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1. Introduction

“Education alone is the greatest weapon to achieve equality”.

– Muthamizh Aringar Dr. Kalaingar.

The basic objective of education is to bring out the best qualities in children and to make them useful human resources for the future society. The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing necessary schemes that ensures all school age children in the state to get their right to quality education and to achieve holistic personality development, and to this end, the Government of Tamil Nadu has provided a budgetary allocation of Rs. 44,042.08 crore for the financial year 2024-25 for School Education Department.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing various innovative and pioneering schemes to achieve the learning objectives defined in the Tamil Nadu State Curriculum Framework. This includes, activity based classroom transactions to ensure the expected learning outcomes from children, leadership trainings for Head Masters, effective capacity

building training for teachers, enhancement of infrastructure facilities in Government schools, utilization of emerging technological developments in teaching-learning processes and provision of Hi-tech labs and Smart classrooms with high speed broad band internet connectivity.

The overall personality development of the students is ensured by admitting all school age children in schools to get their right to education, giving due importance to scholastic and co-scholastic activities, health education, sports, school club activities, science exhibition, kalai thiruvizha, etc.,

In addition to general education, students are given guidance and counselling to recognize their aptitude and interest which helps them to choose the right higher education course and career. This has led to an increase in the number of students who pursue higher education.

All the student welfare initiatives are being implemented through the Directorate of Elementary Education, Directorate of School Education, Directorate of Private Schools and Samagra Shiksha. The Non-Formal and Adult

Education Department is functioning with the objective to make Tamil Nadu as an illiterate-free State. The State Council of Educational Research and Training plans for students educational needs, builds the capacity of teachers and introduces educational techniques to suit the modern learning environment. The Directorate of Government Examinations has been conducting Government board examinations to assess the students learning achievements. Apart from this, this directorate also conducts competitive examinations to select students for award of scholarships. The Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation is implementing student welfare schemes, printing of text books, developing and publication of books for intellectual exploration etc. The Teachers Recruitment Board functioning under this department is entrusted with the task of selecting required teachers for School Education and Higher Education. The Directorate of Public Libraries strives to enhance the knowledge of the academically excelling students of Tamil Nadu.

2. Elementary, Secondary, Higher Secondary Education and Samagra Shiksha

2.1 Introduction:

Children enrolled in schools even before they begin to experience classroom learning they have already acquired learning from their living environment through their own exploration. To assist such children to continue with their learning experience, child centred classrooms environment has been provided that is conducive for their quest for knowledge. Also the educational system has been designed in such a manner that the children will solve problems with a scientific attitude which will lead to development of socially responsible human resource. The vision of Government of Tamil Nadu is to ensure the holistic development of students by creating necessary school infrastructure facilities, usage of modern technologies for classroom teaching learning process, and by providing equal opportunity to all.

2.2. Objectives :

1. Enrolment and retention of all school–age children in age –appropriate classes.
2. Creating an inclusive educational environment for all including children with special needs.
3. Implementation of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act.
4. Providing ample opportunities for students to develop and showcase their individual talents through extra–curricular and co–scholastic activities.
5. Providing adequate school infrastructure facilities.
6. Opening of new schools and up gradation of schools on need basis.
7. Eliminating gender disparity and creating equitable learning opportunities for all.

8. Imparting values, ensuring multifaceted personality development in students with sustainability through education.

2.3.School Facilities :

In order to ensure that all children in Tamil Nadu have access to schools near their habitations, new schools are opened and schools are upgraded based on the needs assessed through Geographical Information System (GIS). In 2023-2024 academic year, 4 Primary Schools were upgraded into Middle Schools, 6 Government High Schools have been upgraded into Higher Secondary Schools. Transport facilities and escort facilities are also provided to needy students including students residing in hilly areas.

In 2023-24 academic year, 27,707 students have benefitted out of transport / escort facility at a cost of Rs.16.62 crore. Also, in order to ensure the education of girls and students who require hostel facilities, 61 Kasturba Gandhi Schools, 44 girls' hostels, 15 Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose residential schools and 5 new hostels have been

established. In 2023-24 academic year, Rs.68 crore has been allocated for running these schools and hostels.

2.3.1. Model Schools:

In order to set a basis for progressive education in Tamil Nadu School Education, in each district, one residential Government model school has been established for the students of classes 9-12. Students are selected for these model schools from the students studying in Government schools on the basis of their overall performance, duly providing opportunities to all categories of students. Special programs are being implemented to ensure the overall personality development of the students studying in these schools by providing them with special training to get admission in higher education institutions according to their choice and interest. In 2023-2024 academic year, 274 students who studied in these model schools have got admission in prestigious higher education institutions in India as well as abroad. In 2024-25 financial year, a budget of Rs.250 crore has been allocated for this scheme.

2.3.2. School of Excellence:

As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, 28 existing Government schools have been upgraded as Schools of Excellence in the academic year 2023-24 to improve the learning environment of Government School students and empower them to strive for excellence. In the academic Year 2023-24, Rs. 25 crore was allocated for enhancing school infrastructure, creating learning environment with modern technologies, implementing co-curricular activities and to establish platform for enhancing the individual skills of students.

2.3.3. Inclusive Education:

In order to ensure uninterrupted access to education of differently-abled students, and to identify the students with learning disabilities by the special educators at an early stage, a mobile application called "Nalam Nadi" has been developed. In every block, children with special needs are provided with special education in schools or at the school readiness preparatory centre or at their homes depending upon their

individual needs by the special educators and physiotherapist.

To ensure continuity of education of these differently-abled children without becoming dropouts, the children and their guardians are provided with transport allowances and stipend for the girls with special needs is provided. For ensuring the foundational skills of language and mathematics of the students with learning difficulties studying in classes 1-5, simplified Ennum Ezhuthum students workbooks and teachers handbook have been provided. A budget allocation of Rs.91.25 crore has been provided for these activities for the academic year 2024-25.

2.4. School Infrastructure Development:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched The Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme to improve the infrastructure facilities in Government Schools. Under this scheme, for the years 2022-23 and 2023-24, an amount of Rs.1887.75 crore has been sanctioned for the improvement of infrastructure facilities in Government primary, middle, high and higher secondary schools and

Rs.316 crore has been allocated for repair and maintenance work in Government high and higher secondary schools. Following this, in the academic year 2024-25, school infrastructure facilities will be improved at an estimated cost of Rs.1000 crore as announced in the budget speech. Also, in the budget for the academic year 2024-25, Rs.150 crore has been earmarked for repair and maintenance work in Government High and Higher Secondary Schools. A sum of Rs.168.88 crore has been allocated for infrastructure development of Government schools under Samagra Shiksha.

2.4.1. School Grant:

School Grant is provided every year to all Government Schools to improve the learning environment by providing internet connectivity, purchase of teaching learning materials, maintenance of school furniture, carrying out minor repair works, maintaining clean toilets etc., The amount sanctioned varies from Rs.12,500 to Rs.1 lakh per school depending upon the strength of the schools. In 2024-25, a budget allocation of Rs.123.06 crore has been provided.

2.4.2.School Safety and Facility Management

To ensure maintenance of school hygiene, toilet management and school safety, the Government has planned to engage necessary personnel through outsourcing. In the first phase, in 2024-25 academic year, this scheme will be implemented in 1954 Government high and higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.140.26 crore. In a phased manner this scheme will be expanded to all the Government schools.

2.4.3. Hi-Tech Labs:

The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken up an initiative to expand digital technology in schools in order to prepare the children for the future. 8209 Hi-tech labs are being established in Government middle, high and higher secondary schools. Also, the existing Hi-tech labs of Government High and Higher Secondary Schools will be upgraded to the latest technology with additional computer facilities as per the strength of the students.

2.4.4. Smart Class rooms:

Blackboards and Textbooks are being used as

tools for teaching–learning process. To enable the teachers to use modern information technology based teaching techniques and to enable students to learn by themselves and to have a sustainable learning experience 22,931 Smart class rooms are being created in Government primary, middle, high and higher secondary schools. In 2024-25 academic year, Smart classrooms will be set up in phased manner for the remaining schools.

2.5. Welfare Schemes:

The Government is implementing the following Student Welfare Schemes to enable the students studying in Government schools to complete their education without any hindrance due to Socio economic reasons.

Sl. No	Welfare Scheme	Classes	No. of Students Benefited (In Lakhs)
1	Text Book	1-12	76.29
2	Note Book	1-10	59.68
3	School Bag	1-12	70.69

4	Footwear, Shoes and Socks	1-10	59.88
5	Atlas	6-10	8.73
6	Crayon and Colour pencils	1-5	25.23
7	Geometry Box	6	13.43
8	Special Cash Incentive	10-12	15.08
9	Uniform	1-8	41.16
10	Bi-cycle	11	5.47
11	Woollen Sweater	1-8	1.17
12	Rain Coats, Boots and Socks	1-8	1.17
13	Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R. Nutritious Meal Program	1-10	48.46
14	Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme	1-5	18.53
15	Bus Pass	1-12	12.74
16	Bread winning Scheme	1-12	2285

17	Accident Relief Scheme	1-12	26 (Students)
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2.6. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched a new initiative of providing breakfast to students of classes 1-5 in Government schools to encourage regular attendance and to ensure nutritious morning breakfast to school students. This scheme is being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare. In 2024-25 academic year, this pioneering scheme will be expanded to the Government aided schools situated in rural areas.

2.7. Sports and Cultural

2.7.1 State and National Level Sports Competitions

The State Government is implementing various schemes to encourage sports talent among school children and to produce future sportspersons at the National and International levels. As part of this, competitions for school students at zonal, district and state levels are

being conducted. Students who perform well in these competitions participate in the sport events conducted by the School Games Federation of India. 2,676 students from Tamil Nadu participated in these sports events and have won 95 gold, 112 silver and 202 bronze medals at the National level. This is the remarkable achievement at National level. In 2024-25, a budget allocation of Rs.12.5 crore has been provided for school sports activities.

2.7.2. Chess Game

Tamil Nadu is the forerunner in the country in encouraging and developing the game of chess among students. This scheme has been introduced in Government Schools to encourage the game of chess and to develop their analytical thinking and problem solving skills. Chess competitions are conducted for various categories in the age group of 7 -17 years. In the academic year 2023-24, Chess competition for boys and girls has been conducted at a cost of Rs.65 lakh.

2.7.3.Kalaithiruvizha

In order to encourage and exhibit the talents of students in fine arts related to the Tamil

tradition and culture, Kalai Thiruvizha competitions were conducted for the students studying in 6-12 standards with the theme "Sangamippom, Samathuvam Padaipom". The competitions were held under 190 titles for students studying in Government Schools for classes 6-12. In these competitions 40.25 lakh children participated. 6.85 lakh students who excelled at the school level participated at the block level competitions. 1.96 lakh students who excelled at the block level participated at the district level competitions and 15,931 students who excelled at the district level participated at the state level competitions.

2.7.4. Kalairangam

A special syllabus has been developed and implemented to teach and train the Government school students of class 6-9 in various art forms with the objective to bring out the inherent artistic talents of the students. Under this scheme, with the help of 865 local artists and 8,409 teachers the students are trained in fine arts like drama, music, dance and folk arts. In 2024-25 academic year, Rs.5.30 crore has been allotted for Kalaithiruvizha and Kalairangam

activities.

2.7.5. Children's Film Festival

Movies for children are screened every month for the students studying in classes 6 to 9 to enable the students to understand different traditions, cultures and languages and to develop artistic skills in students through activities like story criticism, individual acting, short film making, interacting with field experts etc.

2.7.6. Vanavil Mandram–Mobile Science Lab

Vanavil Mantram (Mobile Science Lab) is being implemented at a cost of Rs.19 crore to improve the self-exploration and learning skills of students. 13.61 lakh Government middle, high and higher secondary school students of classes 6 to 8 have benefitted out of this scheme so far. 710 resource persons have been selected and trained to implement this scheme. These resource persons will go directly to the assigned schools with science and math equipments provided to them and train the students by demonstrating science and math experiments as per the syllabus. The experience gained by the students through this programme will be useful in

developing scientific altitude and to develop the ability to come up with scientific solutions to the problems faced in day to day life.

2.7.7. Student Club Activities

Student clubs have been formed in every school, which serve as the basis for the students to exhibit and develop their talents in various disciplines such as Literature, Art, Drama, Science, Mathematics, General Knowledge, Health, Consumer Awareness, Voter Awareness, Environment etc., Students who participate in club activities develop their confidence and develop a sense of social responsibility and awareness. Competitions are conducted at school, block, district and state levels on the basis of club activities. The students who excel in these competitions are taken on educational tours.

2.7.8. "Kodai Kondattam" and Educational Tours

A special training camp for students called Kodai Kondattam is being conducted every year in hilly areas of Tamil Nadu so that the students spend their summer vacation productively with social learning. Workshops based on ecology,

leadership, human rights, social justice and women's rights are conducted in this event. In the academic year 2023-24, 1100 students participated in the Kodai Kondattam event. An expenditure of Rs.50 lakh was incurred for this event.

Students who excel in Kalathiruvizha, Literary club, Quiz club and Vanavil mandram, Children's film festival activities and Sports competitions are taken on educational tours abroad. In the academic year 2023-24, the students who won the top positions in the above competitions were taken on a trip to Singapore, Malaysia, Japan and South Korea. An amount of Rs.5.20 crore has been earmarked for this purpose in the 2024-25 budget.

2.8. The Mega Reading Movement:

In order to inculcate reading habit among Government school students studying in classes 1 to 12, students are provided with books for reading that has been designed and written in child friendly language that are small in size with 16 pages. These books are classified into four separate reading levels: enter, walk, run and fly.

An amount of Rs.10 crore has been allocated for this scheme in 2023-24 and in the first phase 53 books were developed and 90,45,018 copies have been printed and distributed to schools for the benefit of students studying in all Government schools. A total of 1,31,68,048 copies of 70 books and one reading movement manual will be printed and supplied. During the current academic year, it is proposed to conduct workshop for designing 127 books and the printed books will be distributed to 37,592 Government schools.

2.9. Tamizh Mozhi Karpom

In order to educate the children of migrant workers from other states to speak and write fluently in Tamil in addition to their mother tongue, the scheme "Tamizh Mozhi Karpom" was launched in the academic year 2023-24. Special training centres have been started and are functioning within or near the school premises under the supervision of headmasters to enable these children to join Tamil Nadu Government Schools to learn Tamil as a subject and all other subjects in their mother tongue. 1261 migrant children are being educated by 64 education volunteers in 57 special centres in 15 districts.

2.10. Services

2.10.1. National Service Scheme

National Service Scheme units are functioning with the objective of developing values among adolescent higher secondary school students through social activities. NSS students actively render their volunteer service in various activities including health camp, blood donation camp, environmental activities and other awareness activities. There are 1,953 National Service Scheme units that are functioning in higher secondary schools of Tamil Nadu. 97,650 students are involved in social work through this scheme.

2.10.2. Scout and Guide Movement

The Scouts and Guides Movement plays a vital role in inculcating physical, mental emotional development and social responsibility among school children. This movement is functioning in all high and higher secondary schools. Rajya Puraskar award is given to the best performing Scouts and Guides. For this award, a sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs has been allotted every year by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Rs.2.00 crore was

sanctioned by the Government as a special fund to strengthen the Scout and Guide Movement in Tamil Nadu and this amount was invested as fixed deposit. The interest amount is being used for administrative and operational activities of Scouts and Guides. 3,21,328 students and 12,740 teachers have dedicated themselves in Scout and Guide activities.

2.10.3. Junior Red Cross

Junior Red Cross (JRC) units are functioning in all high and higher secondary schools in Tamil Nadu. In this program, teachers act as counsellors and students act as volunteers. This program helps to inculcate humanitarian values and hone the skills of the students. Volunteers are trained in first aid, disaster management, road safety, fire accident prevention and to assist during festivals. JRC has 11,824 units and 4,72,960 student volunteers.

2.11. Teacher Welfare Scheme

2.11.1. Supply of Tablets to Secondary Grade and Graduate Teachers

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has

announced a scheme of providing tablets to secondary grade and graduate teachers working in Government schools under the control of School Education Department to honour the teaching community who are working relentlessly striving for the welfare of the students and enable the teachers to further upgrade their skills in tune with the emerging technological development in teaching learning methodology. In the first phase, 79,723 tablets have been procured through the Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Service Corporation. In the second phase, in 2024-25 academic year, 55,478 tablets will be procured and provided to the teachers.

2.11.2. Master Health Checkup for Teachers:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced the Master Health Checkup scheme for the teachers functioning under the control of School Education Department once in three years. The scheme will be implemented in a phased manner and in the first phase, in 2024-25 academic year 35,600 teachers above 50 years of age will benefit under this scheme.

2.11.3. Kanavu Aasiriyar Award

The teachers for this award have been selected based on their subject knowledge, teaching techniques, student development activities through a three stage examination. In 2023-24, 380 selected teachers were honoured with 'Kanavu Aasiriyar' award and certificate by the School Education Department. 55 teachers who secured more than 90 percent in this examination process will be taken on an educational tour to Finland and Sweden which excel in education, art, technology, tradition and culture.

2.11.4. Appointment on Compassionate Ground

A scheme to alleviate the poverty of the heirs of Government school teachers and Government non-teaching staff who died in harness while working in the School Education Department by providing employment on merit and conditions is being implemented from the year 1972. Under this scheme, 586 persons have been appointed as junior assistant on compassionate ground from 2021 to 2023.

2.11.5. Arignar Anna Leadership Award

The scheme of awarding Arignar Anna Leadership Award and Shield of Appreciation to 100 School Headmasters every year for their achievement in effective implementation of Government schemes including School Education, Sports, Student Development, School Infrastructure, School Management Committee and "Illam Thedi Kalvi". In order to encourage the awardees, a sum of Rs.10 lakh is given as incentive for their school improvement. This scheme is being implemented from the year 2023-24.

2.11.6. Perasiriyar Anbazhagan Award for Best School

An award in the name of Perasiriyar Anbazhagan was introduced in the academic year 2023-24 for the best Government schools that exhibit multi-faceted development in areas such as innovative teaching-learning methods, teacher capacity building, leadership and student development. A total of 38 schools including 16 primary schools, 22 middle schools, 12 high schools and 26 higher secondary schools were

selected for this award. Further, a sum of Rs.380Lakh has been sanctioned as maintenance and repair grant to improve the infrastructure of 38 high and higher secondary schools selected for this award.

2.12 Budget

The Government has made a budgetary provision of Rs. 42,559.70 crore for these Directorates for the year 2024-25.

3. PRIVATE SCHOOLS

3.1 Introduction

A separate Directorate has been established for monitoring the Private Schools. There are 12,970 Private Schools functioning in the State. These schools are affiliated with State Common Board of School Education / Central Board of Secondary Education/ICSE/IB/IGCSE, etc., which cater the needs of 63.42 lakh students to improve the standard and academic performance of the students Tamil and English medium students. These schools are monitored by Directorate of Private schools at State level and by the District Educational Officers (Private Schools) at revenue district level.

3.2 Vision

The Directorate of Private Schools is functioning with a vision to provide safe infrastructural facilities for students, appointment of fully qualified teachers to impart quality education and learning ability, to grant recognition, upgradation and renewal of recognition through online, to improve the physical ability of students by conducting District

and State level sports competitions, to encourage Tamil Medium education by providing free educational kits to the students studying in Tamil medium in self-financed schools which are functioning without Government funds, to implement the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and Rules, 2011, to maintain transparency in admission in private schools through online by monitoring the data through the Education Management Information System and to create a healthy student society by encouraging women education.

3.3 Issuing Recognition orders in Zonal Camps

The Private Schools functioning in the State renew their recognition once in three years. Renewal of recognition done zone wise to all private schools which follow State board syllabus. The private schools which follow the State board syllabus the certificates for renewal of recognition are issued Zone wise. Recognition orders were issued to 1935 private schools functioning in Trichy, Coimbatore, Salem, Tirunelveli and Madurai Zones.

3.4 Training for Tamil teachers working in private schools

Tamil Nadu, Tamil Learning Act is enacted in 2006, based on the policy decision by the Government to ensure that all students in classes 1 to 10 in all schools in Tamil Nadu should learn Tamil as a subject. This is followed by the Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Rules, 2012. Accordingly, all the students from classes 1 to 10 in schools which follow the State Board syllabus learn Tamil as a compulsory subject. Further, in respect of schools affiliated with Boards other than State Common Board of School Education (CBSE, ICSE, IGCSE, IB etc.), Tamil language is being taught in class 1 from the academic year 2015-16 and gradually up to class 10 in 2024-25.

A training programme is organised with subject experts to train 900 Tamil teachers who are teaching Tamil Language in the schools affiliated with CBSE, ICSE, IGCSE, IB Boards situated in Chennai, Chengalpet, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram District. This programme was inaugurated on 20.09.2023. Subsequently, training is given to 4951 Tamil teachers working in 1728 private schools in all districts.

3.5 Mental and physical health training to adolescence girls

An awareness training programme was inaugurated on 19.11.23 in Trichy district to provide counselling to adolescent girls studying in 6th to 10th standard in private schools. Team of expert doctors were engaged to address various physical and mental problems and to create awareness among the students regarding their physical and mental health. Following this, in the academic year 2023-24, district-wise training and counselling has been provided to the students of classes 6 to 10 in private schools in all districts.

3.6 Opening and Renewal of recognition to schools and Regulatory Compliance

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched the newly developed Regulatory Compliance Portal for Private Schools and Inspection App for Officers in the School Education Department on 31.12.2022. Through this, various services such as permission to start new self-financed private schools, upgradation, grant of renewal of recognition, opening of additional sections have been facilitated through

online. The District Education Officers (Private Schools) are provided with facility to inspect schools through inspection. By removing the paper usage system, orders required by schools are being issued to private schools immediately in transparent manner through online system

3.7 Reimbursement of tuition fees for students admitted under the Right to children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009

An amount of Rs.383.59 crore have been reimbursed to the schools concerned for the year 2022-2023 in respect of 4,17,068 children studying in 7669 non-minority self-financing Matriculation and Nursery & Primary schools from LKG to 8th Standard, who are admitted under 25% reservation of the Right to Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009. 4,37,683 students were admitted in LKG to VIII standard in non-minority self-financing Matriculation and Nursery & Primary schools during 2023-24 under this scheme.

3.8 Providing cost free educational kits to students studying in Tamil medium in un-aided self-financing private schools

An announcement has been made in the academic year 2022-23 that free educational kits viz., textbooks, notebooks and etc., will be provided to students studying in un-aided self-financing schools in order to promote education in the Tamil medium. Accordingly, in the year 2023-24. Based on the announcement made during the academic year 2023-24 Free Geometry Box, School bag, Atlas, Colour Pencil, Crayons, Chappal, Shoes and Socks, Woollen Sweaters, Raincoats, Boots and Socks were provided to students studying in Tamil medium sections in unaided self-financed private schools through Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Services Corporation and the free notebooks through Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Limited and 55,186 students were benefitted.

3.9 Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018 and Rules, 2023

The Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018 was enacted to regulate and monitor all types of private schools. Following this the Tamil

Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules 2023 (Gazette No.22 dated 13.01.2023) was notified by the Government. The Act and Rules ensure the provision of quality education and minimum basic facilities in private schools and the safety of children. Permission and recognition is granted based on the provisions of the said Act and Rules.

3.10 Fee Determination for Private Schools

The Government of Tamil Nadu enacted Tamil Nadu Schools (Regulation of Collection of Fee) Act, 2009 to prevent collection of excess and capitation fee. A Committee namely Tamil Nadu Private Schools Fee Determination Committee has been constituted for the purpose of fixing fee to be collected from the parents / guardian of students studying in private schools. The fee is fixed school wise, class wise once in every three years and the fee fixation order is given to concerned schools.

3.11 Budget

The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs. 565.12 crore to this Directorate for the academic year 2024-25

4. STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

4.1 Introduction

The State Council of Educational Research and Training is the most important academic organization at the State level for ensuring quality of school education. It provides valuable guidance and academic support to all other Directorates including Directorate of Elementary Education, Directorate of School Education, Directorate of Private Schools and Samagra Shiksha on curriculum, syllabus, textbooks, learning materials, digital resources, guidance and counselling to students for higher education and various aspects of assessment and evaluation.

SCERT takes all efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as ensuring healthy lives and promoting well being for all at all ages (Goal 3), ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all (Goal 4), promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive

institutions at all levels (Goal 16).

4.2 Vision

To create a school system which focuses on learning outcomes, holistic and joyful learning based on multiple pedagogy, alternate learning strategies, digital modes of learning and assessment systems for triggering higher order thinking skills of students to transform them into students with competitive spirit and capable of facing the challenges of the new digital era.

4.3. Objectives

- Periodical revision of curriculum and syllabus to suit the changing needs.
- Developing textbooks with technological inputs and supplementary materials, newsletters, journals, educational kits, multimedia digital materials.
- Providing quality pre-service training to student teachers for developing skills.

- Conducting in-service training to practicing teachers for enhancing their knowledge and skills.
- Organizing Skill Development training programmes to district level and block level administrative officers.
- Integrating learning outcomes with content for effective classroom transactional processes.
- Undertaking researches to resolve the problems of School Education.
- Assessing the functioning of the system

4.4. Programmes and Implementation

4.4.1. Teacher Professional Development (TPD)

SCERT involves with the identification of training needs, development of TPD content involving experts and designing online and offline sessions for Teacher Professional Development

Programme-Based Professional Development:

SCERT organized training programmes on the following areas.

- **Ennum Ezhuthum:** This focused on foundational literacy and numeracy skills of students of grades 1-5. The beneficiaries include 104193 secondary grade teachers, BRTEs and DIET faculty members.'
- **Spoken English:** In order to enhance spoken English skills of students of grades 6-9, this training was organized for 59,073 BRTEs, PGTs, Graduate Teachers, SGTs.
- **Naan Mudhalvan:** To sensitize students on career guidance, this training was organized to 2,037 Graduate Teachers and PG Assistants.
- **Differentiated training** was conducted for 2,131 teachers and HMs of model and general schools.

- Training on development of Digital content and Assessment items was conducted for 165 PG Assistants.
- In order to provide holistic development of CWSN, a training was organized for 66,785 Secondary Grade teachers.
- Children Magazine: With the objective of enhancing creative expression and reading habits among students, fortnightly and monthly children's magazines are published by School Education Department. In this regard, a training was organized for 85 District Coordinators.
- In order to integrate archaeological topics into classroom teaching, Archaeology training was organized to 1,000 BT Assistants.
- In order to strengthen SMCs to take ownership of schools and support School Development Plans, training was organized to 2,02,081 BRTes, DIET

faculty members, District coordinators, Co-ordinators, Councillors and SMC members.

- To sensitize primary teachers on correct pronunciation phonetics training was organized to 9,539 Secondary Grade teachers.

TPD Monthly Training:

Monthly cluster-level sessions by teacher facilitators were organized for engaging teachers on discussion forum, developing facilitation skills and collaborating learning among them. Involving 294 DIET faculty, BRTEs and select teachers, 77,687 Secondary Grade teachers and 20,551 PGTs were trained in the year 2023-24.

Training of Trainers (ToT):

During this process, the teachers were provided with trainings on Pedagogy and Subject, book recommendations, and mentorship through periodic meetings. Conducted in Model and General Schools, this initiative trained 50 teachers per subject to address inequity in education and improve student outcomes. 200 SG Teachers, 484

Graduate Teachers & 996 PG teachers benefited out of this programme in the academic year 2023-2024

Training for LKG and UKG teachers:

SCERT and Samagra Shiksha have collaboratively planned to provide special training to handle LKG and UKG classes. Hence, in order to develop the foundational skills of children, 76 Key Resource Persons have been identified from DIET faculty members and BRTes and a three day training has been organized. 2,381 teachers benefitted through this training. The training comprehensively addressed the various domains of child development, encompassing language development, cognitive development, motor skills development, social-emotional development, and aesthetics and creative art development.

4.4.2. Skill Development & Administrative training for the officials

In partnership with premier institutes, the State Council of Education Research and Training created a structured program in comprehensive approach to enhance academic and professional skills in leadership and administration of academic

personnel. SCERT organized Skill Development training for officials. Through this training programme, 450 academic personnel of SCERT and DIETs have been benefitted. In the academic year 2023-24, SCERT also focused on the initiative to enhance the leadership skills and capacity of 38 CEO, 2,488 Higher Secondary & 2,503 Middle school HM, 2 CIPE (Chief Inspectors of Physical Education) & and 38 DIPE (District Inspectors of Physical Education).

4.4.3. Assessment Cell

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) established the Assessment Cell to create high-quality, age appropriate questions. Besides, the Assessment Cell aims to improve the objectivity, efficiency, and reliability of questions, making them an invaluable tool for student evaluation and assessment. The Assessment programme focuses on building the capacity of teachers to create and curate Knowledge, Understanding and Application level questions that promote students' understanding.

Teachers from 6,029 schools with Hi-Tech labs received specialized training in creating

various level questions and uploading them in the portal. As the outcome of the training, 2,11,276 questions were created. Examinations were conducted through Hi-Tech labs in 6,591 middle schools for all the three terms. The centralized data management facilitates efficient tracking of student progress and enables data-driven decision-making at various levels of the education system.

To enhance students' readiness for national-level assessments and to promote the development of competencies, monthly skill-based assessment tests and quizzes have been administered in 13209 Government schools through Hi-Tech labs. Regular monitoring and evaluation mechanisms have been implemented to foster a culture of continuous improvement in academic assessment practices.

4.4.4. Emotional Well-being and Life Skills Programme

Adolescents have faced various psychological problems during the pandemic. To compensate this, emotional well-being and life skills programmes were provided to students from

classes 9 to 12 in all Government and Government-aided schools in Tamil Nadu to improve their mental well-being and to create positive thoughts to engage in joyful learning. The student handbook which consists of 30 digitized activities developed in collaboration with UNICEF have been integrated into the Education Management Information Systems (EMIS) platform and was taken to the students through the Hi-Tech Labs in all High and Higher Secondary Schools.

This programme empowered students with life skills to face vulnerable situations courageously and take appropriate decisions to solve the problems. This benefited 17,13,604 students studying in Government and Government-aided schools of classes 9 to 12 in Tamil Nadu during the academic year 2023–24.

4.4.5. Enhancing spoken English through Mozhigal portal

In today's globalized world, English proficiency is essential for academic success, win in competitive exams and to have an access to

higher education and well-paid jobs. The pandemic has further exacerbated learning loss, highlighting the need for improved English learning environments. To address this, the Tamil Nadu School Education Department has implemented the “Mozhigal lab program”, through Hi-Tech labs in Government schools. This self-paced, interactive digital platform supplements English classes by providing engaging activities focused on Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (LSRW) skills.

The program includes a weekly language lab period for students in Grades 6-8, offering activities like read-along, story building, and speaking exercises. Students are able to listen to stories and videos, record and hear their voice and gain stars and points upon completion of each activity. This program has impacted and benefitted 14,000 english-handling teachers and 9,00,000 students across Tamil Nadu.

4.5 Special Initiatives to Mitigate Learning Loss

4.5.1. Ennum Ezhuthum

The Ennum Ezhuthum mission, initiated to

ensure foundational literacy and numeracy skills for all primary-grade students by age 8, has continued implementation with progressive enhancement. Building upon the previous years' commitment to a level-based approach, the mission has expanded its scope to include classes 4 and 5 in the academic year 2023-24. This extension reaffirms the dedication in providing every primary school child with the opportunity to excel in literacy and numeracy, laying a solid foundation for future academic successes. This programme ensures the achievement of SDG 4 of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The Ennum Ezhuthum Kit, Student Workbook, and Teacher Handbook have been developed for fostering creativity and confidence among students through various classroom activities. In order to focus on inclusiveness and comprehensive assessment, formative assessment conducted through the Ennum Ezhuthum App has seen nearly 80% of students mastering their learning levels. To ensure comprehensive evaluation, summative

assessment is now conducted in pen-and-paper mode incorporating feedback from both teachers and parents. Standardized metrics for monthly review meetings have been introduced, enhancing transparency and accountability at all levels of implementation.

The successful implementation of an innovative student report card system has benefitted enhanced over 16 lakh students and their parents. Moreover, this enhanced the communication and collaboration between parents and teachers. Social engagement initiatives, such as the "Ennum Ezhuthum Vizha," have provided platforms for students to showcase their learning, further strengthening bonds within the educational ecosystem.

An independent third-party baseline and process evaluation has been conducted to assess the effectiveness of the Ennum Ezhuthum Mission. The valuable insights from the baseline evaluation significantly helps in enhancing the teacher handbooks, student workbooks, assessments and training for the upcoming year.

4.5.2. IllamThedi Kalvi

The Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme was initiated by the Government to mitigate the educational setbacks due to prolonged closure of schools for 19 months during COVID-19 lockdown. As two years of ITK support was not sufficient enough to bridge the learning gap of the children, the Government extended the scheme further.

SCERT prepared TLM for Illam Thedi Kalvi. The volunteer's modules developed by SCERT, emphasize teaching through activities. To track the learning levels of primary children, the volunteers have been provided with achievement charts to register their progress. Play-based approach implemented by ITK has reignited children's interest in learning. As a result, students are interacting more freely and actively participating in regular classroom activities.

4.6. State Resource Centre

The State Resource Centre is an innovation Hub: A Nexus for Modern Teaching Trends and Professional Development. It invites innovations in education. Recognizing the necessity for continuous growth in the teaching profession, this

centre offers a robust array of professional development opportunities.

It is an experiential haven where pragmatic educational strategies come to life. It allows educators to witness and engage with cutting-edge methodologies firsthand. This hands-on approach ensures that the participants develop not only with knowledge but also implementing strategies in their own classrooms. This centre is dedicated to fostering creativity and innovation in every educator. These are accomplished through the EE rooms for every subject, ICT Lab, Innovation Hub, STEM & DIY rooms. It also has a lab for students with special needs.

4.7. Research Activities

SCERT has constituted a State Research Team which reviews the research activities of teacher educators and teachers to undertake educational researches based on their inputs through school visits and in-service training programmes. It guides District Research Team to enhance the quality of Researches conducted in each district. District Specific Research Projects have been conducted on subject specific areas

such as curricular areas, pedagogic practices, learning process, spoken English, women education, child safety, child rights, assessment, career guidance and counselling, Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, Ennum Ezhuthum, Illam thedi kalvi, Kalaiyarangam and club activities in schools. DIET faculty have conducted 284 action researches and 134 district level research projects and 4 special projects in 2023–24. The findings of the research studies are disseminated through seminars and teacher training programmes. A fund of Rs. 1.6 crore has been sanctioned for the research activities of SCERT.

4.8. Revamping of Vocational Education

In collaboration with TNSDC with focus on students getting hands-on experience and industrial exposure based on current professional needs, 11 and 12std std Vocational education syllabus was revamped. To enhance the progressive growth vertical mobility and employability of the future generation, Syllabus and Textbooks of the 8 Vocational Education Subjects have been revamped and upgraded. A new Subject “Employability Skills” is introduced as the 6th Subject for VE. It focuses on Soft Skills

such as Communication Skills, ICT Skills, Entrepreneurial Skills etc.,

In 451 schools, 2155 guest lectures were delivered by a skilled entrepreneur/practitioner from the specific industry invited for this purpose. In order to provide exposure towards the Industry, Field Visits are conducted thrice in every academic year. 1200+ unique industrial visits are done for 451 Schools. Internship provides an opportunity for students to bridge the gap between the world of learning and the world of working. A student will be getting a minimum of 160 hours of Internship during classes 11 and class 12. For class eleven, 13185 students and for class twelve 14306 students were able to successfully complete their internship in the academic year 2023-24 with 1268 Employers. After the successful completion of the course, each student will be getting a value added industry approved skill completion certificate.

4.9. Career Guidance and Counseling Programme

The School Education Department has taken up the initiative to orient the students on various

career choices available before them as Career Guidance Programme.

This programme was initiated with the objective to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio of higher education and to provide required life skills and soft skills for all the students of classes 9 to 12. SCERT developed a resource book for Career Guidance and Counseling programme for classes 9 to 12 and distributed to students. Students can obtain information on various higher education courses in line with their interest and commitment, preparatory activities for succeeding in various entrance examinations like NEET, JEE, CLAT etc., employment opportunities, preparation for competitive examinations and various scholarships in the resource book. To transact the content to students, post graduate teachers were given training in the ratio of 1:250. A Career guidance Cell was constituted in all government higher secondary schools for providing continuous orientation to students.

Naan Mudhalvan, a web portal has been designed for students to know about career opportunities and employability skills. By getting

the experts from Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, videos were developed on career guidance and telecast through Kalvi TV. Students of class 12 were taken for visits to Colleges and Universities to gain knowledge and information on various higher education courses. Through Kalluri Kanavu Camp, students who were not enrolled in any higher education institutions for various reasons were identified and targeted to get them enrolled. Totally 7,91,487 students got benefitted by this programme in the academic year 2023-24.

4.10. Digital Content Cell

Digital content makes learning more engaging and enjoyable for the students. To transform classrooms into active learning environments, smartboard facilities have been created in Primary Schools. Smart classrooms provide interactive learning experiences, where students can engage with multimedia content, interactive whiteboards, and educational apps. Smart classrooms also facilitate personalized learning experiences tailored to individual student needs. Teachers can use technology to differentiate instruction, providing additional

support or challenges as needed, thus catering to diverse learning styles and abilities within the classroom.

SCERT is under the process of creating multimedia contents for smartboards. A digital library has also been developed by digitizing Puthaga Poongothu stories. 45 animated stories based on Science and Maths concepts created so far help the students to understand the concept easily. SCERT has also brought out Energized Teacher Handbook (ETHB) for Ennum Ezhuthum with 545 embedded videos. Songs with music track are also embedded in THB. It will help students to practice the song with music. The animated videos in the ETHB will support the teacher in classroom transaction. Phonic cards used in smartboards to help the students as well as the teachers to improve the pronunciation. The classroom demonstration videos in the ETHB will help the teachers to do the activities in the classrooms.

4.11. Hi Tech studios and one virtual studio

Kalvi TV, an exclusive channel for School Education Department has been reinvigorated

with the state-of-the-art facility with Four Hi Tech studios and one virtual studio. These studios play a significant role in developing multimedia content for education by offering innovative tools and environments to enhance the learning experience. Virtual studios create immersive learning environments where students can interact with digital content. Through 3D animations, for classes 1 to 12 contents were developed and telecast through Kalvi TV.

In order to assist the JEE and NEET aspirants of Government Schools, solution videos for previous year question papers are prepared and telecast through Kalvi TV. Kalvi TV is also supporting in the documentation of special Initiative Schemes of Tamil Nadu Government such as Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, Vanavil Mandram, Kalai Thiru Vizha, Namma Palli Thittam, Nam Palli Nam Perumai Thittam, Maperum Tamil Kanavu Scheme. Kalvi TV also supports in creating videos for Employment and Training Department, TNPSC and other competitive examinations thereby helping the TNPSC job aspirants. Around 1350 videos have been created and telecast.

4.12 Budget

The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs. 186.32crore to State Council of Educational Research and Training for the academic year 2024-25

5. GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

5.1. Introduction

Since its inception in 1975, Directorate of Government Examinations has been conducting various examinations by improving their quality through innovative measures according to the times. The Directorate of Government Examinations has the responsibility of conducting four types of public examinations, five types of scholarship examinations and 28 types of other examinations every year.

5.2. VISION

The Directorate aims to simplify the procedure in conducting the examinations, ensuring fair assessment in answer script valuation and expedite the process of declaration of results by leveraging Information and Communication Technology.

5.3. Objectives

- Utilizing Electronic Technology from the process of receiving applications from candidates till the publishing of results.

- To conduct all the examination in a fair manner in secured environment.
- To introduce innovative measures in framing of question paper facilitating students to take competitive examinations in the future for higher studies or employment purposes with ease.
- To strengthen the answer script evaluation process.
- To publish the results and issue relevant certificates to candidates in the stipulated time enabling the students to pursue their higher studies.

5.4. Public Examinations

5.4.1. S.S.L.C Examination / Higher Secondary Examination

The Directorate of Government Examinations conducted S.S.L.C (Class 10) Public Examination in March/April 2024 for 9,10,024 students from 12,616 schools, Higher Secondary First Year (Class 11) Examination for 8,20,207 students from 7,534 schools and Higher Secondary Second

Year (Class 12) Examination for 7,72,200 students from 7,534 schools and results were published for the academic year 2023-24.

5.4.2. Diploma in Elementary Education Examination

The Directorate of Government Examinations conducts examination on Diploma in Elementary Education. 4,598 candidates have appeared for the examination conducted in June & July 2023

5.5. Scholarship Examinations

5.5.1. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Talent Search Examination:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Talent Search Examination is conducted for the academic year 2023-2024 for the students studying in class 11 in Government Schools in order to identify the potential of Government school students and to encourage them. A total of 1,000 students of which, 500 male students and 500 female students are selected and they will be awarded a scholarship of Rs.10,000/- per academic year (Rs.1,000/- per month for 10 months only per academic year) up to undergraduate degree. 1,27,673 students participated in this examination

held on 07.10.2023.

5.5.2. Tamil Language Literary Aptitude Test

In order to identify and improve the Tamil language literary skills of the school students, a total of 1500 students of which, 750 only from Government schools and another 750 from Government and other private schools were selected and a monthly stipend of Rs.1,500/- for two years are given. 2,20,878 (Class 11) school students appeared for this examination held in October 2023.

5.5.3. Tamil Nadu Rural Students Talent Search Examination (TRUST)

This scheme is being executed from the year 1991-92 for the talented students studying Class 9 in rural areas in Tamil Nadu with a view to encourage them and to pursue 12th standard. The selected students are awarded Rs.1000/- per annum for a continuous period of four years who are studying up to Class 12. During the academic year 2023-24, scholarships were awarded to 4,130 students.

5.5.4. Examination for National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS)

The scheme is being implemented by the Union Government to encourage economically backward students who pass with 55% marks in class 8 to pursue secondary education. The examination is conducted by Government of Tamil Nadu. The selected students will be given a scholarship of Rs.12,000 per year for four years from class 9 to class 12. In the academic year 2023-24, 5890 students in Tamil Nadu have been selected to receive educational assistance under this scheme.

5.6. Conduct of other Examinations

5.6.1. Eighth Standard Examination (Private Candidates)

The Directorate conducts Eighth Standard Examination for direct private candidates (Private Study) in order to provide them minimum educational qualification of Eighth Standard. 3,246 private candidates appeared for the ESLC Examination held in August 2023.

5.6.2. Naan Mudhalvan UPSC Prelims Scholarship Screening Test

This Directorate of Government Examinations conducts “Naan Mudhalvan UPSC Prelims Scholarship screening test” on behalf of Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC). Under this Scheme, 1,000 civil services aspirants will be selected every year by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC). Each beneficiary will be provided a sum of Rs.7,500 per month for 10 months by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) in order to make them prepare for the preliminary examination. 32,624 candidates have appeared for this Screening test conducted in September 2023.

5.6.3. Conduct of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)/Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Examinations

The Directorate acts as the Nodal Agency for conducting various examinations of Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission for Chennai centre every year.

5.7. Students Welfare

5.7.1. Concessions Granted to Children with Special Needs (CwSN)

Children with Special Needs, who appear for SSLC and Higher Secondary Examinations, are provided with:

- Ground floor seating arrangement.
- Exemption of any one language.
- Separate room provision for Visually Challenged candidates.
- Scribe Facility: Eligible and qualified, relevant subject BT/PG teachers are appointed as Scribes.
- Additional one hour time.
- Practical examination exemption studying in Secondary Classes (class 10).
- Lab Assistant appointment for Practical Examination, for studying in Higher Secondary Classes (class 11 and 12)

- Based on candidate's request instead of attending the practical examination for Physics / Chemistry /Biology subjects, a questionnaire with Multiple Choice Questions related to practical examination is provided.

5.7.2. Exemption of Examination fee for Tamil Medium Candidates

All school Candidates appearing for the SSLC and Higher Secondary Examinations in Tamil medium are exempted from paying examination fees. For the academic year 2023-24 the below mentioned candidates have been exempted from paying examination fees.

Sl. NO	CLASS	No. of Candidates Exempted from Paying Examination Fees
1	SSLC	4,29,213
2	HIGHER SECONDARY FIRST YEAR	3,89,585
3	HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND YEAR	3,72,766

5.8 Public Welfare

5.8.1. DigiLocker

DigiLocker helps to download certificates as an E-certificate. The Candidates, who have appeared for the Higher Secondary and SSLC examinations and signed up for a DigiLocker account with their Aadhaar (UIDAI) number, can download their Digital Marks Certificate from the repository of the Directorate of Government Examinations. Hitherto, marks of 1,40,13,845 Candidates from the year 2016 to 2023 have been uploaded in DigiLocker.

5.8.2. e-SANAD – e-attestation of Mark certificate

For the benefit of students who want to go abroad for higher education or employment, 1,920 students have been issued e-attested mark certificates till date through e-SANAD website.

5.8.3 Government Examinations Service Centres

Nearly 252 Examination Service Centres are functioning in the premises of selected schools

across the State. These service centres facilitate the private candidates to apply online for all board examinations conducted by the Directorate in an easy and hassle free manner.

5.8.4 Various services through Government E-Service centres

This Directorate provides the below mentioned services by applying through Government E-Service centres.

- Duplicate Mark Certificate
- Certified Copy of Mark List
- Migration Certificate (for pursuing higher studies in other states or abroad)
- Certificate for Persons Studied In Tamil Medium

5.8.5. Issue of Duplicate mark certificates to the person who had lost their certificates due to cyclone Michaung

As many as 6127 persons, who had lost their mark certificates due to Michaung cyclone were issued Duplicate mark certificates immediately at free of cost.

5.9. Online Facilities

A web portal **www.dge.tn.gov.in** had been created for the benefit of student community, parents and educational institutions which enables easy access to the following facilities.

- Examination notifications
- Examination time tables
- Application forms
- Examination fee structure
- Instructions to candidates
- Previous year question papers / Sample Question Papers
- Application for Duplicate Mark Certificate
- Application for Certified copy of Mark Certificate (CCM)
- Application for Migration Certificate
- Preparation of Nominal Roll of Regular / Private students
- Provision for downloading Hall Tickets

- Online payment of examination fee
- Genuineness of Mark Certificates
- Information on Government Examination Service Centres

5.10. Examination Centres in Prisons

Board examinations are conducted for the inmates in the premises of prisons itself to promote their educational pursuit which would enable them with a livelihood after their correctional period. During the academic year 2023-24, a total of 572 inmates have appeared for Classes 10, 11 and 12 Board Examinations and results were published.

5.11. Conduct of Supplementary Examinations

Every year the Supplementary Examination is conducted in a short duration of time after the public examination results are declared for the Class 10, 11 and 12, so as to enable the failed candidates to pursue their higher studies in the same academic year.

In the interest of the students studying in

Government and Fully Government Aided Schools who have failed in the SSLC / Higher First Year and Second Year Public Examinations and are applying for the June/July Supplementary Examination, the Tatkal scheme fee for applications received from such students through Tatkal has been waived in order to avoid dropout.

5.12. Publication of Results

Results are communicated to the candidates through SMS instantly to the Mobile numbers registered at the time of enrolment. The publication of results is done online through two websites created for this purpose viz., www.dge.tn.gov.in, <https://tnresults.nic.in>. An online facility to download Tabulated Mark List (TML) by the respective schools has been created. Online application for seeking scanned copies of answer scripts for SSLC (Class 10), Higher Secondary (Class 11 and 12) and Diploma in Elementary Education Examinations is also available. Scanned copies of answer scripts of the candidates are uploaded on the website on request application, thereby enabling students to demand for Re-totaling / Revaluation of their answer scripts.

5.13. Issue of Certificates

5.13.1.Provisional Mark Certificate/ Statement of Marks

SSLC, Higher Secondary First year and Second year candidates can download their Provisional Mark Certificate and Statement of Marks respectively, from the website www.dge.tn.gov.in from the day after the publication of the results.

5.13.2.Issuance of SSLC/ Higher Secondary Mark Certificates with security features

Candidates who have passed all subjects in SSLC and First year and Second year of Higher Secondary Examinations are issued with separate Mark Certificates with salient security features. Statement of Marks are issued to failed candidates as well. A Consolidated Mark Certificate is issued to candidates who pass the SSLC/Higher Secondary Examinations in more than one attempt.

5.13.3. Duplicate Mark Certificate and Certified Copy of Mark List

Based on the requisition of candidates, 16,113 Duplicate Mark certificates as well as 2,715 Certified copy of Marks (CCM) were issued during the year 2023-24.

5.13.4. Migration Certificate

Migration Certificate are issued within 5 days from the date of receipt of application to candidates, who have passed SSLC and Higher Secondary Examinations and desire to continue their higher studies in other states. 7,656 Migration Certificates have been issued in the year 2023-24.

5.13.5. Verification of Genuineness of Mark Certificates

Verification of genuineness of Marks Certificates is carried out on request by higher educational institutions, as well as the appointing authorities of Government and public sector. 2,29,859 Marks Certificates have been verified for genuineness in the year 2023-24.

5.14. Budget

The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs. 131.45 crore to this Directorate for the academic year 2024-25

6. NON-FORMAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

6.1. Introduction

Education is a powerful tool for making significant progress in human life. It is also considered as a channel to increase knowledge, socio-economical status and create good values in the society of an individual. Nowadays, everyone has many opportunities accumulated to learn such treasured education from childhood to till their throughout life. In this way, adult education is an excellent platform to provide learning opportunities for adults who have lost their chance to learn at a young age. Thus, to cater the learning needs of non-literate adults, Tamilnadu Government is successfully implementing various adult education programmes from the year 1976 through the Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education.

6.2. Vision

Achievement of total literacy by pursuing basic literacy, vocational education and lifelong learning.

6.3. Objectives

- To impart basic literacy and numeracy to all illiterate adults
- To provide opportunity for neo-literates to continue their learning beyond basic literacy and acquire equivalency to formal education.
- To improve the quality of life / earning capacity by impart training in vocational skills.

6.4. Special Literacy Programme for Prisoners 2023-24

During the year 2023-24, Special Literacy Programme for Prisoners was implemented in 9 Prisons of Thiruvallur, Cuddalore, Vellore, Salem, Trichy, Madurai, Thirunelveli, Coimbatore and Pudukkottai districts in co-ordination with the Department of Prisons at an estimated budget of Rs.25 lakh. The objective of the programme is to provide basic literacy to illiterate Prisoners. Under this programme, a number of 1249 illiterate Prisoners benefitted and basic literacy certificates were issued to

all of them by this Directorate.

Prison-wise number of beneficiaries is furnished as below:

Sl. No.	District	No. of Prisoners		Total
		Male	Female	
1	Thiruvallur	284	42	326
2	Coimbatore	94	34	128
3	Madurai	77	30	107
4	Cuddalore	39	0	39
5	Salem	178	43	221
6	Thirunelveli	66	0	66
7	Trichy	62	61	123
8	Vellore	157	21	178
9	Pudukkottai	61	0	61
Total		1018	231	1249

Source: DNFAE & Dept of Prison

6.5. Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam 2022-27

Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam 2022-27 is being implemented in all 38 districts of the State on a 60:40 fund sharing pattern between the Union and State Government respectively according to the data of Census 2011. The main

aim of this programme is to provide Basic Literacy to illiterate adults in the age group of 15 years and above.

In the year 2023-24, 26,408 Learners' Literacy Centers have been established and 4,80,740 learners benefitted and attained basic literacy through this programme across the State. The teaching and learning activities were conducted by utilizing the services 26,408 volunteers at these centers. An amount of Rs.8.29 Crore was approved for the year 2023-24. Out of this, an amount of Rs.6.22 Crore have been sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Literacy Mission Authority for the implementation of this scheme during the year 2023-24.

During the last two years, 10 lakh learners have acquired their basic literacy and benefitted under Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam and basic literacy certificates were issued to all learners by this Directorate.

6.6. Achievement of Target under Sustainable Development Goal

In Tamil Nadu, concrete steps are being taken to make all illiterate adults as literates by

identifying all illiterates through a comprehensive survey in all Rural and Urban areas of the State and providing basic literacy and numeracy education to all illiterate activities under Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam to ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults both men and women achieve literacy and numeracy by 2030 as mentioned in the target 4.6 of Sustainable Development Goal. The data of illiterate adults identified under the comprehensive survey are being captured through EMIS mobile App developed exclusively for the activities of the above mentioned programme.

6.7. State Literacy Award

State Literacy Award was given to the best learners' literacy centres with an appreciation certificate, memento and medals. The award was given to 114 selected Learners' Literacy Centres for its outstanding performance of Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam.

6.8. Budget

The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs. 12.14 crore to this Directorate for the academic year 2024-25.

7. DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

7.1 Introduction

Libraries are places where everyone can go to find rare information, learn new things, and expand knowledge through books. Public libraries in Tamil Nadu stand as friendly gateways to learning. The Directorate of Public Libraries, which manages these, has proactively fostered an outstanding reading environment, positioning Tamil Nadu as the leading state in the country in delivering exemplary library services.

7.2 Vision

Create boundless educational development and encourage personal, social, economic, literary and intellectual development in society.

7.3 Objectives

- To fulfil the intellectual information needs of people from all walks of life through public libraries equipped with technology.
- Digitization and preservation of old and rare books.

- Ensuring prompt stocking of quality, new published books in public libraries.
- To ensure availability of audio books, e-books and braille books in public libraries for the benefit of the differently abled.
- To improve infrastructural facilities in all public libraries.

7.4 Public Libraries in Tamil Nadu

Our State proudly provides excellent services through 4,674 different libraries like Connemara Public Library (State Central Library), Anna Centenary Library, Kalaignar Centenary Library, 35 District Central Libraries, 1,926 Branch Libraries, 1,915 Village Libraries, 14 Mobile Libraries, 781 Part-time Libraries. Apart from this, Thanjavaur Mahararja Serfoji's Sarasvati Mahal Library and Research Centre at Thanjavur, Dr.U.Ve.Sa. Library and Maraimalaiadigal Library at Chennai, which receive aid from the Government, are also functioning in Tamil Nadu.

7.4.1 Connemara Public Library

The Connemara Public Library, the State Central Library of Tamil Nadu was started in 1896. One of the four national depository libraries in India, it receives a free copy of all books, newspapers and periodicals published in India free of cost in accordance with the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954. Nationalized books and non-copyrighted books are digitized and preserved for public use. This library has 9,44,794 books on literature, history and science. Its total membership is 1,49,144. All information about this library can be found in the website www.connemarapubliclibrarychennai.com. In 2021, this library completed its 125th year. Following this, the old library building was renovated at a cost of Rs.1.50 crore and the electrical infrastructure repaired and modernized by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs.3.19 crore. 1,95,413 readers benefited from this library in 2023-24.

7.4.2 Anna Centenary Library

Anna Centenary Library, the second largest library in South Asia, built with 9 floors at a cost

of Rs. 197.43 crores with an area of 3.75 lakh square feet in Koturpuram, Chennai, was inaugurated on 15th September 2010 by the former Chief Minister, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaigñar Dr.M.Karunanidhi. The library has 6,75,067 books covering various topics. This library has enrolled 5,548 new members and benefited 4,45,363 readers in 2023-24.

There are various sections like competitive examination section, children section, periodical section, Tamil, English and regional language book section, e-book section and Government Downward Library along with separate sections for visually impaired and Own book reading section.

Integrated library software is used in this library to provide high quality service to the readers. To know the details of the books in this library, an online Catalogue (WEB-OPAC) has been established and the library service is being provided using the modern technology called Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).

Government functions, art and cultural performances, seminars and government

sanctioned programs are conducted at the rental rate fixed by the Government in the conference hall, seminar hall, and art gallery in this library. Various programs are being held for the diverse readers of the society such as "Ponmalai Pozhuthu" program in which personalities from various fields participate on Saturdays and special programs for competitive students, special programs for children every week.

The building and electrical repairs of this library were repaired and refurbished at a cost of Rs.37.82 crores. With a view to updating and expanding the vast collection of books in this library, procurement of e-books, e-journals and e-research journals is being undertaken for the library at a cost of Rs.6.50 crore.

7.4.3 Kalaighar Centenary Library

On the occasion of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Kalaighar Dr. M. Karunanidhi 100th birth anniversary, in memory of his lifelong passion for books, Kalaighar Centenary Library, a multi-storey building with a basement, ground floor, and six additional floors was established in Madurai at a cost of Rs.218.19 crore, and this

library was inaugurated for the usage of public by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.07.2023.

The Kalaingar Centenary Library is an intellectual beacon of South Tamil Nadu, serving as a hub of learning and encompassing a wide range of information resources in the fields of art, culture, science and technology. This library has 3,62,393 books covering various subjects. About 8,86,725 readers have used the library in the 11 months since its opening. That is, an average of 2,700 people used the library per day.

The editorials of leading national and international daily English newspapers are translated into Tamil and provided daily in this library to the students preparing for various competitive examinations. 2,035 members are enrolled in this library and WiFi facility is provided to library members. A series of programs for children, "Nool Arumbukal" program to encourage the reading habit among children, special programs for competitive students, monthly "Nilavoliyil" program for the aspirants of literature, and special film screening and

discussion program for children on Saturdays are conducted.

7.4.4 District Central Libraries

District Central Libraries were established under the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Rules 1950. They provide quality information to the readers in every district capital and provide various services especially for school/college students and job seeking youth. These libraries have more than 70 lakh books in various disciplines. These libraries have various sections including periodicals section, reference books section, civil service examination section, newspapers, periodicals in Tamil & English, and competitive examination books in all subjects and online facilities. District Central Libraries have 13,50,813 members and 24,28,614 readers have benefited from these libraries.

7.4.5 Branch Libraries

With the view to extend the coverage of library services across densely populated areas, Branch Libraries have been set up in urban and rural areas with a population of 5,000 to 50,000. At present 1,926 branch libraries including 314

full-time branch libraries are functioning across the state. Various programs are organized in these libraries for the benefit of children, students, women, working people and senior citizens. A total of 6,08,71,560 books are kept in these libraries. These libraries have enrolled 65,06,343 members and benefited 2.66 crore readers in the financial year 2023-24.

7.4.6 Village Libraries

Village libraries have been functioning in Tamil Nadu since 1996. These libraries serve as meeting places for social, cultural and intellectual interaction. Village libraries have been upgraded with computer facilities using new information technology. During 2023-24, 1.54 crore readers were benefited and 22,45,401 members were enrolled. These libraries consist of 2,30,26,977 books.

7.4.7 Mobile libraries

Mobile libraries are functioning in 14 districts of the state with books, CDs, films, maps and periodicals to fulfill the library needs of the poor people living in hilly, remote and inaccessible areas and to promote the habit of reading among

the school students and public. Mobile libraries serve with books, CDs, films, maps and periodicals. 35,492 members and 41,450 readers have been benefited by these mobile libraries.

7.4.8 Part Time Libraries

Part-time Libraries are established with the aim of public library services reaching the grassroots. 3,43,175 members have been enrolled and 25,70,767 readers have benefited through these libraries. 10 new part-time libraries have been opened in 2023-24.

7.5.Source of Fund

7.5.1 Library Cess

The main source of revenue for the Public Libraries Department is the library cess. As per Section 12(1)(a) of the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Act, 1948, library cess is collected at the rate of 10 paise per rupee of property tax collected by local bodies. Purchase of books, periodicals and dailies, construction of new buildings, renovation of dilapidated library buildings, purchase of stationery, consumer articles and equipments for libraries, salary of

part-time sweeper salary, consolidated pay for part-time librarian, daily wages and library development works are all incurred directly from the library funds.

7.5.2 Library Cess Advance

As per the recommendation of the Sixth State Finance Commission, the library cess for public libraries received from the urban local bodies and rural local bodies has been allowed to be paid to the Directorate Public Libraries of as an advance from the local body devolution and subsequently the local bodies have been allowed to retain the existing library cess collected at their level. Accordingly, library cess advances of Rs.178.00 crore and Rs.195.80 crore for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively have been provided to the Directorate Public Libraries from the local bodies.

7.5.3 Single Nodal Account

To handle library cess advance for the activities and developmental works of public libraries, a single nodal account system has been designed for the budget of public Libraries through a banking software in a very simple,

quick and transparent manner. Regarding this, training has been conducted at Anna Centenary Library, Chennai to the concerned staff and officers working in all subordinate offices including the Directorate of Public Libraries. Also, budget monitoring through Single Nodal Account has been implemented for all districts from April 2024 onwards.

7.6 Raja RamMohun Roy Library Foundation Grant

Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, a union government agency working to coordinate, monitor and improve public library services in India, continues to support public and private libraries and help improve public library services. The state government has also contributed an equal share amount to this Foundation. In the financial year 2023-24, a matching grant of Rs.400 lakh has been received. Out of this amount, a total of 32 Virtual reality instruments and 32 Interactive Intelligent Panels for the District Central Libraries, a total of 337 sets of CCTV cameras for the District Central Libraries and Full-time Branch Libraries have been installed. 1686 Steel book racks have been

provided to 668 libraries also.

7.7 Library Infrastructure

Out of 4,671 public libraries functioning in Tamil Nadu, 1,729 libraries are in their own buildings, 2,632 libraries are in rent-free buildings and 296 libraries are in privately owned rented buildings.

7.8 Civil Services Study Centre

For the benefit of the large number of job seeking youth communities, Civil Service Study Centres have been set up in 290 libraries such as Connemara Public Library, District Central Libraries and libraries located at District Headquarters, Municipalities and small towns. Books, newspapers and periodicals related to competitive examinations are procured here and provided for the usage of the young aspirants of various competitive examinations.

7.9 Readers Forum

To encourage people's participation in library activities, a Reader's Forum consisting of academics, writers, library members and local residents has been set up in each library.

Reader's Forum identifies new authors and books and fosters rapport among users by inter-linking readers with books.

7.10 Library Patrons and Donors

Readers donating Rs.1,000, Rs.5,000 and Rs.10,000 respectively under this scheme are included as Patrons, Great Patrons and Donors. The amount thus received is invested in banks and the interest earned there from is used for the development of public libraries. A total of 1,52,581 Patrons, 2,025 Great Patrons and 702 Donors have been enrolled to all libraries so far.

7.11 Achievements

7.11.1 Virtual Reality Library

To benefit about one lakh students / children per year, Virtual Reality Library has been established in 76 libraries in 38 districts at an estimated cost of Rs.57.20 lakh with 152 virtual technology devices at the rate of two virtual devices per library, and it is used in the best manner.

7.11.2 Friends of the Library

To benefit about 15 lakh readers with a total of 5,400 volunteers in 2,288 libraries in Tamil Nadu, a new project called "Library Friends" at an estimated cost of Rs.56.25 lakh has been introduced and it is implemented in an efficient manner in rural and urban areas where library services are not available .

7.11.3 Union Catalogue for Public Libraries

Details of all books in Connemara Public Library, Anna Centenary Library and 35 District Central Libraries have been uploaded. The facility of searching books in public libraries has been established through the website <https://tamilnadupubliclibraries.org>. A Union Catalogue containing details of 25 lakh books has been published for public use.

7.11.4 Digitization

So far more than 29,000 books (more than 40 lakh pages) and 2,54,694 manuscripts of rare books in Connemara Public Library, Tamil Nadu Archeology Department Library, Tamil Nadu Archives Library, University Libraries, College

Libraries and Private Libraries have been digitized and the contents are uploaded on the website <https://tamilnadupubliclibraries.org> and are available for public use.

7.11.5 Dr.S.R.Ranganathan Memorial Library

In memory of the Father of Libraries in India, Padma Shri Dr.S.R.Ranganathan, who played in the creation of the the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Act, a library at his birthplace Sirgazhi in Mayiladuthurai District consisting of Dr.Ranganathan's works with rare books, research facilities, children's section and internet facility was established at a cost of Rs.1.32 crore and has been brought to public use.

7.11.6 New Library building in the name of "Senna Pulavar A.Karmeganar"

A new building has been built for the branch library at Abiramapuram, Ramanathapuram district, at a cost of Rs.40.00 lakh, and has been made available for public use in appreciation of the services rendered by Chennab Pulavar A. Karmeganar to Tamil.

7.11.7 Senthamizh Sirppigal Arangam

To honour the writers and Tamil scholars who have contributed immensely to the Tamil language and to make such scholars role models for the younger generation, to exhibit Photographs, manuscripts and works of Tamil writers who have received prestigious awards such as Sahitya Akademi Award, Jnan Peeda Award etc., to stimulate the creativity of the young generation and continue to organize programs based on the works of award-winning authors, a hall of fame named "Senthamizh Sirppigal Arangam" in Anna Centenary Library at a cost of Rs.40.00 lakh has been established.

7.11.8 Procurement of new books for public libraries with transparency

To make appropriate amendments in procurement policy for books procured for public libraries and procure books and periodicals transparently at every step, "Transparent Book Procurement Policy-2024" related web portal, <https://bookprocurement.tamilnadupubliclibraries.org/> published on 11.03.2024. As per this policy, periodicals for the year 2024-25 have been

procured for the libraries in all districts. Further, procurement of books for public libraries is in progress.

7.11.9 Book fairs in Districts

Similar to the Chennai Book Fair, book fairs are being held in all districts of Tamil Nadu from 2022-23. Rs.8.45 crore has been sanctioned by the State Government for the year 2023-24 and book fairs have been successfully conducted at all districts in Tamil Nadu.

7.11.10 Literary Festivals

With a view to celebrating the literary traditions of our rich Tamil language based on river civilization traditions in Tamil Nadu, the literary festivals Porunai in Tirunelveli District, Chennai at Anna Centenary Library in Chennai, Siruvani in Coimbatore, Kaveri in Thanjavur District and Vaigai literary festival in Madurai District were successfully conducted in the year 2022-23 at a cost of Rs.63.50 lakh. Also, in order to encourage the creativity of the youth, youth literature festivals were celebrated in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.1.85 crores in 2023-24 along with the 5 literature festivals. Eminent speakers,

famous writers, literature aspirants, book lovers, book readers and youth participated enthusiastically in these festivals.

7.12 Chennai International Book Fair

The goal of Chennai International Book Fair is to share our rich Tamil literary works globally, bring the best international scholars and writers into Tamil literature, and create new works. The Government of Tamil Nadu successfully organised the Chennai International Book Fair from 16th to 18th January, 2023, with a cost of Rs.6.00 crore. In this, 365 copyrights were exchanged focusing on Tamil literature with international publishers/vendors from 24 countries, neighbouring state publishers and Tamil Nadu publishers.

In 2024, the Chennai International Book Fair was held from 16th to 18th January at the Chennai Trade Center, Nanthambakkam at a cost of Rs.6.00 Crore, with the participation of multinational publishers/vendors from 40 countries, publishers from neighbouring states and 752 MoUs for Transfer of Copyrights have been entered into. Also, the Government of Tamil

Nadu has provided a fund of Rs.3.00 crore for the year 2023-24 for the translation of rich Tamil literary works into other Indian and international languages.

7.13 Ongoing schemes

7.13.1 Opening of special sections with modern facilities in Connemara Public Library

For the benefit of competitive examination students, students who read their own books and children visiting Connemara Public Library which is a traditional national library, steps are being taken to set up special sections with modern facilities at an estimated cost of Rs.5.00 crore.

7.13.2 Renovation of all District Central Libraries and Full-time Branch Libraries

Renovation of 27 District central Library at first phase in the year 2023-24 at a cost of Rs.11.14 crore and 36 Full-time Branch Libraries at a cost of Rs.7.14 crore are being taken to enhance reader convenience. Steps are being taken to renovate 70 full-time branch libraries at a cost of Rs.15.00 lakh each during the year

2024-25.

7.13.3 Procurement of logistic materials for libraries

For the requirement of readers' use, 32 District Central Libraries, 314 Full-time Branch Libraries, 1612 Branch Libraries and 1915 Village Libraries, totaling 3876 libraries functioning under the Directorate of Public Libraries are providing 10,114 Steel book racks, 10,114 Reading tables and 53,024 Chairs at a total cost of Rs.45.86 crore and procurement of logistics materials is being carried out through TANSI.

7.14 Library Awards

To appreciate outstanding librarians, "Dr.S.R.Ranganathan Award" consists of a silver medal with a cash prize of Rs.5,000 is given every year and the best Library Award is provided to the libraries that perform best in library development activities. Also a "Library Activist Award" comprising a shield worth Rs.5000 with a certificate is also conferred on the presidents of the best performing reader's forum.

7.15 Budget

The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs.526.88 crore to this Directorate for the academic year 2024-25.

8. Teachers Recruitment Board

8.1. Introduction

The Teachers Recruitment Board was established in the year 1987 to entrust the task of recruitment the Teachers to Government Schools and the post of Assistant Professors to Directorate of Collegiate Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Directorate of Legal Education. 1,72,793 Teachers, Assistant Professors were selected for Schools and Colleges and employed by the respective departments since the date of inception of this Board. Also, after the reorganization of the Teachers Recruitment Board, the work of selecting eligible students for the Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF) and conducting examinations for Assistant Professor for Anna University is also being carried out by Teachers Recruitment Board. Apart from these, the Teachers Recruitment Board is functioning as the State Nodal Agency for conducting the Tamil Nadu Teacher Eligibility Test (TNET).

8.2 Objective

The primary objective of the Teachers Recruitment Board is to select qualified Teachers,

Assistant Professors based on the requirements of the concerned user departments. The Teachers Recruitment Board is conducting the selection in a transparent manner by using technology in collaboration with the Technical agency.

8.3. Tentative schedule for Recruitment

The Teachers Recruitment Board has published tentative schedule for the year 2024. Accordingly, the recruitment process is being carried out.

- Teachers Recruitment Board selected 33 eligible candidates for the post of Block Educational Officer post and the selection list was sent to the Directorate of Elementary Education.
- A notification for the recruitment of 320 posts like Assistant Professor, Assistant Librarians and Assistant Director (Physical Education) for Anna University and the work is being carried out to conduct the competitive exams through the Teachers Recruitment Board.

- Notification (No.02/2024) was issued to select 4000 Assistant Professors in Government Arts and Science Colleges and Government Colleges of Education and online applications were received. A competitive examination shall be conducted shortly.
- Competitive examination for direct recruitment to select 3192 Graduate Teachers / Block Resource Teacher Educator for the year 2024 was conducted transparent manner on 04.02.2024. In this examination, 40135 candidates are appeared and the work being carried out to publish the results.
- For the year 2024, Notification was published on 09.02.2024 to recruit 1768 Secondary Grade Teachers and the online applications were received. The examination shall be conducted by OMR based.

- It is planned to conduct Teacher Eligibility Test Paper I and II as per the proposed schedule for the year 2024.

8.4. Teacher Eligibility Test Certificate

The certificates for Teacher Eligibility Test (Paper-I and Paper-II) were issued directly till June 2023. From 17.07.2023 issuance of duplicate certificates through online e-service center has been implemented. Till 30.04.2024, 7985 certificates have been issued.

8.5. Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF)

In order to improve the research skills of students and encourage innovation in Tamil Nadu, the Chief Minister Research Fellowship scheme has implemented and the State Level Qualification Examination was held on 17.12.2023. The mark list for this examination was sent to the Directorate of Collegiate Education and selection of 120 students for the Chief Minister Research Fellowship scheme was done through the Directorate of Collegiate Education.

8.6. Grievance Redressal Cell and Call Center

A Grievance Redressal Cell has been created to take action on petitions and doubts submitted by the petitioners in person, doubts requested by phone, petitions received through post and e-mail regarding Teachers Recruitment Board's Notifications, Examinations, Certificate Verification, Selections and other related details. Also, a Call Center is functioning separately for the Teachers Recruitment Board. A toll-free number (1800 425 6753) has been introduced for quick clarification of candidate's queries. Also, it was launched a new website <http://www.trb.tn.gov.in> and office email address trb@tn.gov.in to publish information related to all selections.

8.7 Computer Labs in Government Schools for Competitive Examinations

As the sanctioned was accorded to set up computer labs in Government Schools at a cost of Rs.30 crore by the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation to conduct the Teachers Recruitment Board competitive examinations. Accordingly, the re-tender work

being carried out by Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation and the Teachers Recruitment Board is taking steps to set up Computer Labs with appropriate specifications to conduct competitive exams. The Teachers Recruitment Board shall utilize the labs to conduct computer-based examinations during the period of non-examinations of the schools.

8.8. Restructuring of Teachers Recruitment Board

The Teachers Recruitment Board has been restructured to make the selection process more efficient and in a transparent manner. Accordingly, one post of Controller of Examinations in the cadre of an I.A.S. Officer, one District Revenue Officer, one Joint Director, two Deputy Directors, three Deputy Collectors, one Deputy Director (Technical), three Senior Programmers and six Junior Programmers, two Data Analysts, four Data Administrators, one Assistant Accounts Officer and 46 Ministerial Staff posts totally 71 posts have been additionally created by the Government.

8.9.Budget

The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs.47.57 crore to Teachers Recruitment Board for the year 2024-25.

9. Tamilnadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation

9.1 Introduction

“The Bureau of Tamil Publications” was established to translate and publish Higher Education books of other languages into Tamil in 1961. The Bureau was named as “Tamil Nadu Textbook Society” in 1970 and was subsequently re-named “Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation” in 2013, in keeping with its new mandate of procuring and distributing of various educational kits to the children in Government and Government aided schools, in addition to printing & supplying of textbooks. The corporation renders additional services like digitalization and re-printing of higher education and rare books and co-publishing of selected Tamil literary titles in English with leading national and international publishers.

9.2 Objectives

- Printing of Textbooks with energized contents for all three terms for students studying in Classes 1 to 7 and

annual textbooks for students studying in Classes 8 to 12.

- Functioning as the procuring entity for supply of Educational Kits such as School Bags, Shoes etc., for students studying in Government and Government Aided Schools.
- Translating Higher Education books on Humanities, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Ecology, Law, Literature, Siddha Medicine, Fisheries and Physical Education from English to Tamil, printing & co-publishing the same.
- Translating Tamil Literature into English and other South Indian languages.
- Re-publishing rare and old Tamil books and ensuring their availability in the market to students, research scholars and the reading community at large.
- Participating in various book fairs across the State and supplying re-printed books on art and science to

various Government Colleges in the State.

- Funding various literary cultural and heritage events from time to time as per the orders of the government including the Chennai International Book Fair.

9.3 Infrastructure

The Corporation has its Head Office at the Perasiriyar Anbalagan Campus (formerly known as DPI Campus), on E.V.K.Sampath Maaligai, Chennai. It has 22 Regional Offices across the State.

9.4 Supply of Textbooks

Free textbooks are provided to all students studying in Government & Government aided schools. Sale copies are provided to private schools as well as to the general public through online mode and through two sales counters functioning in DPI Campus, Anna Centenary Library and Adyar Godown. The facility of online sales has also been extended through e-service centers (TACTV).

9.5 The details of Textbooks printed for The Year 2023-24 :

Details of Text books	No. of books Printed (in lakh)	Tentative Value (Rs. In Crore)
Textbooks for students of Classes 1 to 12 in Government and Government aided schools (Free Text Books).	475.00	326.15
Textbooks for students of Classes 1 to 12 in self-financing schools (Sale Copies).	197.18	217.18
Tamil Textbook for Classes 1 to 10 for schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (Sale Copies).	12.63	8.65

9.6 Printing of Other Books

The Corporation also undertakes the printing of various other books based on there requirement of Departments such as Samagra Shiksha, Directorate of Non-formal and Adult

Education, Department of Archaeology, DoTE, SCERT, Parents Teachers Association, Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare and BC, MBC & Minorities Welfare department. In the year 2024-24, Rs.914.69 lakh books have been printed for the above departments at an approximate worth of Rs.141.93 crores.

9.7 Digitization and Reprinting of Rare Books

The origin of Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation dates back to 1961 when "The Bureau of Tamil Publications" was established to translate and publish Higher Education books of other languages into Tamil. The Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (then, Tamil Nadu Textbook Society) published nearly 900 books during the period 1968-78. The Tamil Nadu Government decided to digitize and reprint those books and this activity was launched in 2017 to benefit research scholars, students, rare book collectors and general readers. Of those books, the Corporation has so far digitized 875 titles of rare higher education books through the Tamil Virtual Academy and brought out 687 titles as

documentation edition. 635 rare books along with competitive exam books brought out in joint publication with National and International Publishers worth of Rs.3.18 crore were exhibited and sold in book fairs conducted in Districts, TN-BEAT EXPO 2024, Knowledge Centre, Maperum Tamil Kanavu events, etc.

Out of these, books worth Rs.2 crore have been sold to Government and Government-aided Colleges, study centers conducting competitive exams, Educational Centers like Kalaignar Centenary Library, Knowledge Centre, Mobile Books Shop, etc,. Also, Higher Education Books for competitive exams are being selected and sold through Online.

Documentation of these titles have been supplied to may institutions such as Anna Centenary Library, Connemara Library, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC), All India Civil Service Training Center attached to Staff College, Tamil Virtual Academy, Anna University, District Central Libraries and Roja Muthiah Research Library (RMRL), Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Library in Rameshwaram at free of cost for

the benefit of the student community. Books worth Rs.7.22 lakhs were sold at the 47th Chennai Book Fair held in January 2024.

9.8 Competitive Exam Books

Question Banks for Higher Education Entrance Examination (Physics, Chemistry, Biology) were prepared and published in 6 volumes. 2000 copies worth of Rs.1.33 Crore have been distributed to 16 Model Schools and supplied to sales by Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation.

9.9 Thisaidhorum Dravidam

The Thisaidhorum Dravidam scheme has been implemented for Translation of Tamil fiction and non-fiction into English and other Dravidian Languages to reflect the antiquity, tradition and contemporaneity of Tamil, to enrich world literature and to translate significant literature of other Dravidian languages into Tamil. Under this Scheme, 50 books have been published.

9.10 Muthamizh Aringnar Mozhipeyarppu Thittam

Under this scheme, steps have been taken to

translate books on Art, Science, Medicine and Technology into Tamil by signing Agreement with leading publishers. Also, 5 Medicine Books were published at CIBF on 18.01.2023 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. They are joint publications brought out by this Corporation in joint publishing with National and International Publishers. At 2nd Chennai International Book Fair held from 16.01.2024 to 18.01.2024, 62 books were published under this Scheme including 15 books on Medicine. Through this initiative, Tamil language has successfully started its competition with International Language in the field of translation of medicine books. Also, 2 Odiya Literature books and Kalaingar M.Karunanidhi's Kuraloviyam English translation was released by Hon'ble Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister. So far, 107 Books were published, under this Scheme.

9.11 Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Thittam

In Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Thittam, 133 books have been brought so far written by 25 Authors under this scheme to make available the best books for children. So far, 59 books were released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 2023

and 76 books were released by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development.

9.12 Kalaikalanjiam and Sirar Kalaikalajiyam

Kalaikalanjiam 10 volumes and Sirar KalaiKalanjiam (Children Encyclopaedia 10 volumes were published and the Kalaikalanjiam was well received at book fairs held in Chennai and other districts.

9.13 Nationalised Books

In the series of Nationalized books, 32 books have been published so far and books worth more than Rs.2 lakhs have been sold.

9.14 Readers on Centenary Writers

Perasiriyar.Ka.Anbazagan's anthology was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu at the Literary Festival held on 06.01.2023 and was well received at the 46th Chennai Book Fair 2023 and Book Fair held in other districts. Children Books writer Azha.Valliappa and Famous Tamil Authors T.Janakiraman and K.Rajanarayanan's collections were released by Hon'ble Minister for

Youth Welfare and Sports Development at the 2nd Chennai International Book Fair held on 18.01.2024.

9.15 Joint Publications

As a joint publication with the Tamil Development Department, Publishing Sangam Literature with simplified commentary 10 books titled Pathupattu, Irayanar Agaporul, Kurundhogai, Padhitrupathu - 13 books, A book on social justice in English in 13 volumes, and under Periyar Thoughts in 21 languages scheme books which were translated in 10 languages and under Tamil-Indo European Dictionary Scheme first volume of English and Tamil Language 2 books totally 26 books have been published. Also, work being done on Joint publishing with Tamil Development Department under Dravida Kalanjiyam.

9.16 New Initiatives

9.16.1 Nationalised & Rare Books (English)

At the 2nd Chennai International Book Fair held on 18.01.2024, 5 books were released by the Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports

development in partnership with renowned National and International book publishers like Penguin Random House, Hachette India, Navayana, Routledge, Ratna Books, Oxford University Press, Harpercollins.

9.16.2 World Literature in Tamil

About 25 Children's Books of World Literature have been translated into Tamil by signing agreements with DC Books (Mango Classics), Canadian publisher Wonder House, Indian publisher Xact Group of Companies and 14 books were released by Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development at the 2ndChennai International Book Fair, on 18.01.2024.

9.16.3 "Vaikam Porattam" Centenary Year Announcement

As the announcement made by the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, regarding the centenary celebration of Vaikam porattam, Pazha Athiyaman's book on Vaikam Porattam was translated into Malayalam and published in Kerala on 01.04.2023 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala

and The Kannada translation of this book was also released and the translation of Telugu and English translation are being done. 135 pages of book on Vaikom Struggle was released on 28.12.2023.

9.17 Pudhumaippen

For Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Pudhumaippen Scheme of Social Justice and Women's Rights Department more than 1 lakh copies of the book titled 'Pudhumaippen' was printed and distributed.

9.18 Maperum Tamil Kanavu

To the Tamil heritage and culture advocacy project "Maperum Tamil Kanavu" organized by the Tamil Virtual Academy, Rs.95 lakhs has been funded by Tamil Nadu Text Book and Educational Services Corporation.

9.19 Mobile Book Shop

The sales of higher education books prepared for college students studying in Tamil medium and rare higher education books for competitive exams started on 27.06.2023 and so far for colleges like Annai Velanganni College, Pachaiyappan College, Presidency College,

Chellammal College, Veltech College, Tagore College etc. books were sold through bus (Mobile Book Shop).

9.20 Inauguration of Sales Center

Prof.Anbazhaganar Centenary Sales Counter was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of School Education at Tamilnadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation ground floor on 01.03.2023.

9.21 Children's Books on Sustainable Development Goals

17 books for children under the Ilanthalir Ilakkiya Thittam to make school children aware of the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the United Nations will be published. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed with Professor Shalini Verma at the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) in February 2024 to translate the series into Tamil. The translation of the series is underway at the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation and it will be published during the Chennai International Book Fair 2025 (CIBF 2025) in January 2025.

9.22 Procurement Activities

Educational Kits are being procured and provided to the children studying in Government and Government aided schools in Tamil Nadu to fulfill their educational needs and to improve their performance at a cost of Rs.277.61 Crores for the year 2024-25.

10.FINANCIAL OUTLAY

The outlay for School Education in 2024-25 in Demand No.43 is Rs.44042.08 crore.

Budget Estimate 2024-25					
(Rupees in Lakhs)					
Head of Account		State Expenditure	Schemes shared between State and Centre	Total	
Revenue Section					
2051	Public Service Commission		4757.45		4757.45
2059	Public Works		20105.00		20105.00
2202	General Education				
	1	Elementary Education	1870095.06	243793.56	2113888.62
	2	Secondary Education	2026235.48	96407.25	2122642.73
	4	Adult Education	238.21	975.81	1214.02
	5	Language Development	2215.09		2215.09
		Recoveries	8970.46		8970.46
	Total-General Education		3907754.30	341176.62	4248930.92
2204	Sports and Youth Services		561.56		561.56
2205	Art and Culture		41012.21		41012.21
2225	Welfare of SC & ST and Other Backward Classes		35672.76		35672.76
2235	Social Security and Welfare		203.00		203.00
2251	Secretariat-Social Services		1238.94		1238.94
Revenue Section Total			4011305.22	341176.62	4352481.84

Capital Section				
4202	Capital Outlay	51676.31		51676.31
Loan Section				
7610	Loans to Government Servants	50.00		50.00
Grand Total		4063031.53	341176.62	4404208.15
Grand Total for Demand No. 43				4404208.15

Under the dynamic leadership and guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, this Government is committed to achieve Sustainable Development to provide quality education to every child in the State by bringing Comprehensive and Transformative Educational Reforms in the teaching-learning processes, using digital technologies.

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மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் (25.8.2023) அன்று முத்தமிழறிஞர் பயின்ற திருக்குவளை ஊராட்சி ஒன்றிய தொடக்கப்பள்ளியில் முதலமைச்சரின் காலை உணவுத் திட்டத்தினை அனைத்து அரசுத் தொடக்கப் பள்ளிகளுக்கும் விரிவாக்கம் செய்தார்கள்.



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் (9.8.2023) அன்று பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை சார்பில் சென்னை, அண்ணா நூற்றாண்டு நூலகத்தில் நடைபெற்ற நாட்டின் முதன்மை உயர்கல்வி நிறுவனங்களுக்குச் செல்லும் அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கான பாராட்டு விழாவில், மாணவ, மாணவியர்களுக்குச் சான்றிதழ் மற்றும் மடிக்கணினிகளை வழங்கி வாழ்த்தினார்கள்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பேராசிரியர் அன்பழகன் கல்வி வளாகத்தில் அன்னாரது திருவுருவச்சிலையை 10.08.2023 அன்று திறந்து வைத்தார்கள்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் (26.6.2023) அன்று சென்னை, நேரு உள்விளையாட்டு அரங்கில், சென்னை பெருநகர காவல்துறை சார்பில் நடைபெற்ற "சிற்பி" நிறைவு விழாவில், சிற்பி திட்டத்தில் பயிற்சி முடித்த மாணவ, மாணவியர்களுக்குச் சான்றிதழ்களை வழங்கினார்கள்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் 17.2.2024 அன்று தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில், பள்ளிக்கல்வித் துறை சார்பில் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள புதிய பள்ளிக் கட்டடங்கள் மற்றும் செந்தமிழ்ச் சிற்பிகள் அரங்கம், முசிறி கிளை நூலகக் கட்டடம், முனைவர் எஸ்.ஆர்.அரங்கநாதன் நினைவு நூலகக் கட்டடம் மற்றும் செந்நாப்புலவர் கார்மேகனார் நூலகக் கட்டடம் ஆகியவற்றைத் திறந்து வைத்தார்கள்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் (14.6.2024) அன்று சென்னை, நேரு உள்விளையாட்டு அரங்கில் பள்ளிக்கல்வித் துறை சார்பில் நடைபெற்ற ஜம்பெரும் விழாவில், 2024-ஆம் ஆண்டு 10 மற்றும் 12-ஆம் வகுப்பு அரசுப் பொதுத் தேர்வுகளில் தமிழ்ப் பாடத்தில் நூற்றுக்கு நூறு மதிப்பெண்கள் பெற்ற 43 மாணவ, மாணவியர்கள் மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களுடன் குழு புகைப்படம் எடுத்துக் கொண்டனர்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கருணை
அடிப்படையிலான இளநிலை உதவியாளர் பணி நியமனை
ஆணைகளை 31.07.2023 அன்று வழங்கினார்கள்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் (14.6.2024) அன்று சென்னை, நேரு உள்விளைபாட்டு அரங்கில் நடைபெற்ற ஜம்பெரும் விழாவில் கலந்துகொண்டு பாராட்டுச் சான்றிதழ்களை வழங்கி வாழ்த்தினார்



மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்களிடம் (18.6.2024) அன்று தலைமைச் செயலகத்தில், பள்ளி, கல்லூரி மாணவர்களிடையே சாதி, இன உணர்வுகளால் உருவாகும் வன்முறைகளைத் தவிர்க்கவும், நல்லிணக்கம் ஏற்படுத்திடவும், வழிமுறைகளை வகுத்திடவும் தமிழ்நாடு அரசால் அமைக்கப்பட்ட ஓய்வு பெற்ற நீதியரசர் திரு.கே. சந்துரு அவர்கள் தலைமையிலான ஒரு நபர் குழு தனது அறிக்கையைச் சமர்ப்பித்தது



மாண்புமிகு இளைஞர் நலன் மற்றும் விளையாட்டு மேம்பாட்டுத் துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் 14.11.2023 அன்று சிறந்த பள்ளிகளுக்குக் கேடயம் வழங்கினார்



திருச்சி மாவட்டம், பொன்னுசங்கம்பட்டி ஊராட்சி ஒன்றிய நடுநிலைப் பள்ளியில் 21.07.2023 அன்று மாபெரும் வாசிப்பு இயக்கம் தொடக்க நிகழ்வில் அமைச்சர் பெருமக்கள்



தனியார் பள்ளிகளுக்கு அங்கீகார ஆணைகள் வழங்கும் விழா



மாண்புமிகு பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பள்ளிகள் துவங்கிய முதல் நாளிலேயே மாணவ மாணவியருக்குப் பாடப் புத்தகம் மற்றும் நோட்டுப் புத்தகங்களை வழங்கினார்கள்



மாநில அளவிலான அறிஞர் அண்ணா தலைமைத்துவ விருது மற்றும் பேராசிரியர் அன்பழகன் விருதுகளை மாண்புமிகு பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் வழங்கினார்



மாண்புமிகு பள்ளிக் கல்விக் துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பள்ளிக் கல்விக் துறை சங்க நிர்வாகிகளுடன் கலந்துரையாடல்



அரசுப் பள்ளிகளில் தொடங்கப்பட்ட திறன்யிரு வகுப்பறைகள்



மாண்புமிகு பள்ளிக் கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் நார்வே மற்றும் ஸ்வீடன் உள்ளிட்ட நாடுகளின் கல்வி நிறுவனங்கள் மற்றும் நூலகங்களைப் பார்வையிட்டார்கள்



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