and Streetlights in tribal habitations and to improve the quality of life of tribal people through various livelihood activities. This scheme is to be implemented in four years at an annual cost of Rs. 250.00 crore, totaling Rs. 1000.00 crore.

For the financial year 2024-2025, a budget allocation of ₹250.00 crores has been made.

7. Union Government Schemes

7.1 Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY)

Under this scheme, financial assistance is being provided to meet the basic infrastructure needs of 167 villages with 50% or more tribal population or a tribal population of more than 500

people in five years from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

In Tamil Nadu, 167 such villages are identified and Rs. 20.38 lakh per village is provided under this scheme. The basic infrastructures have been made saturation with the help of funds from line departments in gap-filling manner.

In the financial year 2023-2024, Rs. 10.65 crore has been spent under this scheme.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 12.64 crore is allocated.

7.2 Financial Assistance under Article 275 (1) of the Indian Constitution

Funds are allocated under this scheme for improving education, health, drinking water, road internet services, and economic conditions.

In the financial year 2023-2024, the Union Government approved Rs. 7.35 crore and released Rs. 6.50 crore.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 15.00 crore is allocated.

7.3 Development Programme for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)

Based on factors such as stagnation or decline in population growth, fully agricultural economy and low literacy levels, six tribal groups—Toda, Kota, Irula, Kurumba, Paniya, and Kattunayakan—have been classified as "Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups".

This scheme is being implemented to improve housing, education, healthcare, land development, solar-powered high mast lights, advanced agriculture, livestock care, irrigation facilities, skill development, and cultural preservation of these communities.

An ethnographic survey of the six PVTGs was conducted at a cost of Rs. 48.00 lakhs and their cultures were documented in audio-visual format.

7.4 Pradhan Mantri Jan Jatiya Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN)

The Union Government implements PM JANMAN scheme in collaboration with 9 allied departments. Through the Tribal Welfare Department, Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) and Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVK) are being established.

In the year 2023-2024, Rs. 15.00 Crore have been sanctioned for establishing 25 MPCs and Rs. 5.19 crore was released.

A special allocation of ₹120.15 lakhs was made for establishing 37 VDVKs in 7 districts—Ariyalur, Namakkal, Tirupattur, Thiruvannamalai, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, and Chengalpattu

exclusively for PVTGs and Rs.60.08 lakhs was released in the year 2023-2024.

S. No	Interventions	Dept in State	Funding Pattern	Numbers	Sanctioned Amt in Cr
1	Provision of pucca houses for beneficiaries	Rural Development	60:40	2094 Unit cost 2,00,000	
2	Connecting roads	Rural Development	60:40	8	
3	Piped water supply/ Community water supply	JJM – Dharmapuri & Krishnagiri Districts	50: 50	Households: 1417 Nos	25.23
		JJM – Coimbatore District	50:50	CWSS :2 Nos House Holds : 223 Nos	11.78
4	Energization of HHs	Energy	100	7094 Unit cost 30148	22.37
5	Construction of Hostels	SSA	60:40	1,50,00,000 + 50,00,000 recurring	12.32
6	Construction of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)	Social Welfare - ICDS	100	16 Unit cost 12,00,000	1.2
7	Construction of Multipurpose Centres (MPCs)	Tribal Welfare	100	25 Unit cost 60,00,000	5.19
8	Setting up of VDKs	Tribal Welfare	100	35 Unit cost 5000 @ 2296 beneficiaries	1.14

7.5 Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce (MSP for MFP) Scheme

The livelihood of forest dependent tribal communities depends on minor forest produce.

This includes various products such as bamboo, honey, wax, lacquer, herbs, and tubers. The Union Government has set minimum support prices for items like honey, kadukkai, tamarind, and mountain broom.

Apart from promoting fair pricing, value addition, and better marketing opportunities for such minor forest produce, Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce is being implemented by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED), New Delhi.

7.6 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs)

Under this scheme, a Van Dhan Vikas Kendra is established in highly tribal populated area comprising 15 Self-Help groups with 20

members each (300 members in total). A 100% grant of Rs. 15.00 lakh is provided for purchasing equipment, providing training, and adding value to minor forest produce.

In Tamil Nadu, 8 VDVKs are operational in the following 4 districts:

Sl. No.	District	Location of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra
1	Tiruvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills (3)
2	Salem	Yercaud, Karumandurai, Arunoothumalai
3	Tirupathur	Pudhurnadu
4	Vellore	Peenjamanthai

8. Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

The "Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" was enacted and implemented from December 29, 2006, to recognize the forest rights of tribals and other traditional forest dwellers who depend on forests for their livelihood, residence, social culture, and other needs. According to this Act, individuals and communities residing in and around forests before December 13, 2005, are eligible to claim forest rights. Tribals who have been residing in forests for three generations (75 years) before this date, and other traditional dwellers living in and around forests for the same duration, are eligible.

Under the Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006, the following five types of forest rights are granted for activities such as individual use of

forest land, collection and sale of forest produce, grazing land use, and using forest lands for public purposes like roads, schools, and places of worship:

1. Individual Rights
2. Community Rights
3. Community Forest Resource Rights
4. Community Development Rights
5. Habitat Rights for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)

Applications received under this Act are meticulously reviewed by three committees at different levels: the Gram Sabha, the Sub-Divisional Level Committee, and the District Level Committee.

A State-Level Monitoring Committee, headed by the Chief Secretary to Government, monitors the implementation of this Act.

Under community development rights of Forest Rights Act, 2006, permission to laying of road was given and road is being laid for 3.150 k.m from Thirumoorthimalai to Kuruthu malai in Tirupur District at a cost of Rs. 49.00 lakh.

Data on boundaries of Revenue Village, Gram Panchayat, Settlements and Reserve Forest are obtained from Tamil Nadu Geo Informatics Centre and preparation of FRA Atlas and the digitalization of records of individual rights and community rights are under progress.

So far, 15,408 individual rights for an extent of 8945.51 hectares and 720 community rights for an extent of 24,470.85 hectares have been issued under this Act.

9. Verification of genuineness of Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates

Since November 11, 1989, the authority to issue community certificates for Scheduled Tribes has been vested with the Revenue Divisional Officer/Sub-Collector. To ensure the genuineness of community certificates issued to scheduled tribes, three state-level scrutiny committees have been established.

State-Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC)

Secretary to Government / Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department	Chairperson
Director of Tribal Welfare / Deputy Conservator of forests	Member Secretary
Director, Tribal Research Centre / Anthropologist	Member

Vigilance Cells

Vigilance Cells are operating in four zones—Chennai, Salem, Vellore, and Madurai—under the leadership of the Deputy Superintendent of Police to conduct field investigations on the authenticity of tribal community certificates and report to the State-Level Scrutiny Committees.

The Social Justice and Human Rights Division, operating in all districts under the supervision of the Director General of Police, is also engaged in verifying the authenticity of tribal community certificates through field investigations and reporting to the State-Level Scrutiny Committee.

10. Tribal Research Centre (TRC)

The Tribal Research Centre was established in 1983-84 at M.Palada, Nilgiris district to study the lifestyle, culture, language, socio-economic and educational status of the tribal people living

in Tamil Nadu. The administrative expenses of this Centre are borne by the State Government, while the expenses for the project activities are funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

The Tribal Research Centre undertakes the following activities related to tribal communities:

- Conducting research studies on tribal communities.
- Recording social, economic, religious, political, and psychological changes among the listed tribal communities.
- Publishing monographs on the life and culture of tribal communities.
- Researching tribal languages and teaching them to instil confidence.
- Recommending the inclusion of weaker communities in the SC/ST list of Tamil Nadu.
- Studying the basic needs of tribal communities.

- Providing training and a proper perspective on tribal cultures and development.
- Establishing a tribal museum to preserve and exhibit the cultural heritage of tribal communities.
- Preparing perspective plans for the development of tribal communities.
- Conducting periodical research on the listed tribal communities of Tamil Nadu.
- Conducting evaluation studies on development schemes implemented by government and non-government organizations.
- Organizing seminars and workshops on tribal development issues and organizations in tribal areas.

An open-air museum at this centre preserves and displays art objects and photographs related to the tribal people.

For the financial year 2023-2024, an administrative expenditure of Rs. 40.51 lakhs has been incurred for this centre.

During the financial year 2024-2025, an amount of Rs. 55.19 lakhs is allocated.

11. Special Vocational Guidance Centre

The Special Vocational Guidance Centre for Scheduled Tribes, operating in Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris district, provides counselling and training for tribal youth to choose their career paths and prepare for various competitive examinations.

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs. 33.63 lakh has been incurred for the function of this centre.

For the financial year 2024-2025, budget allocation of Rs. 40.08 lakh has been made.

III. TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (TAHDCO)

In its service to Adi Dravidar and Tribal people of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation has contributed immensely and reached a great milestone of its 50th year. Its celebrating Golden Jubilee this year. The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar and Housing Development Corporation was started in February 1974 to build houses, schools, and hostels for the Adi Dravidar people. It has now grown as an organization that implements various of entrepreneurship and skill development programs.

Activities of TAHDCO

1. Implementing Economic Development Programmes.
2. Providing Skill Development Training.

3. Undertaking construction activities of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department.

The present authorized capital of the corporation is Rs.200.00 crore and paid-up share capital is Rs.147.11 crore. The paid-up capital of the Corporation has been shared by the State and Union Government in the ratio of 51:49 since 1980.

1. Economic Development Programmes

To improve the economic condition of the marginalized Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people and raise their social status, various entrepreneurship schemes are being implemented by TAHDCO. These schemes are implemented from the funds received from State Government, Government of India, loans from banks and National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National

Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

1.1 New Initiatives

- **Chief Minister's Adi Dravidar and Tribal Socio-Economic Development Scheme (CM-ARISE)**

Economic Development Program, Youth Self-Employment Program, Youth Self-Employment Program (Clinic) and Land Development Program implemented by TAHDCO have been renamed as Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Program for Adi Dravidar & tRIBal Socio-Economic Development (CM-ARISE)

As pre-release grant of subsidy 35% or a maximum of Rs.3.50 lakh whichever is less is given to the total project cost of the individual.

Also, 6% interest subsidy is provided to the beneficiaries who regularly repay the loan instalments in the bank.

- **Subsidy with Bank Loan is provided for income generating trades.**

Supermarket, Stationery, Gym, Beauty Salon, Parlor, Tailor Shop, Appliances Sales, Restaurant, Auto Spare Parts Sales, Cell Phone Maintenance, Clothing Store Setup and Construction Materials Sales, Aavin Palagam Construction, Tamilnadu Cement Sales Agency, Light & Heavy Vehicles, and innovative projects.

In the financial year 2023-2024, a subsidy of Rs.39.75 crore has been given to 2058 beneficiaries under this scheme.

- **TN BEAT EXPO 2024 and Conference for Entrepreneurs**

“TN BEAT EXPO 2024” was the first Exhibition cum Conference conducted for SC/ST

entrepreneurs on 26.01.2024 and 27.01.2024 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai.

Various Businessmen, Entrepreneurs, Investors, Traders, Merchants, Bankers, and students from diverse streams across India participated in TN BEAT EXPO. More than 8000 products manufactured by the Adi Dravidar and Tribals were displayed at 420 stalls along with Motor Vehicle Spares, Chemical products, Electrical and Electronics, Agro based machineries, construction-based equipment's and Information Technology companies were displayed at 187 stalls. Government based organizations like Poompuhar, Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited, SIDCO, AAVIN were displayed at 28 stalls along with Nationalized Banks and Private Banks were displayed at 10 stalls.

To connect the Merchants and Customers to sell Handmade and Hand-Crafted products, Wooden products, ornaments, food and

beverages, organic food products were displayed at 128 stalls. Various Businessmen, Entrepreneurs, Investors, Traders, Merchants, Bankers, and students from diverse streams across India participated in TN BEAT EXPO. Over 25,000 public visited the EXPO.

The EXPO supported the Adi Dravidar and Tribals to display their products, direct procurement of Central and State Public sector products and private sector products, to guide budding entrepreneurs to set up their business with subsidized bank loans and awareness about the export of products produced by Micro and Small business owners. The 2 days conference was also conducted through experts from several Industries across Tamil Nadu.

1.2 Skill Development Training

- Training for IATA -CANADA approved Certificate for the course of Air Cargo

Introductory + DGR, Passenger Ground Services + Reservation Ticketing, Foundation in Travel and Tourism and best placement opportunity in International & Domestic Airlines across the World

- TCS iON offers training programs in IT and animation.
- TCS iON Collaborated with Apollo MedSkills to provide Finishing Skills for Nursing Excellence Training for Nursing Graduates
- Robotics Training Course

1.3 Construction Wing

Under the construction Wing, Hostels, community halls, school building and basic amenities are being constructed for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes students. For the first time, tribal villages are being transformed into modern villages, and in the residential areas of Tribal people basic amenities like concrete roads, tar roads, drainage systems, overhead

water tanks, and water pipelines are being provided. Additionally, community halls, retaining walls, paver blocks and crematorium shelters are being constructed and laid. 1500 houses are being constructed for the welfare of the tribal people. In Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalvar, under the Chief Minister's scheme in Cuddalore and Kallakurichi districts construction of four new hostel buildings with all facilities, for the Scheduled Castes and Tribes school students, including a total of 1901 works worth ₹570.49 crore are being carried.

Furthermore, this year, 25 construction works worth ₹32.95 crore have been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Foundation stone laid for following that, 34 construction works worth ₹138.00 crore and works are in progress.

Administrative Reforms

TAHDCO has reformed various livelihood programmes for the benefit of eligible SC/ST beneficiaries through Special and Innovative projects. In continuation to this, TAHDCO had appointed State Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager under the Project Management Unit. The said livelihood projects have been implemented through PMU for the betterment of SC/ST beneficiaries.

To ensure quick processing of Subsidized loans to beneficiaries, to confirm Asset Creation and to coordinate with banks Retired Deputy General Manager and retired Bank officials from Banks has been appointed as State Project Manager and Regional Project Managers respectively.

TAHDCO has established a 13-member district-level selection committee to review online

applications for subsidized loans and recommend them to banks. This committee will forward the applications to the District Livelihood Credit Management Agency. TAHDCO receives applications from beneficiaries for applying loans with subsidy. The applications will be scrutinized by Pre-Scrutiny Members headed by the District Manager, TAHDCO, the Regional Project Managers and the members appointed by the Managing Director, TAHDCO and the application will be forwarded to **“District Livelihood Credit Management Agency”** for further processing of loan application to sanction by the bank.

2. Livelihood Development Schemes

2.1 Supplying Uniforms to Students in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Schools/Hostels

- **Financial Year 2023-2024:** Each student in tribal welfare schools/hostels received four uniforms, and each student in

residential schools/hostels received two uniforms across 8 districts. These uniforms, following the Ekalaiva model, were stitched with the assistance of entrepreneurs under the economic development program.

- **Financial Year 2024-2025** Continuing this initiative, four uniforms are being provided to all students in Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare schools and hostels, with stitching services supplied by the same group of entrepreneurs.

2.2 Tribal Livelihood Development Program

Under the Tribal Livelihood Development Scheme, Tribal Self Help Groups has established 'Madhuramma Enterprises Snacks' in Krisnagiri District. The company makes Thattai and murukku snacks, which are bought by and supplied to the employees of TVS Pvt Ltd. in Hosur.

In continuation, the ACHUBALU – TAHDCO ADIDRAVIDAR TRIBAL ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY was set up for better implementation of the process.

2.3 EMRS – Food Service Management Program:

Self-help groups that have received grants and loans under the Tribal Economic Development Program have undergone a one-week training at the Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition to prepare and serve quality food. Currently, these self-help groups operate eight Ekalaiva models, providing boarding school students with three healthy meals a day.

Additionally, modern kitchen equipment has been purchased and provided at a cost of 5.00 lakhs for one hostel and 40.00 lakhs for eight hostels.

2.4 Aerospace awareness programme

360 Flying club Chennai provides space awareness training, airspace exploration and Unmanned aerial training to the students of 9th to 11th class of Adi Dravidar Welfare Department in Kanchipuram and Chengalpattu districts, Chennai, and conducts airshow, principles of flying drones, IIT Boeing. Knowledge of the students by providing extensive awareness training to the students to participate in the National Aero model Competition.

70 teams were selected out of 490 teams from 7 states across India in the first round of competition. In the final round, Adi Dravidar Welfare Department team was also selected with in 10th place.

In the financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 12.62 lakh has been released.

2.5. Land Purchase

The land purchase scheme is being implemented since 2004–2005 to transform the Adi Dravidar people who are agricultural labourers into landowners and raise their social status. Women are given priority to purchase land under this scheme.

Under this scheme, the lands are to be purchased from non-Adi Dravidar. Stamp duty and registration fees are fully exempted for purchase of land.

Market value of land has been increased, the scheme was reviewed and an amount of 50 % of market rate or Maximum Rs. 5 lakh is given. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed into the Indian Overseas Bank to receive funds from the National scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)

for the beneficiaries to avail Bank loan with subsidy towards purchase of Land.

Under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs.896.22 lakh has been provided to 191 beneficiaries in the financial year 2023-24.

2.6 Economic Assistance to Women Self Help Groups.

Subsidized bank loans are provided to improve the livelihoods of women and support basic income-generating activities such as horticulture, floriculture, handicrafts, and the establishment of snack shops at tourist spots, along with other tourism-related industries.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Self-Help Groups (SHGs) after second grading are eligible to start their own income-generating businesses /enterprises for this an amount of Rs. 50,000 per individual is provided to 12 members, with a

maximum grant amount of Rs. 6,00,000 per group.

Under this scheme, Rs. 5.72 crore was given as subsidies to 229 Women Self-Help Groups during the year 2023-2024.

2.7. Subsidy for Fast Track Power Supply

To get electricity connection to the farmers to meet various needs of electricity for agriculture and infrastructure development etc this scheme helps It is being implemented as a deposit payment scheme with 90% subsidy and 10 % contribution of the beneficiary.

Under this scheme, a deposit of Rs.2.33 crore has been paid to the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation for the benefit of 100 tribal farmers in the financial year 2023-2024.

2.8 Initiation and Modernization of New Women's Cooperative Milk Society

The association provides opportunities for women in rural areas to participate in dairy farming, milk production and distribution. A plan to establish 60 new associations with 3,000 members and to modernize the existing 40 women milk producers' associations has been introduced in 2023-2024.

Under this scheme, Rs.1.65 lakh per association will be provided to 60 newly started women milk producers' societies and Rs.99.00 lakhs per society for modernization of 40 women milk producers' societies which are already functioning. 65,000/- at the rate of Rs.26.00 lakhs and a total of Rs.125.00 lakhs have been provided.

2.9 Union Government sponsored scheme Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

Comprehensive livelihood development projects, skill development training, basic infrastructure projects are being implemented with the help of the Union Government. 50% of the project cost per individual or a maximum of Rs.50,000/- whichever is less will be released as subsidy. Subsidy with Bank Loan assistance is provided by banks to help the Adi Dravidar and tribal entrepreneurs.

The following income generating industries.

- Setting up animal husbandry, dairy and poultry and goat units.
- Purchase of fishing boat and net for fish farming and fishing.
- Supermarket, stationery store, gym, beauty salon, spa

Under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs.5123.75 lakh has been provided to 9459 beneficiaries in the financial year 2023-2024.

2.10 National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

Adi Dravidars are given periodic loans at low interest rates through the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation.

Adi Dravidar students are offered education loans at low interest rates (4 percent for female students and 4.5 percent for male students) for pursuing full-time degrees in medicine, engineering, nursing, etc.

Through this scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 178.46 lakh was provided to 59 students under the education loan scheme in the financial year 2023-2024.

Micro credit finance is provided at a low interest rate (4 percent) for small purchases from

wholesalers who sell various products in vegetable, fruit markets, and other quality markets, enabling recipients to carry out small businesses daily. Financial assistance of Rs. 80.50 lakh was provided to 46 beneficiaries under the term loan scheme.

2.11 National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation

To enhance the livelihoods of sanitation workers, various periodic loan schemes are being implemented at low interest rates, funded through the National Sanitation Workers Finance and Development Corporation.

In the year 2023-2024, a loan amounting to Rs. 109.06 lakh has been provided by the corporation. This initiative aims to benefit 587 sanitation workers and their dependents through term loans.

2.12 National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation

Out of the funds received from the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, term loans with low interest rates are provided to the Scheduled Tribes.

Educational Loan with lower rate of interest is provided to Scheduled Tribe students through TAHDCO, for pursuing full time courses such as, Medicine, Engineering, Nursing etc.,

The Government have permitted TAHDCO to avail financial assistance of Rs.20.00 crore for giving term loans to Scheduled Tribes.

Under this scheme, an education loan totalling Rs. 11.87 lakh has been provided to 8 tribal students for the year 2023-2024.

3. Skill Development Training to the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Youth

To equip the Dravidar and Tribal Youth, Several skill development training programs

provided by institutes recognized by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation / National Skill Development Corporation. These programs are conducted with 10% allocation received under Special Central Assistance to Schedule castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP).

3.1 Financial support to pursue BS (Data Science and Application) degree in IIT, Madras

Entrance exam training program and also financial assistance is provided for the students who are all passed class XII to pursue BS (Data Science and Applications) degree through online in IIT, Madras.

Students can simultaneously study their preferred degree course and study BS (Data Science and Application) degree course offered by IIT, Madras through Online.

Under this scheme, 93 students have been trained for the entrance examination in the year

2023-2024 at a cost of Rs.1.41 lakh and 16 students who have passed the entrance examination are studying at a cost of Rs.19.02 lakh.

3.2 Placement with Four years Graduation Degree program through HCL:

TAHDCO provides 10 days training for HCL entrance exam and one-year HCL Tech bee program for the XII qualified students in the year of 2021-22 and 2022-23 to pursue degree with placement opportunities in HCL.

Under this scheme, 33 students have been given financial assistance of Rs.2.48 lakhs for 10 days of training for the entrance examination in the year 2023-2024 and 19 students who have passed the entrance examination are studying at a cost of Rs.22.42 lakh.

3.3 Financial assistance to pursue degree in Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology

For SC/ST students who have passed 10th and 12th standard are offered financial assistance by TAHDCO for B.Sc. (Hospitality & Hotel Administration) three-year graduation course and Food Production/Craftsmanship course at Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology.

Under this scheme, in the year of 2023-2024, 26 students are studying at a cost of Rs.75.30 lakh.

3.4 Training for Bank entrance exam:

Bank entrance exam Training program is provided by the best training institutes to SC/ST graduates to participate in the competitive exams conducted by the government and private banks to get employment.

Under this scheme, an expenditure of Rs.46.88 lakh has been incurred in the financial year 2022-2023 and 709 number of students have been benefited from this training.

3.5 Training for Medical Coding and Billing

The students who have passed Bachelor /Masters of degree in Science are trained for the purpose of online training and are trained to get medical coding related jobs in Indian software companies.

In the financial year of 2023-2024, an expenditure of Rs.20.25 lakh has been incurred and 135 students have benefited.

3.6 Drone Operation Training

Madras Institute of Technology, Center for Aerospace Research provides training in Drones to students who have passed minimum class 10th to carry out agriculture related activities like pesticide and micro-fertilizer spraying on

agricultural land using drones. Also, TAHDCO provides subsidy to buy own drones and use them for agriculture.

In the financial year of 2023-2024, an expenditure of Rs.117.12 lakh has been incurred and 192 beneficiaries have benefited under this training.

3.7 Aviation Course(Customer Care Executive in Airline)

TAHDCO provides customer executive training to the students who have completed class XII and completed any degree to get placement opportunities in customer executive in Airport.

In the financial year of 2023-2024, an expenditure of Rs.187.57 lakh has been incurred and 235 students have benefited under this training.

3.8 Beautician Training

TAHDCO provides Beautician Training through leading training institutes for SC/ST students who have passed 10th standard to get employment opportunities in beauty salons and also help financial assistance to set up their own beauty salon.

In the financial year of 2023-2024 an expenditure of Rs.133.29 lakh has been incurred and 277 students have benefited under this training

3.9 AMCAT (Aspiring Minds Common Aptitude Test) Training

To prepare undergraduate and post-graduate final year students in colleges to face competitive examinations for employment, AMCAT training will be provided by TAHDCO at a cost of Rs 100.00 lakhs to 1000 SC students.

3.10 CAT (Common Admission Test) Coaching

TAHDCO provides CAT (Common Admission Test) training for SC/ST Students to pursue MBA degree in reputed educational institutes like IIM and IIT as well as many other top MBA institutions across India.

In the financial year of 2023-2024 an expenditure of Rs.44.18 lakh has been incurred and 119 students have benefited under this training. So far 43 students have been cleared the entrance examination.

3.11 Coaching for Staff Selection Commission exam

Staff selection commission exam Training program is provided by the best training institutes to SC/ST graduates to participate in the competitive exams conducted by the Central government to get employment.

Under this scheme, an expenditure of Rs.25.52 lakh has been incurred in the financial year 2023-2024 and 511 number of students have been benefited from this training.

3.12 Coaching for Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission exam

TNPSC exam Training program is provided by the best training institutes to SC/ST graduates to compete in the Group-2, Group-4 competitive exams conducted by the Tamil Nadu Government to get Employment.

In the financial year 2023-24, coaching for competitive examinations has been provided at a cost of Rs. 41.24 lakh.

3.13 Various Skill Training

Various Skill based training like Ward boy/Ward girl, Light Motor vehicle, Four-wheeler, House Keeping (General), Customer care

executive is provided to SC/ST Unemployed youth.

Under this scheme, an expenditure of Rs.55.07 lakh has been incurred in the financial year 2023-2024 and 598 number of youths have been benefited from this training.

3.14 Media related training through National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)

Media related training like Multimedia (Designing), Digital still photography, Social Media-Jump start have been provided to SC/ST College Hostellers through National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)

Under this scheme, an expenditure of Rs.18.91 lakh has been incurred in the financial year 2023-2024 and 227 number of youths have been benefited from this training.

3.15 Innovation Centric Skills & Competencies Development Program (ProtoSem)

Students who have completed Engineering / studying in final year are being trained by Innovation Centric Skills & Competencies Development Program (ProtoSem)

In the financial year of 2023-2024 an expenditure of Rs.17.84 lakh has been incurred and 89 students have benefited under this training.

3.16 Higher Education Entrance Exams Training (IELTS, TOFEL, GRE, GMAT) in Foreign countries

Training provided to the SC/ST students for clearing the eligibility test such as IELTS, TOFEL, GRE, GMAT mandated by the educational institutions in foreign countries for securing admission. An order has been issued for the 500 students, training has been provided to 81

students at the cost of Rs. 18.00 lakh in the first phase.

3.17 Higher Technical Education Entrance Exam Training (NEET, JEE and CLAT)

To provide training for 1000 Adi Dravidar and tribal students in twelfth standard for entrance exams such as NEET, JEE, CLAT, etc., aimed at admission to higher technical colleges. Additionally, training will include personality development, English speaking skills, and other related areas. This initiative is budgeted at Rs. 800.00 lakh.

Under this scheme, training has been provided to 200 students at the cost of Rs. 55.00 lakh.

3.18 Medical Dresser Training

The students who have passed minimum class XII are trained for the purpose of medical

dresser training and are trained to get employment in various hospitals.

In the financial year 2023-2024, training has been provided to 150 students at the cost of Rs. 40.65 lakh.

3.19 Information Technology/Animation related Training through TCS iON

Training has been provided to the 1036 Students for National Level qualifier test (NQT) through TCS iON at the cost of Rs. 5.15 lakh and offer Information Technology / Animation related training like Data Analytics and Reporting, Social Media and Text Analytics, Practical approach to cyber security, Machine Learning for Real world Application, Intelligent Game Design for selected 400 Students at the cost of Rs. 32.00 lakh.

3.20 Medical related Training

The students who have completed Class X and Class XII are being trained medical related training like Basic Medical Lab Technician, Basic Nursing Assistant, Basic X-Ray Technician, Basic Radiology Technician.

In the financial year of 2023-2024, 80 youngster was trained at the cost of Rs.43.18 lakh.

4. Construction Activities

The construction wing of TAHDCO is undertaking construction of Adi Dravidar & Tribal Hostels, Providing Basic infrastructure facilities to schools, Community Halls, providing basic Amenities to Tribal Habitation & Construction of Tribal Housing for the welfare of Tribal people for a total number of 1901 of works amounting Rs.570.49 Crores are under progress.

**Works undertaken in Financial Year
2024-2025**

Schemes	Component	No. of Works	Estimate Amount (Rs in crore)
PM-AJAY (BJRCY), EMRS	Hostels	10	34.23
Adi Dravidar Welfare (State)	Hostel, School, Community & Providing basic Infrastructure	109	230.00
Tribal Welfare (State)	Hostel, School, Community & Providing basic Infrastructure	127	97.38
NABARD INFRA	Hostel & Schools	160	155.85
Tribal Welfare	Housing	1500	79.28
TOTAL		1901	570.49

4.1 Works under Financial Assistance of the Union Government.

5 Hostels are constructed at the cost of Rs. 7.98 Crore under the scheme of Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) which includes Pradhan Mantri Jan Arokyo Yojana. Also, 5 Hostels for Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) are constructed at the Cost Rs. 26.25 Crore with assistance of Union Government.

4.2 State Government works

The Construction of additional classrooms and science laboratories to the upgraded Adi Dravidar Welfare and Government Tribal Residential Schools, Hostels, compound walls, Community halls, special repair works, and providing infrastructure facilities to Tribal Residential Schools in Kalvarayan Hills under State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) are undertaken under State Government schemes.

At present, 231 works to a total value of Rs.301.14 crore are undertaken under state Government schemes. Construction of 1500 houses for tribal welfare is underway at a cost of Rs. 79.28 crore.

4.3 Works under NABARD -Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (NABARD-RIDF)

At present 160 works to a total value of Rs.155.85 crore is undertaken under NABARD Schemes.

IV. Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

“The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes” has been established as an autonomous body to protect the legal rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes at the State Level and to address their issues is functioning from 13.10.2021 .

The Commission functions under the Chairmanship of former Justice of Madras High Court. A Vice Chairman and four members have also been nominated to this Commission. The term of office of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members is three years. The Managing Director, TAHDCO is the Member-Secretary to the Commission.

Till date, 2945 cases have been finalised out of the 3695 petitions received by the commission.

V. WELFARE COMMITTEES

Tribal Advisory Council

To render necessary advice for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu, as envisaged in Rule 4(1) of the 5th schedule in the Constitution of India, Tribal Advisory Council was constituted on 04.09.1961.

As per the G.O(Ms). No. 165, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare (TD1(2)) Department, dated 30.11.2023, Tribal Advisory Council has been reconstituted comprising the Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Chairperson and 3 official members, 15 Non-official Members and 2 Non-Scheduled Tribe are members. The Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member – Secretary of this Council.

VI. WELFARE BOARDS

1. Tamil Nadu Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board

The “Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board” was established on 15.10.2009 under the Chairpersonship of Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare, for the educational, socio-economic development of the Puthirai Vannar community.

There are 12 official members and 13 non official members nominated to this Board. The Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this Board. It has been reconstituted on 03.08.2023.

For implementing various welfare measures to the 2,276 registered members of the board and their dependents, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been sanctioned from the year 2009 to 2012 and welfare measures have been provided.

An additional fund of Rs.10.00 crore has been sanctioned for the financial year 2023-2024 to revive the Board and undertake livelihood development activities.

2. Cleanliness Workers Welfare Board

The “Cleanliness Workers Welfare Board” has been constituted on 11.06.2007 under the Chairpersonship of Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare to monitor implementation and progress of the welfare schemes meant for the sanitary workers in the field of education, social and economic development.

It has been reconstituted on 03.05.2023 comprising of Deputy Chairman, 14 official members and 12 non-official members. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) is the Member-Secretary to this board.

A sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been sanctioned for implementing various measures to the 68,700 registered members of this board.

During the year 2022-2023, Rs.15.00 crore has been sanctioned by the 6th State Finance Commission to the Cleanliness Workers Welfare Board.

A sum of Rs.98.00 lakh has been sanctioned towards subsidy to set up Sanitary marts by 13 Mahatma Gandhi Workers Contract and Skill Development Co-operative Societies comprising of 3,078 members.

1000 houses have been provided to the members of Cleanliness Workers Welfare Board through the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board with Contribution of 90%,9% and 1% by the State Government, Board and Individual respectively.

In first phase, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has provided house for 12 beneficiaries on 15.05.2023. Under the Scheme, 448 houses have been provided to the beneficiaries for the financial year 2022-23.

For the financial year 2023-2024, Rs. 8.96 Crore has been released to the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitation Development Board for providing 552 Houses to the beneficiaries as contribution of Cleanliness Workers Welfare Board.

Welfare measures like natural death, accidental death, funeral rites assistance, educational scholarship, marriage assistance and pension etc., are being provided to the registered members of these boards. So far, 98,478 members has been enrolled in Tamil Tribal Welfare Board.

3. Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board

The “Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board” has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare on 11.06.2007 for the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes in the fields of Socio, economic and education development. The Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this Board.

It has been reconstituted on 08.09.2023 comprising of 8 official members and 14 Tribal non-official members (including 2 Legislative members) and 3 non-official members (non - Tribal).

Welfare measures like natural death, accidental death, funeral rites assistance, educational scholarship, marriage assistance and pension etc., are being provided to the registered members of these boards. So far, 52,790

members has been enrolled in Tamil Tribal Welfare Board.

4. Narikuravar Welfare Board

The Narikuravar Welfare Board was established on 27.05.2008. Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been under taken the control from Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, and Minorities Welfare Department vide G.O.(Ms) No.69, Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 23.08.2023.

The Narikuravar Welfare Board has been reconstituted on 30.10.2023 comprising the Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare as the chairman, 8 official members, and 13 non-official members. There are 16,010 members in the Narikuravar Welfare Board.

**VII. Financial allocation to
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare
Department during 2024-2025**

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
1	Secretariat	14.28	-	0.50	14.78
2	Adi Dravidar Welfare	2471.68	520.89	-	2992.57
3	Tribal Welfare	380.18	312.64	-	692.82
4	Tamil Nadu State Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	5.87	-	-	5.87
	Total	2872.01	833.53	0.50	3706.04

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