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INTRODUCTION

கல்வி அறிவும், சுயமரியாதை எண்ணமும்
பகுத்தறிவுத் தன்மையுமே தாழ்ந்து கிடக்கும்
மக்களை உயர்த்தும்.

- தந்தை பெரியார்.

[Knowledge, Idea of self-esteem and
Rationalism alone elevate the downtrodden.
- Thanthai Periyar.]

Following these words of Thanthai Periyar, the Government of Tamil Nadu, under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister aims to create an egalitarian society by uplifting the marginalized Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people in education, social and economic levels.

VISION STATEMENT

- To focus on the integrated socio-economic development of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes through various welfare schemes thereby improving the status of these under privileged people and bringing them in the mainstream of the society.
- To improve the educational, self confidence, leadership skill of the students belonging to the Adi Dravidar / Scheduled Tribe communities so as to enhance their academic performance.
- To attain the integrated goal regarding the welfare of the people belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities and those below the poverty line, women and children in particular by 2030.

With a view to enhance the lifestyle of the people belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities by improving their literacy and

socio economic conditions in a planned manner, the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department was set up in 1988 after the trifurcation of Social Welfare Department. This department acts as the nodal agency in co-ordinating two schemes viz., Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) meant for the economic development of these people.

The Head of Departments viz., the Commissionerate of Adi Dravidar Welfare dealt with implementing the welfare schemes for the Adi Dravidar and to address the social issues they face, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare implementing various welfare schemes meant for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes, Office of the Additional Director General of Police (Social Justice and Human Rights Wing) implementing the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation

Limited (TAHDCO) which contribute to the economic progress of these people, are functioning under the administrative control of this department. Besides, the Tribal Research Centre at the Nilgiris district is conducting research on the language and culture of Scheduled Tribes.

For the integrated socio-economic and educational development of Adi Dravidar, Schemes such as, running of Adi Dravidar Welfare schools, hostels, issuing house site pattas and improving basic amenities in Adi Dravidar habitations are being implemented through the Commissionerate of Adi Dravidar Welfare.

For the advancement of the Scheduled Tribes, Schemes like running Government Tribal Residential Schools and hostels, establishing basic infrastructure facilities in their habitations, implementation of the Forest Rights Act and implementing schemes for their economic

developments are implemented by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDSCO) is implementing subsidized loan schemes for the economic development and imparting various skill development trainings to create self-employment / employment opportunities for youth people belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities.

Implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, enacted for the protection of the rights and prevention of atrocities against these marginalized communities of the society is monitored by the Social Justice and Human Rights Wing of Police.

Apart from the above, a new autonomous body, "**Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes**" has been

created to protect the legal rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes at the State Level and to address their important issues.

A State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to review the implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Apart from these Committees, Welfare Boards such as, **Tamil Nadu Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board** to ensure that the welfare schemes of the Government and other benefits to reach the Puthirai Vannar community people, **Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board** to monitor the benefits for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes, **Tamil Nadu Sanitary Workers Board** to monitor the implementation of schemes meant for the welfare of sanitary workers are functioning under the control of this department.

Moreover, to devise new schemes intended for the Scheduled Tribes and to render advice for their overall development, the **Tamil Nadu Tribal Advisory Council** has been set up.

For the implementation of various schemes to safeguard the legal rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people to ensure their integrated development, a sum of **Rs.4281.76 crore** has been allocated in the Budget Estimate for the year 2022-2023.

Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals are a bold universal set of 17 Goals and 169 targets to help organise and streamline development actions for greater achievement of human wellbeings, while leaving no one behind – by 2030.They are part of transforming our world.

Sustainable Development Goals in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department:-

The core theme of Sustainable Development Goals - 2030 adopted by the United Nations summit i.e **“Inclusive growth with Leaving No One Behind”** is directly related to this department. The department’s principle of Social Justice is articulated through all the Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) unit has been formed in this department vide G.O.(Ms)No.14, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, dated 31.01.2020 for achievement of SDGs.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) have specific indicators that enable focus on SCSP fund utilised (Target 10.4.1) and TSP fund utilised (Target 10.4.2).

Various schemes implemented under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub

Plan (TSP) by all departments for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, directly address the target 10.4 of Goal 10 (Reduce inequalities).

Working Groups on Sustainable Development Goals:-

To review and monitor the achievement of the goals and targets of the Sustainable Development Goals periodically, Eight Working groups with the Secretary of the Nodal Departments as Chairman has been constituted.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department is a member of Working Group I, Working Group III, IV and VIII which covers Goals 1, 2, Goal 4 and Goal 10 and Goal 16. These working Groups conducts meeting periodically to review concerned goals and their achievements.

National Indicator and State Indicator Framework:-

Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) are National target.

Government of India allocates special funds to SCSP and TSP to empower and promote inclusion of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe in each State.

The target for this indicator has thus been set at 100 percent utilization of the allocated funds. On an average in the country, 77.67 percent of the fund allocated for the Scheduled Castes population and 82.98 percent of the fund allocated towards the Scheduled Tribe population has been utilized. Tamil Nadu is a front runner with the Index Score of 85 for Goal 10 (SCSP with the index score of 99 and TSP with the index score of 85)

The department would continue its focused work in co-ordination with other departments on enabling socio-economic empowerment of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes in the light of Sustainable Development Goal Targets and Indicators.

I. ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE

Social justice is development that encompasses all communities. This Department functions with the aim to make Tamil Nadu an egalitarian society by making all communities live equally.

According to 2011 census, the Adi Dravidar constitute 20.01% (1.44 crore) of the total population of Tamil Nadu (7.21 crore). Aware of the plight of the socially marginalized and oppressed people in Tamil Nadu, this Department is formulating policies, plans, budgets, schemes and programmes for their advancement.

Considering the fact that enhancing the literacy of Adi Dravidar will be the catalyst for social change, importance is given to the educational needs of the Adi Dravidar. Further, in order to integrate them into the social mainstream, loans are provided to set up

businesses and purchase and develop agricultural lands. In addition, various skill development trainings are provided to make them competent in the current job market.

1. Educational Development Schemes

"ஒருமைக்கண் தான்கற்ற கல்வி ஒருவற்கு
எழுமையும் ஏமாப் புடைத்து."

According to the above verse of Thiruvalluvar that, the educational knowledge acquired in one birth will yield for seven births. This Department accord top priority to the educational development which is vital to the overall development of the Adi Dravidar people.

According to the 2011 Census, the literacy rate of Adi Dravidar is 73.26% which is comparatively low with the literacy rate of other sections of the society (80.09%). Hence, a sum of **Rs.3,571.39 crore** (83.41%) out of the total allocation of **Rs. 4,281.76 crore** in the Budget Estimate for 2022-2023, has been earmarked for education and its allied schemes.

1.1 Schools

In order to enhance the literacy rate and quality of education of students belonging to Adi Dravidar communities, the Government run Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools and Hostels and provide them various scholarships.

There are 27,85,568 Adi Dravidar students studying in Government, Government aided and private schools. (Source: Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE))

This Department has established 1,138 schools at the habitations where the Adi Dravidar people are concentrated for sustained educational development of these people.

Details of Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools (2021-22)

Classification	No. of Schools	Boys	Girls	Total
Primary Schools	833	20,437	19,772	40,209
Middle Schools	99	5,031	4,926	9,957
High Schools	108	6,070	5,534	11,604
Higher Secondary Schools	98	17,816	15,427	33,243
Total	1,138	49,354	45,659	95,013

In order to meet out the increasing demand for higher education, the schools run by this department are upgraded to the next higher level whenever required. In order to upgrade the standard of education of the students studying in these schools, infrastructure facilities such as additional classrooms, science labs, drinking water, toilets etc., are also provided.

During the financial year 2021-22, sanction has been accorded for the provision of basic infrastructure facilities, such as, 480 new classroom buildings and 15 science laboratories

at a cost of Rs.100.00 crore, to 150 Adi Dravidar Welfare schools functioning under this department.

In addition, steps are being taken to provide Inverters to computer labs in 51 Adi Dravidar Welfare higher secondary schools at a cost of Rs.87.00 lakh.

In order to enhance the quality of education of the students, orders have been issued to train the teachers in handling smart class room teaching and Computer Training with the guidance of the School Education department.

1.2 Educational Scholarship Schemes

Scholarship primarily aim at supporting education. In order to empower the meritorious Adi Dravidar students to pursue higher education, this Department is providing various scholarships and fee concessions to them as detailed below:-

A. Government of India Scholarship Schemes

(i) Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes

In order to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio of Adi Dravidar students in higher education, the Government of India provides financial assistance at the Post-matriculation stage to enable them to complete their education.

Under this scheme, the tuition fees and academic allowance are paid as scholarship to the Adi Dravidar students pursuing recognized courses above 10th standard in recognized institutions in Tamil Nadu.

The expenditure incurred under this scheme is shared between the Government of India and State Government in the ratio of 60 :40.

Basic eligibility conditions:

- (a) The parental annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

- (b) The student should pursue recognized course in a recognized institution.

Educational Fees:

(a) Government / Government aided Educational Institutions

All the compulsory and non refundable fees payable by the students studying in Government and Government aided institutions are credited to the Savings Bank account of the students as scholarship by the Government.

(c) Self Financing Institutions

All compulsory and non refundable fees as fixed by the Government / Fee Fixation Committee appointed by the Government for the Adi Dravidar students admitted under Government / Management quota in Self Financing Colleges are credited to the Savings Bank account of the students as scholarship by the Government.

The scholarship for the students admitted under Management quota seats in the self financing colleges will be credited subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Fee for the course is to be fixed by fee fixation / fee regulatory committee constituted by the competent authority.
- (b) Admission process for the seats should be carried out in a transparent manner by calling applications through advertisement, publication of rank list, short listing the selected applications on merit etc.,

Academic Allowance

Under the Government of India Post Matric Scholarship scheme, apart from the tuition fees, academic allowance is also provided to the students to match their educational expenditure.

The course wise rates of academic allowance being paid under this scheme are as tabulated below:-

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

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

In the financial year 2021-2022, steps are being taken to disburse scholarship amount of Rs.1,110.23 crore to 6,93,634 students.

A sum of **Rs.1,798.71 crore** has been allocated under this scheme for the financial year 2022-2023.

(B) Government of India Pre-Matric Scholarship schemes for Scheduled Castes and Others

The schemes namely, pre-matric scholarship for the students studying in IX and X standard and pre-matric scholarship for children of those parents engaged in unclean occupations and occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards are merged together and will be implemented as a single scheme from the year 2022-2023. Further, this scheme will be implemented with two components.

Component-I Pre-Matric scholarship for the students studying in IX and X standard

This scholarship is given to the Adi Dravidar students studying in IX and X standard in Government / Government recognized or Central / State Board of Secondary Education approved schools.

Eligibility:

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

Component-II Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for Children of those parents engaged in unclean occupations

This scholarship is provided to the children of those who engaged in unclean occupations and occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards, such as sanitary workers, Tanners, Flayers and Waste pickers etc., irrespective of their religion, caste and income. The students studying from 1st standard to 10th standard in recognised institutions are eligible to avail this scholarship.

Under this scheme, scholarship is credited to the bank accounts of the students at the following rates;

Component	Day Scholar (in Rs.)	Hosteller (in Rs.)
	(Per annum)	
Component -I	3,500/- (Class 9-10)	7,000/- (Class 9-10)
Component -II	3,500/- (Class 1-10)	8,000/- (Class 3-10)

In the financial year 2021-2022, 3,14,602 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs. 92.20 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.94.32 crore** has been allocated for implementing this scheme.

State Government Scholarship Schemes

a) State Government's Special Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

In order to assist the Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students who are not eligible to avail scholarship under the Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship

scheme due to the norms fixed therein, the State Government is providing Special Post Matric Scholarship. 100% of the expenditure towards this scholarship scheme is borne by the State Government.

Under this scheme, tuition fees and academic allowance equivalent to the rates provided in Government of India Post Matric Scholarship scheme, are credited to the bank accounts of the students as Scholarship by the State Government.

Eligibility:

- (i) Should belong to Adi Dravidar or Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity communities.
- (ii) Their parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh. For Government employees annual income is calculated excluding the Dearness Allowance.

Under this scheme, Scholarship to the tune of Rs.76.06 crore has been disbursed to 28,259 students during the financial year 2021-2022.

A sum of **Rs.85.00 crore** has been allocated for the financial year 2022-2023 under this scheme.

b) State Government's Higher Educational Special Scholarship Scheme

Special Scholarship are credited to the bank accounts of the Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted Christianity students staying in paid hostels and pursuing Under graduate / Post graduate courses in Government / Government aided institutions, as tabulated below:-

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

Eligibility:

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 8,181 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.6.43 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.12.00 crore** has been allocated for this scheme.

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

This scheme is being implemented for the students belonging to Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe communities, aspiring to pursue their Post Graduate and research studies abroad. The Department have revamped this scheme into two parts so as to encourage more number of aspiring students to pursue studies in abroad.

Part-I :

Training will be provided to 500 students through empanelled institutions for facing the qualifying exams such as TOEFL / IELTS / GRE / GMAT.

Part-II :

Scholarship will be provided to 10 students, who have cleared the qualifying examination, for pursuing higher studies in the institute of their choice. Depending upon the country and course to be pursued by the student, scholarship will be provided.

Further, the Family income ceiling for availing this scholarship also has been increased from Rs.3.00 lakh to Rs.8.00 lakh.

Conditions:

- i) This scholarship will be sanctioned to a family only once.

- ii) Students will be permitted to get trained for appearing for any one of the 4 qualifying examinations i.e TOEFL / IELTS / GRE / GMAT.

For the financial year 2022-2023 a sum of **Rs.5.57 crore** has been allocated for the implementation of this scheme.

(d) Incentive to Full time Ph.D. Scholars

This incentive is provided to the Scholars belonging to Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe communities, pursuing full time Ph.D. Research Courses in the universities of Tamil Nadu recognized by Government of India and the State.

In order to benefit more number of scholars in the fields of Medicine, Engineering, Arts, Science, Law, Literature, Political Science etc., this scheme has been restructured in such a way that

- a) The existing amount of Incentive has been enhanced from Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- per annum.
- b) The number of scholars under this scheme has been increased from 1200 to 1600.
- c) The Family income ceiling amount for availing assistance under this scheme, has been enhanced from Rs.2.50 lakh to Rs.8.00 Lakh.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.16.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1 . 3 Educational Fee Concessions

(a) Tuition Fee Concession

All students belonging to Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity communities studying in Government / Government aided colleges are totally exempted from the payment of tuition fee. There is no

income limit to avail this concession. The tuition fee is compensated to the institutions directly by the Government.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 12,886 students have been benefitted under this scheme and a sum of Rs.6.29 crore has been paid as tuition fees by the Government.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.7.51 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Special fee and Examination fee Concession to the Under Graduate students

The students belonging to Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, pursuing Under Graduate courses in the Government and Government aided Arts and Science colleges are exempted from the payment of Special fee and

Examination fee irrespective of their parent / guardian's annual income.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 582 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.12.56 lakh.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.13.00 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

(c) Special fee and Examination fee Concession to the Post Graduate Girl students

The Girl students belonging to Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, who pursue post Graduate courses in Government / Government aided Arts and Science Colleges are exempted from the payment of Special fees and Examination fees, irrespective of their parent / guardian's annual income.

In the financial year 2021-2022, Special fees and Examination fees, have been disbursed by the Government to 50 girl students at a cost of Rs.3.00 lakh.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.6.30 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Special Fee and Tuition Fee Concession to School students

All students studying in Adi Dravidar Welfare and Government Tribal Residential Schools in 6th to 12th standard are exempted from payment of Special fee and Tuition fee and the fee is released directly to the institutions by the Government.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 46,705 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.25.47 lakh.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.45.00 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

e) Other Fee Concessions

The Examination fee is exempted for the Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students studying in class X, XI and XII in Government and Government aided schools. The fee is compensated directly to the Directorate of Government Examinations.

Payment of Application and Registration fees for Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Professional courses in Government and Government aided colleges are exempted to all Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students. The fees are compensated to the educational institutions directly.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 1,73,543 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.2.34 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.2.90 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.4 Special Incentive Scheme for Girl Students

Recognizing the importance of girls' education as an important component of equality and social justice, this Department is implementing the Girl Children Special Incentive Scheme. In order to ensure 100% enrollment of Girl children belonging to Adi Dravidar communities in Government / Government aided schools and to reduce the drop outs, this incentive is awarded. The rate of incentive is as below:

Standard	Amount (per annum) (In Rs.)
III to V	500/-
VI	1000/-
VII & VIII	1500/-

In the financial year 2021-2022, 3,98,275 girl students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.37.14 crore.

In the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.45.31 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.5 Prize Money Scheme

In order to encourage the Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe students who secure more than 60% marks in Under Graduation, Post Graduation and Professional courses, cash award is given to the first 1000 students, at the following rates:-

Courses	Amount (In Rs.)	Number of students awarded every year
Under Graduate	3000/-	500
Post Graduate	5000/-	300
Professional Courses	6000/-	200

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.42.00 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.6 Supply of Text Books and Note Books

Taking into account of the educational welfare of Adi Dravidar / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe students and the continuous financial burden of the parents, text books to all the students studying from Ist to XIIth Standard and Note books to students studying from Ist to Xth Standard are supplied through School Education Department.

In the financial year 2021-2022, special guides have been distributed to 14,198 students in Xth standard and 12,243 students in XIIth standard at a cost of Rs.0.74 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.1.50 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.7 Distribution of Uniforms

Four sets of uniform stitched by the Industrial Co-operative Societies functioning under the control of Social Welfare Department are provided to the students studying in Adi Dravidar Welfare, Government Tribal Residential Schools and inmates of school hostels run by this department.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 29,462 boys and 20,610 girl students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.12.99 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.13.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.8 Supply of Magazines and books

In the present highly competitive environment it is necessary for the student to develop their General Knowledge in addition to

the subjects taught in the school / college. In order to improve their General Knowledge and get them prepared for the Civil Services and other such competitive examinations, library books and magazines are supplied for the use of the students in High / Higher Secondary schools and hostels run by this department, as below:-

Sl. No	School / Hostel	Library Books	Magazines
		(Amount in Rs.) Per Annum	
1	High/ Higher Secondary schools	1000/-	450/-
2	School hostels	-	450/-
3	College hostels	-	3100/-

During the financial year 2021-2022, magazines and books have been distributed at a cost of Rs.12.68 lakh under this scheme.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.13.74 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.9 Distribution of Bicycles

Transportation should not be a barrier to education for students from remote villages. In order to avoid dropouts and to encourage the students who are residing far away from the schools and to continue education, bicycles are distributed to Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students studying in XIth standard in the Government, Government aided and partly aided higher secondary schools.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.65.40 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.10 Admission of students in 6th Standard in Reputed Schools

This scheme was introduced during the year 2008 with the intention to ensure good future to the bright students of Government schools.

Under this scheme, 385 bright students from 385 blocks, at the ratio of one student from each block, among Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, passed in 5th std from Government schools are selected by a special examination conducted by the Project Officer (SSA) and admitted into 6th standard in reputed private residential schools with due recommendation of the concerned District Collector. Under this scheme, the expenditure till the students complete XIIth standard is borne by the Government.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 1,836 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.8.70 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.13.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.11 Admission of students in 11th Standard in Reputed Schools

The scheme to admit bright students of Government / Government aided schools, in XIth standard in reputed schools was introduced during the year 2007.

Under this scheme, 10 best performing students in 10th standard belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities studying in Government, Government Aided, Adi Dravidar Welfare, Government Tribal Residential, Corporation and Municipality Schools from each District, are selected and admitted into 11th standard in reputed private schools. As soon as the 10th results are published, the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers obtain the list of the 10 best performers from the website or the Chief Educational Officer and admit them into reputed private schools in the same or nearby districts. The fees are directly released to the

concerned educational institutions. Under this scheme, the Government spend an amount of Rs.56,000/- per student (Rs.28,000/-per annum).

Eligibility:

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

In the financial year 2021-2022, 56 students in XIth standard and 164 students in XIIth standard have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.44.00 lakh.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.2.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.12 Hostels

The intention of this Department is that distance should not be a barrier for the education of the students from rural and remote areas. Considering this aspect, this Department conducts

Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels near to their educational institutions. These hostels help to promote the education of students belonging to Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity communities and reduce their drop out.

The details of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels functioning under this Department and sanctioned strength of the students are as follows:

(2021-2022)

Type of Hostels	Number of Hostels			Number of students		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
School Hostels	738	403	1,141	53,881	28,530	82,411
College Hostels (U.G)	67	78	145	7,676	5,699	13,375
I.T.I. Hostels	15	2	17	1,256	116	1,372
Polytechnic Hostels	3	2	5	178	110	288
PG Hostels	9	6	15	693	315	1,008
Law College Hostel	1	0	1	55	0	55
Total	833	491	1,324	63,739	34,770	98,509

Sanction has been accorded in G.O.(Ms) No.91, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department Dt.22.11.2021 for the opening of 3 hostels with 50 girl students each in Virudhachalam, Cuddalore District, Kallakurichi and Nagapattinam Districts.

- ❖ Additional 10 seats each in 16 hostels in Theni district (total 160 seats) along Tamil Nadu – Kerala border have been earmarked for the children whose parents are having origin of Tamil Nadu, working in Coffee / Tea estates in Kerala.
- ❖ In each hostel, additional 5 seats have been allocated for accommodating children of Srilankan Tamils.

(a) Facilities provided to the students staying in Hostels:-

- i) Two tier Cots and blanket to the college hostels.
- ii) Steam boilers.

- iii) Water purifiers, Wet Grinders and Electronic Weighing machines.
- iv) Washing Machines and Incinerators to Adi Dravidar Welfare girls hostels.
- v) First Aid Box with Medicines.
- vi) Library facility.
- vii) Gas connection.
- viii) Supply of News papers.
- ix) Mats, Bed Sheets and Pillow with cover.
- x) Stainless Steel Plate and Tumbler.
- xi) "India Year Book" and "Yojana" monthly magazine to college hostels.

Further, Sanction has been accorded to provide mixies to 512 Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels at a cost of Rs.46.00 lakh during 2021-22.

(b) Feeding and Miscellaneous Charges

The inmates of Adi Dravidar welfare hostels are provided with feeding charges every month. Besides, miscellaneous charges for their basic

needs such as buying soap, sikakai, oil and for hair cutting expenses is also provided every month.

While the feeding charges have been revised during the year 2020-2021, the amount provided to the inmates towards miscellaneous charges have not been revised for almost 10 years. Considering the current economic situation, this Department have enhanced the amount of miscellaneous charges from Rs.50/- to Rs.100/- for school students and Rs.75/- to Rs.150/- for college students from the year 2021-2022.

Likewise, the Special feeding charges provided during festivals such as Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New year, Independence Day and Diwali has also been enhanced from Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- for school students and Rs.40/-to Rs.80/- for college students from the financial year 2021-2022.

The revised rate of charges provided to the boarding students of Adi Dravidar Welfare hostels are as below :-

Type of Charges	School Students (Rs.)	College Students (Rs.)
Food Charges (per month)	1000	1100
Miscellaneous Charges (Per month) (Soap, sikakai, Oil and Hair cutting)	100	150
Special Feeding Charges (On the occasion of Pongal, Republic Day, Tamil New year, Independence Day and Diwali)	40	80

Weekly Food chart for School hostels

Week days	Morning (Breakfast)	Afternoon (Lunch)	Evening (Snacks)	Night (Dinner)
Monday	Rava kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Vegetables kootu, Kuruma, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Ginger Rasam, Poriyal, Egg-1
Tuesday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Egg - 1
Wednesday	Lemon rice, Thuvaiyal	Rice, Mutton (80 grams) / Chicken (100 grams) Kuruma, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Karakuzhambu, Rasam
Thursday	Rava kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam, Egg - 1
Friday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Morekuzhambu, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Karakuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam, Egg-1
Saturday	Idly, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Egg-1
Sunday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Sambar, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Tomato Soup, Poriyal, Rasam

Weekly Food chart for College hostels

Week days	Morning (Break fast)	Afternoon (Lunch)	Evening (Snacks)	Night (Dinner)
Monday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam,Egg-1
Tuesday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Vegetable Kuruma, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Rasam Egg - 1
Wednesday	Rava Kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Mutton (80 grams) / Chicken (120 grams) Kuruma, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Tomato Soup, Poriyal, Rasam
Thursday	Lemon Rice, Thuvaial	Rice, Kulambu, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Kara kuzhambu, Poriyal, Rasam , Egg - 1
Friday	Rava Kichadi, Chutney	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Poriyal, Rasam, Buttermilk, Egg-1
Saturday	Idly, Sambar	Rice, Sambar, Kootu, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Rice, Sambar, Rasam, Buttermilk, Egg-1
Sunday	Pongal, Chutney	Rice, Vegetable Kuruma, Poriyal, Buttermilk	Sundal, Chukkumalli Coffee/Tea	Idly, Sambar

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

(i) Hostels

Apart from the Government run hostels, grant towards feeding charges, miscellaneous charges and other allowances are released, for the benefit of the 4,659 Adi Dravidar students residing in the 23 hostels run by 15 Non-Governmental Organizations, like the hostels run by this department.

(ii) School with Hostels

The Muthukaruppan Memorial Educational Trust runs a school for Adi Dravidar students in Thoothukudi District. A total of 4320 students are studying in this school. Further, there are 2 hostels run by this trust. Since 2006, the Government is sanctioning grant towards salary for the 160 teaching and non teaching staff working at the school and hostels run by this Trust.

In the year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.9.93 crore has been sanctioned towards salary of 160 teaching and non teaching staff.

For the year 2022-2023 a sum of **Rs.9.91 crore** has been allocated for this school.

1.13 Government Industrial Training Institutes

The following Government Industrial Training institutes are functioning exclusively for imparting Technical training for Adi Dravidar students:-

Sl.No	District name	Name of the ITI	No.of Students
1	Cuddalore	Chidambaram	252
2	Thiruvallur	Vadakarai	195
TOTAL			447

2. Issuance of Free House Site Pattas to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes

Aiming at providing housing facility for houseless Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe people, house site pattas are distributed.

The required lands are acquired through private negotiations and land acquisition Acts and distributed to eligible beneficiaries in the municipal areas as below:

	Extent of Land Provided	Annual income ceiling limit for the Beneficiary
Village	3 Cents	Rs.72,000/-
Municipality	1 ½ Cent	
Corporation	1 Cent	

In the financial year 2021-2022, house site pattas have been distributed to 709 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.3.68 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.6.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

3. Burial Grounds and Pathways

Every year, this Department is allocating funds for providing burial grounds to Adi Dravidar habitations and pathways to burial grounds.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.75.84 lakh** has been allocated under this scheme.

4. Award to Villages where caste free burial grounds are in use.

As a measure of encouragement of social cohesion, this Department have introduced a new scheme in the year 2021-2022, to award a prize of Rs.10.00 lakh to the role model villages where caste free burial grounds are in usage. The award amount is utilized for the development activities of that hamlet.

In the financial year 2021-2022, for 111 hamlets in 37 districts for awarding prize, a sum of Rs.14.10 crore have been allocated. A sum of Rs.6.00 crore for 60 hamlets have been sanctioned for the financial year 2021-2022.

For the financial year 2022-2023 a sum of **Rs.8.10 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

5. Improvement of basic Infrastructure facilities in Adi Dravidar habitations

In order to ensure that every Adi Dravidar habitations become self sufficient by having all basic infrastructure facilities such as drinking water, roads, electricity etc., the Government is allocating Rs.100.00 crore towards provision of basic amenities in all the Adi Dravidar habitations, through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj department.

Priority is being given to the atrocity prone villages identified by the Social Justice and Human Rights wing of Police Department.

For the financial year 2022-2023 a sum of **Rs.100.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

6. Financial Assistance for Funeral Rites

This Department is providing the financial assistance of Rs.5,000/- to the poor Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity families for the performance of the rites and to meet out the incidental expenses related to cremation / burial, on the death of a member of their family.

In the financial year 2021-2022, financial assistance were given to 19,900 families under this scheme at a cost of Rs.9.95 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.9.95 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

7. Scheduled Castes Sub Plan

The Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) has been implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1980-1981 to bring out concentrated socio-economic and educational development of the Adi Dravidar on par with the other sections of the society by channelizing the flow of funds from the State Annual Plan Outlay to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan in proportion to the population of the Scheduled Castes (20.01%) in the State.

Out of the State's Total Annual Plan Outlay (Welfare Expenditure of State) of Rs.74,892.56 crore, a sum of Rs.16,442.08 crore (21.95%) has been allocated under the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (Expenditure on Scheduled Castes Welfare) for the financial year 2022-2023 which is more than the percentage of Scheduled Caste population (20.01%) of the State.

There are 20 sectoral departments comprising of 48 Heads of Departments which are implementing the schemes under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for the development and welfare of the Adi Dravidar.

**SECTOR WISE ALLOCATION ON SCSP
FOR THE YEAR 2022-23**

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	SECTOR	Budget Allocation
1	Welfare of SC, ST and OBC	3,730.40
2	Housing and Urban Development	3,077.80
3	Rural Development	2,744.16
4	Social Welfare and Nutrition	2,272.26
5	Water supply, Sanitation	1,220.00
6	Agriculture and Allied Activities	1,133.16
7	Education, Sports and Culture	1,023.81
8	Health and Family Welfare	795.08
9	Transport	197.00
10	General Economic Services	149.50
11	Labour and Labour Welfare	56.46

12	Special Area Programmes	30.75
13	Industry and Minerals	7.90
14	Others Social Services	3.80
	TOTAL	1,6442.09

The Nodal Officers appointed by the sectoral departments coordinating with this department for the effective implementation of the schemes for Adi Dravidar.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare department has been designated as the Nodal department and the Principal Secretary to Government of this department as the Nodal Officer for the purpose of monitoring the formulation and implementation of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan at the State level. The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare has been nominated as the Monitoring Officer to oversee and review the schemes under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan at district level.

8. Pradhan Mantri - Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana –(PMAJAY)

From the year 2021-2022, the Pradhan Mantri – Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY) has been introduced by Government of India by merging three existing schemes viz., Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY).

Under the PMAGY Scheme, 1,357 villages have been selected during the year 2021-2022. Further, a sum of Rs.146.38 crore has been sanctioned by the Government of India under PMAGY for the year 2021-2022 and a sum of Rs.153.28 crore has been sanctioned under Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for the year 2021-2022.

9. Community Certificates

(i) Issuance:

In order to enable formal participation in education and employment on the basis of population, Tahsildars are empowered to issue community certificates to Adi Dravidar. If the Tahsildar refused to issue community certificate, appeal may be preferred before the Revenue Divisional Officer or Sub-Collector. Further, the District Collector may also be approached for further redressal of grievances, if any, in issuance of community certificates to the Adi Dravidar.

(ii) Verification:

In few occasions, admission in educational institutions or appointment in Public Services is obtained by other communities by providing bogus community certificates which affects the genuine Adi Dravidar. In order to protect the interests of the Adi Dravidar, District Level

Vigilance Committees have been constituted in all the districts to verify the genuineness of the Scheduled Caste community certificates as detailed below:-

District Level Vigilance Committee (DLVC)

District Collector	Chairman	To scrutinize the correctness of the Scheduled Caste Community Certificates and to pass final orders. If aggrieved, an appeal may be preferred to the Hon'ble High Court of Madras under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and then with Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution of India.
District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer	Member-Secretary	
An Anthropologist	Member	

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

Article 17 of the Constitution of India has abolished 'untouchability' and forbidden its practice in any form. The enforcement of any disability arising out of 'untouchability' is an offence and punishable in accordance with law.

In order to abolish untouchability, prevent atrocities against Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes and to establish Special Courts for the trial of such offences as well as relief and rehabilitation of the victims of atrocities, the Government of India have enacted the Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 2015, Prevention of Atrocities Rules, 1995 Amended Rules, 2016 and

2018. These acts and rules are being implemented effectively in our State.

The Social Justice and Human Rights wing, under the control of the Additional Director General of Police with its headquarters at Chennai is supervising the registration, investigation and filing of cases under these two Acts and acting as a Protection Cell for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes.

(a) Exclusive Special Courts

As mandated in Article 17 and 35(a) (ii) of the Constitution of India which provides for formation of Special Courts for the trial of offences against Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes as well as relief and rehabilitation of the victims of atrocities, 22 Exclusive Special Courts have been established at Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Villupuram, Sivagangai, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar (Srivilliputhur), Pudukottai, Cuddalore, Namakkal, Theni, Thiruvannamalai,

Perambalur, Vellore, Thoothukudi, Kanniyakumari (Nagarcoil), Kancheepuram (Chengalpet), Tiruppur, Tiruvarur and Coimbatore districts.

Considering the volume of cases pending for trial, 4 more Exclusive Special Courts are being formed in Salem, Krishnagiri, Madurai and Tirunelveli districts.

In all other districts, the existing session courts have been empowered for trial of these cases.

The Social Justice and Human Rights Wing monitors the implementation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in all the police stations in the State under the supervision of Additional Director General of Police and Assistant Inspector General of Police at State level, 31 Deputy Superintendent of Police and 7 Assistant Commissioners of police at District level.

- (i) Under Rule 16, of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, 2016 and 2018, a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been reconstituted on 20.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to review and monitor the implementation of these acts. First meeting of that committee was held in 19.08.2021. The meeting of the committee for the year 2022 was held on 12.04.2022.
- (ii) Further under Rule 17(1), the State Government has constituted District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in each district headed by the District Collector concerned with five official and non-official members. The District Collectors are also empowered to nominate persons who are well versed about the problems of Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes as

members. The District Level Committee shall meet atleast once in every three months to review the implementation of the provisions of these acts, monitor the relief and rehabilitation measures provided to the victims and review the progress of the cases registered under these acts at the district level.

- (iii) As stipulated in rule 17A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, orders have been issued for the constitution of Sub-Division Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in all the sub-divisions of all districts. Accordingly, committees are being constituted in all the districts.

Further, depending upon the nature of the offence, victims of atrocities are currently being paid between Rs.85,000/- and Rs.8.25 lakh. This Government have enhanced the amount of relief

for the victims from minimum of Rs.1.00 lakh and a maximum of Rs.12.00 lakh.

In the financial year 2021-2022, relief measures at a cost of Rs.29.98 crore have been disbursed to the 3,241 victims.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.35.00 crore** has been allocated for the implementation of these acts.

(b) Campaign for the removal of Untouchability

In order to create awareness among the people against untouchability "Manitha Neya Vaara Vizha" is celebrated in all the districts of Tamil Nadu from 24th to 30th January of every year. A sum of Rs.50,000/- at district level and Rs.1,00,000/- at State level are being provided for conducting "Manitha Neya Vaara Vizha" in every year.

Publicity is made through Villupattu Artists about the evils of untouchability.

Besides, Community feasts are also arranged every year on 26th January, 15th August, 2nd October and on any other important local holiday in the district. Voluntary organisations are also involved in arranging the 'Samathuva Virundhu'.

In 2021-2022 a sum of Rs.2.65 lakh has been spent under this scheme.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.1.11 crore** has been allocated for the above activities.

(C) Select Village Scheme

Under the select village scheme, one village in each district (except Chennai) wherein untouchability is not practiced and people are living in harmony is selected and a sum of

Rs.10.00 lakh is being sanctioned for providing infrastructure facilities to that village.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 34 villages have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.3.40 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.3.60 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

11. Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society

To encourage the creative expression of art, culture, literature and to support research on Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes, "Dalit and Tribal Welfare Activities Foundation (DATA)" was formed during the year 2003. The foundation was converted into society during the year 2015 and renamed as "Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society".

A Corpus Fund of Rs.50.00 lakh has been created and kept in fixed deposit and interest accrued is utilised for the purpose of giving cash awards to the selected writers of Stories, Articles, Poetry, History and Novels.

Out of 11 writers, 10 writers from Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity and Scheduled Tribe writers and one Non-Adi Dravidar writer who desires to publish good articles about the problems faced by these communities, are selected every year and a sum of Rs.50,000/- is awarded by the Government for publishing their literary work.

50% of the cash award is given as advance to publish their books and the remaining 50% is given after handing over of the printed books.

12. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Award

In honour of Dr.Ambedkar, the pioneer of equality and social justice, for his tireless efforts

in empowerment of depressed classes, the Government have created "Dr.Ambedkar Award" in the year 1995.

This award is presented to the person belonging to Tamil Nadu who contributed services for the socio-economic and educational development of people belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes and the betterment of their life style.

This award usually carries a cheque for Rs.1,00,000/-, a gold medal and a certificate and presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Thirvalluar Day, every year. This Department have enhanced the amount of the award from Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs. 5,00,000/- from the year 2022.

Dr. Ambedkar Award for the year 2021 was presented to retired Justice Thiru.K.Chandru.

II. TRIBAL WELFARE

According to 2011 Census, the population of 36 Scheduled Tribe communities living in Tamil Nadu is 7,94,697 constituting 1.10% of the total population of the State.

Scheduled Tribe people who are in socio-educational and economic backwardness are facing problems such as lack of infrastructure facilities, migration due to degradation of forest resources, nutritional deficiencies, lack of economic opportunities and low literacy. This Department endeavour to address these problems and ensure their socio-economic and educational development to integrate them into the main stream.

The welfare programmes of Government intended for Scheduled Tribes are to be formulated based on understanding of their culture and traditions and the need for the social,

psychological and economical problems they face. The Directorate of Tribal Welfare was established on 01.04.2000, with a view to ensure that the schemes envisaged for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes reach the eligible people in time and for examining the day-to-day problems faced by the Scheduled Tribes.

This Department is paying special attention for the development of Scheduled Tribes, in the fields of education, health and sanitation on par with the rest of the society, in the 23 districts where they are mainly found, i.e. Salem, Tiruvannamalai, Tirupathur, Viluppuram, Kallakurichi, Vellore, Ranipet, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpet, Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri, Erode, Trichirappalli, Cuddalore, Madurai, Ariyalur, Thirunelveli, Tenkasi and Chennai.

1. Education

As education is a very effective tool in the socio-economic development of the Scheduled Tribes, improving their educational status is constantly given high priority.

Recognising the fact that the literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes (54.34%) is comparatively very low when compared with the literacy rate of other sections of the society (80.09%) (Source: 2011 Census). This Department gives top priority to the educational development of the Scheduled Tribe people.

In Tamil Nadu 1,80,696 Scheduled Tribe students are studying in the Government, Government aided schools, schools functioning under Forest department, other private schools and Eklavya Model Residential Schools. (Source : Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE))

1.1 Schools

Recognizing that improving the social status of the Scheduled Tribe people is possible only by enhancing their literacy and the risk of drop out involved in tribal children from interior villages, this Department has established and running Residential schools near Scheduled Tribe habitations.

Details of schools functioning under Tribal Welfare Department and students strength (2021-2022)

(a) Government Tribal Residential Schools

Classification	No. of Schools	Boys	Girls	Total No. of Students
Primary Schools	212	5,585	5,000	10,585
Middle Schools	49	2,171	2,051	4,222
High Schools	31	2,134	1,743	3,877
Higher Secondary Schools	28	5,043	4,536	9,579
Total	320	14,933	13,330	28,263

(b) Eklavya Model Residential Schools

8 Eklavya Model Residential Schools are functioning with 100% financial assistance from Government of India in the following places:-

Sl. No	District	Place	Boys	Girls	Total No. of Students
1	Kallakurichi	Vellimalai	480	0	480
2	Salem	Abinavam	0	480	480
3	Nilgiris	M.Palada	179	149	328
4	Namakkal	Sengarai	330	117	447
5	Tiruvanna malai	Athipattu	238	176	414
6	Thirupathur	Pudurnadu	218	143	361
7	Chengalpet	Pattipulam	117	82	199
8	Salem	Yercaud (Nagalur)	120	61	181
Total			1,682	1,208	2,890

1.2. Hostels

Considering the economical status of Scheduled Tribe people and to reduce drop out of Scheduled Tribe students, this department is running hostels for the benefit of Scheduled Tribe students.

Details of Hostels functioning under Tribal Welfare Department and student strength (2021-2022)

Classification	No. of Hostels	Boys	Girls	Total No. of Students
School Hostels	40	910	647	1,557
College Hostels	2	0	76	76
ITI Hostel	6	339	0	339
Total	48	1,249	723	1,972

Considering the current economic situation, feeding charges given to Government Tribal

Residential School / Hostels have been enhanced from Rs.900/- to Rs.1,000/- for school students and from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.1,100/- to college students from the year 2021-2022.

The Special feeding charges given to the school students during the festival days has been doubled in the year 2021-2022 and enhanced from Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- for school students and Rs.40/- to Rs.80/- for college students.

Further, the miscellaneous charges (soap, oil and hair cutting etc.,) given has also been enhanced from Rs.50/- to Rs.100/- for school students and Rs.100/- to Rs.150/- for college students.

Moreover, all the amenities provided to the inmates of hostels run by Adi Dravidar Welfare department are given to the inmates of Tribal Welfare hostels. Considering the habitational ambience of the students staying in these hostels Solar lamps, Sweaters and Raincoats are provided to combat darkness, winter and rain.

1.2(a) Financial Assistance to the Schools and Hostels run by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

(i) Hostels

The hostels run by the Non Governmental Organisations are also supported by the Government by providing feeding charges as grant to the five hostels run by five Non-Governmental Organizations through which 337 tribal students benefit every year. Moreover, miscellaneous charges and other charges are also provided to the inmates of these hostels.

(ii) School with hostels

For the welfare of 1,876 tribal students studying from 1st to 12th standard, a school with hostels for boys and girls are run by Society for Rural Development (SFRD), a Non-Governmental Organization in Javvadu Hills, Thiruvannamalai district. Since 2005, this Department is sanctioning teaching grant towards the salary for 36 teaching and 7 non teaching staff working in

this school. In addition, this Department provides feeding charges, miscellaneous charges and other concessions for 550 tribal students staying in the trust's hostel.

In the year 2021-2022, Rs.3.18 crore has been sanctioned for this school and hostels and 1,876 students were benefitted.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.3.18 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Scheme for Supporting Non-Governmental Organizations to run Schools in Interior Tribal habitations

In order to cover the Scheduled Tribe children without leaving no one behind residing in remote villages of Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP) areas, to acquire education, the scheme to extend financial support to Non Governmental organizations to run schools in ITDP areas is being implemented.

In the year 2021-2022, 100% Financial support a sum of Rs.1.84 crore has been sanctioned towards the salary for 50 teaching and non-teaching staff, feeding charges and other miscellaneous charges to the "Montfort Scheduled Tribe School" functioning in Kombuthooki village, Yercaud in Salem District. Under this scheme, 840 Scheduled Tribe students have been benefitted.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.14.50 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

1.3 Scheme for Educational Scholarship

(i) Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship

In order to facilitate the Scheduled Tribe students to pursue higher education Post-Matric scholarships are offered.

This scholarship, consisting maintenance allowance and all compulsory and non-refundable fees, payable by the Scheduled Tribe students studying in Government and Government aided institutions pursuing recognized courses above Xth standard. The expenditure incurred is shared between Government of India and State Government in the ratio 75:25.

For the Scheduled Tribe students admitted under Government quota in self financing colleges, the compulsory and non refundable fees as fixed by the Government / Fee Fixation Committee appointed by the Government in respect of Self Financing professional courses are credited to the Savings Bank account of the students as scholarship by this Department.

The scholarship for the students admitted under Management quota seats in the self financing colleges is credited directly to the bank

account of the students subject to fulfilling the following conditions:-

- (a) Fee for the course is fixed by fee fixation/ fee regulatory committee constituted by the competent authority.
- (b) Admission process for the seats should be carried out in a transparent manner by calling applications through advertisement, publication of rank list, short listing the selected applications on merit etc.,

(iii) Maintenance Allowance

Under the Government of India Post matric Scholarship scheme, apart from the tuition fees, maintenance allowance is also provided to the students to match their educational expenditure. The course wise rates of maintenance allowance being paid under this scheme are as tabulated below:-

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance per annum (In Rs.)	
		Hosteller	Day Scholar
I	Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Engineering, Medicine, Fashion Technology, Veterinary and Agriculture PG Diploma Courses in Management and Medicine CA/CWA/CS/ CFA etc., and M.Phil. Ph.D and Post doctoral programmes.	1,200/-	550/-
II	Professional courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate courses in Pharmacy, Nursing, LLB, Hospitality, Tourism and Hotel Management etc.(for which entrance qualification is minimum 12 th Std.) B.Sc.(Nursing), B.Pharm B.O.T, B.P.T, M.Sc. (Nursing), M.Pharm, M.P.T. etc.,	820/-	530/-

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance per annum (In Rs.)	
III	U.G and P.G Courses leading to a Degree but not covered under Group I & II. (B.A. B.Sc., B.Com., M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., etc.,)	570/-	300/-
IV	All Diploma Courses, Certificate courses etc., non degree courses for which entrance qualification is 10 th Std. (e.g. XI, XII, ITI, Polytechnic) etc.,	380/-	230/-

In the financial year 2021-2022, 23,324 students have been benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.31.66 crore.

A sum of **Rs.46.44 crore** has been allocated for this scheme for the financial year 2022-2023.

Eligibility:

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

(ii) Government of India Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme

Pre-matric scholarships are given to the Scheduled Tribe students pursuing IXth and X standard in Government / Government recognized or Central / State Board of Secondary Education approved schools, to meet out a part of the educational expenditure of Scheduled Tribe students.

Under this scheme, the scholarship is credited to the bank accounts of the students at the following rates:-

	Hosteller (in Rs.)	Day Scholar (in Rs.)
Maintenance allowance (per month)	525	225
Adhoc Grant (per annum)	1,000	750

In the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.4.10 crore has been spent for implementing this scheme and 14,011 students were benefitted. The expenditure incurred under this scheme is shared between Centre /State Government in the ratio of 75:25.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.4.10 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

Eligibility:

Student's parent / guardian's annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

(iii) State Government Education Schemes

In order to enable Scheduled tribe students to complete their education without any hindrance the State Government is providing scholarship and fee concessions under various schemes as done for Adi Dravidar students. The Scheme details are as below:-

- State Government Special Scholarship Scheme.
- Tuition Fee concession
- Concession to the Under Graduate students.
- Concession to the Post Graduate Girl students.
- Special Fee concession for school students.
- Other fee concessions.
- Special Incentive Scheme for Girl students (from III to VIII Standard).

2. Centrally Sponsored Schemes

(a) Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsh Gram Yojana

The scheme Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme (SCA to TSS) funded by the Government of India, in support of the efforts taken by the State Government in raising the educational, socio-economic status of the Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu has been changed as Pradhan Mantri – Aadi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PM-AAGY).

As per this scheme 167 villages where the Tribal population exceeds 50% or more of the population or more than 500 Scheduled Tribes have been identified by the Government of India. In order to implement basic amenities for five years from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026, a sum of Rs.20.38 lakh per village will be sanctioned by the Government of India.

In the year 2021-22, a sum of Rs.2.85 crore as first instalment has been received from

Government of India for undertaking basic amenities in 28 villages.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.6.51 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India

As enshrined in Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India, the Government of India provides 100% assistance for programmes undertaken under the auspices of the Scheduled Tribes to improve their human resource and quality of life, poverty alleviation and protection against exploitation.

The grants received under this scheme are utilized towards recurring expenses of the Project Offices functioning in 7 districts.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.17.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(c) Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)

Among the Scheduled Tribe communities in India, the population of certain communities is either declining or stagnant, which have been classified as “Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups”.

Out of the 36 Scheduled Tribe communities in Tamil Nadu, the population of 6 tribal communities viz., Toda, Kota, Kurumbas, Irular, Paniyan and Kattunayakan have been classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

Based on the baseline survey of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, funds are being released by the Government of India for undertaking activities like housing, enhancement of education, health infrastructure, land development, agricultural development, animal husbandry, solar lighting, irrigation, skill development and conservation of their culture.

In the financial year 2021-22, sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.19.67 crore. Out of this amount, a sum of Rs.13.54 crore has been allocated exclusively for the construction of houses to 443 Irular families in Kancheepuram District.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.40.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(d) Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce Scheme [MSP to MFP]

The livelihood of the forest dwellers mainly depend on honey, millets, tamarind and other minor forest produce. They are the basis for their food, shelter and medicines.

The price of minor forest produce is most often determined by the traders than by the demand. In order to improve their livelihood by ensuring fair price for the minor forest produce gatherers, the "Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce Scheme" is implemented by the

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India through "The Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India" (TRIFED).

Under this scheme, 10 self help groups are formed with 30 Minor Forest Produce gatherers involved in primary processing / value addition of minor forest produces. A "Van Dhan Vikas Kendra" Forest Resource Development Centre is being set up comprising these groups.

The Government of India released Rs.15.00 lakh per VDVK to the District Collectors concerned for procurement of equipments, training and other functions of Van Dhan Vikas Kendras.

In Tamil Nadu, 7 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras are functioning at Jawadhu hills in Tiruvannamalai and Tirupathur districts and Yercaud hills in Salem District.

The Department of Tribal Welfare has been assigned as State Nodal agency for the implementation of this scheme. The Registrar of

Co-operative Societies has been designated as the implementing agency through 22 Large size Multipurpose Co-operative Societies (LAMPS).

Under this scheme, the Government sanctioned Rs.305.30 lakh as revolving fund with 75% Centre and 25% State contribution for procuring Minor forest produce from the gatherers.

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

To recognise and vest the land ownership of the Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers, the "Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" was enacted by Government of India and came into force from 29.12.2006. This act enable the Scheduled Tribes residing in the forests prior to 13.12.2005 and other traditional forest dwellers residing in the forests for 3 generations

i.e. for 75 years, for award of titles confirming their rights in the forest. The above said Act is being implemented in 18 districts of Tamil Nadu.

Objectives of this Act:

1. Granting rights to the native land of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers.
2. Granting rights to collect, use and sale of minor forest produce to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers.
3. Granting rights to use forest lands for community provide rights to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers.

Based on the Geographical information system, the District Collectors are distributing individual and community rights for the lands where the Scheduled Tribe people are residing.

For scrutinizing the applications received under this act, following three level Committees have been constituted:-

1. Grama Sabha
2. Sub-Divisional Level Committee headed by the Revenue Divisional Officer.
3. District Level Committee headed by the District Collector.

Implementation of this Act is being monitored by the State Level Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary.

Under this Act, out of the recommended 9,838 applications, 9,267 individual rights have been distributed and out of the 545 applications recommended, 472 community rights have been distributed.

(f) Tribal Research Centre (TRC)

The Tribal Research Centre was established in M.Palada, Nilgiris district in 1984-85 under the aegis of Tamil University, Thanjavur to study the way of life, culture, language, social, economic and educational status of the tribes in Tamil Nadu. Later, it was taken over by the Government in 1996 and undertaking research activities regarding the Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu.

In the premises of this centre a fuel station run by the women belonging to the particularly vulnerable tribal groups is functioning. 2000 litres of diesel and 4000 litres of petrol are being sold per day in this fuel station.

In this centre, an open air tribal museum established during the year 1996, wherein tribal artifacts and photographs on the life style of the Scheduled Tribes are protected with acrylic enclosures and exhibited with solar lighting. During the year 2021-22, the Museum and tribal shop were renovated at a cost of Rs.45.00 lakh.

Details of studies and training workshops conducted by the Tribal Research Centre.

The following research and training workshops have been conducted by the Tribal Research Centre during the year 2021-2022:

- Studies on the shelter, tribal entrepreneurship development, potential elements and migration of the Scheduled Tribe, Muthuvan community living in Valparai.

- Traditional and new painting techniques to youth belonging to Kurumbas community, in order to revive the art of painting of the Kurumbas people who excel in painting.
- Traditional embroidery training to youth of Toda tribe in Nilgiris district.
- Traditional pottery training to the youth of Kota tribe in the Nilgiris district.

The Administrative cost of the Centre is borne by the State Government whereas the cost of the project activities of the centre are borne by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.64.37 lakh** has been allocated by the State Government towards administrative cost.

3. State Schemes

(a) Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme (CTDP)

To undertake the task of establishing basic infrastructure facilities for the social and economic development of the Scheduled Tribes, implementing economic development programs and imparting skills development training, the State Government is allocating funds from the year 2012-2013 under the Comprehensive Tribal Development Programme.

Under this programme, land development activities, renovation of thatched roof houses, road works, renovation and repair works of Government Tribal Residential schools, provision of drinking water facilities are being carried out through the Department of Tribal Welfare. Economic Development Programme for the Scheduled Tribes and skill development programmes for the Youth belonging to

Scheduled Tribes are being implemented through TAHDCO.

In order to encourage the traditional skill and to create employment opportunities of the Scheduled Tribes, sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs.50.00 lakh to 100 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs.50,000/- each.

An expenditure of a sum of Rs.22.29 crore has been incurred during the financial year 2021-2022 under this scheme.

For the year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.95.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(b) Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITDP)

The Government have identified 10 areas of 7 Districts in Tamil Nadu i.e Salem, Namakkal, Kallakurichi, Tiruvannmalai, Trichirappalli, Dharmapuri and Tirupathur, where the Tribal population exceeds 50% or more of the

population and classified them as Integrated Tribal Development Programme Areas.

The Tribal Welfare Schemes in the Integrated Tribal Development Programme areas in the above districts are implemented through seven Project Offices.

1	Salem	Yercaud, Pachamalai, Aranuthumalai & Kalvarayan Hills
2	Namakkal	Kolli Hills
3	Kallakurichi	Kalvarayan Hills
4	Tiruvannamalai	Jawadhu Hills
5	Tiruchirappalli	Pachamalai
6	Dharmapuri	Sitheri Hills
7	Tirupathur	Jawadhu & Yelagiri Hills

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.2.96 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

(c) Special Vocational Guidance Centre

A Special Vocational Guidance Centre for Scheduled Tribes is functioning at Udthagamandalam in Nilgiris District since 06.03.1980 in order to provide training to the tribal youth for opting their career and training for various competitive examinations.

In the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.25.52 lakh has been incurred for the functioning of this centre.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.32.65 lakh** has been allocated for the functioning of this centre.

(d) Industrial Training Institutes

Six Vocational Training Centers exclusively for Scheduled Tribes are functioning under the administrative control of the Directorate of Employment and Training, in order to empower the youth belonging to Scheduled Tribe

communities in various occupations and help them to find employment in the manufacturing sector. In these Institutes training is imparted to 1,260 students during 2021-2022.

Sl. No	District	Name of the ITI	No.of Students
1.	Kallakurichi	Sankarapuram	252
2.	Coimbatore	Anaikatti	198
3.	Salem	Karumandurai	192
4.	Tiruvannamalai	Jamunamarathur	196
5.	Namakkal	Kolli hills	208
6.	Nilgiris	Gudalur	212
	Total		1,258

Student hostels for the above six ITIs are run by the Department of Tribal Welfare.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.9.04 crore** has been allocated for the functioning of these six institutes.

(e) Scheme for Improvement of Infrastructure in Tribal Habitations.

Most of the tribal habitations are located in mountainous and hilly areas. Hence, funds are allocated annually to ensure that all the basic amenities are available there.

During the financial year 2021-2022 orders have been issued to carry out the following works.

- (i) Provision of 830 street lights 3235 solar lamps and 1,196 safe drinking water facilities at a cost of Rs.123.86 crore through DRDA and Forest Department.
- (ii) Construction of link road from Muthukumaranmalai to Peenchamanthai in the Odukkathur area in Vellore District at a cost of Rs.5.11 crore through Forest Department.
- (iii) Construction of 65 toilet block in 31 Government Tribal Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.4.86 crore.

(iv) Construction of 65 additional classrooms in 39 Government Tribal Residential Schools and compound wall in 34 Government Residential Schools at a cost of Rs.21.09 crore.

For the financial year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.175.00 crore** has been allocated under this scheme.

4. Verification of genuineness of Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.5854/94, dated 02.09.1994, three State Level Scrutiny Committees have been formed to verify the genuineness of the Scheduled Tribe community certificates issued by the Revenue Divisional officer / Sub-collector. The constitution of the committees are as follows:

State Level Scrutiny Committee (SLSC)

Principal Secretary to Government / Additional Secretaries to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department	Chairman	To scrutinize the genuineness of the Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates and pass final orders. If aggrieved, an appeal will lie only with Hon'ble High Court of Madras under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and then with Hon'ble Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution of India.
Director, Tribal Welfare / Deputy Conservators of Forest	Member – Secretary	
Director, Tribal Research Centre/ Anthropologists	Member	

Vigilance Cells

To inquire, inspect and verify the community status of the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes and submit reports to State Level Scrutiny Committees, Vigilance Cells are functioning in four regions i.e., Chennai, Trichirappalli, Salem and Madurai. Each Vigilance Cell consists of the following Police Officials:

Name of the Post	Number of Posts
Deputy Superintendent of Police	1
Inspector of Police or Sub Inspector of Police	1
Head Constable	1

Besides, the Government have engaged the officers working in the 38 units of (31 Units in the Districts and 7 units in the Corporations) Social Justice and Human Rights wings are working under the control of Additional Director General of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights to carry out the verification of genuineness of Scheduled Tribe community certificates in addition to their normal work after conducting field enquiry and send recommendations to the State Level Scrutiny Committees. 14 anthropologists are assisting the Vigilance Cells in the process of verification at district level.

5. Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)

Recognizing the need for State Government assistance to alleviate the educational, social and economic backwardness of the tribal people and to enable them to join the main stream, the Tribal Sub-plan is being implemented in Tamil Nadu since 1976-77.

For this purpose, funds are being allocated in the State Annual Plan Allocation, in proportion to the tribal population in the State.

Out of the State's Total Annual Plan Outlay of Rs.74,892.56 crore for the year 2022-2023, a sum of **Rs.1,589.27** crore (2.12%) has been allocated under the Tribal Sub-Plan, which is more than the percentage of Scheduled Tribe population (1.10%) of the State.

The schemes for the Welfare and Development of the Scheduled Tribes under Tribal Sub Plan are implemented through 20 Sectoral Departments comprising 48 Heads of Departments. For the effective implementation of the schemes, the Nodal Officers of sectoral

departments are closely co-ordinating with the Tribal Welfare Department.

**SECTOR WISE ALLOCATION ON TSP
FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	SECTOR	Budget Allocation
1	Welfare of SC, ST and OBC	621.35
2	Rural Development	273.29
3	Water supply, Sanitation	260.60
4	Education, Sports and Culture	113.83
5	Social Welfare and Nutrition	109.34
6	Housing and Urban Development	105.31
7	Health and Family Welfare	43.60
8	Agriculture and Allied Activities	32.35
9	Labour and Labour Welfare	11.60
10	General Economic Services	9.46
11	Special Area Programmes	7.50
12	Industry and Minerals	0.84
13	Others Social Services	0.21
TOTAL		1589.27

This Department has been designated as the Nodal Department and the Principal Secretary to Government of this Department is the Nodal Officer for the formulation and implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan at the State Level. The Director, Tribal Welfare is entrusted with monitoring and reviewing of the schemes at District level. The Nodal Officer is closely monitoring the expenditure of the allocation with the Head of the Departments concerned.

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

With the sole objective of bringing the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe population above the poverty line, the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) was started on 15.02.1974. Initially, the corporation was constructing free fire proof houses to the homeless Adi Dravidar. Later, the activities of the Corporation were extended to undertake a vast spectrum of activities to promote prosperity among Adi Dravidar and Scheduled tribes by improving flow of financial assistance through entrepreneurial and skill development programmes.

1. Share Capital

The Authorized Share Capital of the Corporation is Rs.200.00 crore and Paid up Share Capital is Rs.147.11 crore. Since 1980, the paid

up Share Capital of the Corporation is being contributed by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Government of India in the ratio of 51 : 49.

2. Activities of TAHDCO

1. Implementation of Economic Development Programmes.
2. Providing Skill Development Training.
3. Undertaking Construction activities.

2.1 Economic Development Programmes

TAHDCO acts as a catalyst in systematic reduction of poverty among the economically backward Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes. Various need based economic development schemes are devised and implemented by the Corporation, through the District Managers with Government subsidy and loan assistance from banks, National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and National

Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC).

TAHDCO implements diverse areas of economic activities which include Agriculture and allied activities, Small scale industry, Transport, Trade and Service sector. The Government is granting subsidy of 30% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh whichever is lesser in case of Adi Dravidar.

For the Scheduled Tribes, 50% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.3.75 lakh whichever is lesser is given as subsidy. Further, they are provided with the subsidy of Rs.4.00 lakh for the purchase of light vehicles and Rs.5.50 lakh for heavy vehicles.

The upper income ceiling limit to avail assistance under this scheme is fixed as Rs.2.00 lakh for Adi Dravidar and Rs.3.00 lakh for Scheduled Tribes.

During the financial year 2021-2022, 32,369 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.185.57 crore.

2.1(A) Schemes under Loan with subsidy

(i) Land Purchase and Land Development Scheme

This special scheme aims to empower the landless Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe women as land owners and uplift their social status, was launched in 2004-2005. In the absence of women, assistance is extended to the men in their family.

The salient features of this scheme are:

- Title Deeds are registered in the name of Adi Dravidar / Scheduled Tribe beneficiary.
- Exemption of 100% stamp duty and registration fees to the land value.
- Seller should be a non Adi Dravidar.

The Land Development scheme was introduced in the year 2013-14 to increase the land ownership of the Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes and utilization of land as well as to generate income by providing subsidy with loan assistance from banks, for irrigation facilities like sinking of bore wells, open wells and purchase of power tillers etc.,

During the financial year 2021-2022, assistance of Rs.2.28 crore has been given to 175 beneficiaries.

(ii) Entrepreneur Development Programme for Adi Dravidar

Under this scheme, individuals in the age group of 18 and 65 are provided with financial assistance for undertaking income generating activities in order to uplift their economic status.

30% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.2.25 lakh whichever is lesser is provided as subsidy under this scheme.

During the financial year 2021-2022, 4,362 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.64.63 crore.

(iii) Entrepreneur Development Scheme for Scheduled Tribes

For the economic development of Scheduled Tribes, assistance is provided to start any income generating activity. Subsidy under the scheme is 50% of the project cost or maximum limit of Rs.3.75 lakh per individual or whichever is less.

In the financial year 2021-2022, 410 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.9.50 crore.

(iv) Self Employment Programme For Adi Dravidar Youth.

The educated, un-employed youth belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities, in the age group between 18 and 45, who desire to establish their own profession or business enterprises are provided with financial assistance under this scheme.

During the financial year 2021-2022, 1,259 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.19.47 crore.

(v) Self Employment Programme for Scheduled Tribe Youth

In order to enhance the economic condition of the Scheduled Tribe youth through income generating activities financial assistance is provided with 50% of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.3.75 lakh whichever is lesser. Under this scheme, tribal youth who possess

driving license with badge are provided with financial assistance for purchase of passenger vehicle / jeep, 50% of project cost or a maximum of Rs.4.00 lakh for light vehicle, 50% of project cost or a maximum Rs.5.50 lakh for heavy vehicles and 50% of project cost or a maximum Rs.3.75 lakh for other trades.

During the financial year 2021-2022, a sum of Rs.23.75 lakh has been sanctioned as financial assistance.

(vi) Special Self Employment Programme for Youth

Graduates in the fields of Allopathy (MBBS), Dental (BDS), Siddha (BSMS), Ayurvedic (BAMS), Naturopathy and Yoga (BNYS) for establishing their own Clinic / Lab / Pharmacy are provided with financial assistance under this scheme. From the year 2013 -2014, this scheme was extended to the persons qualified in paramedical disciplines such as, physiotherapy, pharmacy, ophthalmology

and lab technology to setup Clinic, Spectacle shop, Pharmacy and Laboratory. The applicants should have been registered with medical authority concerned.

During the financial year 2021-2022, 8 beneficiaries were benefitted under this scheme at a cost of Rs.15.58 lakh.

(vii) Economic Assistance to Women Self Help Groups.

In order to promote the economic empowerment of Adi Dravidar women Self Help Group members, financial assistance with low cost interest is provided to invest in the income generating activities.

The Adi Dravidar women Self Help Groups which have been accredited twice can avail the loan for income generating economic activities. A maximum of 50% of the project cost or Rs.2.50 lakh whichever is lesser is sanctioned as

subsidy to the self help groups to establish profession or business enterprises known to them.

During the financial year 2021-2022, assistance of **Rs.9.69 crore** was provided to 389 women Self Help Groups (SHG) having 4,730 members under this scheme.

(viii) Economic Assistance to Scheduled Tribe Women Self Help Groups.

Under this scheme, Tribal Women Self Help Groups which have been accredited twice can avail assistance for various income generating activities such as, making handicrafts, horticulture, floriculture, establishment of hotels in tourist spots, other tourism and hospitality based activities. 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum limit of Rs.3.75 lakh is released as subsidy.

During the financial year 2021-2022, assistance of **Rs.22.35 lakh** was provided to

6 women Self Help Groups (SHG) having 72 members under this scheme.

2.1(B). Subsidy Schemes

(i) Subsidy for Fast Track Power Supply

The scheme to provide financial assistance to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers towards electricity connection charges to TANGEDCO for getting Fast Track Power Supply was introduced in the year 2008-2009.

The amount of assistance provided under this scheme i.e Rs.75,000/- has been enhanced from the year 2021-2022 as below:-

Horse Power	Deposit amount	90% Subsidy
	(Rs. In Lakh)	
5 HP	2.50	2.25
7.5 HP	2.75	2.47
10 HP	3.00	2.70
15 HP	4.00	3.60

The outstanding Partial Deposit amount of Rs.5.35 crore payable in respect of 827 beneficiaries has been deposited to TANGEDCO and the connections were given in the financial year 2021-2022.

Further, steps are being taken to provide free electricity connection by paying 90% deposit on behalf of 1,000 Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers.

A total of Rs.28.65 crore has been spent for the benefit of 1,827 farmers under this scheme.

(ii) Subsidy for Purchase of Electric Motors

Orders have been issued for the provision of subsidy of Rs.10,000/- each to 2,000 farmers i.e 1,800 Adi Dravidar farmers and 200 Scheduled Tribe farmers, for purchasing electric motors for Drip irrigation / open wells. A sum of Rs.2.00 crore has been released for implementing this scheme in the year 2021-2022.

(iii) Subsidy scheme for purchase of PVC pipes for irrigation.

Orders have been issued for the provision of subsidy of Rs.15,000/- each to 2000 farmers i.e 1,300 Adi Dravidar and 700 Scheduled Tribe farmers for purchasing PVC pipes for borewell / open well irrigation. A sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been released for the implementation of this scheme in the year 2021-2022.

2.2 Skill Development Training.

TAHDCO caters for the economic empowerment of marginalized sections of the society i.e Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes. Most of them are having minimal economic assets. Since, provision of training and enhancing their competency is essential for their upliftment, several skill development trainings are provided through institutes empanelled with the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation / National Skill Development Corporation.

i) Important Training Programmes given by TAHDCO:

- Apparel designing, Made-Ups & Home Furnishing related courses.
- Automotive sector and allied courses
- Banking, Financial Services and Insurance sector and allied courses
- Beauty & Wellness sector and allied courses
- Electronics & Hardware sector and allied courses
- Healthcare sector and allied courses
- Leather technology and allied courses
- IT-ITES and allied courses
- Logistics and allied courses
- Media & Entertainment and allied courses
- Plumbing and allied courses
- Power sector and allied courses
- Retail sector and allied courses

During the year 2021-22, skill development training has been imparted to 7,666 Adi Dravidar and 360 Scheduled Tribes through 106 institutes at a cost of Rs.5.32 crore.

(ii) Training in Horticulture and Agricultural technology for farmers.

Orders have been issued to impart horticulture and agro technology to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe farmers at a cost of Rs.1.70 crore as below and funds have been released to the districts.

Training	No.of Farmers	Expenditure (Rs.in Lakh)
Horticulture	3,000	60.00
Agro Forestry, Nursery Plants Production and Marketing, Earthworm Compost Making and Agricultural Management	1,000	40.00
Repair of harvesting machines and bore well drillers etc.,	3,500	70.00

(iii) Business Management Training Scheme for Entrepreneurs.

Orders have been issued to provide 7 days of business management training at district level through Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) to a total of 5,000 entrepreneurs i.e 4,500 Adi Dravidar and 500 Scheduled Tribes, who have been granted credit approvals under the Economic Development Programme.

During the year 2021-22, District level training has been imparted to 2,520 entrepreneurs at a cost of Rs.1.08 crore.

2.3. Construction Activities

Construction of schools and hostels run by this department and community halls for the welfare of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes are undertaken by the construction wing of TAHDCO. It has also been entrusted with the work of providing additional amenities and improvement

of basic infrastructure facilities to Adi Dravidar and Tribal habitations and Adi Dravidar Welfare and Government Tribal Residential schools.

At Present, TAHDCO construction wing has taken up 357 works to a total value of Rs.337.91 crore under various schemes.

(i) Works under Government of India Assistance

With the Government of India assistance, construction of Adi Dravidar hostel buildings, Eklavya Model Residential School buildings (EMRS) are taken up.

Under the Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana Scheme (BJRCY), 13 hostel buildings are being constructed in 11 districts at a cost of Rs.21.80 crore.

Under Article 275(1) of Constitution of India scheme, school buildings for the five Eklavya Model Residential Schools i.e Kumili in

Chengalpattu district, Kizhur in Vellore district, Puliampatti in Thiruppur district, Senkarai in Namakkal district and M.Palada in Nilgiris district are also being constructed at a cost of Rs.60.00 crore.

(ii) State Government Works.

Under State Government schemes, works namely, construction of additional class rooms and science labs to the upgraded Adi Dravidar and Government Tribal Residential Schools, Hostels, Compound Wall, Modern Community Halls, Special repair work to hostel buildings and provision of additional infrastructure facilities to Government Tribal Residential Schools under State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) in Kalrayan hills are being undertaken.

During the year 2021-22, 238 works under the State Government schemes costing Rs.186.85 crore have been taken up.

(iii) Works under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (NABARD) scheme

Under NABARD – RIDF schemes, works such as, construction of additional classrooms and science laboratories, providing infrastructure facilities such as compound wall, water supply and toilet blocks to Adi Dravidar Welfare & Government Tribal Residential Schools and new hostel buildings are undertaken.

At present with the financial assistance from Rural Infrastructure development fund of NABARD 101 construction works are being undertaken at a cost of Rs.69.26 crore.

Further, during the year 2021-2022 administrative sanction has been accorded for the construction of 480 class rooms and 15 science laboratories in 150 schools at a cost of Rs.100.00 Crore.

IV.WELFARE COMMITTEES

1. State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

As per Rule 16(1) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995, and amended rules 2016, a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has to be constituted. Accordingly, the State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been reconstituted on 20.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly belonging to Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribe communities as Members and the first meeting was held on 19.08.2021.

The committee will meet atleast twice in a year and shall review the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Rules, cases registered under the Act, compensation and other relief measures provided to the victims of

atrocities and the role of the officers / organizations related to the implementation of this Act.

The meeting of the committee for the year 2022 was held on 12.04.2022 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

2. Tribal Advisory Council

As per Rule 4(1) of the 5th schedule in the Constitution of India, Tribal Advisory Council was constituted during the year 1961 to render advice for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu. The Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Chairperson and the Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member – Secretary of this Committee. A total number of 20 members comprising 3 official members, 15 Non official Members and 2 Non-Scheduled Tribe are members of the council. The tenure of this council is three years. This Council will meet atleast twice in a year.

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

In order to protect the legal rights of Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes at the State Level and to address their important issues, a new autonomous body, "**The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Adi Dravidar and Scheduled Tribes**" has been created and functioning from 13.10.2021 .

The Commission functions under the Chairmanship of retired Justice Thiru.Sivakumar and a Vice Chairman and four members have been nominated. The term of office of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members is three years from the date of assuming the charge.

At present, this Commission is functioning at the headquarters of TAHDCO. Action is being pursued on the 700 petitions received by the commission.

VI. WELFARE BOARDS

(a) Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board

For the educational, socio-economic development of the Puthirai Vannar community, which is one of the sub-sections of Adi Dravidar communities, "Puthirai Vannar Welfare Board" was established during the year 2009 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare. There are 12 official members and 13 non official members nominated to this Board. The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare is the Member- Secretary of this Board.

A sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been sanctioned from the year 2009 to 2012 for implementing various welfare measures to the registered members of the board and their dependents.

(b) Scavengers Welfare Board

In order to monitor implementation of the Welfare Schemes meant for the sanitary workers in the field of education, social and economic

development, "Scavengers Workers Welfare Board" has been constituted during the year 2007. The Board functions under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare. A Deputy Chairman, 13 official members and 14 non-official members are nominated to this Board.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDCO) functioning at TAICO Bank campus, No.1 Gandhi Irwin Road, Thalamuthu Natarajar Maaligai, Chennai-600 006 acts as the Member-Secretary to this board. Educational assistance, marriage assistance, maternity assistance, old age pension are provided to the registered members of board.

A sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been sanctioned from the year 2008-2010 for implementing various measures to the registered members of this board and their dependents.

During the year 2021-2022, the Government have enhanced the amount of

assistance given to the members of this board. For this purpose, the Government have accorded financial sanction for a sum of **Rs.1.53 crore** during the financial year 2021-2022.

(c) Tribal Welfare Board

“Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board” has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Hon’ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare during the year 2007, for the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes in the fields of education, economic development and social welfare. 8 official members and 13 non-official members have been nominated to this board. The Director, Tribal Welfare is the Member-Secretary of this Board.

From the year 2008 to 2010, a sum of **Rs.4.00 crore** has been sanctioned for implementing various welfare measures to the registered members of this board and their dependents.

VII. Financial allocation to Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department during 2022-2023

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Department	Revenue	Capital	Loan	Total
1	Secretariat	11.80	0.00	0.40	12.20
2	Adi Dravidar Welfare	3,503.96	158.04	0.00	3,662.00
3	Tribal Welfare	351.16	256.40	0.00	607.56
	Total	3,866.92	414.44	0.40	4,281.76

N.KAYALVIZHI SELVARAJ
Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare



The President of India conferred the Nari Shakti award to Jaya Muthu and Tejamma of Nilgiris for their contribution in preserving and promoting the Toda Embroidery.



State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 12.04.2022 in Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.



Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated new hostel and school buildings on 11.04.2022 constructed by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented the Dr. Ambedkar Award for the year 2021 to Retired Justice K. Chandru.



Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed free milch cows to the Scheduled Tribes at vathalmalai, Dharamapuri district.



Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare handed over assistance to the beneficiaries of TAHDCO, in Chennai district.



Renovated Tribal Museum at Tribal Research Centre, Nilgiris District.



Hut of Toda Scheduled Tribes.



New school building, Adi Dravidar Higher Secondary School, Kalangani, Namakkal District, (Estimate Amount: Rs. 219.45 Lakh).



The newly constructed Higher Secondary School at Kilambakkam in Chengalpet District, (Estimate Amount: Rs. 279.90 Lakh).



The newly constructed Adidravidar Welfare School Girls Hostel Building at Pounjur in Chengalpeta District (Estimate Amount: Rs. 111.03 Lakh).



Namakkal District, Thirupulinadu to Keeraikadu Road work for Scheduled Tribes Habitations, (Estimate amount : Rs.60.50 lakh).



Salem District, Gundur to Kasikal Road work for Scheduled Tribes Habitations, (Estimate amount : Rs.110.00 lakh).

