

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

POLICY NOTE 2023-2024

Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009

Quality Education Initiative

Illam Thedi Kalvi

- ❖ “Illam Thedi Kalvi”(Education at Doorstep) is the single largest post-pandemic educational outreach programme in the country. Launched by the Hon’ble Chief Minister in October 2021, 7.46 lakh volunteers registered across the state from where the close to 2 lakh volunteers have been selected and retained.
- ❖ A three-tier structure has been set up at the State, District & School levels to steer this initiative to ensure that every child is supported to bridge the learning gaps, working in close integration with the Ennum Ezhuthum Mission being driven within the school.
- ❖ In order to enhance the reading ability and make the habit of reading joyful, the School Education Department in collaboration with Google Read Along conducted a reading marathon where students read over 263 Crore words in a span of 12 days in the ITK Centres.

Ennum Ezhuthum Mission

- ❖ At the commencement of the mission in the academic year 2022-23, the goal was set to achieve literacy and numeracy among children studying in Classes 1 to 3, and to ensure that every child is able to read and understand the languages as well as do basic arithmetic with comfort by the age of eight.
- ❖ To attain this goal, the Ennum Ezhuthum Pedagogy is level-based, student-centric, and designed so that learning outcomes are delivered in a customised, engaging manner with enriched learning materials such as singing, dancing, puppetry, and other activities.
- ❖ The approach integrates life skills such as communication, collaboration, wellness, and other holistic attributes to lay a strong foundation for the child’s personality.

Career Guidance & Life Skills

- ❖ The Naan Mudhalvan initiative launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 01.03.2022 bridges the information asymmetry among the Government School students with respect to higher education and consequent professional development opportunities.
- ❖ The government aims to equip every cohort of approximately 17 lakh students from Classes 9 to 12 with resources to apply the knowledge gained to make informed higher education and career decisions

Vanavil Mandram - STEM & Science Exhibition

- ❖ The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the Mobile Science Lab initiative, Vanavil Mandram on November 28, 2022 at Trichy to enhance Science and Mathematics learning by hands-on and practical work. This programme services 25 lakh government school students across 13,210 Middle, High and Higher Secondary Government Schools across Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ 710 STEM Resource persons have been selected and trained to visit schools as per a structured schedule along with Science and Math Kits to demonstrate and conduct scientific experiments with students in schools.

Kalaingaragam and Kalai Thiruvizha

- ❖ The School Education Department aims to emphasise Art for All & All for Art to help break both the barriers as well as negative perceptions of art forms associated with caste, class or religion. The programme envisions introduction of art & culture in schools to build the confidence of students to express, connect and promote a vibrant, humane & empathetic learning environment.
- ❖ A model syllabus and timetable has been created and implemented in the form of Kalai Arangam with over 3000 local artists across the state roped in to teach and train various art forms to students of Classes 6-9.

Children's Film Festival

- The School Education Department has initiated monthly movie screening for all students of Classes 6-9 with the aim of creating exposure for the students to different cultures, languages, people and geographies. Two magazines - Oonjal for the Elementary students of Class 1-5 and Thensittu for secondary students of Class 6-9 are being published on a fortnightly basis in the languages of Tamil and English. A monthly journal called Kanavsariyar

Schools of Excellence

- 28 schools across the State are being transformed into Schools of Excellence based on the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement on 7.5.2022 in the Legislative Assembly.

- The initiative aims to provide the identified group of schools with required infrastructure, academic and co-curricular inputs that will enhance the learning environment for students and empower them to strive for excellence.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Morning Breakfast Schemes

- The pioneering and pathbreaking morning breakfast scheme has been introduced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to provide morning food to 1,14,095 students of Classes 1 to 5 in select 1,545 Corporation, Municipality, Rural and Hill areas primary schools in the first phase at a cost of Rs. 33.56 crore. A preliminary survey has found that there has been an increase in attendance at schools where the scheme is being implemented.

Namma School Namma Ooru Palli

- Namma School Foundation aims to bring together communities and individuals who want to give back and corporates who want to invest in and nurture a new and aspiring generation, hand-in-hand with the Government of Tamilnadu

Welfare Scheme

- "Tamil Nadu Rural Students Aptitude Test" for students whose annual family income is less than Rs.1,00,000/- in rural areas. Students Talent Search Scheme Exam is conducted in each revenue district (except Chennai, 37 districts) to select from among the students studying in Class 9 at present.
- The students must have secured at least 50 percent of total marks in Class 8 to be eligible for the Scheme. The selected students who pass each year there onwards receive Rs.1000/- per year for 4 years up to Class 12. In the last academic year 2022-23, 3700 students qualified for the scholarship through this examination. The School Education Department has developed Payirchi Parvai technology solution for the observation of training session

Tamil Nadu Palliparvai

- ❖ The School Education Department has created and launched a modern governance mechanism rooted in data science assisting the system in evidence-based decision making

Samagra Shiksha

- ❖ It is a flagship scheme of Government of India and aims at providing necessary inputs to schools and sets standards on various education related indicators. It also aims at treating school education as a continuum from Classes Pre Primary to Std XII without any barriers like primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary. It is an amalgamation of erstwhile schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) components of SCERT and is funded jointly by the Government of India and the State Government with a sharing pattern of 60:40

- The Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018
- The Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act, 2010
- Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act 2006.
- ❖ Special Initiatives to Mitigate Learning Loss

Ennum Ezhuthu

- ❖ The Hon'ble Finance Minister made an announcement on the floor of the Legislative Assembly during the budget session for the year 2021-22 that the Ennum Ezhuthum programme will be implemented to ensure that by 2025 all students in Tamil Nadu by age 8 are able to read with comprehension and possess basic arithmetic skills
- ❖ The ability to read and write, and to perform basic operations with numbers, is a necessary foundation and an indispensable prerequisite for all future schooling and lifelong learning. Early literacy and numeracy skills are not only foundational for learning but are critical for educational outcomes in later years
- Paradigm shift from grade based approach to level based approach
- Establishment of Learning Corners in Classrooms
- Child Friendly Assessment
- Capacity building of teachers
- Continuous support and motivation for teachers

Illam Thedi Kalvi

- ❖ Illam Thedi Kalvi was the first of the initiatives pioneered by the Government to address the learning losses suffered by school students on account of the long closure of schools caused by the outbreak of Covid-19.
- ❖ The unique feature of this programme is that instruction is made available to children at their door steps to overcome learning loss. This teaching is done by volunteers hailing from the locality. They have been given necessary training. The volunteers handle classes with the help of teaching learning materials specially designed by SCERT which emphasize teaching through activities in which students would willingly participate.
- ❖ The teaching learning materials prepared are aligned to the content prescribed under Ennum Ezhuthum (level based pedagogy) for Classes 1, 2 and 3. For classes 4 to 8 the teaching learning materials are prepared based on critical learning outcomes as prescribed in the textbooks.

Naan Mudhalvan Web Portal

- As a part of this scheme, a website titled 'Naan Mudhalvan' (<https://www.naanmudhalvan.tn.gov.in>) has been launched for students to get information on Higher Education. Higher Education is selected according to the wishes of each student and the required higher education course details are uploaded on the 'Naan Mudhalvan' website through the Tamil Nadu Education Management Information System (TN-EMIS). the Department of Higher Education and The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC) jointly organised a Camp for Private Colleges, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), Polytechnic Institutes, Aided Institutions to provide spot admission to the students for their higher education.

Kalvi TV

- Kalvi TV transmits educational e-content on all subjects of Classes 1 - 12 on a 24 x 7 basis. This took on the role of the schools when they remained closed during COVID-19 pandemic.

National Talent Search Examination (NTSE)

- The Directorate acts as the nodal agency for National Council of Educational Research and Training in conducting this examination. Students, who are studying in Class 10 in the State/Central Board Schools during the academic year, are eligible to appear for this examination. The selected students are awarded scholarship of Rs. 1,250 per month for Classes 11 and 12 and Rs 2,000 per month at the graduate level. Scholarship is provided as per the recommendation of University Grants Commission for Ph.D level for a maximum period of 4 years.

Tamil Nadu Rural Students Talent Search Examination (TRUST)

- Students from rural areas who are studying in Class 9 and whose parental annual income does not exceed Rs.1,00,000 are eligible to appear for the Tamil Nadu Rural Students Talent Search Examination. 50 girls and 50 boys are selected from each district and a scholarship amount of Rs.1000 per annum is granted for a continuous period of four years.

Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam 2022-27

- Based on the Census 2011 data, a new scheme "Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam 2022-27" is being implemented in all the districts of the state on a 60:40 fund sharing pattern between the Union and State Governments respectively. The prime aim of this programme is to provide Basic Literacy to 4.80 lakh adult illiterates in the age group of 15 years and above during the year 2022-23 and this scheme will be implemented as a 5 year programme upto the FY 2026-27.

Connemara Public Library

- The Connemara Public Library, the State Central Library of Tamil Nadu was started in 1896.

Anna Centenary Library

- Anna Centenary Library, the second largest public library in South Asia is located at Kotturpuram in Chennai. Anna Centenary Library was opened to the public on 15th September 2010 by the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Muthamizh Arignar Kalaigal Dr M.Karunanidhi

Saraswathi Mahal Library and Research Center

- Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library and Research Centre, one of the most ancient and renowned libraries in India was established in the 16th century by Nayak Kings in Thanjavur. It possesses an immensely valuable repository of cultural antiques and rare books, painting and manuscripts. This library was brought under the administration of the District Collector of Thanjavur from 1918.

Maraimalai Adigal Library

- Maraimalai Adigal library was established on 24th August 1958 to honour Maraimalai Adigal, the father of "Thanithamizh Iyakkam". The library is functioning in the premises of Connemara Public Library.

Dr.U.Ve.Sa Library, Chennai

- This Library was established in 1943 in memory of the eminent Tamil scholar and researcher, Dr.U.Ve.Sa, affectionately called Tamil Thatha.

District Central Libraries

- District Central Libraries were established under the Tamil Nadu Public Library Rules 1950.

Village Libraries

The Village Libraries have been functioning in Tamil Nadu since 1996.

Chennai International Book Fair

- With the aim of global exchange of knowledge, to take our rich Tamil literary works to the whole world, and to create many new works in Tamil by acquiring the works of the best international scholars and writers, the Government of Tamil Nadu has successfully conducted the Chennai International Book Fair from 16th January 2023 to 18th January 2023 at an estimated cost of Rs.6.00 crore

Dr.S.R.Ranganathan Memorial Library

- In memory of the Father of Libraries in India Padma Shri Dr.S.R.Ranganathan, who played an important role in the creation of the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Act, a library consisting of Dr.Ranganathan's works with rare books, research facilities,

children's section and internet facility will be established at his birth place Sirgazhi in Mayiladuthurai District,

Library Events

- on the 12th August, "Librarians Day" is celebrated to pay homage and tribute to Dr.S.R.Ranganathan, Father of Library Science.
- "Library Day" is celebrated annually on 22nd May. "National Library Week" is celebrated every year from 14th to 20th November to create awareness among the public about libraries and to recognize the best contributions of dedicated professionals; 23rd April is celebrated as "World Book Day Dr.S.R.Ranganathan Award" is conferred to honour the librarians for their outstanding services. The award consists of a silver medal and a cash prize of Rs.5,000.
- Teachers Recruitment Board was established in the year 1987

TAMIL NADU TEXTBOOK AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION

- ❖ "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