

SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Policy Note for the year 2009 – 2010

Demand No. 43

ஒருமைக்கண் தான்கற்ற கல்வி ஒருவற்கு
எழுமையும் ஏமாப்பு உடைத்து

-அய்யன் திருவள்ளுவர்

ஒரு தலைமுறையில் பெறும் கல்வி அறிவானது,
ஏழேழு தலைமுறைக்கும் பாதுகாப்பாக அமையும்.

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Under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu becomes 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 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 enrich 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.

FINACIAL OUTLAY

The outlay for School Education in 2009-2010 in Demand No.43 is Rs.9147.58 crore. Of this Rs.1063.23 crore is under Plan Schemes.

Budget Estimate 2009-10				
		(Rupees in Lakhs)		
	Head of Account	Plan	Non-plan	Total
2059	Public Works	0.00	3335.00	3335.00
2202	General Education			
	01 Elementary Education	45943.96	402724.51	448668.47
	02 Secondary Education	30513.93	396697.90	427211.83
	04 Adult Education	14.92	101.40	116.32
	05 Language Development	2.53	725.12	727.65
	Total - General Education	76475.34	800248.93	876724.27
2204	Sports & Youth Services	321.59	185.39	506.98
2205	Art & Culture	50.00	3517.36	3567.36
2225	Welfare of SC & ST and other Backward Classes	3251.22	25.86	3277.08
2235	Social Security and Welfare	0.00	513.21	513.21
2251	Secretariat - Social Service	0.00	525.21	525.21
4202	Capital Outley	26224.67	0.00	26224.67
7610	Loans to Government Servants	0.00	5.00	5.00
7615	Miscellaneous Loans	0.00	0.50	0.50
	ADD - Recoveries			79.22
	Total	106322.82	808356.46	914758.50

PART II SCHEMES FOR THE YEAR 2009 - 2010

Sl. No.	Details of the Scheme	Allocated outlay (Rs. in Lakhs)
Secretariat - School Education Department		
1.	Computerisation of School Education Department, Secretariat	5.10
2.	Provision of Air conditioner to Server Room in School Education Department, Secretariat	0.30
Elementary Education		
3.	Additional funds requirement for construction of buildings of District Elementary Educational Offices and Assistant	119.66

	Elementary Educational Offices	
4.	Provision of TVS Printers for 300 AEEO's Offices	36.00
5.	Computer training to District Elementary Educational Office Staffs	0.53
6.	Training to Assistant Elementary Educational Officers and Additional Assistant Elementary Educational Officers	4.17
School Education		
7.	Provision of Science Equipments for 100 Government High Schools	40.00
8.	Provision of Lab Equipments for 100 Government Higher Secondary Schools	100.00
9.	Increasing Library Facilities for 100 High/100 Higher Secondary Schools	40.00
10.	Provisions of Mathematical Laboratory for 50 Government High Schools and 50 Government Higher Secondary Schools	100.00
11.	Administrative Training and Institutional Planning Programme for Headmasters of High/Higher Secondary Schools	30.00
12.	Training Programme to English Teachers regarding English Language Lab and English Phonology	20.00
13.	Provision of Computer Aided Language Learning Laboratories for 500 Government Higher Secondary Schools	52.00
14.	Construction of New Office Building for the Chief Educational Office Tiruvallur District	78.00
Government Examinations		
15.	Purchase of 2 Photo Copier Machines (Xerox Machines) for Directorate.	1.20
16.	Purchase of Heavy type Steel Record Rack for the Record Room of the Directorate	5.00
17.	Purchase of 750 nos Steel Almirah (Double Lock System) for keeping the Question Papers under the safe custody of Custodian at custodian Point	75.00
Public Libraries		
18.	Provision of Air Conditioning facility to Text Book section in third floor of Connemara Public Library	20.00
Education Research & Training		
19.	Upscaling the Dilapidated infrastructure of the Government Teacher Training Institutes	60.00
20.	Strengthening the Computerization of Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training	2.75
Matriculation Schools		
21.	Provision of one Photocopier to Directorate of Matriculation School	1.50
Non-Formal and Adult Education		
22.	Purchase of 4 Computers for the use of Directorate of Non Formal and Adult Education	1.60
Teachers' Recruitment Board		
23.	Purchase of 5 Computers and accessories for Office use of Teachers Recruitment Board	2.25
24.	Provision of 2 new Air conditioners with	0.80

	installation charges for use of Computer Room in section Teachers Recruitment Board	
25.	Purchase of touch screen computer system for the use of the candidate coming to TRB regarding various enquires	1.00
26.	Modernization of Teachers' Recruitment Board by purchasing of Furniture and File racks.	2.00
27.	Purchase of One New Photocopier	1.50
	Total	800.36

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

POLICY AND SCHEMES

1. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Education is an important component in the process of human development. The state has a policy objective of universal elementary education through the enrolment and retention of all children in the age group of 6 – 14. 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 missionary zeal. The State Government have taken concrete steps and series of initiatives to provide Quality Education for All.

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

6. to bridge all gender and social gaps in elementary education.

1.2. Opening of new Primary and Middle Schools

Year	Primary School	Middle School
2006-07	126	234
2007-08	210	338
2008-09	-	1005

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. posts are being filled up through transparent counseling. The details of filling up of teachers posts from the Academic Year 2006-2007 are given below:-

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

1.4. 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, has been introduced in schools. The salient features of this methodology are:

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

1.5. 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 SSA are conducted in collaboration with Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training (DTERT), to enhance the role of teacher as a facilitator.

Welfare Schemes

The Government, based on the conviction that a child's development is linked with social progress, have implemented several welfare schemes, for the benefit of the School Children.

1.6. Free Noon Meal Scheme

Tamil Nadu has been the pioneer in introducing the Noon-Meal Scheme. This scheme covers nearly 43,76,987 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. As a result of the scheme, enrolment rate has increased and dropout rate has decreased.

1.7. Free Supply of Text Books

The scheme of free supply of textbooks covers all children studying in Government and Government Aided Schools including self financing sections in aided schools and recognised self financing institutions adopting the State syllabus. 46,80,244 students are benefited in this scheme.

1.8. 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 are benefited in this scheme.

1.9. Free Bus Pass

The free Bus Pass scheme covering students from Std I to XII studying under the State Board syllabus has enabled access to schools easy. 2,81,783 students are benefited in this scheme

1.10. 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 Upper Primary classes, enabling them to grip with the advancements in the field of Science and Technology.

1.11. 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 to these schools without delay.

1.12. Best School Award

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

- Increase in enrolment with special reference to SC/ST or Girl Children
- Increase in the Retention Rate
- Increase in Completion Rate
- Decrease in Drop Out 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.

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 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.

1.13. Objectives:

- ❖ To ensure all children in *School, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternative school, Back to School camp*.
- ❖ To Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage.
- ❖ To Focus on Elementary Education of satisfactory quality with emphasis of education for life.
- ❖ Universal retention by 2010.

1.14. Achievements – 2008 – 2009

Outlay & Expenditure

- ❖ Our State has spent Rs.844.569 crore during 2008-2009 for various activities.

Opening of schools & Appointment of Teachers

- ❖ 1005 primary schools have been upgraded into middle schools.
- ❖ 1577 teacher posts have been created and teachers appointed.

Civil Works

- ❖ Construction of 9085 classrooms is in progress.

Enrolment of Out-of-school Children

- ❖ 69,071 Out-of-school children have been enrolled and mainstreamed.

Inclusive Education for the Disabled (IED)

- ❖ 40 NGOs involved in implementation of *Inclusive Education for the children with special needs*
- ❖ Assistive devices have been supplied to 19,400 children
- ❖ 17,083 children benefited through home-based training and education
- ❖ 304 day care centres functioning.

Teacher Training

- ❖ Need-based in-service training is given to nearly two lakh teachers every year.

1.15. 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. 2934 girls have been enrolled in 54 Residential schools. During 2008-09, the percentage of girls who passed VIII Std from these schools is 95%. They will be mainstreamed in IX Std in the current year.

1.16. Quality Interventions:

The Government has 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 VI, VII and VIII classes 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 have greatly improved. The new curricula and pedagogic changes have been enthusiastically received, accepted by the teachers, learners and parents.

1.17. Improvement in Educational Indicators

At Primary level, the *dropout rate* has been reduced from 1.91% in 2005-06 to 1.23% in 2007-08 and at upper Primary level, the dropout rate has decreased from 4.08% in 2005-06 to 1.90% in 2007-08.

1.18. Important Activities proposed to be implemented in 2009-2010

Civil Works

- ❖ Buildings for Upper Primary schools upgraded during 2009-10.
- ❖ Provision of 3871 toilets and 437 Drinking water facilities to schools.
- ❖ Furniture to be provided to cover 9,29,940 children in VI to VIII classes.

Grants

- ❖ Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) grant of Rs.20,000 each to 5 new primary schools.

- ❖ Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) grant of Rs.50,000 each to 831 newly upgraded middle schools.
- ❖ Maintenance grant @ Rs.7,500 to 35,236 schools.
- ❖ School grant @ Rs.5,000 to 37,792 schools and @ Rs.7,000 to 15,050 schools.
- ❖ Teacher grant @ Rs.500 to 2,09,918 teachers working in Primary and Upper Primary schools

Enrolling Out-of-School Children

- ❖ 66,896 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.

Inclusive Education for the Disabled

- ❖ Around 1.18 lakh disabled children will be covered.
- ❖ Assistive devices will be supplied to 19,477 children.
- ❖ 45,495 teachers and special teachers will be trained.

In-service Training

- ❖ Around two lakh teachers will be covered under *in-service training*.

Innovative Activities

- ❖ 3,000 computers will be supplied to schools and 19,400 teachers will be trained in computer skills through *Computer Aided Learning (CAL)*.
- ❖ 20,315 Anganwadi workers will be trained and play/learning materials will be supplied to 6,383 *Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)* centres.
- ❖ 58,590 Girls and 85,680 SC/ST and minority children will be given English communication skills training.

Community Training

- ❖ 1.75 lakh Village Education Committee (VEC) members will be trained on their role in SSA context.

1.19. Kasthuba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Scheme

- ❖ 54 Residential schools will continue to function in 38 *Educationally Backward Blocks* in 11 Districts.
- ❖ 3 existing Residential schools with strength of 50 children will be upgraded into schools with 100 children.

All these activities will be carried out with an outlay of Rs. 862.309 Crore.

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 & boys.

2.2. Objectives

1. Availability of secondary schools in needy areas.
2. Increase the enrolment rate
3. Improve the infrastructure facilities and the existing facilities in High and Higher Secondary School
4. Improve skills of the teachers for efficient teaching
5. Impart computer Education.
6. Provide life skills and Vocational Training
7. Develop language fluency and communication skills.

2.3. Strategies

The above objectives are achieved by establishing new High / Higher secondary schools in underserved areas, carrying out special enrolment drives, improving need based infrastructure facilities by availing the financial resources through funding agencies like NABARD, using computer aided techniques and e-learning equipments for improving the quality of the teaching-learning process, improving pre-service and in-service training facilities, giving special emphasis for the vulnerable sections of the society and expanding welfare schemes.

Incentive Based Schemes

2.4. Free Supply of Text Books

Standardized Text Books are supplied free of cost to Students studying in Standard I to XII in Government, Aided Schools and the students studying in State Board syllabus in Tamil Medium in the self financing Schools. During 2008-2009, 6002779 students in Standard I to XII were benefited under this Scheme. Nearly 3.34 Lakhs text books were distributed free of cost to 83652 Children who have lost their text books in the devastating floods occurred during the month of November 2008.

2.5. Free Supply of Bicycles

Government introduced a scheme for supplying free bicycles to students studying in Government / Aided and partly Aided schools. Apart from the free Cycles distributed through Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department and Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department During 2008-09 an amount of Rs. 3,65,78,000 was sanctioned by Government to school Education Department towards supply of Free Cycles. Totally 560381 students studying in Higher Secondary Schools were benefited including 12658 OC students.

2.6. Free Bus Pass

The scheme of providing free or concessional bus passes to students is being implemented this year also at a cost of around Rs.300 crores.

2.7. English Language Laboratories and Computer Aided Language Laboratories

To develop English speaking skills of students and to get better employment opportunities, it is proposed to establish English Language Laboratories in selected schools at a cost of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per school with the assistance of ELCOT. During 2008-09, Rs 100.00 lakhs was sanctioned towards this Scheme. It is also proposed to convert the existing English Language Lab into Computer Aided Language Learning Labs in selected 500 Higher Secondary Schools at a total Cost of Rs. 52.00 lakhs by adding certain additional equipments to the existing computer laboratories.

2.8. Mathematical Laboratories

Mathematical Laboratories have been established to introduce new methods of teaching and learning mathematics by educating the students through practicals with creative participation. This scheme is useful for the students studying in 6 to 8 standards particularly in Rural Schools. Orders have been issued to setup Maths Lab in 100 Government High Schools initially. The Government have sanctioned Rs 1.00 lakh per School towards the implementation of the scheme during 2008-09. It has been proposed to extend this scheme in 50 Government High Schools and 50 Government Higher Secondary Schools in the year 2009-2010

2.9. Provision of Computers to Top ranking Tamil Medium students

The Government have introduced a new scheme of providing Laptop as a reward to top ranking Tamil Medium students in X Standard Public Examination from the year 2008. In the year 2009. Rs.326.50 Lakhs has been sanctioned for this scheme and 1100 Students are benefited.

2.10. Improvement of Science Laboratories

Every High school & Higher Secondary School need, fully equipped Science Laboratories to teach science. For the year 2008-09, the Government have sanctioned Rs. 50.00 lakhs for the purchase of Science Equipments to High Schools and Rs 90.00 Lakhs for the purchase of Lab Equipments to Higher Secondary Schools. This scheme will be extended this year also.

2.11. Library facilities

With a view to motivate interest among students towards reading of books, the Government have decided to supply Library books to 100 Government High school

and 100 Government Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs. 40.00 lakhs during 2008-09. This scheme will be extended this year also.

2.12. Provision of Computers to High and Higher Secondary Schools

Computer Education Scheme was introduced by the Government with the objective of generating computer literates among the students. 1980 Government Higher Secondary Schools and 1525 Government High Schools were already provided with Computers under this Scheme. The remaining 100 Higher Secondary Schools and 606 High Schools are also covered during 2008-09. During 2009-10 it is proposed to strengthen the facilities already available in Government Higher Secondary School under ICT.

2.13. Opening of High Schools

120 Middle schools in the year 2006-07, 110 middle Schools in the year 2007-2008, 100 Middle Schools in the year 2008-2009, 100 Middle Schools in the year 2009-2010, were upgraded as High Schools.

2.14. Opening of Higher Secondary Schools

120 High Schools in the year 2006-2007, 100 High Schools in the year 2007-2008, 100 High Schools in the year 2008-2009, 100 High Schools in the Year 2009-2010, were upgraded as Higher Secondary Schools.

2.15. E-Governance in School Education Department

A comprehensive Portal (web site) has been created (www.pallikalvi.in) by Parent Teachers' Association for the School Education Department. This portal will serve students, teachers, parents as well as General Public.

The website will facilitate the efficient and transparent administration in the School Education Department. The portal will also help interested donors to access information about the needs of various institutions to build public private partnership.

2.16. Exemption from payment of Examination Fees

The Government have abolished payment of public Examination fee for X & XII Standard students studying in Tamil Medium in all Government and Government Aided Schools.

2.17. Abolition of Special fees

From the year 2008-09 totally free Education was provided to Government & Government Aided Schools by abolishing the Special Fees for the betterment of several lakhs of students. The Government have reimbursed the fees to the tune of Rs.21.40 crore to schools.

2.18. Universalization of Secondary Education - (SUCCESS)

After having successfully achieved Universal Primary Education in our state, this Government will seek to achieve Universal Secondary Education with the objective of ensuring that every child in the state completes 10 years of schooling. The Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to Universalize the Secondary Education through the Centrally assisted programme called "Scheme for Universal Access and Quality at the Secondary Stage (SUCCESS)". The vision of this programme is to provide high quality Secondary Education to all girls and boys up to the age of 16 by 2015 and extend it to Higher Secondary Education for them up to the age of 18 by 2020. In the year 2009-2010 a sum of Rs.200 crores has been allotted as state's share for this scheme.

Under this scheme, it has been proposed to open 20 MODEL Schools during 2009-2010.

2.19. Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC)

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children seeks to provide educational opportunity for the Disabled children in Schools. Government of India provides 100% financial assistance to the Non Government Organisations for implementing the scheme.

2.20. Vocational Education in Higher Secondary Schools

High Level Committee on Vocational Education was constituted to review the present status of the Vocational Education courses offered in Higher Secondary Schools in the state and to revamp the Vocational Education in accordance with present day requirements. The Committee's recommendations have been accepted by the Government and action is being taken by Director of School Education to implement recommendation.

2.21. National Service Scheme

The aim of the National Service Scheme is to foster the virtues of leadership, self - confidence, patriotism, and the attitude of doing social service.

The Central and the State Governments make financial allocation towards the N.S.S. scheme in the ratio of 7:5. A sum of Rs.294.97 lakhs has been allotted for this scheme during 2008-2009. At present 1940 units are functioning in the state with 97,000 students of Higher Secondary Schools. The government is taking steps to continue this project as well as to extend this to other higher secondary schools which have not so far benefited.

2.22. Scouts and Guides

The scouts and guides movement is functioning in 5850 schools of Tamil Nadu, 118043 Boys and 59908 Girls have been enrolled in this movement. They engage themselves in social activities like cleaning public places, planting trees, regulating traffic and giving First Aid. The practice of awarding 'Rajya Purashkar ' title to outstanding Scout and Guides was introduced in 1998-99. The Government have allotted Rs.5 lakhs for the scheme, in 2008-2009.

2.23. Junior Red Cross Society

The 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 5465 high schools / higher secondary schools in Tamil Nadu with 198676 boys and 242374 Girls.

2.24. Eco Club

The aim of the Club is to create awareness on environment in society through providing opportunities for studying environmental education to the students.

The Eco Club has been established in 1200 Schools in 30 Districts i.e. 40 Schools in each district with financial assistance from the Environment and Forest Department. A total sum of Rs.One Lakh per District has been allotted to the District Coordinators for the purpose.

In addition, the Government of India have launched National Environment Scheme in 7500 schools in 30 Districts i.e. 250 Schools in each District. A sum of Rs.2500/- per school for 250 schools has been sanctioned by the Environment and Forest Department.

2.25. Sports / Games & Yoga

A scheme is being implemented to conduct a battery of 5 tests to identify the talents in children studying in Standards VI, VII, and VIII in all schools. With the help of the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, this scheme identifies talented children who can compete at National and International level.

The Government have issued orders during 2008-09 allocating one period exclusively for Yoga. The Physical Education teachers who are trained in yoga are imparting yoga to students along with the physical Education.

2.26. Dr.Radhakrishnan Award (State Award for Teachers)

Tamil Nadu Government have been giving the 'Best Teacher Award' since 1960 in memory of Dr.Radhakrishnan, former President of India. From 1997, the

award is being given every year on 5th of September as Dr.Radha krishnan Award. During 2007-2008, the cash prize has been enhanced from Rs 2000/- to Rs 5000/-. A silver medal and a certificate of appreciation are also given to the Awardees.

2.27. National Award for Teachers

The Ministry of Human Resource Development of Government of India gives National Award for the best teachers from all over India. In Tamil Nadu 22 teachers from Primary, Middle, High and Higher secondary schools and three from special category were given this award.

The teachers selected by the Central Government are given the National Award by the President of India on the Teacher's day in 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 traveling allowance.

2.28. National Foundation for Teachers Welfare

National Teacher's Welfare Foundation was established in 1962. The Honourable School Education Minister is the Ex-officio chairman. 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 are met from the sale of Teacher's day flags.

2.29. Cash Prize to Top Rankers

The Government have initiated this scheme to encourage the talented students to pursue their higher studies. As per this scheme, first three top rankers, at state level in the +2 examination who have studied Tamil as first language in the Higher Secondary course are awarded cash prize. From the year 2009 onwards the Government enhanced the prize amount as follows:

State Level Top Rankers

XIIth Students

1) First Rank	-	Rs. 50000/-
2) Second Rank	-	Rs. 30000/-
3) Third Rank	-	Rs. 20000/-

Likewise first three top rankers at state level in 10th Standard Examination who have studied Tamil as first language are also awarded cash prize. From the year 2009 onwards the Government have enhanced the prize amount as follows

State Level Top Rankers

Xth Students

1) First Rank	-	Rs. 25000/-
2) Second Rank	-	Rs. 20000/-
3) Third Rank	-	Rs. 15000/-

Further, at the District level, Government meet the expenditure for the higher studies of the three first rank holders in +2 Examination as detailed below:

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

Three District level top rankers (as above) in 10th exam are also given Rs.1,500/- for pursuing higher studies.

In addition to this, the Government meets the whole expenditure for the Higher Studies of those students who secure first 3 ranks in +2 examination.

In addition to this, subjectwise top rankers (first rankers) at state level in both 10th and 12th Examination are given cash awards at the rate prescribed by the Government every year.

2.30. Rural Talent Search Examination Scheme

This scheme was introduced in order to select highly talented students in rural schools. The Director of Government Examinations conduct this examination every year in August. From each district 50 boys and 50 girls, totaling 100 are selected through this examination. Selected students are given a stipend of Rs.1,000/- per year for 4 years to continue their studies from 9th standard to 12th standard. The expenditure incurred by the Government in this regard is one Crore per year. The annual income of the parent should not exceed Rs.1,00,000/-.

2.31. National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme

This scheme was introduced during 2008-09 by the Government of India. The examinations are conducted by the Directorate of Government Examinations and the beneficiaries are getting Rs. 500 per month for 12 months. Rs 75000/- is allotted per district for the conduct of the examinations. Total beneficiaries in this scheme are 6695 students.

2.32. Young Talent Scheme

Under this scheme, the hidden talents of the students are brought out by conducting competitions in Oratory, Essay writing, drawing, quiz, music, poem writing, Bharatanatyam, Folk dances, playing instruments, acting, mono-acting, dramas etc.,

Competitions are held every year at school level, Educational District level, Revenue District Level and finally at State level. The winners are selected at each level (i.e. school, Educational district Level, Revenue District level and State) and the prizes and certificates are awarded.

2.33. Financial Assistance for Students

The Government have allotted a sum of Rs.175 Lakhs towards this Scheme during the year 2009-10. As per the scheme the Student whose bread winning parent - father or mother dies in an accident or is permanently incapacitated will get Rs.50,000/-.

2.34. Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers – Agriculturists – Social Security And Welfare Scheme – 2006

Under this scheme, the children of Agricultural Labourers who have passed X and XII Standard are given scholarships as mentioned below.

	Boys	Girls
X Std Passed	Rs.1,250/-	Rs.1,500/-
X II Std Passed	Rs.1,750/-	Rs.2,000/-

During 2008-2009, an amount of Rs.8,05,85,000 was sanctioned and distributed to eligible Students. Rs.5,47,97,000 was spent towards X Standard Students and Rs.57,88,000 was spent towards XII Standard Students. This scheme will continue during 2009-2010 also.

2.35. NABARD Assistance

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. Orders of Government have been issued to provide the above facilities to 2004 schools in I to IX Phases to the estimate of Rs 1181.97 crores and the school building construction works are in progress. In 605 Schools under Phase I to III the construction works have been completed. In 978 schools covered under phase IV to VII the construction works are about to be completed. In 421 schools under Phase VIII and IX the construction works will be commencing soon. Providing of compound wall in these schools covered under Nabard Scheme in phases 1 to 7 is now under consideration at the cost of Rs. 11391.05 Lakh.

Under NABARD Scheme The Government have allotted Rs.8.31 crores for providing Science Lab Equipments to the Laboratories constructed in 594 High

School and 518 Higher Secondary Schools. Like wise Laboratories constructed under phase VIII will also be given Science Lab Equipments to the tune of around Rs.44 Lakhs.

2.36. Provision of furniture under NABARD Scheme

The Government have sanctioned the provision of 190140 benches 190140 Desks for Students and 15845 Tables and 15845 Chairs for Teachers in the additional Class rooms in 1530 Government High and Higher Secondary Schools in 29 Districts constructed under phase 1 to 7 under NABARD Rural Infrastructural Development Fund XII (RIDF XII). The Government have sanctioned Rs.69.10 crores towards the implementation of the scheme. The Furniture is being supplied through TANSI.

2.37. Parent Teachers' Association

Tamil Nadu Parent Teacher Association, Chennai-6 has been registered under Societies Acts 1975. The motto of Parent Teacher Association is to enroll all the school age children in nearby schools to continue their studies and to improve their standard of education.

In order to create infrastructure facilities in schools, donations from public as movable, immovable assets are collected. This association plays an important role in the school improvement conference also.

Question Bank Booklets and model question papers for standard 10th and 12th are printed and distributed to Pupils.

3. MATRICULATION SCHOOLS

Matriculation Schools are Self-financing institutions imparting education through English Medium, following the curriculum and Syllabus framed by the Board of Matriculation Schools. The code of Regulation of Matriculation Schools drafted during 1978 is still in force. 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, 3619 Matriculation Schools and 15 Inspector of Matriculation School Offices are functioning under the Directorate of Matriculation Schools.

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 in the standards from I to X in all schools in a phased

manner, commencing from the academic year 2006-2007. Accordingly, The pattern of education has also been changed as detailed below.

PART I	TAMIL (COMPULSORY)
PART II	ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)
PART III	Other subjects (Maths, Science Social Science etc)
PART IV	Students who do not have either tamil or English as their mother tongue can study their mother tongue as optional subject

As such, necessary instructions have been issued to the Heads of Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools to teach Tamil language in Part I as compulsory language in a phased manner from the academic year 2006-07. Tamil Language shall be as a Compulsory Subject from Std I to IV, in the academic year 2009-2010.

3.2. Supply of Free Tamil Text Books

Tamil Text Books are supplied free of cost from Standards 1-12 to all students studying in Matriculation schools and Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools from the Academic Year 2007-2008 through Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation. 21,01,909 students were benefited by this scheme at a cost of Rs.2.25 crores. This scheme will be continued for the Academic Year 2009-2010 also.

3.3. Opening / Recognition for LKG & UKG Stds

As per the Code of Regulation of Matriculation Schools, permission is accorded for opening of Standards I to X & I to XII respectively. Since most of Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools are enrolling children in LKG/UKG Standards, Government have issued orders framing guidelines for opening/Re-cognition of LKG/UKG standards in Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools. Further, necessary amendment have been issued to code of Regulation of Matriculation Schools, incorporating LKG/UKG Standards.

3.4. Cash Prize to Top Rankers

First three top rankers at State Level in 10th Std. Matriculation Examination who have studied tamil as first language in Matriculation/Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools are awarded Cash Prize as follows from the Academic Year 2008

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

4. TEACHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TRAINING

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

4.1. Vision of this Department is to:-

- Transform District Institutes of Education and Training into vibrant District Level Resource Centres.
- Evolve District Institutes of Education and Training as platforms for sharing innovations and experiments in education.
- Develop linkages between all the national agencies like National Council of Teacher Education, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Regional Institute of Education and international organizations.
- Develop curriculum, syllabus and textbooks periodically, incorporating constructive approaches.
- Develop trainers manuals' and audio-video educational software to strengthen media-based learning.

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 strengthen the professionalism of District Institutes of Education and Training faculty and equip them with required knowledge and skills to respond to the needs of teachers at the District Level.

4.3. Status of Teacher Training Institutes

At present, 751 Teacher Training Institutes are imparting Diploma in Teacher Education Programme in the State. The intake of Diploma in Teacher Education students in these institutions is 51380. Single Window Counselling System is followed for admitting students under Government Quota in all the District Institutes of Education and Trainings and Government and Private Teacher Training Institutes.

4.4. 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 Skill Education has been imparted to adolescents in 9,722 schools, with the help of Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society

4.5. English Language Labs

17 DIETs and Government Teacher Training Institute, Coimbatore, were provided with English Language Labs during 2008-2009 to provide on going training in Communicative English to teacher educators and practising teachers. The Language Labs will help the DIETs to improve the communicative competence of about 400 teacher-trainees.

4.6. Development of Source Books

Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training has undertaken the task of revising the Diploma in Teacher Education curriculum and syllabus in the light of National Curriculum Frame work, 2005. New syllabus for Diploma Teacher Education subjects have 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.

4.7. National Population Education Programme

Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training has been implementing the National Population Education Programme funded by Ministry of Human Resource Development Department. Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training has proposed to release a NPEP Newsletter.

4.8. 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, each unit, comprising of 50 student-volunteers.

4.9. Educational Television Studio

Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training's Educational Television studio is constantly involved in creating scripts for educational television programmes and in producing subject related video cassettes. The videos are given to Doordharshan for educational telecast. "Kanbom Karpom," the educational telecast on Mondays and Fridays benefit students at the elementary level.

4.10. EDUSAT

EDUSAT is utilized to the optimum level for training and interaction in a distance mode 24 programmes were done involving 400 District Institutes of Education and Training faculty members and 200 BRTEs. EDUSAT Programmes are relayed on every Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month. It is proposed to give 30 interactive programmes for 600 teacher-educators and teachers in the academic year 2009-2010.

4.11. Induction Training

Induction training to newly recruited teachers have been imparted by this Directorate. 1269 Post Graduate teachers and 1849 Graduate teachers were given induction training.

4.12. In-Service Training

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

4.13. Establishment of DIETs at newly bifurcated Perambalur and Coimbatore districts

Proposals have been submitted to Government of India for the Establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training at the newly bifurcated Perambalur and Coimbatore Districts.

4.14. 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. Important activities and plans of this directorate have been hosted in its website www.dtert.tn.nic.in.

5. NON-FORMAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

Mission set out for this Department are, providing functional literacy skill to all non-literates in the age group of 15-35, establishing Continuing Education Centres in all villages of Tamil Nadu to provide learning environment, recreational facilities and self employment opportunities and to reduce gender disparity in literacy rate through

Special Literacy Programmes for women in the educationally backward district/blocks in Tamil Nadu to achieve the task.

5.1. Continuing Education Programme

The Continuing Education Programme is implemented as a follow up of Total Literacy Campaign and Post Literacy Programme of Arivoli Iyakkam.

A sum of Rs.82.12 Crores has been received from the Government of India for implementing Continuing Education Programme. In Tamilnadu the scheme is being implemented in all 31 districts through 12,632 Continuing Education Centres and 1475 Nodal Continuing Education Centres. Total number of beneficiaries under Continuing Education Programme are 58.96 lakhs, out of which 23.27 lakhs are men and 35.69 Lakhs women.

5.2. Special Literacy Programme for Women

Wherever the female literacy rate is very low, this special literacy programme for women was introduced in 3 stages. The Government of Tamilnadu have released 4.53 Crores for implementing Special Literacy Programme for Women.

5.3. Project for Residual Illiteracy (PRI)

The centre and the State Government's have taken keen interest to enhance the literacy rate wherever the literacy rate of women is lesser than the state average . For this, "Project for Residual Illiteracy "is implemented in 17 Districts with the financial assistance of 2:1 by centre and state. Through this scheme, 7,90,803 women are benefited in the state.

5.4. National Institute of Open Schooling

The neo-literates and others who want to enhance their literacy skills are given opportunity to have the education status by coaching them equal to the formal education system level A (III Std) level B (V STd) Level C (VIII Std), in collaboration with NIOS through Continuing Education Centres. Under this scheme, 5875 neo-literates have been enrolled.

5.5. 100 Days Women literacy programme

The Director of Nonformal and Adult Education, has introduced 100 days women literacy programme to reduce the gender gap between male and female literacy, by way of this rapid literacy programme. For this purpose "100 Days women literacy Programme" is introduced in one centre in each block in all the districts of Tamilnadu. The new method of Activity Based Learning is incorporated in this programme.

6. GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

The Department of Government Examinations was formed in 1975 by bifurcating the Directorate of School Education.

6.1. Responsibilities

Conduct of school final public examinations and releasing the results in time are the prime duties of this Department. This department conducts 33 examinations, namely S.S.L.C./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 Higher Secondary/S.S.L.C./Matric/ Anglo-Indian examinations are conducted in three sessions i.e., March/April, June/July and September/ October. Other examinations are conducted once in a year.

On request from those who lost their public examination certificates issued, 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 certificates issued by this department. Action is initiated against those who produce bogus certificates.

This department further issues Migration Certificate to candidates who have passed 10th / 12th Standard examinations of this State and desire 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. Computersation of examinations results for S.S.L.C and Higher Secondary 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 Government of India, this Department conducts all U.P.S.C. / S.S.C. examinations at Chennai centre every year, which includes Civil Services examination. Nearly 14 examinations of U.P.S.C. and 12 examinations of 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 results.

6.6. Retotalling of Marks in Answer Scripts and obtaining Xerox copy 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 +2 Answer sheet, Xerox copies of answer sheets were issued only for seven subjects to the candidates. From March 2009 this system has been extended to all subjects.

6.7. Special Supplemental Examinations

Special supplementary public examination are conducted in the month of June for the students failing in one or two or three subjects in S.S.L.C. and Higher Secondary Examinations held in March, so as to enable them to join in Higher studies immediately without wasting a 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 10th standard and those who have secured 60% and above marks in 9th standard were eligible to apply for NTSE examination. From 2006 onwards the scheme was revised and the student who are

studying in 8th standard during that particular academic year and those who have secured 60% and above marks in 7th standard are eligible for this examination.

After the publication of result of 1st level examination by the Directorate, the 2nd level examination is conducted by NCERT at National level followed by Interviews. The selected students are awarded Rs.500/- per month as Scholarship from 9th 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.

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6.9. Five minutes extra time for filling up of particulars of candidates' as stress free time.

From March 2008 examinations 10 minutes extra time has been granted for the students appearing for Xth std and Plus 2 examinations, for every subject at the beginning to go through the question paper, do mind mapping and prepare themselves psychologically before taking the examination. This would be extremely beneficial to students in rural areas traveling long distances to reach the examination hall.

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 sheet.

6.10. 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 to select the candidate based on the rule of reservation and marks obtained in the examination for getting scholarship.

According to the Scheme candidates who have passed 8th 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 9th Standard onwards upto 12th standard. For the Academic Year 2007-08, this examination was conducted during August 2008. For the Academic Year 2008-09, examination was conducted during November 2008.

6.11. WEB SITE

An exclusive web-site for this department with the address www.tn.gov.in/dge is in place for displaying the details such as Time-Table, Format of Application Forms, fees for duplicate certificate and Certified Copy of Marksheet (CCM) in respect of various examinations conducted by this department. For the benefit of the student community, previous year question papers of Higher Secondary and SSLC Public Examinations have been hosted in this website.

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 Exchanges, 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.

7.1. Plans for 2009-2010

(i) The Teachers Recruitment Board is taking action to recruit **5773** Secondary Grade teachers for Elementary Education Department based on Employment Seniority and 33 Assistant Educational Officers through competitive written Examination.

(ii) The board is taking action to recruit **1195** posts of Lecturers in the Tamil Nadu Collegiate Educational Service for Government Arts & Science Colleges and Colleges of Education.

(iii) The Teachers Recruitment Board is taking action to recruit 15 Lecturers (Senior scale) and 7 Lecturers (Pre-law) for Government Law Colleges, through Competitive Written Examination. The Board has formulated syllabus which will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government gazette.

7.2. Website:

For the benefit of Public to know the various stages of recruitment the details of vacancies, schedules of selection examination, marks obtained by the candidates in the written examination and the final selection list after verification of certificates etc., are uploaded in website <http://trb.tn.nic.in> of Teachers' Recruitment.

8. TAMILNADU TEXTBOOK CORPORATION

The main objective of the Tamil Nadu Textbook 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 Text books at free of cost to all the students studying under the State Board Syllabus from standards 1st std to 12th std

and to provide free books to Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare and Backward, Most Backward and Minorities Welfare Department Schools.

8.1. Textbooks

The Tamilnadu Textbook Corporation prints a total of 502 titles for 1st to 12th Std., consisting of 529 Text books (including Vol. I and Vol. II) as well as books for Vocational Training and Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education. The detail is as under:-

- Textbooks for 1-12 Stds. of State Board Syllabus
- Vocational Textbooks for +1, +2
- 10th Std. books for Matriculation and Anglo-Indian Schools
- Environmental Educational Books for VI to XII Std.
- Diploma course in Engineering Books for First and Second semester of Polytechnic
- Textbooks and Readers for minority language students from Stds. 1-10 and Language books only for +1, +2 Students.
- Source books for Diploma in Teacher Education.
- Guides for Std. 10th and +2 students of Adi Dravidar, Backward classes and Most Backward Department Schools.
- Question Bank, Solution Book and Model Question booklet for X and XII Students for Parent Teachers Association.

8.2. Free Textbooks

The Corporation prints and supplies Free Textbooks to all the students enrolled from Standards 1st to 12th in the Government Schools, Government Aided Schools and Students studying in State Board syllabus in Tamil Medium in the Self Financing Schools. Tamil Readers from 1st to 12th Standards 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 to the Adi Dravida and Tribal Welfare Schools, Backward, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department Schools, Social Welfare Department Schools and Forest Department schools are supplied directly to the concerned Departments through the Regional Offices of this Corporation.

8.4. Supply of free Textbooks to the Tamil students in other states

Tamilnadu Textbook Corporation supplies Textbooks free of cost for the benefit of Tamil Students in other States viz., Mumbai Municipal Corporation 2) Delhi Tamil Sangam 3) Ahamedabad Municipal Corporation 4) Andaman Nichobar Administration and Tamil Aiykya Sangam, Kochin.

8.5. Notebooks

Tamilnadu Textbook Corporation brings out notebooks also for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department Schools, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department Schools, Social Welfare Department Schools as well as for open market sales.

8.6. Flood Relief

In the month of November-December 2008, large number of districts got Flood affected due to heavy rain fall / Cyclone. In pursuance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement the Tamilnadu Textbook Corporation distributed Text Books free of cost for standard 1-12 in the flood affected areas.

8.7. Website

Tamil Nadu is the only State in the country to publish Textbooks from 1 to 12th Stds. on the web – site.

The Tamilnadu Textbook Corporation has brought out 529 books in six languages namely Tamil, English, and the Minority languages (viz) Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Urdu. Out of 529 books, 348 books have been hosted in the web site www.textbooksonline.tn.nic.in. 21 Books pertaining to DTERT and Xth class of matriculation schools were added on the Web-site from 8th of September 2008. The launching of remaining 160 Textbooks will be taken up in a phased manner.

9. PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The noble vision of this department is to promote library movement as a people's movement.

9.1. Mission:-

1. Popularising Library Movement as people's movement
2. Providing Libraries with adequate infrastructural facilities
3. Providing adequate reading materials
4. Resource building and mobilisation of funds

9.2. Strategies:-

- I. Providing easy access and "Library to all" by opening of New Libraries
- II. Computerization of Libraries
- III. Digitalization of Libraries
- IV. Creation of Web-Site
- V. Create awareness among Public
- VI. Resource Mobilisation for Library service
- VII. Opening of Civil Service Study Circle in major libraries
- VIII. Construction of Library Buildings
- IX. Provision of Multi Media facilities to Children section in District Central Libraries
- X. Adoption of Libraries by Private Organization
- XI. Organisation of Book Park with Book Sellers / Publishers.
- XII. Conducting Library Improvement Conferences.

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, 3924 libraries in various categories as detailed below, are functioning in the State.

(1) State Central Library (Connemara Public Library)	-	1
(2) District Central Libraries	-	30
(3) Branch Libraries	-	1567
(4) Mobile Libraries	-	12
(5) Village Libraries	-	1827
(6) Part-time Libraries	-	487

Total		3924

9.3. Computerization

The Public Libraries are being computerized, so as to improve the library services

The following Libraries are computerized and provided with Internet and E-mail facilities.

1. Connemara Public Library, Chennai.
2. 30 District Central Libraries
3. 100 Branch Libraries situated in Corporation / Municipal areas.

In addition 50 Libraries are being computerised during the year 2008-09.

9.4. Digitalization of Library

To preserve the old and rare books in compact discs (CD), separate section with 5 scanners is functioning in the Connemara Public Library. The digitalisation includes news papers and old collections of Connemara Public Library. The work relating to Preservation of old and rare collections of Connemara Public Library in CD form is also being carried out under in TTDSV Digital Library Project using 9 Scanners separately

9.5. Creation of Web-Site

The creation of website is very much essential to know the details about the functioning of libraries without entering into the libraries from the residence or elsewhere. Details can be made available to the readers from the website.

A Website is created for the Connemara Public Library and the website in www.connemarapubliclibrarychennai.com more informations useful to the public are made available in the website.

Action is being taken for Creation of website for the Directorate of Public Libraries and the District Central Libraries in the State.

9.6. Introduction of Library Software

State Central Library, 30 District Central Libraries, 1567 Branch Libraries 1827 Village Libraries are functioning in the Public Libraries Department. The issue of books and lending of books to the members can be done through computers in a phased manner. To implement this, there is a need for the library software. Library software will be created soon.

9.7. News Letter

On behalf of the Public Libraries Department, a quarterly magazine “**POTHU NOOLAGA CHEITHI MADAL**” is being published since 1996. Developmental activities of the Department and informations about library movement are highlighted, in it and it is well received by the Public. So far, 50 issues have come out.

9.8. Vasakar Vattam

In order to make the library movement a public movement and to develop the reading habits among the Public, a forum called “**VASAKAR VATTAM**” (Readers’ Forum) is formed for every library comprising of educationists, readers and local

prominent persons etc., This Forum is periodically conducting Book Review, Literary Lectures, etc. Vasakar Vattam has been formed in all the 30 District Central Libraries and 1567 Branch Libraries.

9.9. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation Assistance

The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, is an autonomous organisation functioning under the control of Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Foundation is rendering financial assistance under matching and non-matching assistance to the States for developing library service. The Public Libraries Department of Government of Tamilnadu is availing the maximum assistance of Rs. 200/- lakhs every year from the Foundation. The financial assistance is utilized for purchase of Books, Computers, Book Racks, Training Programme and Construction of Library Buildings, etc.

9.10 Purchase of Books

In order to provide public with the recent, costly and valuable books, books are being purchased for the libraries every year under centralized purchase system for about Rs.10/- Crores, for both Tamil and English. The maximum number of copies of Tamil Books purchased for Libraries has been enhanced from 750 to 1000, in the year 2008-09.

The amount spent and the number of books purchased for the last few years, are given below:

Sl.No	Year	Amount in Lakhs	No of Titles
1.	2006-2007	171.00	419
2.	2007-2008	1792.00	7214

9.11. Civil Services Study Circle

“Civil Service Study Circle” have been started in 150 Libraries including District Central Libraries and Libraries located in Corporation and Municipal areas for the benefit of the youth of the downtrodden and weaker sections to participate in the Competitive Examinations conducted by various organizations such as the TNPSC, UPSC, Banking Services Recruitment Board, and Railway Recruitment Board etc. and to appear for the Civil Services examinations. During this year, 50 more Civil Services Study Circle are to be opened.

9.12. Construction of Library Buildings

Out of 3924 Public Libraries, 1611 Libraries are functioning in own buildings, 2010 Libraries are functioning in rent-free buildings and 303 Libraries are functioning in rented buildings. Construction of Library building is taken up mostly through MLA or MP Fund or District Development Fund.

During this year, 47 library buildings are under construction at an estimated cost of Rs 5.31 crores. Special repairs to 62 libraries at an estimates of Rs 2 crores is also being carried out.

9.13. Multimedia to Children Section

The habit of reading books apart from text books should be developed at the young age itself. To inculcate the reading habit, Children section were started in the Libraries. Multimedia can make more interesting.

Out of 30 District Central Libraries, this scheme was implemented in 10 libraries at a cost of Rs.2.00 lakhs each, by providing computers with multi-media software and toys.

9.14. Book Park

In order to develop reading habits among the public, a permanent Book Park has been established at Connemara Public Library, Chennai. Book Exhibitions are being conducted in the District Central Libraries every year during the celebration of National Library Week in the month of November, with the assistance of Book Sellers/Publishers. As this move is appreciated by the public at large, District level book parks were organised in Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai, with the help of Book Sellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI), Chennai.

9.15. Maraimalai Adigal Noolagam

Maraimalai Adigal Noolagam, a Government aided private library, with rich collection of Tamil literature was functioning in a dilapidated building at Lingi Chetty street, Chennai. Accepting the request of the Tamil Scholars and others, Government have issued orders to house the library in the Connemara Public Library campus. Accordingly, the library has been shifted to Connemara Public Library.

9.16. Anna Centenary Library

Current science books, new publications, Historical works as well as reference books still remain beyond the reach of common man and poor students and therefore, to ensure their easy accessibility, the Government have decided to establish a 'Anna

Centenary Library' of international standard at Chennai. This Library will have all books and internet-based publications with modern infrastructure and will be an enormous model library. The total cost of this project will be about Rs.165 crores. This project is now being carried out swiftly.

9.17. Formation of Welfare Board

Government have decided to establish a Welfare Board for the welfare of Book Publishers, Book Distributors and the labourers working in the field. For this, Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.50/- lakhs in the year 2008-09 and speedy action is being taken to establish Welfare Board.

9.18. Library Improvement Conference

The Library Improvement Conference paves the way for fulfilling the basic needs of the Libraries. Donations are received from the public to fulfil their needs in the form of land, buildings, furniture, computers, book racks, books, etc.,. Library Improvement Conference is organized by combining three or four districts. The first improvement conference was organized in Coimbatore by combining Coimbatore, Erode and Nilgiris Districts. The second improvement conference was organized in Theni by combining Theni, Madurai and Dindigul Districts. The third improvement conference was organized in Tiruchirapalli by combining Tiruchirapalli, Perambalur and Karur Districts. The fourth Improvement Conference was organized in Virudhunagar by combining Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai Districts. The fifth Improvement Conference was organized in Thiruvannamalai by coming Thiruvannamalai, Vellore and Villupuram Districts.

Connemara Public Library

The vision of the Connemara Public Library is to preserve the old and rare books, newspapers and periodicals by copying them in CD and to impart training in Information Technology to enhance the service ability of the staff of the Library, for providing right information to the right readers in right time.

The Connemara Public Library is the State Central Library under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Public Libraries Act, 1948. The Library is also functioning as one of the National Repositories under the Delivery of Books (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 and it is eligible to receive copies of each publication including Newspapers and periodicals published in India as free of cost from the publishers. The Library also serves as the Information centre for United Nations and Asian Development Bank Publications.

It has a collection of 6.85 lakhs of books. The services of the Connemara Public Library has been fully computerized. There are about 1500 readers coming to the Library daily and the members of this Library is 119095.

- ❖ The Library has facilities to preserve the Books, Periodicals and Newspapers in CD format through Book Scanners and Paper Scanners.
- ❖ The Library has e-library facilities with 10 computers to read and download copies of old and rare books available from Internet.
- ❖ A separate Multimedia Section with 10 computers is functioning exclusively for the benefit of students to gather required academic information from Internet and Educational CDs.
- ❖ A well stacked Text Book Section for the benefit of the college students and a well established Civil Services Study Circle with required books and periodicals for the benefit of those preparing for various competitive exams are functioning in the Library.
- ❖ In order to get all Tamil Publications under one roof, a Permanent Book Park with the support of Book Sellers and Publishers' Association of South India (BAPASI) is functioning in the Connemara Public Library Campus.

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