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SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POLICY

தாமின் புறுவ துலகின் புறக்கண்டு
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Under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu has become the forefront State in India in Educational development. The Government in School Education Department has formulated the following policies for implementation:

- Providing quality education to all.
- Achieving enrolment of all school age children into schools.
- Retaining all the children enrolled, up to the completion of eighth standard in schools.
- Bringing dropouts to nil percent.
- Enabling all those who have successfully completed primary education to pursue Secondary and Higher Secondary Education by effectively implementing the scheme of Universalisation of Secondary Education.
- Help the students studying in high and higher secondary schools to complete the secondary and higher secondary education within the stipulated period.
- Improving the professional skills of teachers handling different subjects.
- Providing quality Elementary Education by empowering teachers through training by explorative, creative, interactive and technology based methods
- Achieving total literacy
- Reducing gender disparity in literacy through Special Literacy Programmes for women.
- Improving the basic amenities in schools
- Improving and enriching the syllabus
- Disseminating health education in schools
- Imparting computer education to all students
- Providing Uniform Education System

The Directorates under the control of School Education Department implement various schemes promoting these objectives of the Government. The Directorates which shoulder the main responsibilities like the Directorate of Elementary Education, State Project Directorate, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Directorate of School Education, Directorate of Matriculation Schools, Directorate of Non-formal and Adult Education

and other Directorates which provide resource and service support like Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training, Directorate of Government Examination, Teachers Recruitment Board, Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation and Directorate of Public Libraries endeavour to enable Tamil Nadu achieve new heights in the field of education.

FINANCIAL OUTLAY

The outlay for School Education in 2010-2011 in Demand No. 43 is Rs.10147.56 crore. Of this Rs.1249.11 crore is under Plan Schemes.

Budget Estimate 2010-2011				
		(Rupees in Lakhs)		
	Head of Account	Plan	Non-plan	Total
<i>Revenue Section</i>				
2059	Public Works	0.00	3666.50	3666.50
2202	General Education			
	01 Elementary Education	66919.98	415196.45	482116.43
	02 Secondary Education	28238.28	465365.16	493603.44
	04 Adult Education	348.30	119.64	467.94
	05 Language Development	2.53	753.19	755.72
	Total General Education	95509.09	881434.44	976943.53
2204	Sports & Youth Services	331.04	156.34	487.38
2205	Art & Culture	50.00	3401.06	3451.06
2225	Welfare of SC & ST and Other Backward Classes	3698.12	44.45	3742.57
2235	Social Security and Welfare	0.00	605.11	605.11
2251	Secretariat – Social Service	0.00	459.36	459.36
	Revenue Section Net Total	99588.25	889767.26	989355.51
<i>Capital Section</i>				
4202	Capital Outlay	25322.28	0.00	25322.28
	Capital Section Total	25322.28	0.00	25322.28
<i>Loan Section</i>				
7610	Loans to Government Servants	0.00	5.00	5.00
7615	Miscellaneous Loans	0.00	0.50	0.50
	Loan Section Total	0.00	5.50	5.50
	<i>ADD – Recoveries (Under Revenue Section)</i>	0.00	0.00	73.20
	Grand Total for Demand No. 43	124910.53	889772.76	1014756.49

PART II SCHEMES FOR THE YEAR 2010 - 2011

Sl. No.	Details of the Scheme	Allocated outlay (Rs. in akhs)
Secretariat - School Education Department		
1.	Computerisation of School Education Department, Secretariat	7.00
Elementary Education		
2.	Construction of Additional Office building to the Directorate of Elementary Education over the 2 nd floor of the existing SIEMAT	92.00
3.	Construction of the five (5) Assistant Elementary Educational Office buildings	80.00
4.	Purchase and replacement of 5 jeeps to the District Elementary Educational Officers	30.00
5.	Provision of Fax Machine to 30 District Elementary Educational Officer	4.50
6.	Provision of furniture and Steel Almira to the District Elementary Educational Office	7.00
7.	Provision of Dot matrix High Speed Printer to the Directorate of Elementary Education	3.00
8.	Imparting Computer Training to the Personnel of District Elementary Educational Office	0.75
School Education		
9.	Provision of Science Equipments for 100 Government High Schools	40.00
10.	Provision of Laboratory Equipments for 100 Government Higher Secondary Schools	100.00
11.	Provisions of Mathematical Laboratory for 50 Government High Schools and 50 Government Higher Secondary Schools	100.00
12.	Increasing Library Facilities for 100 High/100 Higher Secondary Schools	40.00
13.	Construction of New Office Building for the Chief Educational Office Tiruvallur District	72.00
14.	Provision of Computer Aided Language Learning Laboratories for 500 Government Higher Secondary Schools	64.00
Government Examinations		
15.	Conversion of Tabulated Mark Register (T.M.R.) into an Electronic Format (Digitalization of Records)	20.00
16.	Purchase of 7 Photocopier Machine (Xerox Machine) to all the 7 Regional Offices	8.00
17.	Providing additional amenities to the newly constructed Building owned by Coimbatore Regional office.	18.00
18.	Purchase of Waste Paper Weighing Machine to 7 Regional Offices	3.60
19.	Purchase of 100 Dummy Numbering Machine for the use of Central Valuation Camp	3.00
20.	Provision of Public Addressing system in the Conference hall of the Directorate	4.56
Non-formal and Adult Education		
21.	State Women Literacy Programme in Tamil Nadu	36.19
Teacher Education Research & Training		
22.	Upscaling the Dilapidated infrastructure of Samugarangapuram Government Teacher Training Institute	60.00
Matriculation Schools		
23.	Furniture for the office of the Directorate of Matriculation Schools	1.00
24.	Provision of 15 Nos. Photo Copier to the Inspectorate of Matriculation Schools	7.50
25.	Provision of 1 number of Centralised UPS System for the Directorate of Matriculation Schools	1.00
	Total	803.10

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT

2006 – 2007

- Computers have been provided to 1880 Government Higher Secondary Schools and 1525 Government High Schools.
- Teachers employed on contract basis and paid consolidated pay in Government and Government aided schools have been paid time scale of pay from 1.6.06.
- Law has been enacted to make Tamil as a compulsory subject from std 1 to 10.
- The scheme of free text books has been extended to students studying in self financing institutions, recognised by Tamil Nadu Government, adopting the State syllabus and Tamil as Medium of Instruction.
- 120 Middle Schools have been upgraded as High Schools and 120 High School have been upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools.
- The number of copies of books purchased by the Public Libraries have been enhanced to 1000.
- Transparent counseling for the transfer of teachers.
- 7635 teachers have been selected and appointed through Teachers' Recruitment Board / Employment Exchanges.
- Law has been enacted to celebrate Perunthalaivar Kamarajar's birthday as 'Education Development Day' in schools.
- 7979 BT teachers have been appointed for classes 6,7,8 in Government High / Higher Secondary schools through Teachers' Recruitment Board through Employment Exchange seniority basis under SSA scheme.
- 525 BT Tamil teacher posts have been sanctioned for High Schools and filled up.
- 500 Block Resource teachers have been transferred to High/Higher Secondary schools on seniority basis.
- Buildings have been constructed under SSA scheme for 1075 Cluster Resource Centres in 2006-07.
- 14354 additional class rooms have been constructed under SSA scheme during 2006 – 07.
- 207 Part time and village librarians in Public Libraries Department who have completed 5 years of service in consolidated pay have been brought into regular time scale of pay as Grade III librarian.

2007-2008

- 100 middle schools have been upgraded as High Schools and 100 High Schools have been upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools.
- State Modern Library construction work is started.
- Examination fee has been abolished for 10th and 12th std tamil medium students.
- Activity Based Learning have been introduced in all schools from 1 to 4th standards.

- Special training has been imparted to the students belonging to 8 Educationally backward Districts
- The ratio for the direct recruitment and promotion for Assistant Elementary Educational Officers has been fixed as 30:70
- Filling up of 13683 teachers posts in Elementary Education Department and School Education Department have been completed.
- Secondary Grade teachers having graduation in Commerce and Economics with B.Ed. qualification have been given promotion as BT teachers and middle school Head Masters.
- It is proposed to establish State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT) for imparting management training to the staff of School Education Department.
- As part of NABARD Bank's assistance Rs.50 crores has been released for providing buildings, drinking water facilities, laboratories, toilets, compound walls and furniture to 443 Government High / Higher Secondary Schools.
- Benches / Tables for students and tables / chairs for teachers have been provided thro' TANSI to 15845 classrooms in 1583 Government High/ Higher Secondary Schools.
- Computers and accessories have been provided to 1000 Government High/Higher Secondary Schools.
- Rs.2000/- cash prize has been awarded through Parent Teachers' Association to those High/Higher Secondary Schools, achieved 100% pass ratio.
- Yoga training is being given to students.
- 'Life Skill Education' is being taught to students.
- Best teachers award has been enhanced from Rs.2000/- to Rs.5000/-
- School Improvement conference have been conducted in 8 Districts.
- 5 additional posts of Inspector of Matriculation Schools have been created.
- Rs.20.21 crores have been provided to DTERT for buildings in service training research and purchase of books and computers.
- A separate District Institute of Education and Training has been established exclusively for Dharmapuri District.
- An ad-hoc rule has been framed for Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training.
- 76 new Libraries have been opened.
- Book Exhibitions have been conducted in Madurai and Coimbatore Corporations
- 27 Part-time Librarians appointed through Employment Exchanges who have completed 5 years of service have been appointed as Village Librarians.
- Library Improvement Conferences have been conducted in Coimbatore, Theni and Trichy.
- Computers have been installed for the use of readers in 30 District Central Libraries. Internet sections have also been established.

- 12 lakhs students have been benefited under Summer Camps organized by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- Tamil Text Books are supplied free of cost from standards 1 -12 to all students studying in Matriculation / Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.2.25 crores.

2008-2009

- Computers have been provided as reward to 1000 top ranking Tamil medium students district wise in the 10th Standard Public Examination
- 5 minutes extra time for filling up of particulars of candidates as stress free time has been provided for the students appearing for Xth and 12th Std Public examination, from march 2009, in addition to 10 minutes extra time already granted to go through the Question papers
- 100 Middle Schools have been upgraded as High Schools and 100 High Schools have been upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools
- Establishment of 500 Computer aided Language Learning Labs in Higher Secondary Schools
- Out of 6650 Middle Schools, Computers have been provided to 2200 Government/Punjayat Union Middle Schools in the first instance
- Government have decided to establish a separate Welfare Board for the Welfare of Book Publishers, Book distributors and the labourers working in the field
- Abolition of Special Fees collected from students of 6 to 12th Standard studying in the Government / Government aided Schools.
- 176 Agricultural Instructors were appointed in Government Higher Secondary Schools to teach Agriculture subject in Vocational Stream.
- To promote Computer Education in schools, 1686 Computer Instructors were appointed through Teachers' Recruitment Board
- Naming of School Buildings constructed during the Academic Year 2008-2009 as "Anna Centenary Memorial Building"
- Orders have been issued to bear the Electricity Charges of Panchayat Union Elementary and Middle Schools by the Government
- Renovation works have been undertaken in Panchayat Union Elementary and Middle Schools in Town Panchayats
- 1005 Elementary Schools have been upgraded into Middle Schools and 1577 new posts of Graduate Teachers have been created
- Orders have been issued to sanction 9387 teaching posts in the year 2008-2009
- School Improvement Scheme has been introduced in Government Schools with private participation
- E-governance has been introduced in School Education Department
- 5949 Class rooms and toilets have been constructed at a cost of Rs.192/- Crores under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- Libraries have been opened in all the Samathuvapuram Villages

- 100 Village Libraries have been upgraded into Branch Libraries
- Construction of District Library Buildings and District Library Office at Krishnagiri and Erode at a cost of Rs.2/- Crores
- Construction of 47 Library Buildings at a cost of Rs.5.31 Crores
- Maintenance works have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.2/- crores in the District Libraries

2009 – 2010

- The Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act, 2010 has been enacted to provide for Uniform System of School Education in Tamil Nadu.
- The Tamil Nadu Schools (Regulation of Collection of Fee) Act, 2009 and the Rules framed thereunder have been enacted to provide for the regulation of collection of fee by schools in Tamil Nadu. This Act and the Rules framed thereunder have come in to force on 07.12.2009.
- During 2009-10, orders have been issued to provide for infrastructure facilities in 303 Government High/Higher Secondary Schools in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.24706.52 lakhs under Phase X of the NABARD Scheme.
- The Government of India have launched a new literacy programme called 'Saakshar Bharat' in Districts where rural women literacy rate is below 50%. This scheme is to be implemented in 5 districts in Tamil Nadu.
- 2500 Middle Schools have been provided with 3 Laptops at a cost of Rs.50.00 Crores.
- For the first time, 67 Assistant Elementary Educational Officers have been appointed by direct recruitment.
- Orders have been issued to fillup 12058 vacant teacher posts.
- 5 New Elementary Schools have been opened and 831 Elementary Schools have been upgraded into Middle Schools.
- 115 Middle Schools have been upgraded as High Schools and 115 High Schools have been upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools.
- Under the National Scheme of "incentive to Girls for Secondary Education" the SC/ST girl students who have completed Std. VIII and studying in Std. IX who have not completed sixteen years of age are sanctioned Rs.3000/- as incentive.
- Lab Equipments have been provided in 100 Government Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.100.00 lakhs.
- Mathematical Laboratories have been established in 50 Government High Schools and 50 Government Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.100.00 lakhs.
- Computer Aided Language Learning Laboratories have been established in 500 Government Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.52.00 lakhs.
- Construction of New Office Building for the Chief Educational Office Tiruvallur District at a cost of Rs.150.00 lakhs.
- Under Environmental Education, one Assistant Director Post (DEO Cadre) and 32 Programme Co-ordinator posts (PG Teachers cadre) have been created.

- 31 posts of Personal Assistants to Chief Educational Officer have been created in the cadre of Higher Secondary School Head Master.
- Under Computer Aided Learning Programme, initially the syllabus for 6th Standard was framed and the books were supplied to all the VI Standard students of Government High and Higher Secondary Schools.
- Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, furniture have been provided to the students studying in Standards VI to VIII at a cost of Rs.46.00 Crore. Under this scheme 6.5 lakhs students were benefitted.
- To develop English speaking skills of students studying in Elementary Schools, 75 English Supplementary Readers have been prepared and distributed to all the Government and Government Aided Elementary / Middle Schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- A new District Educational Office has been established at Kumbakonam in Thanjavur District.
- Unit transfers have been permitted to willing B.T. Teachers working in Middle Schools under the control of the Directorate of Elementary Education to Government High/Higher Secondary Schools under the control of the Directorate of School Education.
- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.60.00 lakhs to upscale the buildings of the Government Teacher Training Institute, Johilpatti in Virudhunagar District.
- In service training has been imparted to 82,000 teachers at a cost of Rs.5.22 Crore by the Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training.
- Orders have been issued to enhance the consolidated pay of the village librarians of Rs.1500 to special time scale of Pay of Rs.2,500 – 5000 + Rs.500/-
- 25 Branch Libraries functioning in the rented buildings have been provided with own buildings.

POLICY AND SCHEMES

1. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Education, especially Elementary Education, empowers every child and thereby the entire nation. The State with its policy to enroll and retain all children in the age group of 6–14 is heading towards the Universalisation of Elementary Education. The State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in accordance with Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The Compulsory Education Act is already in force to achieve this constitutional obligation with a commitment. The State Government have taken concrete steps and series of initiatives to provide Quality Education for All.

Access to quality learning for all is the guiding light of the education revolution which is transforming schools in Tamil Nadu as Centres of creativity where every child is the inheritor of a happy secured future and harbinger of peace, social equity and universal brotherhood.

1.1. Vision and Mission

The objectives of the Plan for Elementary education are:

1. to achieve universal enrolment and retention;
2. to ensure education of desirable quality;
3. to concentrate on the child's overall emotional, social and physical development along with cognitive skills;
4. to reach the un-reached and to ensure social inclusion;
5. to improve the basic amenities in all schools; and
6. to bridge all gender and social gaps in elementary education.

1.2. Opening of new Primary and Middle Schools

Keeping in view the educational needs of the children in rural areas, steps have been taken to open new Primary Schools. Further, to facilitate the students in Primary Schools to continue their studies, Primary Schools have been upgraded into Middle Schools. The details regarding newly opened Primary Schools and upgraded Middle Schools during the last four years are given below:

Year	Primary Schools	Middle Schools
2006 - 07	126	234
2007 - 08	210	338
2008 - 09	-	1005
2009 - 10	5	831
Total	341	2408

1.3. Appointment of Teachers

Top priority has been given to the filling up of posts of teachers, which is vital for the strengthening of schools. In this direction, the vacancies of Secondary Grade and B.T. teachers are being filled up through transparent selection process and counselling. The details regarding filling up of teachers posts from the academic year 2006 – 2007 are given below.

Academic Year	Details of Teachers' posts		
	Secondary Grade Teachers	Graduate Teachers	Physical Education Teachers
2006 - 2007	2353	2435	-
2007 - 2008	5882	4124	40
2008 - 2009	5773	3331	63
2009 - 2010	1943	3209	14
Total	15951	13099	117

During the year 2009 – 2010, 203 Primary School Head Master posts and 2174 B.T. Assistant Posts have been created.

For the first time, 67 Assistant Elementary Educational Officers have been appointed by direct recruitment.

1.4. Training to teachers

B.T. Assistants selected by the Teachers' Recruitment Board and appointed in schools under Elementary Education Directorate have been given Entry Level Training; Middle School Head Masters have been given Human Resource Development Training with the financial support of UNICEF.

1.5. Activity Based Learning

As a result of joint efforts of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Directorate of Elementary Education, a new innovative methodology, namely Activity Based Learning (ABL), has been introduced in schools.

1.6. The salient features of Activity Based Learning:

- Child centred;
- Task based;
- Focuses on curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and self confidence;
- Leads to Joyful learning;
- Makes the school an oasis of respect and encouragement.

1.7. Capacity Building of Teachers

A high quality learning experience in a child-centred environment is possible only in an atmosphere where the teacher is well equipped. In-service trainings under the aegis of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are conducted in collaboration with Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training (DTERT) to enhance the role of teacher as a facilitator.

Teachers appointed through counselling in the Districts have been given Entry Level Training for improving their teaching capacity; Assistant Elementary Educational Officers have been given Yoga & Meditation Training.

Welfare schemes

Based on the conviction that a child's development is linked with social progress, the Government have implemented several welfare schemes for the benefit of the school children.

1.8. Free Noon Meal Scheme

Tamil Nadu has been the pioneer in introducing the Noon-Meal Scheme. This Scheme covers nearly 41,65,272 children. The children are now given three eggs or three bananas per week along with the Noon Meal from July 15th 2006, the Birthday of Karmaveerar Kamarajar.

1.9. Free Supply of Text Books

The Scheme of free supply of textbooks covers all the children studying in Government and Government Aided Schools including self-financing sections in aided schools and recognized self financing institutions adopting the State syllabus. 50,97,108 students have benefited under this Scheme during 2009 – 10.

1.10. Free Supply of Uniforms

For the welfare of the students studying in Primary and Middle Schools, the State has introduced free supply of uniforms to the students enrolled in the noon meal scheme. 41,65,272 students were benefitted in this Scheme during 2009 – 10.

1.11. Free Bus Pass

The free Bus Pass scheme covering students studying in Standards I to XII under the State Board syllabus has enabled access to schools easy. In this scheme 1,33,652 Primary and Middle School students are benefited.

1.12. Mobile Library and Science Vans

To enhance the productive effects of schooling through the reading habit, books are distributed through mobile libraries in collaboration with the Directorate of Public Libraries. The Science Vans, which are mobile classrooms attached to District

Elementary Education Offices, impart Science education to students in the Primary and Middle Schools, enabling them to grip with the advancements in the field of Science and technology.

1.13. Nursery and Primary schools

5,534 number of Primary and Nursery schools are functioning in the State. The Government is keen that schools be zones of safety for children and accordingly well defined norms have been formulated in the interests of children for granting recognition by the Chief Educational Officers to these schools without delay.

1.14. Best School Award

With a view to promote all round excellence. three best schools are selected in each District for the Best School Award. The parameters for selection are:-

- Increase in enrolment with special reference to SC/ST and Girl Children
- Decrease in Drop Out Rate
- Increase in Completion Rate
- Increase in the Retention Rate
- Parent Teacher Association Activities
- Enlisting and enriching Community Participation
- Introduction of innovative practices both in scholastic and non scholastic areas for the all round development of the child.

1.15. Quality Interventions

The Government have taken continuous efforts towards improving quality in schools. Activity Based Learning (ABL) is being implemented in all the Primary Schools across the State. Active Learning Methodology (ALM) is being implemented in Standards VI, VII and VIII in all the schools. There has been visible changes and complete transformation in the classroom processes with the children actively participating in their own learning and the teachers playing the role of facilitators. It has been observed that the confidence levels among the children have greatly improved. The new curricula and pedagogic changes have been enthusiastically received. accepted by the teachers. learners and parents.

To facilitate improved input of science and technology as well as to enhance computer awareness, television, DVD sets and learning CDs have been provided in Middle Schools. So far, 4700 Middle Schools have been provided with Laptops. Remaining Middle Schools are to be provided with laptops in the current year.

1.16. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

The Constitution of India has been amended in 2002 to include the right of children to elementary education as one of the fundamental rights. Pursuant to this, the Government of India have enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. This Act has come into force from 01.04.2010. The main objective of the Act is to provide for free and compulsory education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 years. Section 38 of the said Act vests with the State Governments powers to make rules under the said Act. The State Government have initiated steps to frame rules under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Mission is a special educational intervention implemented for achieving *Universal Elementary Education*. Tamil Nadu has recorded consistent progress in the implementation of various components under SSA. Persistent efforts have been taken to achieve the following objectives of the Mission in all the Districts:

1.17. Objectives

- ❖ To ensure enrolment of all the children in *School, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternative school, Back to School camp*.
- ❖ To bridge all gender and social category gaps at elementary education level by 2010.
- ❖ Universal retention by 2010.
- ❖ To focus on Elementary Education of satisfactory quality with emphasis of education for life.

1.18. Achievements –2009-2010

Outlay & Expenditure

- ❖ Out of the total allocation of Rs. 862.30 crore, our State has spent Rs.780.58 crore during 2009-2010 for various activities under SSA in all the Districts.

Opening of schools & appointment of teachers

- ❖ 5 new Primary Schools have been opened and 831 Primary Schools have been upgraded into Middle schools during 2009-10.
- ❖ 2076 additional teacher posts have been created.

Civil Works

- ❖ 5 Primary School buildings, 831 Upper Primary Schools buildings are being constructed.

- ❖ 793 toilets, 3078 girls' toilets and 437 drinking water facilities are being provided to schools.
- ❖ 24,740 metre compound wall is being provided to schools.
- ❖ Furniture provided to 9,24,490 students studying in Standards VI to VIII.

Enrolment of Out-of-school Children

- ❖ 66,896 Out-of-school children, 55,374 children have been enrolled and mainstreamed.

Teacher Training

- ❖ Need-based in-service training imparted to nearly two lakh teachers.

1.19. Kasthurba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme

- ❖ As a special intervention for enrolling out-of-school girls in the age group of 11-14 years, *Kasthurba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)* Scheme is implemented in 38 Educationally Backward Blocks in 11 Districts. 3101 girls have been enrolled in 54 Residential schools.

1.20. Quality Improvement:

The Government have taken continuous efforts towards improving quality in schools. *Activity Based Learning (ABL)* is being implemented in all the 37,486 primary schools across the State. *Active Learning Methodology (ALM)* is being implemented in Standards VI, VII and VIII in all schools. There has been visible changes and complete transformation in the classroom processes with the children actively participating in their own learning and the teachers playing the role of facilitators. It has been observed that the confidence level among the children has greatly improved. The new curricular and pedagogic changes have been enthusiastically received, accepted by the teachers, learners and parents.

1.21. Activity Based Learning (ABL)

Educationists, officials and teachers from other States namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Gujarat, Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Chattisgarh and Kerala have visited Tamil Nadu to see for themselves how ABL is being implemented in classrooms. Educationists from other countries such as Sri Lanka, Netherlands, Australia, China, Singapore, Bangladesh, England and the United States of America have also visited the State and appreciated its effort.

Some States namely, Pondicherry, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Orissa have already adopted the ABL system in their schools.

Thiru.M.P.Vijayakumar,I.A.S.,(Retired) former State Project Director, has been awarded Hon'ble Prime Minister award for having developed the new system and implemented Activity Based Learning (ABL) Methodology for Primary Education in Tamil Nadu.

1.22. Improvement in Educational Indicators

- ❖ At Primary level, the *dropout rate* has been reduced from 3.81% in 2005-06 to 1.02% in 2008-09 and at upper Primary level, the dropout rate has declined from 7.58% in 2005-06 to 1.88% in 2008-09.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is in 5th place in Education Development Index as per the research findings by National University of Educational Planning and Administration.

1.23. Important Activities proposed to be implemented in 2010-2011

All the following activities will be carried out with an outlay of Rs.1211.626 crore.

Civil Works

- ❖ Construction of Primary School buildings and Upper Primary school buildings.
- ❖ 20 additional classrooms in Schools.
- ❖ 4710 girls' toilets in Schools.
- ❖ 39000 metre compound wall to Schools.
- ❖ Ramps facilities to 3273 Schools.
- ❖ Head Master rooms in 1853 Schools.
- ❖ Play elements will be provided to 1773 Primary Schools and 1773 Upper Primary Schools.
- ❖ Library facilities will be provided to 22642 Primary Schools and 8290 Upper Primary Schools.

Grants

- ❖ Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) grant of Rs.20,000 each to new Primary Schools.
- ❖ Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) grant of Rs.50,000 each to newly upgraded Middle Schools.
- ❖ Maintenance grant @ Rs.7,500 to 35,255 Schools.
- ❖ School grant @ Rs.5,000 to 37,761 Primary Schools and @ Rs.7,000 to 16,047 Upper Primary Schools.
- ❖ Teacher grant @ Rs.500 to 2,03,485 teachers working in Primary and Upper Primary schools

Enrolling Out-of-School Children

- ❖ 56,113 Out-of-school children will be enrolled and mainstreamed through various interventions such as Residential and non-Residential Bridge Courses, Summer Camps, and Special Residential Bridge Courses.

In-service Training

- ❖ Around 2,03,485 teachers will be covered under *in-service training*.

Innovative Activities

- ❖ 24,815 Anganwadi workers will be trained and play/learning materials will be supplied to 24,368 Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres.
- ❖ A special training programme on life skills will be given to 59,490 SC/ST and 29,876 minority children.

Community Training

- ❖ 2,62,572 Village Education Committee (VEC) members will be trained on their role in SSA context.

1.24. Kasthurba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme

- ❖ 54 Residential Schools will continue to function in 38 *Educationally Backward Blocks* in 11 Districts.
- ❖ 17 Residential Schools with strength of 50 girls (Type 2) will be upgraded into (Type 1) Residential Schools with strength of 100 girls.

2. SECONDARY AND HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION

2.1. Vision

The main objective of the Government in respect of Secondary Education is Universalisation of Access and improvement of quality at Secondary stage and to ensure quality Education to all girls and boys.

2.2. Objectives

- 1 To provide Secondary Education to all the children appropriate to their age by 2017.
- 2 To provide Higher Secondary Education to all the children appropriate to their age by 2020.
- 3 To ensure quality education to all
- 4 To make available High/Higher Secondary schools in needy areas.
- 5 To ensure quality education irrespective of gender, Community. Socio-economic status and disabilities.
- 6 To provide inservice training to teachers for efficient teaching.
- 7 To Impart Computer Aided Learning.
- 8 To provide life skills and vocational training.
- 9 To develop language fluency and communication skills.

2.3. Strategies

The above objectives are achieved by establishing new High/Higher Secondary schools in needy areas, carrying out special enrolment drives, improve need based infrastructure facilities through funding agencies like NABARD, using computer aided techniques and e-learning equipments for improving the quality of the teaching-learning process. Improving induction and in-service training facilities, creating model schools in the educationally backward Districts, providing hostel facilities for the girl students of age group 14 to 18 through Kasthuriba Gandhi Kanya Vidyalaya – (KGKV) giving special emphasis for the vulnerable / deserving sections of the society and expanding welfare schemes.

INCENTIVE BASED SCHEMES

2.4. Free Supply of Bicycles

Government introduced a scheme for supplying of free bicycles to students studying in Government/ Aided and partly Aided Schools enabling them to complete the cycle of education.

During 2009-2010, a sum of Rs. 3.66 Crore was sanctioned by Government to School Education Department towards supply of free cycles to OC students. Totally,

5,59,608 students studying in Higher Secondary Schools have been benefitted which includes students from BC, MBC, SC/ST and OC Communities.

2.5. Free Supply of text books

Standardized Text Books are supplied free of cost to students studying in Standards I to XII in Government, Aided and partly aided schools. This is also extended to the students studying in State Board syllabus in Tamil Medium in the self-financing schools. The Government have allotted a sum of Rs. 28.60 Crore for the free supply of text Books to 66,03,056 students during 2009 -10.

2.6. Free Bus Pass

To address the barrier of distance, the State Government have provided free bus passes to all the students at a cost of Rs.300.00 crore.

2.7. English Language laboratories and Computer Aided Language Laboratories

In order to develop English speaking skills of students for better employment opportunities, English Language Laboratories are being established in selected Government Schools at a cost of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs per school. From 2006-07 to 2008-09, English Language Laboratories were established in 76 Government Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs. 380.00 Lakhs.

The existing English Language Laboratories are being transformed into Computer Aided Language Learning Laboratories in phased manner. The scheme was implemented in 500 Government Higher Secondary Schools during 2008-09. Action is being taken to provide English Language Laboratories in 500 Government Higher Secondary Schools during 2009-10 by procuring software and hardware from the ELCOT. To enhance the capacity of teachers to use language labs for the development of language skills of students, training has been imparted to all the teachers handling Language Laboratories. It has been proposed to extend this scheme to 500 more Government Higher Secondary School in the year 2010-2011.

2.8. Mathematical Laboratories

In order to improve the learning environment and to wipe out the Maths Phobia among the students, mathematical Laboratories have been established to introduce new methods of teaching and encourage students to learn mathematics through practicals. Such a novel strategy will bring out their creative abilities.

This scheme will help the students studying in Standards VI to X. This scheme was successfully implemented during 2008-09 in 100 Government High Schools in rural areas.

For the year 2009-10, the Government have issued orders to set up Mathematical Laboratory in 50 Government High Schools and 50 Government Higher Secondary Schools. It has been proposed to extend this scheme to 50 Government High Schools and 50 Government Higher Secondary Schools in the year 2010-11.

2.9. Laptop Computers to Top ranking Tamil Medium students

The Government have introduced a novel scheme of awarding Laptops to Top ranking Tamil Medium students in Standard X Public Examination from the year 2008. A sum of Rs.2.37 Crore has been sanctioned by Government for this scheme during 2009-10. 1105 outstanding students were benefitted.

The Scheme has been introduced to motivate the students to the world of Computer Education and to encourage them to move on to higher studies.

2.10. Improvement of Science Laboratories

Every High and Higher Secondary School must have a fully equipped Science Laboratory for teaching Science and for doing practicals. For the year 2009-10, the Government have sanctioned Rs.40.00 lakhs for the procurement of Science Equipments to 100 Government High Schools and Rs.100.00 lakhs for the procurement of Lab Equipments to 100 Government Higher Secondary Schools. The acquisition of new equipments will enhance the working capacity of all these laboratories in schools. This scheme will also be extended to 200 more schools in 2010-11.

2.11. Library Facilities

In order to motivate the children with a broad view to inculcate the habit of reading books, the Government have decided to improve the library facilities in Government High and Higher Secondary Schools. The books were selected subject-wise and also in the other fields such as General Knowledge, Environment, Home Science, Food habits etc. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 40.00 lakhs during 2009-10. Under this scheme, 100 Government High Schools and 100 Government Higher Secondary Schools were benefitted. This scheme will also be extended during 2010-11.

2.12. Provision of Computers in Higher Secondary Schools

Computer Education Scheme was introduced by the Government with the objective of preparing students for challenging careers in modern times. Computers have already been provided in 1980 Government Higher Secondary Schools and

2131 Government High Schools. Under Computer Aided Learning Programme, it is proposed to introduce curriculum in Computer Science for Standards VI to X. Initially the syllabus for 6th standard was framed and the books were supplied to all the Standard VI students of Government High and Higher Secondary Schools during the year 2009-10. Training on computer literacy has been given to High and Higher Secondary Teachers handling Standards VI to X, Headmasters, District Educational Officers and Chief Educational Officers of all the Districts. During the year 2010-11, it has been proposed to frame syllabus for Standard VII in Computer Science and the books will be supplied to all the students of Government High & Higher Secondary Schools.

2.13. Upgrading Middle schools in to High Schools

The long term objective of the Government is to upgrade the Middle Schools to High Schools if there are no High Schools within a radius of 5 kilo meters. During the period from 2006-07 to 2009-10, 445 Middle schools were upgraded into High Schools. Further, 200 Middle Schools will be upgraded as High Schools during the ensuing academic year.

2.14. Upgrading High Schools in to Higher Secondary Schools

During the period from 2006-2007 to 2009-10, 435 Government High Schools were upgraded into Higher Secondary Schools. Further, 125 High Schools will be upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools during the ensuing academic year. The under served and unserved areas will be given top priority.

2.15. e- Governance in School Education Department

The Government has started a comprehensive Portal (www.pallikalvi.in) exclusively for School Education. This website is hosted and maintained by the State Parent Teachers Association. This portal serves students, teachers, personnel, parents as well as General Public. Various Software applications for administrative activities are implemented to make transparent, responsible & quick administration in the School Education Department

The starting of the web portal facilitates need - based on line donations for the improvement of school activities through public- private partnership.

2.16. Exemption from payment of Examination Fees

The Government have waived the Public Examination fee for students of Standards X & XII studying in Tamil Medium in all Government and Government Aided Schools.

2.17. Waiver of Special fees

From the year 2008-09 totally free Education is being provided to Government and Government Aided Schools by waiving the special fees for the betterment of students.

The Government have reimbursed the special fees to the tune of Rs.21.40 crore to schools to meet their routine expenses. 6044 Government and Government Aided schools have been covered and so far 48,27,903 students have been benefitted under this Scheme.

Universalisation of Secondary Education

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) is a Centrally-sponsored scheme to achieve *Universal Secondary Education* (Standards IX & X). Its vision is to make Secondary Education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons of the age group 14-16 years.

2.18. RMSA goals envisaged by Tamil Nadu:

- All secondary school age children (Standards IX & X) are in schools by 2017,
- All secondary school completing children will have access to higher secondary classes by 2020.
- To ensure that all students pursuing Secondary Education receive education of good quality.
- To provide necessary infrastructure facilities of the secondary schools.
- To ensure Secondary Education irrespective of gender, community, socio-economic status and disabilities.

2.19. Initiatives to be undertaken

Upgradation of Middle Schools into High Schools, Strengthening of existing schools with all infrastructure facilities such as drinking water, toilets, lab facilities including computer lab and language lab, appointment of additional teaching and non-teaching staff, construction of additional classrooms and undertaking major repairs are the major activities to be taken up under this programme.

2.20. Annual Budget and Expenditure

Government of India has approved the following activities during the year 2009-10 for Tamil Nadu:

- Annual school grant of Rs.1936.40 lakhs @ Rs.40,000 per school for 4841 government secondary and higher secondary schools having secondary section.
- To create 200 new secondary schools with grant of Rs.11624.00 lakhs @ Rs.58.12 lakhs per school

- 1400 new teachers to be appointed @ 7 teachers per school.
- In service training of 15,000 teachers with grant of Rs.150.00 lakhs @ Rs.1000 per teacher for 5 days.
- Sharing pattern will be 75:25 during XI five year plan and 50:50 during XII Five Year Plan.

2.21. Model Schools

In order to make Secondary Education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to the talented rural children, Central Government has decided to set up Model schools with upgraded facility all over India.

In Tamil Nadu, 44 Educationally Backward Blocks have been identified in 13 Districts. 44 Model Schools are to be established in these Educationally Backward Blocks in the first phase. Government of India have approved Rs.3.00 crore towards non-recurring cost and Rs.75.00 lakhs towards recurring cost for each Model School. 18 Model Schools have been sanctioned in the current year (2009-10) covering 10 Districts. The Districts covered are Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Erode, Tiruppur, Karur, Namakkal, Salem, Sivaganga and Villupuram.

2.22. Girls' Hostels

The objective of the Scheme is to bring the girl children in educationally backward class to school and retain them in school without getting dropped out. Keeping this in view, the Scheme envisages setting up of Girls' Hostels with lodging and boarding facilities in Educationally Backward Blocks so that the girl students are enabled to continue their studies without any disruption. The Scheme envisages access to secondary and higher secondary education to a large number of girl students. The girl students in the age group of 14 to 18 years studying in Standards IX and X and belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority Communities and BPL families will form the target group of the Scheme.

During the current year, 44 Girls' Hostels are to be launched with the help of the District Collectors. The Districts covered under the Scheme are Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Erode, Tiruppur, Karur, Namakkal, Salem, Sivagangai, Villupuram, Perambalur, Thiruvannamalai and Ariyalur.

Each hostel will get Rs.42.50 lakhs as non-recurring cost and Rs.14.27 lakhs as recurring cost per year.

2.23. National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education

To avoid drop outs of SC/ST Girl students studying in Standard VIII, the National scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education has been launched.

Under this Scheme the SC/ST Girl students, who have completed Standard VIII and studying in Standard IX who have not completed 16 years of age are eligible to get Rs. 3000/- as incentive. The amount of Rs. 3000/- will be deposited in the name of the students in Nationalized Banks. 1,21,292 SC/ST Girl Students will benefit under this Scheme.

2.24. Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi)

At present, there are four streams of school education in the State under the control of the State Government, namely, State Board Schools, Matriculation Schools, Oriental Schools and Anglo-Indian Schools and these schools have separate syllabus, text books and scheme of examination and are under the control of different Boards. As a result, the standards of education in these schools are not uniform. Hence, the Government are of the view that it is indispensable to evolve a uniform system of school education in the State to ensure social justice and provide quality education in the schools in the State. The Government have, therefore, enacted the Tamil Nadu Uniform System of School Education Act, 2010 (Tamil Nadu Act No.8/2010). The common syllabus approved by the State Common Board of School Education constituted under this Act will be taught in the ensuing academic year for Standards I and VI. In the succeeding year, common syllabus will be extended to remaining Standards also.

2.25. Vocational Education in Higher Secondary Schools

The Government of Tamil Nadu is very committed to promote Computer Education in schools and developing Information and Communication Technology skills among the students. In order to promote Computer Education in the Higher Secondary Schools, 1686 Computer Instructors were appointed during the year 2008-09. During the year 2010-11, the remaining posts of Computer Instructor would be filled up.

Awareness on modern and innovative agricultural methods is the need of the hour for the students of Agriculture. Hence, 200 Agriculture Instructors have been appointed.

Based on the report of the High Level Committee on Vocational Education, Vocational Education has been revamped keeping in view of the needs of the

students community. From the academic year 2010-2011, Vocational Courses will offered only in 9 popular branches.

2.26. National Service Scheme

The aim of the National Service Scheme is to foster the rare virtues of leadership, self - confidence, patriotism and orient the students youth to community service like organizing health camps, blood donation camps, conducting awareness programmes and focussing on welfare schemes for the Public.

The State and the Central Governments make financial allocation towards the N.S.S. scheme in the ratio of 7:5. A sum of Rs.300.70 lakhs has been allotted for this Scheme during 2009-2010. At present, 1940 units are effectively functioning in the State with 97,000 young and enthusiastic volunteers. The Government is taking steps to extend this significant and service oriented schemes to the remaining schools.

2.27. Scouts and Guides

The Scouts and Guides movement is functioning in 5855 schools in Tamil Nadu, 1,18,100 Boys and 60050 Girls have been enrolled in this movement. They engage themselves in social activities like cleaning temple premises, planting trees, regulating traffic regulation and First Aid activities. The practice of awarding ' Rajya Purashkar ' title to outstanding Scout and Guide was introduced in 1998-99. The Government have allotted Rs.5.00 lakhs during 2009-2010 to the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

2.28. Junior Red Cross Society

The Junior Red Cross Society is functioning in most of the schools in Tamil Nadu. The District Collector is the Patron of the Junior Red Cross Society. Teachers are trained as Counsellors and students as Volunteers. This movement is functioning in 5477 high schools/ higher secondary schools in Tamil Nadu. Efforts will be taken to spread this movement to all the High and Higher Secondary Schools during 2010-11

2.29. Sports / Games & Yoga

In Sports and Games, Five tests are being conducted every year to identify the talent in children studying in Standards VI, VII, and VIII in all schools. With the help of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu talented children who can compete at National and International level events are indentified.

State Level Bharathiar Day Games were conducted at Namakkal from December 5 to7, 2009, Republic Day Games were conducted at Dindigul from Dec 11 to 13, 2009 and the Republic Day Sports Meet was conducted at Erode from Jan 10

to 12, 2010. The winners in the above competitions were awarded with medals and Certificates. Cash amount of Rs. 600 and Rs. 400 were awarded to all the winners & Runners respectively by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

The Government have issued orders during 2008-09 allocating one period in School exclusively for Yoga. The Physical Education teachers are trained in Yoga. They impart Yoga to students along with the Physical Education.

2.30. Dr. Radhakrishnan Award

Tamil Nadu Government have been giving the 'Best Teacher Award' since 1960. From 1997, its name has been changed as "Dr. Radhakrishnan Award" and is being given every year on the 5th of September. During 2009-2010, Cash Award of Rs.5000/- and a Silver Medal and Certificate of appreciation have been given to 354 Teacher-Awardees.

2.31. National Award for Teachers

The National Award for Teachers has been instituted by the Government of India for the best teachers from all over India. In Tamil Nadu 22 teachers from Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools and 3 from special category schools are given this Award.

The teachers selected by the Government of India are given the National Award by the President of India on the Teacher's day at New Delhi.

The National Awardees are given a Cash Prize amount of Rs.25,000/- a Silver Medal, and a certificate of appreciation along with travelling allowance.

2.32. Leave Travel Concession to the Awardees

The Government of India have granted concession for the eminent teachers (State & National Awardees) and their spouses to travel anywhere in India. They are granted financial assistance to visit any place in India once in five years in 3 Tier A/C Coach for a maximum of 14 days. They are also eligible to get Daily allowance of Rs.200/- per day.

2.33. National Foundation for Teachers Welfare

National Teacher's Welfare Foundation was established in 1962. The Hon'ble Minister for School Education is the Ex-officio Chairman of the Foundation. It functions under the supervision of the Director of School Education who acts as its Ex-officio Secretary. The expenditure for implementing the teachers welfare scheme is met from the sale of Teacher's day flags.

2.34. Medical Assistance for teachers

Under this scheme Rs.50,000 or 75% of the total expenditure whichever is less is offered as financial assistance to teachers or their dependents afflicted with serious ailments.

2.35. Education Assistance

A stipend of Rs.5,000/- and Rs. 2,500/- respectively is given for the children of teachers, who pursue professional degree course or Diploma Course. A sum of Rs.87.55/- lakhs was disbursed towards Education Assistance to 1813 students.

2.36. Issuance of Community / Income Certificates in schools

For the issue of Community Certificates, Income Certificates and Nativity Certificates to the Students of Standards X and XII, applications are collected by the School Headmasters concerned directly from the students and forwarded to the respective Revenue Authorities. These Certificates are distributed to the Students when they leave the School.

2.37. Cash Prize to Top Rankers

The Government have launched this Scheme to encourage the talented students to pursue their higher studies. As per this Scheme, the first three top rankers at State level in the Higher Secondary Public Examination who have studied with Tamil as first language in the Higher Secondary Course are awarded cash prizes.

1) First Rank	-	Rs. 50,000/-
2) Second Rank	-	Rs. 30,000/-
3) Third Rank	-	Rs. 20,000/-

Further, at the District level, the Government will meet the expenditure for the higher studies of the three first rank holders in the Higher Secondary Public Examination as detailed below:

1. Government Higher Secondary School	-1
2. Aided Higher Secondary School	-1
3. Unaided / Matriculation and Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School	-1

Likewise the First three top rankers at State level in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination who have studied with Tamil as first language are also awarded cash prize as follows:

1) First Rank	-	Rs. 25,000/-
2) Second Rank	-	Rs. 20,000/-
3) Third Rank	-	Rs. 15,000/-

Three District level top rankers in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination who have studied with Tamil as first language are also given Rs.1,500/- for pursuing higher studies as detailed below:

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| 1. Government High School | -1 |
| 2. Aided High School | -1 |
| 3. Unaided / Matriculation and
Anglo Indian High School | -1 |

In addition to this, the Government meets the whole expenditure for the higher studies of the State level top 3 rankers in the Higher Secondary Public Examination. Moreover, subject wise top rankers (first rankers) at the State level in both the S.S.L.C. Public Examination and the Higher Secondary Public Examination are given cash awards at the rate prescribed by the Government every year.

2.38. Young Talent Scheme

In this Scheme, the hidden talents of the students are brought to the limelight by conducting competitions in Oratory, Essay writing, Drawing, Quiz, Music, Poetry writing, Bharathanatyam, Folk dances, Playing instruments, Acting, Mono-acting, Drama etc., Competitions are held every year at School level, Educational District level, Revenue District Level and finally at the State level winners are selected.

2.39. Science Exhibition

The Science Exhibition are conducted at School, Educational District and Revenue District levels. In the year 2009-10, the State Level Science Exhibition was conducted at Villupuram in a grand manner. This Exhibition facilitated identification of students who have attributes of scientific temperament and grooming of young scientists.

Southern India Science Exhibition is being conducted every year by the Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Pudhucherry States on rotation basis with the co-operation and financial support of the Visveswaraya Science and Technology Museum, Bangalore.

2.40. Financial Assistance for Students bereft of parental support

The Government have allotted a sum of Rs.175.00 Lakhs towards this Scheme during the year 2009-10. Under this Scheme, the students whose bread winning parent, father or mother dies in an accident or is permanently incapacitated will get Rs.50,000/-. In the year 2009-2010, 350 students have been benefitted. From the year of inception that is 2006-07, 700 students have received the State's support under this Scheme.

2.41. Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers–Agriculturists – Social Security and Welfare Scheme – 2006

Under this Scheme, the students of Agricultural Labourers who have passed S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Public Examinations are given scholarships as mentioned below:

	Boys	Girls
S.S.L.C Public Examination	Rs.1,250/-	Rs.1,500/-
Higher Secondary Public Examination	Rs.1,750/-	Rs.2,000/-

26,114 boys and 22,291 girls have been benefitted in Standard X and 3,894 boys and 3,842 girls have been benefitted in Standard XII.

2.42. NABARD Assistance Schemes

The infrastructural facilities such as class rooms, laboratories, toilets, drinking water, electricity facilities and compound walls are being provided to the Government High/ Higher Secondary Schools on need basis under the NABARD assisted scheme. The intervention of NABARD in the infrastructure improvement of schools in Tamil Nadu had a positive impact on the quality education in the schools. Orders have been issued to provide the above facilities to 2004 schools under I to IX Phases at an estimated cost of Rs 1181.97 crore and the school building construction works are nearing completion.

During 2009-10, the Government have issued orders for providing infrastructure facilities such as classrooms, laboratories, drinking water unit, toilets, compound wall, furniture and science lab equipments in 303 schools under Phase X to the tune of Rs.247.06 Crore.

New Buildings, laboratories, toilets and drinking water facilities have transformed the School environment. The School Education Department values the NABARD assistance as a great boon for the holistic development of the schools.

2.43. NABARD – Supply of Science Lab Equipments to Schools

With NABARD assistance, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 875.00 lakhs for the procurement of Science lab Equipments to Laboratories constructed under NABARD Scheme. This Scheme was implemented in 619 Government High Schools and 547 Government Higher Secondary Schools during 2008-09. This Scheme was implemented under NABARD Scheme Phases I to VIII and the entire amount was utilised.

Likewise, the Government have also sanctioned a sum of Rs.295.00 lakhs with NABARD assistance for the procurement of Science Lab Equipments to the Science

Laboratories proposed in 206 Government High Schools and 190 Government Higher Secondary schools under NABARD scheme phases IX and X.

2.44. Provision of Furniture under NABARD Scheme

The State Government is committed to the development of infrastructural facilities in all the Government Schools. With NABARD Assistance, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 6908.00 lakhs for the procurement of 1,90,140 benches & desks for students and 15,845 tables and chairs for teachers for the additional class rooms constructed in 1530 Government High Schools and Government Higher Secondary Schools.

Further, the Government have permitted with NABARD assistance construction of additional class rooms and furniture to 420 schools at a cost of Rs. 2720.09 lakhs under Phase VIII and IX. Under this scheme 5425 tables and chairs will be provided to teachers and 65,100 benches and desks will be provided to students.

Likewise, the Government have also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1038.08 lakhs with NABARD assistance for the provision of 1,886 tables and chairs for teachers and 22,632 benches and desks for students to the additional classroom proposed to be constructed under Phase X.

2.45. Parent Teacher's Association

The chief aim of the Parent teacher's Association is to enroll all the children of school going age in the nearby schools, prevent dropouts and help schools to enhance the quality of teaching learning processes. Question Bank Booklets and model question papers for Standards X and XII are printed and distributed.

All the High/ Higher Secondary Schools, which showed 100% pass percentage in the March/April Government Examinations have been awarded Cash Award of Rs.2000/-. Celebrating Anna Centenary Year, Oratation competitions were conducted for students at the District and State levels. The winners were awarded cash prizes to the tune of Rs. 1,87,000/-.

2.46. School Improvement Scheme

The State Government encourages the school Education Department to improve the infrastructural facilities of Government Schools through Public-Private partnership . Under this Scheme, the private partners can support a school on specific needs by adoption or by donation for a period of five to seven years through a Memorandum of Understanding.

2.47. ECO Club

The aim of the ECO-Club is to create awareness on environment in Society through providing opportunities for studying environmental education to the students. 1200 Schools have been covered in the Districts under this Scheme. A sum of Rs.1250/- is paid in each School by the Government through the Department of Environment and Forest for the ECO-Club activities. Moreover, 7500 Schools have been selected in the Districts under National Green Corps. A sum of Rs.2500/- is paid in each school by the Government of India through the Department of Environment and Forest.

ECO-Club and National Green Corps are involved in planting trees, farming gardens, with the assistance of nature of lovers, teachers and students.

In order to implement the Scheme successfully, a District Co-ordinator in each Districts and an Assistant Director (Environment) at the State level have been appointed in the cadre of Post Graduate Assistant (Botany/ Biology) and District Educational Officer respectively.

3. MATRICULATION SCHOOLS

Matriculation Schools are Self-financing institutions imparting education through English Medium. Matriculation Schools are functioning under the control of the Director of Matriculation Schools. These Schools are governed by the Code of Regulation of Matriculation Schools. The Government have prescribed definite norms with regard to provision of infrastructure facilities for the recognition of Matriculation Schools keeping in view the safety of children. At present, there are 3655 Matriculation Schools under the Directorate of Matriculation Schools, 15 Inspectors of Matriculation schools are functioning.

3.1. Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006

As per the Section 3(1) of the Tamil Nadu Tamil Learning Act, 2006, Tamil Language shall be taught as a compulsory subject in Standards I to X in all schools in a phased manner, commencing from the academic year 2006-2007.

3.2. Supply of Free Tamil Text Books

Tamil Text Books are supplied free of cost to student studying in Standards I to XII in the Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools from the academic year 2007-2008. The number of students benefitted by this Scheme during 2009-2010 is 20,38,845 at cost of Rs. 2.61 Crores.

3.3. Extension Period for Provision of Minimum Land Area

The Government have prescribed minimum land area for Matriculation Schools. The Government also granted 3 to 4 years period for providing minimum land area for those Schools with shortage of land. Since, the period for provision of minimum land area expired, Government have issued orders for extending period for another 3 years for providing minimum land area.

3.4. Opening / Recognition for LKG & UKG Standards

As per the Code of Regulation of Matriculation Schools, permission is accorded for opening of Standards I to XII. Since most of Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools are enrolling children in LKG/UKG Standards, the Government have framed guidelines for opening/recognition of LKG/UKG Standards in Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools. The Code of Regulation of Matriculation Schools, have also been amended to this effect.

3.5. Award of Cash Prize

The Government have announced, Cash Prize as follows to the State Level Toppers for the first three Ranks in Standard X Matriculation Public Examinations from the academic year 2008-2009:

First Rank	-	Rs.25,000/-
Second Rank	-	Rs.20,000/-
Third Rank	-	Rs.15,000/-

3.6. High Level Committee for granting recognition

To simplify the procedure of granting recognition to the private schools, a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Thiru.M.P.Vijayakumar.I.A.S., (Retired) was constituted and the Committee's report is under examination of the Government.

3.7. The Tamil Nadu Schools (Regulation of Collection of Fee) Act, 2009

The Tamil Nadu Schools (Regulation of Collection of Fee) Act, 2009 has been enacted to provide for the regulation of collection of fee by schools in Tamil Nadu. This Act and the Rules framed thereunder have come in to force on 07.12.2009. As required in the Act, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Justice Thiru K.Govindarajan (Retd.) to fix the fee for the self-financing schools. This Committee has met 12 times since its constitution. Before the reopening of schools the Committee will submit its report regarding fee determination.

4. TEACHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The objective of this Directorate Teacher Education Research and Training is to produce teachers with quality and to impart inservice training to the teachers based on modern teaching techniques and thereby enhance the teaching skills.

4.1. Vision

- Transform District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET) into vibrant District Level Resource Centres catering to the diverse training needs of teachers, Block Resource Teacher Educators, Non Governmental Organizations and Educational volunteers.
- Evolve District Institutes of Education and Training as platforms for sharing innovations and experiments in education.
- Collect important educational research findings and disseminate them periodically for the benefit of all stake holders.
- Undertake, encourage and promote research on issues concerning quality education.
- Develop linkages with all the national agencies like NCTE, NCERT, CCRT and international organizations for sustaining quality.
- Assist the Government in achieving universal elementary and secondary education for all.
- Develop curriculum, syllabus and textbooks periodically incorporating constructivist approaches.
- Develop trainer manuals, audio-video educational software to strengthen media-based learning.
- Undertake evaluation and research studies to find out the impact of educational programmes in Tamil Nadu.

4.2. Quality Improvement

Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training has organized in-service training programmes, faculty development programmes, exposure visits, District level seminars, action researches and educational research projects. These activities strengthened the professionalism of District Institute of Education and Training faculty and equipped them with the required knowledge and skills to respond to the needs of teachers at the District Level.

4.3. Strategies to be adopted

- ❖ Education Technology Lab shelters State of Art technology in screening a large numbers of educational Audio/ Video cassettes. Educational Television Studio (ETV) produced educational CDs on diverse subjects which are available in the DIETs to provide on going professional support to teachers. EDUSAT reception terminals are available in DIETs. In addition, new books, research journals and periodicals are added every year in the DIET library to make DIETs vibrant district level resource centres. The available facilities will be up scaled to improve the effectiveness of educational service delivery.

- ❖ District Level and State Level seminars are planned to give platform to various stakeholders of education to share their innovative practices.
- ❖ Research projects and subject wise action research abstracts are to be prepared by DIET, in Tamil Nadu to disseminate them to all the practising teachers.
- ❖ State Research Committee has been constituted by DTERT to scrutinize Research Proposal and District Level Research Committees have been constituted to evaluate the quality of researches being done and mid-course corrections are suggested by experts.
- ❖ Annual work plan and budget is prepared to seek monetary assistance from Government of India to implement developmental schemes.

4.4. Teacher Training Institutes.

At present, 756 Teacher Training Institutes are imparting Diploma in Teacher Education Course in the State. The total intake in these institutions is 51,380. Single Window Counselling System is followed for admitting students under Government Quota in all the District Institutes of Education and Training and Government and Private Teacher Training Institutes.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2009-2010

4.5. State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIEMAT)

SIEMAT has been established at Chennai for organising training programmes for all the Administrators of Education Department. In order to update the professionalism of Directors, Joint Directors, Chief Educational Officers, Chief Educational Officers (SSA), Principals of DIETs, District Educational Officers, District Elementary Educational Officers, Inspectors of Matriculation Schools, Head Teachers of High and Higher Secondary Schools and Assistant Elementary Educational Officers, regular training programmes are conducted to these stakeholders on administration, planning and management.

4.6. Orientation Training on DTE Source Books

DTERT has undertaken the task of revising the DTE curriculum and syllabus in the light of National Curriculum Frame work, 2005. New syllabus for DTE subjects has been developed by utilizing the expertise of eminent educationists and teacher educators. The new syllabus has come into effect from the academic year 2008-2009.

Orientation training on DTE Source Books was organised at the State and District levels. All the faculty members of DIETs, Government, Aided and Self Finance TTIs were oriented and 51,380 Teacher Trainees of the DIETs were benefited.

4.7. Adolescence Education Programme

The Adolescence Education Programme equips the students of Standard IX and XI with the required life skills to enable them to face challenges and reject things

which may harm their health. The Life Skills Education has been imparted to adolescents in 9,722 schools. 19,752 teachers and 19,752 peer educators were benefitted under this programme. This programme has been funded by Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society.

DTERT has edited and translated the training manual on Adolescence Education Programme - Life Skills Development prepared by NACO-MHRD, keeping in mind the culture- specific and region-specific values.

4.8.National Population Education Project

DTERT has been implementing the Government of India funded, National Population Education Programme. Role play competition was organized for the students of Standard IX of Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools across the State. The competition was held at the School, Block, District and State levels. 19,510 students participated in the Competition.

4.9. National Service Scheme

The National Service Scheme has been established with 34 units (29 District Institutes of Education and Training and 5 Government Teacher Training Institutes) with a total strength of 1,700 Diploma in Teacher Education Volunteers. In each unit, there are 50 student-volunteers.

Regular activities and special camping continuously for 10 days have been organized by all the District Institutes of Education and Training and 2 Government Teacher Training Institutes for community development.

It has been proposed to increase the number of volunteers to 100 in each District Institute of Education and Training and Government Teacher Training Institute National Service Scheme Unit.

4.10. Educational Television Studio

Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training Educational Television Studio is constantly involved in creating scripts for educational television programmes and in producing subjects related video cassettes. The videos are given to Doordharshan Kendra for educational telecast "Kanboom Karpom". This educational telecast on Mondays and Fridays benefit students at the elementary level (Standards I-VIII). During 2009-2010, 40 educational video cassettes have been telecast. ABL and ALM methodologies in vogue have been aesthetically filmed involving practising teachers. In the year 2010-2011, it is proposed to produce 40 indoor Educational Television programmes and 10 outdoor programmes. The outdoor

programmes will focus on laboratory experiments in Physics, Chemistry and Biological Science for Standard XII.

4.11. Namathu Mavattathai Naam Arivom

It has been decided to enhance the quality of education at the Primary level through a visual package on each District in Tamil Nadu. This would promote and update the knowledge among the students at the primary school level about their Districts and its resources. Important places in the Districts will be covered by video.

4.12. EDUSAT

EDUSAT is utilized to the optimum level for training and interaction in a distance mode. 30 programmes were conducted involving 400 District Institutes of Education and Training faculty members and 200 BRTEs during 2009-10. EDUSAT Programmes are relayed on every Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month.

4.13. Uniform System of School Education

The syllabus followed by the State Board, Matriculation Board, Anglo-Indian Board and Oriental Board have been studied and a Common Syllabus for Uniform System of School Education (Samcheer Kalvi Thittam) was evolved. The Common Syllabus for the Standards I-X has been prepared utilizing the services of the faculty from Universities, Colleges, District Institutes of Education and Training and Schools. In this connection, the following activities have been undertaken:-

- State level, District Level, Block Level and Cluster level Symposia on Common Draft syllabus were organized throughout the State.. Besides, feedback from 4088 educationists has been received from 32 Districts across the State.
- The suggestions given by the educationists were debated and the Draft Syllabus was finalized.
- The writing of Text Books for Standards I and VI has been completed.

4.14. Additional buildings for DIETs

The Government of India have sanctioned Rs.3.82 Crore for improvement of infrastructure such as additional class rooms and Training Halls in 13 DIETs for the year 2009-2010. A sum of Rs. 60.00 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu Under Part –II Schemes 2009-2010 to upscale the buildings of the Government Teacher Training Institute, Johilpatti.

4.15. Induction Training

The Primary, Graduate and Post Graduate Teachers recruited during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 will be given In-service training in content and methodology during the year 2010-2011. About 9902 teachers will be benefited.

4.16. Dr. Radhakrishnan Award

Six DIET faculty members and one Government TTI faculty member were given Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Award on the 5th September 2009 by Hon'ble Minister of School Education. The award consists of a cash incentive of Rs. 5,000/- and citation.

4.17. E-Governance

In tune with the changes taking place after globalization and ICT, the Directorate of Teacher Education Research and Training has linked all the District Institutes of Teacher Education with internet facilities. Most of the important communications are sent and received through e-mails. Efforts are being made to transform DTERT into a paperless office. Important activities and plans of this Directorate have been hosted in its website www.dtert.tn.nic.in.

5. NON-FORMAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

5.1. Vision

We are committed to

- Achieving total literacy and
- Establish a learning society by providing opportunities to neo literates for life long learning and continuing education

5.2. Mission

- Impart functional literacy to illiterate adults in the age group of 15 and above
- To reduce the gender disparity in literacy rate focussing on rural areas in Districts with low female literacy levels

Strategies to be followed to achieve the objectives

5.3. Saakshar Bharat

The Hon'ble Prime Minister launched "Saakshar Bharat" a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on International Literacy Day 8th September 2009. This has been introduced in 365 Districts at the National Level with adult female literacy rate of 50% or less as per the Census 2001. The share of funding between Central and State Government is in the ratio of 75 : 25.

In Tamil Nadu, the Scheme will be implemented in Erode, Perambalur, Villupuram, Dharmapuri and Salem, Districts. Preliminary preparations like selection of functionaries, training, preparation/procuring the teaching learning materials for implementing the Scheme are in progress.

5.4. State Adult Literacy Programme

The Directorate of Non formal and Adult Education has taken due efforts to sustain the literacy programmes/activities in our State to increase the literacy rate of 80% within 2011, to reduce the gender gap and disparity in literacy rate, by launching a new scheme of "**State Adult Literacy Programme**" in the State. This scheme will be implemented through the existing Continuing Education Centres which will provide an opportunity for neo literates to sustain and enhance their literacy skills as well as to continue the work of Adult Literacy to non literates and to maintain the existing Continuing Education Centres.

This Programme will be implemented in 25 Districts in the first Phase for a period of 6 months at a cost of Rs.36.19 lakhs.

5.5. Achievement during the year 2009-2010

Government of India have sanctioned Rs.82.92 crores for implementing Continuing Education Programme in the Districts in Tamil Nadu. The Continuing

Education Programme was implemented through 14,107 Continuing Education Centres in Tamil Nadu. The total number of beneficiaries under Continuing Education Programme is 52.58 lakhs. Out of this 18.92 lakhs are men 33.66 lakhs are women.

5.6. Special Literacy Programme for Women

For the benefit of 5,33,333 women illiterates, the Government of Tamil Nadu have released Rs.4.00 crores for implementing Special Literacy Programme for Women in all the Districts .

5.7. Project for Residual Illiteracy (PRI)

Out of 32, Districts in Tamil Nadu, the literacy rate of women is less than the State average literacy rate in 17 Districts (Dharmapuri, Villupuram, Perambalur (Ariyalur) Salem, Namakkal, Erode, Virudhunagar, Vellore, Krishnagiri, Cuddalore, Dindigul, Thiruvannamalai, Karur, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai and Theni). In these Districts the Project for Residual illiteracy was implemented. The expenditure was shared in the ratio of 2:1 between Central and State Governments. the Government of India have sanctioned Rs.380.72 lakhs for the Project for Residual illiteracy. The grants were released to the respective District Collectors directly by the Government of India.

5.8. 100 Days Women Literacy Programme

This is an experimental short term literacy programme exclusively for women and particularly to reduce the gender disparity of literacy rate. Activity Based Learning(ABL) methodology was followed. This programme was implemented in 385 blocks and 21,769 women were benefitted.

5.9. Literacy Programme for Prisoners

In collaboration with Prison Department, Literacy Programme for non-literate inmates of Prisons has been implemented through Continuing Education Programme using the Activity Based Learning (ABL) Methodology. Under this Programme 2795 prisoners were benefitted (2159 male and 636 female) through Central Prisons/subjails covering eleven Districts.

5.10. Women Special Literacy Programme through NSS

In order to involve the students community at a mass level for eradication of illiteracy among Non-literate Parents/relatives/ neighbours, "Each one Teach one" scheme was implemented through volunteers of National Service Scheme in Higher Secondary Schools. 1,25,000 women were benefitted under this programme.

5.11. Broad framework of Policy Directions for 2010-11

1. To make all the illiterates in the age group of 15 and above in Tamil Nadu attain literacy.
2. By introducing the Activity Based Learning (ABL) methods through Continuing Education Centres in collaboration with the Sarva Shiksha Abiyan Scheme improve the Teaching/Learning Process.
3. It is also planned to extend in the literacy programme through Continuing Education Centres to the prison inmates of Central Prison/subjails using Activity Based Learning (ABL) methodology.
4. To involve all Schools. in establishing the Adult Literacy Centre (Lok Shiksha Kendras) to eradicate the illiteracy among the non literate parents.
5. To provide opportunity for the neo-literates to continue their education through Equivalency Programme (equivalent to Standards III, V and VIII of formal system) through Open School
6. To create awareness among the general public regarding the duties and responsibilities in the democratic setup.

6. GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

Conducting of school Public Examinations and releasing of the results in time are the prime duties of the Directorate of Government Examinations. This department conducts 33 types of examinations every year. viz., SSLC and Higher Secondary, Matriculation and Anglo-Indian School, Final examinations as per respective syllabus, Diploma in Teacher Education, Government Technical Examinations (other than Commerce Subjects).

Every year examinations are conducted for Higher Secondary / S.S.L.C. / Matric / A.S.L.C. in three sessions i.e March /April, June/July & September /October. Other examinations are conducted once in a year.

6.1. Result analysis for the examination held in March 2009

Examinations	No. of pupil candidates appeared	No. Of candidates passed	Passed percentage
Higher Secondary	6,40,844	5,32,222	83 %
S.S.L.C.	8,22,872	6,71,437	81.6 %
Matriculation	1,16,586	1,09,597	94 %
Anglo-Indian Examination	4,685	4,497	95.9 %
O.S.L.C.	1,324	1,220	92.2%

On request from those who lost their public examination certificates issued by the Department, duplicate copy of the certificate / certified copy of Mark Certificate is issued on payment of prescribed fee. This Department also verifies the genuineness of the certificates submitted by the students admitted in all the colleges in the State and those who secured employment based on the certificate issued by this department. Action is taken against those who produce bogus certificates.

This Department further issues Migration Certificate to candidates who have passed X / XII standard examinations from this State and desires to continue higher studies in other States.

6.2. Processing of examination results

The processing of examination result is being done by Government Data Centre. Computerization of examinations results for S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary and other major examinations are also done by Government Data Centre. In addition, the following works are also done by them.

1. Verification of Genuineness of Mark Certificate for Higher Secondary / S.S.L.C. / Matric / Anglo-Indian.

2. Issue of revised Mark Certificate after revaluation / retotalling for Higher Secondary / S.S.L.C. / Matric / Anglo-Indian.

6.3. Assistance to Union Public Service Commission / Staff Selection Commission

On behalf of the Government of India, this Department conducts all Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission Examinations at Chennai centre every year which includes Civil Services Examinations. Nearly 14 Examinations of the U.P.S.C. and 12 Examinations of the S.S.C. are conducted. This Department assists Teachers Recruitment Board also in conducting written examinations.

6.4. Mark Certificates

From March 2000 onwards, the mark certificates of Higher Secondary/ S.S.L.C./ Matric/ Anglo-Indian examinations are printed and issued to candidates in bilingual languages viz., Tamil & English.

6.5. Results of Examinations

The results of the Higher Secondary/ S.S.L.C./ Matric/ Anglo-Indian Examinations with marks are made available through private websites also, on the day of publication of result, in addition to this Department Website.

6.6. Retotalling of marks in answer scripts and issue of xerox copies of answer paper

This facility is available to all the candidates in all subjects in the Higher Secondary as well as S.S.L.C./ Matric/ A.I.S.L.C. and the candidates of Diploma in Teacher Education Examination.

To maintain transparency in valuation of answer scripts in the Higher Secondary Public Examination, Xerox copies of answer script were issued only for seven subjects to the candidates who apply for it. From March 2009, this system has been extended to all subjects.

6.7. Special Supplemental Examinations

Special Supplementary Public Examinations are conducted in the month of June for the students who have failed in one or two or three subjects in S.S.L.C and Higher Secondary Examinations held in March, to enable them to pursue higher studies immediately without wasting one whole academic year.

6.8. National Talent Search Examination

The National Talent Search Examination is conducted by this Department on behalf of NCERT. Students who were studying in VIII standard during that particular academic year and those who have secured 60% and above marks in VII Standard

are eligible for this Examination. After the publication of result of level-I Examination conducted by the Directorate, the II level Examination is conducted by NCERT at National level followed by Interviews. The selected students are awarded Rs.500/- per month as Scholarship from IX standard upto Ph.D level. For Ph.D degree, the scholarship will be paid at the UGC rates for a maximum period of 4 years. Under this Scheme, 285 candidates are benefitted each year and this number will change once in three years.

6.9. Tamil Nadu Rural Students Talent Search Scheme Examinations (TRUST Examinations)

Rural Students Talent Search Scheme Examination is conducted every year by this Department to promote talent among the rural students and to enable them to avail the benefits offered by the Government. The Students from rural area of each District (except Puduchery & Chennai) and those who are studying in Standard IX during the current academic year and whose parental income does not exceed Rupees 1.00 Lakh are eligible to attend the Examination. 50 Girl and 50 Boy Students are selected from each District and Scholarship amount of Rs.1000/- per year is awarded for selected candidates.

6.10. Grant of “Stress Free Time” to candidates appearing for public examinations

From March 2008, 10 minutes extra time has been granted, at the beginning of the Examination for the students appearing for the S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Public Examinations for every subject to go through the question paper, do mind mapping and prepare themselves psychologically before taking the Examination. This has been extremely beneficial to students in rural areas travelling long distances to reach the Examination Centres.

In addition to the extra time of 10 minutes as concentration time allowed, Stress free time of 5 more minutes has been allowed from March 2009 Examinations (upto 10.15 a.m.) for filling up of particulars of candidates like register number in the answer sheets)

6.11. Conducting of National Means cum Merit Scholarship scheme Examinations

The Central Government have introduced the Scheme of “National Means cum Merit Scholarship” scheme benefiting 6,695 students in Tamil Nadu. The Directorate of Government Examinations conducts the National Means Cum Merit Scholarship Scheme Examinations and selects the candidates based on the rule of reservation and marks obtained in the examination for granting scholarship.

According to the Scheme, candidates who have passed VIII Standard and whose parental income does not exceed Rs.1,50,000/- will get a sum of Rs.6000/- as Scholarship per annum each year at the rate of Rs.500/- per month from Standard IX onwards upto Standard XII .

6.12. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students

Students studying in 1st year Degree course after passing Higher Secondary Public Examination in March 2009 with 80% and above marks are eligible for Scholarship under this Scheme.

Scholarship amount of Rs.1000 per month is awarded to selected students during Degree level studies and Rs.2000 per month during post graduate level studies.

6.13. Web Site

Information regarding Time-Table, Format of Application Form, fees for issue of duplicate certificates and Certified Copy of Mark sheet (CCM) in respect of various Examinations conducted by this Department, are available in the website of the Department. For the benefit of the student community, previous year question papers of Higher Secondary and SSLC Public Examinations also have been hosted in this website. Web site Address "www.tn.gov.in/dge"

7. TEACHERS RECRUITMENT BOARD

The Teachers Recruitment Board was constituted in the year 1987, with the objective of selecting qualified and efficient teachers. The Board selects teachers for schools on the basis of registration seniority in the Employment Exchange and by conducting interview for recruitment of Lecturers for the Government Arts & Science Colleges and holding Written Examination for recruitment of Lecturers of Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics. So far, 34,297 teachers/lecturers in various categories have been recruited by the Teachers Recruitment Board

7.1. Plans for 2010 – 2011

The Teachers Recruitment Board is to undertake recruitment based on Employment Exchange seniority and through Competitive Examinations.

Recruitment based on Employment Exchange Seniority

- i) The Teachers Recruitment Board is taking action to recruit 6,665 Graduate Assistants for School Education, Elementary Education and Corporations of Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore.
- ii) 905 Post Graduate Assistants for School Education Department.
- iii) 1,314 Special Teachers – 853 Physical Education Teachers, 231 Drawing Master, 135 Sewing Master and 95 Music Master.
- iv) 29 Posts of Junior Lecturers in District Institute of Education and Training under the Directorate of Teacher Education Research and Training.

7.2. Recruitment based on the Competitive Examination

- i) 1,064 Block Resource Teachers under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- ii) 61 Lecturers for Government Engineering Colleges.
- iii) 51 Lecturers for Government Polytechnics.
- iv) 28 Lecturers (Senior scale) and Lecturer (Senior Scale – Pre Law) for Government Law Colleges.

7.3. Website

The details of vacancies, Prospectus, Schedule of Selection, examinations, marks obtained by the candidates in the Written Examination, the cut off date of Employment seniority for various communal turns and final selection list are released through the website of Teachers Recruitment Board. Web site Address: <http://trb.tn.nic.in>.

8. Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation

The main objective of the Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation is to print and supply quality Text books to students in time at an affordable price. The Mission of the Corporation is to ensure availability of quality Textbooks to all the students studying in Standards I to XII and to provide free books to the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward, Most Backward and Minorities Welfare Department Schools.

With the introduction of Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi Thittam), the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation has been entrusted with printing of Textbooks for the students studying in Standards I and VI. In order to fulfill the objective of the Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi Thittam), the Textbook Corporation will print quality Text books for Standards I and VI in multi colour, using latest printing technology i.e. CTP (Computer to Plate processing).

8.1. Textbooks

The Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation prints a total of 513 titles for Standards I to XII consisting of 540 Textbooks (including Vol.I and Vol.II) as well as books for Vocational Training and Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education. The details are as under:-

- Textbooks for students
- Revised Textbooks for Standards I and VI under Uniform System of School Education (Samacheer Kalvi Thittam) for the academic year 2010 -11.
- Vocational Textbooks for Higher Secondary Course.
- Environmental Educational Books for Standards VI to XII.
- Diploma Course in Engineering Books for First and Second semester of Polytechnic.
- Textbooks and Readers for minority language students for Standards I to X and Language books only for Higher Secondary Course.
- Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education.
- Guides for Standard X and XII Students of Adi Dravidar, Backward classes and Most Backward Department Schools.
- Question Bank, Solution Book and Model Question booklet for students of Standards X and XII for Parent Teachers Association.

8.2. Free Textbooks

The Corporation prints and supplies Free Textbooks to all the students enrolled in Standards I to XII in the Government Schools, Government Aided Schools and students studying in Tamil Medium in the Self Financing Schools. Tamil Readers are also supplied free of cost to the students studying in Matriculation Schools from the academic year 2007-08.

8.3. Free Books to the other Departments

Requirement of books for the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Schools, Backward, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department Schools, Social Welfare Department Schools and Forest Department schools are printed and supplied by the Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation directly to the concerned Departments through the Regional Offices.

8.4. Distribution of Free Textbooks

Year	No. of copies In lakhs	Value (Rs. in Lakhs)
2006-2007	669.21	6400.04
2007-2008	676.65	6857.71
2008-2009	628.32	7851.11
2009-2010	665.89	8393.47
2010-2011	620.20	7102.20 (approximate)

8.5. Supply of free Textbooks to the Tamil students in other States

Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation supplies Textbooks free of cost for the benefit of Tamil students in other States through Mumbai Municipal Corporation 2) Delhi Tamil Sangam 3) Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation 4) Andaman Nichobar Administration and 5) Tamil Aikya Sangam, Kochin.

8.6. Website

Tamil Nadu is the only State in the Country to publish Textbooks from Standards I to XII on the web site.

The Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation has brought out 540 books in six languages, namely, Tamil, English, and the Minority languages of Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Urdu. Out of 540 books, 348 books have been hosted in the web site. 21 Books pertaining to Directorate of Teacher Education Research and Training and Standard X of Matriculation Schools were added on the Web-site from 8th of September 2008. 11 Books related to II year Diploma in Teacher Education have also been hosted in the website on 24-08-2009. The remaining Textbooks will be hosted in the website in a phased manner.

The response to the publication of books through online is very encouraging. Since the launching of the website, 8,33,790 visitors have accessed the website, up to 31st January 2010 which includes the Tamilians residing outside India.

Website address: www.textbooksonline.tn.nic.in

9. PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Promoting library movement as people's movement enabling life-long self education

9.1. Mission

1. Popularizing Library Movement as people's movement.
2. Providing Libraries with adequate infrastructural facilities.
3. Providing adequate reading materials.
4. Providing Modern Equipments to Improve Library Services.
5. Resource building and mobilization of funds.

9.2. Strategies

1. Redefining the Role of Public Libraries as Centres of Information and Knowledge in the lite of the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission.
2. Introduction of e-Governance in the administration of Public Libraries.
3. Opening of New Libraries to achieve the target of "Library for all"
4. Networking of Libraries for easy access.
5. Introduction of Library Automations Services.
6. Digitalization of old and rare books.
7. Resource mobilization for better Library services.
8. Opening of more Civil Service Study Centres in small towns.
9. Construction of new Library buildings.
10. Improving Library facilities through Public Private Partnership.
11. Conducting Library Improvement Conferences.
12. Organization of Book Parks with the help of Book Sellers and Publishers.

Public Libraries are established in Tamil Nadu under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Act, 1948. A separate Directorate for the Public Library was formed in the year 1972, to improve the Library services in the State. At present, 4028 libraries in various categories as detailed below, are functioning in the State.

(1) Connemara Public Library, Chennai-	1
(2) District Central Libraries	- 31
(3) Branch Libraries	- 1669
(4) Mobile Libraries	- 10
(5) Village Libraries	- 1721
(6) Part-time Libraries	- 596

Total	4028

9.3. Connemara Public Library

The Connemara Public Library, Chennai is one of the four National Depository Libraries in India. Under Delivery of Books (News Papers and Periodicals) Act, 1954 this Library receives a copy of all Books, Newspapers and Periodicals published in India free of cost. It also serves as the Information Centre for the UNESCO as well as the Asian Development Bank. It serves the people with a collection of 6.85 lakh books.

The Civil Services Section, Text Book Section and Language Book section in the Connemara Public Library have been air-conditioned.

The details about the Connemara Public Library are available on its website www.connemarapubliclibrarychennai.com.

9.4. Computerization and Networking with Districts Libraries

The Public Libraries are being computerized in order to render better services to the readers. The following libraries are computerized and provided with Internet and e-mail facilities:

1. Connemara Public Library, Chennai.
2. 31 District Central Libraries.
3. 100 Branch Libraries situated in Corporation / Municipal areas.
4. This facilities were extended to 42 Libraries in 2007-2008, 50 Libraries in 2008-2009 and 50 libraries in 2009-2010 with the financial assistance from Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkatta.
5. Networking of Connemara Public Library, Chennai with District Central Libraries and Taluk Libraries have been taken up.

9.5. Digitalization of Library Books

A separate section with 7 scanners is functioning in the Connemara Public Library, Chennai to scan and preserve the old and rare books. This work is being done successfully and about 2000 Tamil books have been scanned and stored in digitized form in Compact Disks.

9.6. Introduction of Library Automation

The issue and lending of books in District Central Libraries are done through computers using customized Library software. Efforts are being taken to introduce unique software which will help in rendering better library services integrating all libraries in various Districts. A Special Team is making headway in this venture under the guidance of Experts from the Anna University, Chennai.

9.7. News Letter

A Quarterly Magazine “**Pothu Noolaga Cheithi Madal**” is being published on behalf of the Public Libraries Department, since 1996. Developmental activities of the Directorate, information on the library movement, various activities in the Districts, Government Orders for the use of the general Public and articles relating to education find place in the magazine. The magazine has earned a prominent name amidst readers. So far, 54 issues of the magazine have been released.

9.8. Vasakar Vattam (Readers’ Forum)

In order to transform the library movement into a public movement and to promote the habit of reading among the people, a forum called “**Vasakar Vattam**” (Reader’s Forum) has been formed in each and every library. This Forum consists of educationists, writers, library members and eminent local personalities. This Forum conducts Book Review, Literary Lectures and celebrates Independence Day, Republic Day and Birth days of important National Leaders.

9.9. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkatta

The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkatta is an autonomous organization functioning under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Foundation is rendering financial assistance under matching and non-matching schemes to the State Governments for developing library services. Every year the Directorate of Public Libraries, Government of Tamil Nadu is receiving a matching grant of Rs.400.00 lakhs. The financial assistance is utilised for conducting seminars, creating children’s sections in libraries, purchase of new books and improvement of infra structure facilities in libraries across the State.

9.10. Purchase of Books

Every year newly published books are being purchased and added to the Public Libraries. A team of specialists are in the Book Selection Committee to select suitable titles for the readers. Tamil and English Books worth Rs.10.00 Crore are purchased every year under centralized purchase system and distributed to the libraries across the State.

The maximum number of copies of Tamil Books purchased for Libraries has been enhanced from 750 to 1000.

The number of books purchased and expenditure incurred for the last three years are given below:

Sl. No.	Year	Rs. in Crores	No of Titles
1.	2006-2007	1.71	419
2.	2007-2008	17.33	8012
3.	2008-2009	16.63	4016

9.11. Civil Services Study Circle

“Civil Service Study Circles” have been established in 31 District Central Libraries, in 150 Taluk Headquarters Libraries located in Municipal areas and in 50 libraries in smaller towns for the benefit of the youth hailing from downtrodden and weaker sections of the society to participate in the Competitive Examinations conducted by various organizations such as the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Union Public Service Commission, Banking Services Recruitment Board, Railway Recruitment Board etc.

9.12. Construction of Library Buildings

Out of the total number of 4028 Public Libraries, 10 are Mobile Libraries. Of the remaining 4018 Libraries, 1625 Libraries are functioning in own buildings, 2087 Libraries are functioning in rent free buildings. 306 Libraries are functioning in rental buildings. Steps have been taken to get vacant lands and construct library buildings in a phased manner.

9.13. Book Park

Permanent ‘Book Park’ has been established in the Connemara Public Library, Chennai to promote reading habits among the Public and to encourage the habit of buying books. Book Parks are established in other Districts during the National Library Week in the month of November with the assistance of Book Sellers/Publishers.

9.14. Anna Centenary Library, Chennai

The Government of Tamilnadu has set off with the construction of a World Class Library at Kotturpuram, Chennai. The Library will be named “ANNA CENTENARY LIBRARY” to commemorate the memory of the Anna Centenary Year. The Library with 9 storeys is being constructed at a cost of Rs.172.17 crore. The Library will house books on Art, Literature and Culture of Tamil Nadu and other Southern Indian regional , books of languages and books on various disciplines like Engineering, Medicine, Education, Management, Law, Economics, History and Computer Science. The Library will have the facility of automated Library

Management System to ensure effective services to the readers. It will hold 12 lakh titles of books, e-books and e-journals to fulfill the needs of the readers and researchers.

9.15. Formation of Welfare Board

“The Tamil Nadu Book Publishers, Sellers and Workers Welfare Board” has been established for the benefit of all those who have dedicated themselves in the publication field in Tamil Nadu. Enrollment of members and issuing of Identity Cards have been initiated. These members will become eligible to receive various benefits from the Welfare Board. For this purpose, the Government of Tamilnadu have sanctioned Rs.50, 00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh) to the Welfare Board.

9.16. Library Contests

On behalf of Directorate of Public Libraries, Elocution Contests, Essay Writing Competitions and Library Awareness Slogan writing competitions were conducted for School Students in January, 2010. Students who have been adjudged the first place in the State Level Competition will be eligible for a free trip tour to Singapore and the second place will be eligible for a free All India Tour and the third place will travels free around Tamilnadu. Due to the announcement of these competitions, Membership Enrollment has increased by nearly 10 lakh.

As this programme has proved very successful, the Library Contests will be conducted in 2011 also. The contestant who comes first will be sent on a tour to the Europe and those who come second will be sent to Singapore and the third place winner will become eligible for an All India Tour. This sustained effort will help in the increase of enrollment in Libraries and will also attract the students towards the better use of Public Libraries and to improve their knowledge.

9.17. Books in Parks

Every year Book Exhibitions are being conducted in Chennai. Large numbers of people visit the Exhibitions and buy books. However, they find little time to go through the books before buying them. Hence, the Directorate of Public Libraries with the help of Book Publishers arrange for Book Exhibitions in Public Parks in the morning and evening where the people gather in large numbers were able to know the new books, go through them and select the books. This new effort has proved to be very successful in Cities like Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli and Coimbatore

9.18. Library Improvement Conference

Library Improvement Conferences have been conducted in the Districts to create awareness on Library and to enthuse the reading habit. Resource bases are being created in libraries by way of donations received from the General public, Readers Forum and Philanthropist. So far 5 Library Improvement Conferences were conducted as detailed below:

1. Coimbatore, Erode and the Nilgiris Districts conducted the Conference on 29.09.2007 at Coimbatore and collected donations to the tune of Rs.190.43 lakh, Rs.47.21 lakh and Rs.33.94 lakh respectively.
2. Theni, Madurai and Dindigul Districts conducted the conference on 17.02.2008 at Theni and collected donation to the tune of Rs.92.43 lakh, Rs.123.17 lakh and Rs.101.73 lakh respectively.
3. Tiruchirapalli, Pudukottai, Karur and Perambalur Districts conducted the Conference on 29.02.2008 at Tiruchirapalli and collected donation to the tune of Rs.110.52 lakh, Rs.78.94 lakh, Rs.69.72 lakh and Rs.78.11 lakh respectively.
4. Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai districts conducted the conference on 20.11.2008 at Virudhunagar and collected donation to the tune of Rs.273.75 lakh, Rs.54.87 lakh and Rs.44.24 lakh for their respectively.
5. Tiruvannamalai, Vellore and Villupuram District conducted the conference on 24.12.2008 at Tiruvannamalai and collected donation to the tune of Rs.194.51 lakh, Rs.252.98 lakh and Rs.128.50 lakh for their respectively.

Steps have been taken to organize such Library Improvement Conferences in the other Districts also.

10. Welfare of Differently Abled

The aim of the Government is to create a society where persons with differently abled and normal persons work together and are accepted as equal partners. To achieve the above aim the School Education Department has taken the following initiatives.

10.1. Secondary Education

Integrated Education for the Differently Abled at the secondary stage is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100% financial assistance by the Government of India. This Scheme is being implemented through the Non-Government organisations from the year 2009-2010 to impart secondary level education from Standards IX to XII to the students having multi level disability replacing the earlier Integrated Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage Scheme.

Each physically challenged Child will be given Rs.3,000/- per annum as Student Component to meet the Special needs such as Books – Stationery, Uniform, Hostels, transportation etc. The State Government will give Rs.600/- per student as a top-up every year.

A sum of Rs.10.05 crores have been spent for provision of notebooks and stationeries, uniforms, Hostel allowance and assistive devices to 7830 differently abled children and salaries for special teachers through the Directorate of School Education

10.2. Appointment of differently abled Teachers in Government Schools

1114 qualified differently abled teachers have been appointed in schools from 2006 to till date.

10.3. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Activities carried out to promote quality Inclusive Education to the differently abled children through SSA for the past 4 year in the age group of 6 to 14.

- 90,543 differently abled children are enrolled in schools.
- 75,174 differently abled children are provided with assistive devices.
- 4,476 differently abled children have undergone corrective surgery.
- 22,000 severely affected differently abled children are benefitted through home based training and education.
- To promote quality inclusive education, primary and upper primary teachers are given special trainings.

- Parents of differently abled children are given special trainings.
- Resource Rooms have been set up in 412 blocks.
- 333 Day care centers are functioning for the benefit of severely affected children.
- Awareness camps and Assessment camps have been conducted every year in all the blocks.
- Child friendly ramps have been provided in 1144 schools at the cost of Rs.73.00 lakhs.
- 826 Special Educators and 133 Physiotherapists have been involved.

Rs. 52.27 crore have been spent for providing quality inclusive education to differently abled children during the past four years.

Activities proposed to provide Inclusive Education to the differently abled children in the year 2010 – 2011

- Appointment of 5 special educators in each block.
- Conduct of Awareness camps and medical camps at a cost of Rs.2.27 Crore.
- Supply of Aids and appliances and for corrective surgery at a cost of Rs.3.88 Crore.
- Strengthening 299 Resource Rooms at a cost of Rs. 2.39 Crore.
- 362 Day care centres at an estimated cost of Rs.6.51 Crores.
- Construction of 699 child friendly modified toilets in Government schools at a cost of Rs.69.90 lakhs.
- Construction of child friendly ramps in 645 Government schools at a cost of Rs.51.60 lakhs.
- 23 Residential Bridge Courses for Mentally Retarded Children at a cost of Rs. 1.61 crores is planned.
- 382 differently abled children will be assisted with hostel facilities at a cost of Rs. 30.56 lakhs.
- Rs. 13.39 lakhs is allotted for the provision of stationeries and uniforms to 1217 differently abled children.
- Capacity building training to teachers, parents, teacher educators and special teachers at a cost of Rs.1.29 crore.
- To provide life skill training and exposure visit to differently abled children at a cost of Rs.36.20 lakhs.

All the above activities are planned at a cost of Rs.39.03 crore.

10.4. Government Examinations

The Government have granted the following concessions for the differently abled students appearing for Public Examinations (viz. HSC, SSLC, OSLC, Matric, AISLC and ESLC.,) conducted by the Government Examinations Department:

Sl. No.	Disabled Category	Concessions grants
1.	Visually Handicapped	i) Scribe. ii) Extra one hour time
2.	Deaf and Dumb	i) Extra one hour time. ii) One Language Exemption
3.	Paralysis, Handicapped due to accident	i) Extra one hour time. ii) Scribe.
4.	Mentally retarded	i) Extra one hour time. ii) One Language Exemption.
5.	Dyslexia	i) Extra one hour time. ii) Use of calculator. iii) Use of Clark's Table. iv) Scribe either to write the Examination or to study the question paper. v) One Language Exemption vi) To omit Grammatical errors and consider to subject content while value the subject papers other than language.
6	Neurological disorders	Use of computer and chart are permitted in addition to the concessions granted to dyslexia students.

The Number of Differently abled students who have availed the above concession in March 2010 Public Examinations is shown below

Examination	Visually Handicapped	Deaf and Dumb	Other Differently abled students
Higher Secondary	210	77	131
Secondary	413	543	246
Matriculation and Anglo-Indian	3	19	68
Total	626	639	445

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