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Introduction

Language is like a seamless stream. It prospers through its speakers' endeavours. If the speakers of the language fail to cherish it, it distorts and vanishes. Language is continuous in nature. It's like an inherited wealth. Even when the speakers live amongst the people speaking other languages, the language of the speakers remains immortal like a legacy, if there is a love for the language.

Language brings joy to the senses; its glory lies in literature. While impoverished languages label only objects, cultured language articulate nuanced concepts.

The distinct phoneme 'zh,' (ழ) is present in words such as 'Tamizh' and 'Mozhi (language)'. It is revered as the 'Sirappu zhagaram' (Special phoneme 'Zha') in Tamil. Linguists opine that the phoneme 'zh' exists only in few languages viz., Malayalam and Mandarin.

The great poet Bharathiar who proclaimed as,

**"Of all the tongues I have tasted ever
Nothing could match with Tamil in
sweetness"**

He rejoices in greeting it as,

**"Hail Tamil living forever! Hail its
eternity!"**

**Hail the richest language that
scaled all that scaled by the sky!"**

It is a great fact that the unceasingly renowned 'Tholkappiyam' is a grammar book that hails the structure of Tamil language

and the culture of the Tamils during the time when the growth of Tamil had reached its pinnacle. The fact that Tamil had adequate source way back to make such a creation, unfolds the antiquity and affluence of the language.

When Perarignar Anna hails about our mother tongue Tamil he lauded, "The Tamil language is in such a good state that linguists while comparing our mother tongue with other languages, some with eagerness, more with mental exhaustion, some with envy and many with begrudge exclaims, Is such a vibrant language yours? Is a language with such a superior literature yours? Is the language with such a great grammar yours? Is your language remaining undistorted for 2000 years?"

Chapter – I

Tamil Development Department

1.1 Implementation of Official Language Scheme

A) Implementation of Official Language - A Review

Tamil Development initiatives are being carried out effectively through the Directorate of Tamil Development. The prime focus is on the implementation of official language.

Transparency in Government administration prevails only if it is executed in the language spoken by the natives. In view of this, the Official Language Act was enacted in the year 1956 and published in TamilNadu Gazette on 23.01.1957. It is

mandatory to review whether the offices are being governed in accordance with the Government orders issued subsequently for the implementation of Official Language Act. The task is being carried out by the department.

B) Workshops / Seminars on Official Language:

Training sessions regarding History of Official language, Act, Government Orders regarding the implementation of official language and addressing the impediments in the implementation of official language scheme and usage of Tamil Unicode in the computers are being conducted with Power Point presentation by a group of scholars for

Government employees enabling them to use Tamil language effectively in the Government offices. The trainees are awarded with a certificate of participation. An amount of Rs.19,00,000/- (Rupees nineteen lakh only) is allotted every year at the rate of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) per district to conduct the workshop.

Seminars on official language is conducted for the officers and employees working in Government departments, autonomous bodies, boards, corporations regularly by scholars in Tamil grammar and literature. The seminar helps ensuring the transparent administration of the Government in Tamil language effectively.

An amount of Rs.7,60,000/- (Rupees seven lakh sixty thousand only) is allocated every year at the rate of Rs.20,000/- per district for conducting the seminar.

Through the seminars / workshops, 3752 beneficiaries were benefitted in all 36 districts during the year 2023-2024.

**Details of the Official language
workshops / seminars conducted during
the financial year 2023-2024**

Sl. No.	District	Dates of workshops / seminars held
1.	Vellore	05.10.2023, 06.10.2023,
2.	Krishnagiri	11.10.2023, 12.10.2023
3.	Tiruvallur	12.10.2023, 13.10.2023
4.	Perambalur	17.10.2023, 18.10.2023
5.	Madurai	26.10.2023, 27.10.2023

6.	Thanjavur	31.10.2023, 01.11.2023
7.	Kancheepuram	08.11.2023, 09.11.2023
8.	Ariyalur	08.11.2023, 09.11.2023
9.	Sivagangai	14.11.2023, 15.11.2023
10.	Ramanathapuram	16.11.2023, 17.11.2023
11.	Chengalpattu	23.11.2023, 24.11.2023
12.	Theni	28.11.2023, 29.11.2023
13.	Mayiladuthurai	29.11.2023, 30.11.2023
14.	Kanniyakumari	30.11.2023, 01.12.2023
15.	Dindigul	07.12.2023, 08.12.2023
16.	Pudukkottai	11.12.2023, 12.12.2023
17.	Cuddalore	12.12.2023, 13.12.2023
18.	Salem	13.12.2023, 14.12.2023
19.	Virudhunagar	21.12.2023, 22.12.2023
20.	Erode	11.01.2024, 12.01.2024
21.	Coimbatore	23.01.2024, 24.01.2024
22.	Karur	23.01.2024, 24.01.2024
23.	Nagapattinam	30.01.2024, 31.01.2024
24.	Tiruchirapalli	01.02.2024, 02.02.2024
25.	Dharmapuri	06.02.2024, 07.02.2024
26.	Thoothukudi	06.02.2024, 07.02.2024

27.	Tiruvannamalai	13.02.2024, 14.02.2024
28.	Chennai	14.02.2024, 15.02.2024
29.	Tiruppur	15.02.2024, 16.02.2024
30.	Tiruvarur	15.02.2024, 16.02.2024
31.	Villupuram	20.02.2024, 21.02.2024
32.	Thirupathur	20.02.2024, 21.02.2024
33.	Tenkasi	20.02.2024, 21.02.2024
34.	Tirunelveli	22.02.2024, 23.02.2024
35.	Ranipet	22.02.2024, 23.02.2024
36.	Kallakurichi	27.02.2024, 28.02.2024

Through the scheme 1937 males and 1815 females altogether 3752 employees were benefitted during the year 2023-2024. 'Glossary of Administrative Terms', a publication of Tamil Development Department was released on 14.08.2023 for the benefit of Government Offices.

An amount of Rs.7,60,000/- (Rupees seven lakh sixty thousand only) for the seminar and Rs. 19,00,000/- (Rupees nineteen lakh only) for the workshop have been allocated for the year 2024-25.

C) Official Language Act Week

The Official Language Act Week is observed every year from 2019 onwards in all districts for a period of one week to commemorate the day 27.12.1956, when the Tamil Official Language Act was enacted. Official Language Act Week is observed every year from 21st to 29th of December in every district to commemorate, enforce and create awareness about Tamil Official Language Act.

The Government sanctions an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) per district to conduct 7 days program as given below:-

First Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminar on Computer Tamil Awareness• Training on the usage of Tamil Unicode.
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Second Day	Power Point Presentation on Official language
Third Day	Conducting debates on Official language
Fourth Day	Training programmes on drafting and noting in Tamil
Fifth Day	Meeting with the proprietors of commercial establishments to display name boards of their establishments in Tamil.
Sixth Day	Conducting Demonstration Meeting on Official Language Scheme at Panchayat Union, Taluk and District levels.
Seventh Day	Conducting an awareness rally in collaboration with Tamil organizations and students.

Official language Act week for the financial year 2023-2024 was conducted in all districts from 18.12.2023 to 27.12.2023.

An amount of Rs.38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight lakh only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025

D) Training on Official Language Scheme for Government Employees of Chennai District

Department-wise, Tamil official language training programmes are conducted to Government employees working in Chennai district from the year 2004 onwards. In two days of training programme, training classes on Official Language Act / History, Implementation of official language and Government orders, Coinage of Technical Terms and Translation, language training, Preparation of office notes, drafts, proceedings, inspection of Tamil Official language and grievance redressal activities are imparted in a

comprehensive manner. An amount of Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only) is allocated annually for conducting training programmes at the rate of Rs.30,000/- per training programme.

An Amount of Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

e) Name Boards of Commercial Establishments in Tamil

Orders issued in G.O. (Ms) No.1541, Labour and Employment Department, dated 29.07.1982, directing that name boards of commercial establishments, restaurants, shops, and other commercial premises in Tamil Nadu must be prominently in Tamil

followed by English and the respective mother tongues in the ratio of 5:3:2.

Further, the imposition of penalty for violations regarding name boards has been increased from Rs.50/- to Rs.2000/- and the same was notified by the Department of Labour Welfare and Skill Development, vide Tamil Nadu Gazette No.354, dated: 09.10.2023.

An awareness rally, in collaboration with the Federation of Tamil Nadu Traders' Unions (Tamil Nadu Vanigar Sangangalin Peramaippu), Central Chennai District, Union of All Traders of Mylapore-Mandaiveli, was conducted on 01.03.2024 towards creating

awareness on displaying name boards of commercial establishments in Tamil.

1.2 People Welfare Schemes

a) Financial Assistance to Aged Tamil Scholars

The Scheme of providing Financial Assistance to Aged Tamil Scholars has been implemented from 1978 onwards. Under this scheme, 100 numbers of aged Tamil scholars will be selected by an Expert committee every year from Tamil scholars who have attained the age of 58 years and whose annual income does not exceed Rs.72,000/-. Financial Assistance of Rs.3,500/- and

medical allowance of Rs.500/-, in total, Rs.4,000/- (Rupees four thousand only) per month is granted to the aged Tamil scholars throughout their life time.

Financial Assistance has been sanctioned to 1334 beneficiaries for the period from 1978 to 2023. As of now, 691 beneficiaries are receiving the financial assistance.

Details of Enhancement of Financial Assistance for Aged Tamil Scholars

Sl. No.	Amount of Financial Assistance	Medical Allowance	Period from	Government Order and Date
1	Rs.100/-	-	Since 01.01.1978	G.O.(Ms) No.1, Education Department, Dated : 02.01.1978

2	Rs.250/-	-	Since 01.01.1979	G.O.(Ms) No.607, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 06.04.1979
3	Rs.350/-	-	Since 01.04.1990	G.O.(Ms) No.94, Tamil Development and Culture (TD1.1) Department, Dated : 26.05.1990
4	Rs.400/-	-	Since 15.01.1991	G.O.(Ms) No.54, Tamil Development and Culture (TD1.1) Department, Dated : 11.03.1991
5	Rs.500/-	-	Since 10.09.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.222, Tamil Development and Culture (TD2.2) Department, Dated : 10.09.1996
6	Rs.1000/-	Rs.15/-	Since 01.09.2006	G.O.(Ms) No.301, Tamil Development -Culture and Religious

				Endowment (TD1.2) Department, Dated : 06.11.2006
7	Rs.2000/-	Rs.15/-	Since 01.12.2011	G.O.(Ms) No.311, Tamil Development - Religious Endowment and Information (TD1.2) Department, Dated : 02.12.2011
8	Rs.2500/-	Rs.100/-	Since 05.10.2017	G.O.(Ms) No.181, Tamil Development and Information (TD1.2) Department, Dated : 05.10.2017
9	Rs.3500/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.12.2020	G.O.(Ms) No.120, Tamil Development - and Information (TD1.2) Department, Dated : 16.12.2020

Medical Allowance

Sl. No.	Amount of Medical Allowance	Enhanced Medical Allowance	Period from	Government Order
1	Rs.15/-	Rs.100/-	Since 22.12.2014	G.O.(Ms) No.209, Tamil Development - and Information (TD1.2) Department, Dated : 22.12.2014
2	Rs.100/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.07.2018	G.O.(Ms) No.184, Tamil Development - and Information (TD1.2) Department, Dated : 03.09.2018

b) Financial Assistance to the Legal heirs of Aged Tamil Scholars

After the demise of the Tamil Scholar who had been receiving the financial

assistance every month, a monthly financial assistance of Rs.2,500/- and medical allowance of Rs.500/-, in total, Rs.3,000/- (Rupees three thousand only) is provided to his/her legal heir throughout their life. As of now, 37 legal heirs of aged Tamil scholars have been receiving the financial assistance.

An amount of Rs.4,00,00,000/- (Rupees four crore only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

C) Financial Assistance for Border savours

After the Independence of India, States were reorganized along linguistic lines in the year 1956. Accordingly, Chennai Province was created as separate State on

01.11.1956. When few parts where Tamils resided in large number (Kanyakumari, Tiruttani, Peermedu, Koodalur, and Devikulam) were merged with neighbouring states, several agitations took place for the merger of those places with Tamil Nadu.

Financial assistance to such Border Saviours, who indulged in the border struggle and undergone imprisonment, has been sanctioned from the year 1988 onwards. An amount of Rs.5,500/- and medical allowance of Rs.500/-, in total, Rs.6,000/- (Rupees six thousand only) per month is granted to the Border Saviours throughout their life time. So far, Financial Assistance has been sanctioned for 405

Border Saviours under this scheme. As of now, 76 Border saviours are receiving the financial assistance.

Details of enhancement of financial assistance to border saviours

Sl. No.	Amount of Financial Assistance	Medical Allowance	Period from	Government Order and date
1	Rs.250/-	-	Since 14.04.1987	G.O.(Ms) No.72, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 03.03.1988
2	Rs.350/-	-	Since 01.10.1989	G.O.(Ms) No.412, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 15.12.1989
3	Rs.400/-	-	Since 01.01.1991	G.O.(Ms) No.5, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.01.1994

4	Rs.500/-	-	Since 10.09.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.222, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.09.1996. Government Letter No.13621/TD2 .2/95-2, Dated : 05.10.1996.
5	Rs.1500/-	Rs.15/-	Since 10.10.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.241, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.10.1996
6	Rs.3000/-	Rs.15/-	Since 15.08.1997	G.O.(Ms) No.25, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 08.10.1997
7	Rs.4000/-	Rs.15/-	Since 01.11.2006 (on the occasion of Golden Jubilee)	G.O.(Ms) No.336, Tamil Development – Culture and Religious Endowment Department, Dated : 01.12.2006

8	Rs.4500/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.07.2018	G.O.(Ms) No.175, Tamil Development and Information Department, Dated : 24.08.2018
9	Rs.5500/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.12.2020	G.O.(Ms) No.119, Tamil Development - and Information Department, Dated : 15.12.2020

**d) Financial assistance to Legal Heirs of
Border Saviours**

Monthly financial assistance is granted to their Legal heirs of Border saviours who took part in the Border agitation and received financial assistance, after the demise of the Border saviours, from 1988 onwards. Financial assistance of Rs.3,000/- and the Medical allowance of Rs.500, in total,

Rs.3,500/- per month is granted to the legal heirs throughout their life time.

So far, financial assistance has been sanctioned to 305 legal heirs of Border Saviours. As of now, 123 legal heirs are receiving the financial assistance.

Details of enhancement of financial assistance to legal heirs of Border Saviours

Sl. No.	Amount of Financial Assistance	Medical Allowance	Period from	Government Order and date
1	Rs.250/-	-	Since 14.04.1987	G.O.(Ms) No.72, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 03.03.1988
2	Rs.350/-	-	Since	G.O.(Ms)

			01.10.1989	No.412, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 15.12.1989
3	Rs.400/-	-	Since 01.01.1991	G.O.(Ms) No.5, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.01.1994
4	Rs.500/-	-	Since 10.09.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.222, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.09.1996. Government Letter No.13621/TD2 .2/95-2, Dated :

				05.10.1996.
5	Rs.750/-	Rs.15/-	Since 10.10.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.241, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.10.1996
6	Rs.1500/-	Rs.15/-	Since 15.08.1997	G.O.(Ms) No.257, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 08.10.1997
7	Rs.2000/-	Rs.15/-	Since 01.11.2006 (on the occasion of Golden Jubilee)	G.O.(Ms) No.336, Tamil Development - Culture and Religious Endowment Department, Dated : 01.12.2006

8	Rs.2500/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.07.2018	G.O.(Ms) No.171, Tamil Development and Information Department, Dated : 21.08.2018
9	Rs.3000/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.12.2020	G.O.(Ms) No.126, Tamil Development - and Information Department, Dated : 28.12.2020

e) Financial Assistance for Tamil Scholars

Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Tamil Scholars, Financial Assistance of Rs.4500/- and Medical

allowance of Rs.500, in total, Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only), per month is granted throughout their life time to the befitting Tamil scholars, who served for the cause of Tamil, Culture and language.

Ever since the scheme was launched in the year 1988, Financial Assistance has been sanctioned to 1105 Tamil scholars. As of now, 275 Tamil Scholars are receiving the financial assistance.

On the occasion of the Centenary of Muthamizharinagar Kalaingar, financial sanction has been accorded for a sum of Rs. 27,50,000/- (Rupees twenty seven lakh fifty thousand only) as a special case for the current financial year to grant Rs.10,000/- to 275 Tamil Scholars each as one-time

payment in honour of them and in first phase, the same was distributed to 121 Tamil Scholars at Alagu Nachiyappan Marriage Hall, Chengampalli, Tiruppur, on 31.01.2024. Financial assistance for the remaining Tamil scholars was disbursed by the respective District Collectors.

Details of enhancement of financial assistance to Tamil Scholars

Sl. No.	Amount of Financial Assistance	Medical Allowance	Period from	Government Order and Date
1	Rs.250/-	-	Since 14.04.1987	G.O.(Ms) No.72, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 03.03.1988
2	Rs.350/-	-	Since 01.10.1989	G.O.(Ms) No.412, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 15.12.1989

3	Rs.400/-	-	Since 01.01.1991	G.O.(Ms) No.5, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.01.1994
4	Rs.500/-	-	Since 10.09.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.222, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.09.1996. Government Letter No.13621/TD2 .2/95-2, Dated : 05.10.1996.
5	Rs. 1500/-	Rs.15/-	Since 10.10.1996	G.O.(Ms) No.241, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 10.10.1996
6	Rs.3000/-	Rs.15/-	Since 15.08.1997	G.O.(Ms) No.257, Tamil Development and Culture Department, Dated : 08.10.1997
7	Rs.3500/-	Rs.500/-	Since	G.O.(Ms) No.169, Tamil

			01.07.2018	Development and Information Department, Dated : 21.08.2018
8	Rs.4500/-	Rs.500/-	Since 01.01.2021	G.O.(Ms) No.17, Tamil Development and Information Department, Dated : 01.02.2021

e) Legal heirs of Tamil scholars

Since 1988, Financial Assistance has been granted every month to the legal heirs of deceased Tamil scholars, who had been receiving the financial assistance from the Government of Tamil Nadu. As such, Financial Assistance of Rs.2500/- and Medical allowance of Rs.500/-, in total,

Rs.3,000/- (Rupees three thousand only) is provided every month to the legal heirs.

So far, Financial Assistance for 1039 legal heirs of Tamil scholars has been sanctioned. As of now, 572 legal heirs are receiving the financial assistance.

Details of enhanced Financial Assistance to Legal heirs of Tamil scholars

S. No.	Financial Assistance	Medical Allowance	With effect from	Government Order and date
1	Rs.250/-	-	14.04.1987	G.O. (Ms.) No. 72, Tamil Development - Culture Department, Dated : 03.03.1988
2	Rs.350/-	-	01.10.1989	G.O. (Ms.) No. 412, Tamil Development - Culture Department, Dated : 15.12.1989
3	Rs.400/-	-	01.01.1991	G.O. (Ms.) No.5, Tamil

				Development - Culture Department, Dated : 10.01.1994
4	Rs.500/-	-	10.09.1996	G.O. (Ms.) No. 222, Tamil Development - Culture Department, Dated : 10.09.1996 Government Letter No. 13621/TD2- 2/95-2, Dated : 05.10.1996
5	Rs.750/-	Rs.15/-	10.10.1996	G.O. (Ms.) No. 241, Tamil Development - Culture Department, Dated : 10.10.1996
6	Rs.1500/-	Rs.15/-	15.08.1997	G.O. (Ms.) No. 257, Tamil Development - Culture Department, Dated : 08.10.1997
7	Rs.2000/-	Rs.500/-	01.07.2018	G.O. (Ms.) No. 170, Tamil Development and

				Information Department, Dated : 21.08.2018
8	Rs.2500/-	Rs.500/-	01.01.2021	G.O. (Ms.) No. 127, Tamil Development and Information Department, Dated : 29.12.2020

g) Financial assistance for Performing Funeral Rites for Tamil Scholars / Border Saviours

After the demise of Tamil Scholars / Border Saviours, on application to the Deputy / Assistant Director of Tamil Development of the respective Districts along with the Legal Heir Certificate, financial assistance is provided for performing funeral rites of deceased Tamil scholars / Border saviours.

The amount for performing obsequies which was Rs.1000/- in 1984 has been increased to Rs.5,000/- since 01.07.2018. Till the year 2023-2024, 85 Scholars have been provided the financial assistance for performing obsequies.

An amount of Rs.6,50,00,000/- (Rupees six crore fifty lakh only) has been allocated for this scheme for the FY 2024-2025.

h) Free travel concession in buses

The Government offers free travel concession in buses to Aged Tamil scholars, Border saviours and Tamil scholars in honour of their contribution for the cause of Tamil language. This concession was extended to 321 scholars in the FY 2013-2014 and 591

scholars for the FY 2023-2024 and in total, 912 Aged Tamil scholars are benefitted.

i) Prizes for best Tamil books

Prizes are awarded to authors who create excellent works and publishers in order to encourage the publication of outstanding books in unique Tamil language. Every year, the books received for competition in 33 categories are evaluated by a Committee of Professors and Tamil scholars and a book is selected in each category and the author of the book is awarded cash prize of Rs.30,000/- along with a certificate and the Publisher that published the book is awarded a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- along with a certificate.

Under this scheme, cash prize and certificate of appreciation were awarded to the authors and publishers, selected for the years 2020 and 2021, on 14.02.2024 at Anna Centenary Library, Chennai.

An amount of Rs.13,80,000/- (Rupees thirteen lakh eighty thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

j) Financial assistance for the publication of books for the development of Tamil (Best Books / Rare Books / Translation Books)

The scheme of financial assistance for the Publication of Best books has been implemented since 1994. Financial assistance with a ceiling of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) is accorded for

the publication of best books / reprinting of rare books / translation and publication of books from other languages with the estimation of Stationary and Printing Department.

An amount of Rs.7,50,000/- (Rupees seven lakh fifty thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

1.3. Schemes for students

1.3.1. Competitions

a) Kural Prize

Kural Prize scheme was introduced by Muthamilarignar Kalaignar in the year 2000. Under this scheme, earlier, a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- and a Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to 70 students who recite 1330 Kural couplets every year.

Since the year 2022, the ceiling of 70 persons per year was removed and the Kural Award is distributed to all the students who recite all the couplets of Thirukkural with the cash award of Rs.10,000/- per student. 219 students were awarded the Kural Award in the year 2022.

The prize amount has been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only) since the year 2022-2023 to enhance the interest of students in reciting all 1330 couplets of Thirukkural.

It is noteworthy that 920 students have received Kural prizes in the last 24 years ever since this prize scheme was introduced. A total of 108 students have benefitted through this scheme, with 34 boys

and 74 girls in the year 2023-2024. Award was distributed to 31 students in Thirukkural Students' Conference-2024, held at Virudhunagar District. For others, prizes were awarded by respective District Collectors.

**An amount of Rs.22,50,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Two lakh fifty thousand
only) has been allocated for the
FY 2024-2025.**

**b) Poetry, Essay Writing, Elocution
Competitions for School / College
students**

Essay writing and Elocution competitions have been conducted to the 11th and 12th standard students and college students at District level and State level every year and cash prizes have been awarded since 2004, with the view of

improving the skills of oration, writing and poetry writing in Tamil since childhood and also to develop their passion towards Tamil language.

Break-up details of 3717 students participated in various competitions held during 2023-2024

Students from	Boys	Girls	Total
School	508	1211	1719
College	572	1426	1998
Total	1080	2637	3717

Details of prizes awarded to students who won Poetry, Essay Writing and Elocution competitions

Category	Prize details	Amount (in rupees)
Details of Cash Prize awarded to School / College Students at District level	First Prize	10,000
	Second Prize	7,000
	Third Prize	5,000

Details of Cash Prize awarded to School / College Students at State level	First Prize	15,000
	Second Prize	12,000
	Third Prize	10,000

An amount of Rs.66,88,000/- (Rupees sixty six lakh eighty eight thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

c) Conducting District level Elocution competition for school and college students on the Birthday Anniversaries of National Leaders.

Elocution competitions for college and school students at the District level are conducted every year on the Birth Anniversaries of the leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Annal

Ambedkar, Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizarignar Kalaignar who strove hard for our nation, in order to make the younger generation aware of the views and social thoughts of these leaders and Prizes and Certificates of Appreciation are distributed to the students from the year 2021 onwards. Special prize in Elocution competition has also been created exclusively for Government school students with the cash award of Rs.2,000/- per student in order to encourage them.

Break-up details of 12633 students participated in various competitions held during 2023-2024

Students from	Boys	Girls	Total
Schools	2333	6729	9062
Colleges	962	2609	3571
Total	3295	9333	12633

Details of Prizes awarded to students who won Elocution competition:-

Category	Prize Details	Amount (In Rupees)
Details of Cash Prize awarded to School / College Students at District level	First Prize	5,000
	Second Prize	3,000
	Third Prize	2,000
Special Cash Prize for 2 Government School Students	2 x 2,000 = Rs.4,000	

An amount of Rs.81,60,000/- (Rupees Eighty One lakh sixty thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

d) Competitions in Tamil Nadu Day Celebrations

As a part of the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations, Essay Writing and Elocution competitions are conducted for school students in all 38 Districts and prizes are awarded to school students who won District / State level competitions on 18th July at the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations organized by the Tamil Development Department from the year 2021 onwards.

A total of 4684 school students have participated in these competitions, with 1042 boys and 3643 girls in the year 2023-2024.

Details of Cash Prizes awarded to students who won Essay Writing and Elocution competitions in the Tamil Nadu Day Celebrations

Category	Prize details	Amount (in Rupees)
Prize amount awarded to school students for Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions at District level	First Prize	10,000
	Second Prize	7,000
	Third Prize	5,000
Prize amount awarded to school students for Essay Writing and Elocution competitions at State level	First Prize	50,000
	Second Prize	30,000
	Third Prize	20,000

An amount of Rs.28,54,500/- (Rupees Twenty Eight lakh fifty four thousand five hundred only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

e) Establishing Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighnar Student Tamil Forums in colleges

"Students' Tamil Forums" have been set up in Government Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges, and Medical Colleges in Tamil Nadu. Poetry, essay writing and elocution competitions are held for college students through the forums every year from the year 2022 onwards.

In commemoration of Centenary of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighnar 'Student's Tamil Forum' has been functioning as

'Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Students'
Tamil Forum'.

For this purpose, Deposit amount of Rs.5,00,000/- per college has been sanctioned for 100 colleges selected by Directorate of Collegiate Education, Directorate of Medical Education, Directorate of Technical Education & Engineering Colleges and an amount of Rs.36,00,000/- has been sanctioned for conducting competitions for the year 2023-2024 and in total, Rs.5,36,00,000/- (Rupees five crore and thirty six lakh only) was sanctioned.

From 2024-2025 onwards, competitions will be conducted from the interest accrued from the Deposit amount of Rs.5 lakh.

f) Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Tamil Forum in Government Schools

Provisions have been made to upgrade Tamil Forums in 6218 Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools all over Tamil Nadu to assist the students studying in Government Schools to know about the antiquity and glory of Tamil language, to develop passion and interest towards Tamil literature, grammar and to learn about Tamil scholars and Tamil enthusiasts who served for the cause of Tamil. An amount of Rs.5,59,62,000/- (Rupees five crore fifty nine lakh and sixty two thousand) has been sanctioned every year at the rate of Rs.9000/- per school from the FY 2022-2023 onwards for conducting

three 'Tamil Koodal' meetings through these forums from the year 2022.

In commemoration of Centenary of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar 'Tamil Forum' has been functioning as 'Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Tamil Forum'.

An amount of Rs 5,59,62,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Fifty Nine lakh and sixty two thousand) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

g) Literary Quiz

A literary quiz has been conducted in 'Tamil Literary Workshop for the Youth' by the Tamil Development Department for the students from the year 2019 onwards. Three first prize winners will be awarded Rs.

5,000/- each. Similarly, three second prize winners and three third prize winners will be awarded Rs.3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- respectively. In the financial year 2023 – 2024, the quiz was conducted at the 'Tamil Literary Workshop for the Youth' held at World Tamil Sangam, Madurai on 22nd December 2023.

An amount of Rs 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

h) Conducting Tamil related competitions in commemoration of Centenary celebration of Poet 'Tamil Oli' and distribution of prizes to the students

As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Tamil Development Department will conduct Tamil-based competitions and distribute prizes in the name of poet 'Tamil Oli', on the occasion of the Centenary celebrations of Poet Tamil Oli. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) was deposited on 08.03.2024, to establish an exclusive Endowment in the name of poet Tamil Oli. Prizes will be awarded to students by conducting competitions with the interest accrued from the deposit. Orders have been issued for the sanction of Rs.3,25,000/- for these expenses in the financial year 2024-2025.

From the year 2024-2025 onwards, the competitions will be conducted with the interest amount accrued on the deposit amount.

1.3.2 Training for Students

A) Tamil literary Workshop for Youth

A week-long intensive training on compering stage programs, demonstrating the public welfare programs implemented by the Government to all people and training on short story, novel, assessment skill, essay, poetry, brief news etc with multidisciplinary experts is being imparted in this literary workshop to 200 college students who won poetry, essay writing and elocution competitions organized by the Tamil Development Department every year

at every District from the year 2012 onwards.

In the financial year 2023-2024, Tamil literary Workshop for Youth was held at World Tamil Sangam, Madurai from 18.12.2023 to 24.12.2023.

An amount of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty lakh only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

B) Literary Training Camp for Youth

It is the objective of the Government of Tamil Nadu to develop the interest for studying Tamil literature and the creating Tamil literary works among the college students of Tamil Nadu.

Accordingly, an Order was issued to conduct Literary Training Camp for youth in all 38 districts across Tamil Nadu through the department of Tamil Development from the year 2023 onwards.

It is conducted in three or four districts per month, as a one-day youth literature training camp with Tamil scholars for the college students studying in Tamil Nadu through the Tamil Development Department, so as to develop the interest in Tamil language, improve literary thinking, encourage self-confidence and change the mindset of memorizing Tamil literature only to secure marks. For this, an amount of Rs. 38,00,000/- (Rupees thirty eight lakh only) have been accorded to 38 districts at the

rate of Rs.1 lakh per district. First training camp was inaugurated at Ethiraj Women's College, Chennai on 30.08.2023. So far, it has been conducted in 32 districts. In the remaining 6 districts, it will be conducted by June 2024. A total of 3200 students including 1290 boys and 1910 girls students have benefitted through this scheme in the year 2023-2024.

**An amount of Rs.38,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Eight lakh only) has
been allocated for the FY 2024-2025**

1.4 Functions

1.4.1. Garlanding and Offering floral tributes to Statues of Tamil Savants / Scholars

In honour of the creative skills and services of following Tamil scholars, Tamil poets, Tamil savants, their statues are garlanded and offered with floral tributes.

1.	Statue of Thiruvalluvar	Marina Beach, Chennai Valluvar Kottam, Chennai	Thai – 2 nd day (Thiruvalluvar Day)
2.	Statue of Tamil Thatha U.Ve.Sa.	Presidency College, Chennai	February – 19 th (Birth Anniversary of U. Ve. Sa.)
3.	Statue of Tamil 'Moodhatti' Avvaiyar	Marina Beach, Chennai	March – 8 th (International Women's Day)
4.	Statue of Kavi Chakravarthi Kambar	Anna Square, Chennai	March-24 th (Kambar Day)

5.	Statue of Ilango Adigal	Anna Square, Chennai	April-24 th (Ilango Adigal Day)
6.	Statue of Tamil Scholar Robert Caldwell	Marina Beach, Chennai	May-7 th (Birth anniversary of Robert Caldwell)
7.	Statue of Maraimalai Adigal (Founder of Pure Tamil Movement)	Pallavapuram, Chengalpattu District	July -15 th (Birth anniversary of Maraimalai Adigal)
8.	Statue of Tamil Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka	Thundala, Thiruvallur District	August - 26 th (Birth Anniversary of Thiru.Vi.Ka)
9.	Statue of Tholkappiar	Madras University, Marina Campus	Chithirai, Full Moon day,
		Kappiakaad. Kanniyakumar i District	
10.	Statue of Tamil Thai	Thamukkam Ground, Madurai	A flower garland is offered daily and a new cotton saree is adorned every 15 days.

An amount of Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight lakh only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

1.4.2. Honouring Memorial Pillars of Sangam Poets

The following six memorial pillars have been erected by the Government of Tamil Nadu and floral tributes are offered on Tamil Poets Day, ie., 29th April, every year, in commemoration of the poets of the Sangam era.

S. No	Name of the Poet	Place of Installation	District
1	Okkur Masaathiyar	Okkur	Sivagangai

2	Nallur Naththathanar	Idaikazhinaadu	Chengalpattu
3	Mangudi Maruthanar	Mangudi	Tenkasi
4	Twelve Karuvor poets	Karur	Karur
5	Kaniyan Poonkundranar	Mahibalanpatti	Sivagangai
6	Kabilar	Tirukovilur	Kallakurichi

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated Kaniyan Poonkundranar's Memorial Pillar on 22.01.2024 through video conference.

Kabilar Memorial Pillar was inaugurated on 07.03.2024 through video conference.

An amount of Rs.1,08,000/- (Rupees one lakh Eight Thousand only) has been sanctioned for the FY 2024-2025.

1.4.3. Tamil Poet's Day Celebration

Government of Tamil Nadu celebrates 29th April, the Birth Anniversary of the revolutionary poet Pavendar Bharathidasan as Tamil Poet's Day every year. A literary event was held in honour of Pavendar at World Tamil Sangam, Madurai on 29.04.2024.

An amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three lakh only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

1.4.4. Tamil Nadu Day Celebration

A resolution was passed in the Legislative Assembly by the former Chief

Minister of Tamil Nadu, Perarignar Anna on 18.07.1967 to rename Madras Province as 'Tamil Nadu' and the same was renamed as 'Tamil Nadu'. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made an announcement on 31.10.2021 that 18th July will be celebrated as "Tamil Nadu Day" every year. Accordingly, 18th July of every year has been Celebrated as Tamil Nadu Day, since 2022. Exhibitions, awareness rallies and competitions on Tamil Nadu Day are conducted for school students in all districts.

An amount of Rs.3,84,500/- (Rupees three lakh eighty four thousand and five hundred only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

1.4.5 World Mother Tongue Day Celebration

Department of Tamil Development proudly celebrates 'World Mother Tongue Day' on 21st February every year as declared by UNESCO in 1999, in order to glorify the world ancient Tamil Language, which has recorded its existence even before the Paleolithic age. On the occasion of World Mother Tongue Day, on 21.02.2024, Debate, Poetic Symposium and seminar were held at Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai, for the financial year 2023-2024.

All the members of the Legislative Assembly took the "World Mother Language Day Pledge" on 21.02.2024 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. Subsequently,

order issued to take the World Mother Language Day pledge in all Government offices, District Collectorate, schools and colleges every year from 21.05.2025 onwards.

An amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakh only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

1.4.6. Conducting literary meetings

On the birth anniversaries of great Tamil scholars and writers, monthly literary meetings have been organized annually by local literary organizations on turn basis, since 2022, in commemoration of their works on Tamil literature, service and contribution to the Tamil language.

Accordingly, an amount of Rs.1,25,000/- per district has been sanctioned to conduct monthly literary meetings in 7 districts for the financial year 2023-2024 and it was conducted in the districts of Vellore, Salem, Erode, Tirupur, Cuddalore, Chengalpattu and Villupuram.

**An amount of Rs 15,00,000/-
(Rupees fifteen lakh only) has been
allocated for the FY 2024-2025**

1.5 Awards

The Government of Tamil Nadu is honouring the eminent scholars who render exemplary service for the cause of Tamil, with due awards considering the same a real

service to Tamil language, in order to make the people all over the world realize the antiquity, culture and civilization of the Tamil language and admire the pride of Tamil.

Department of Tamil Development have been presenting 74 awards under 26 categories every year to 73 scholars and a Tamil organization of excellence.

1.5.1 Paventhar Bharathidasan Award

Paventhar Bharathidasan award has been presented to an outstanding poet following the tradition to honour the legacy of the revolutionary poet "Paventhar" Bharathidasan who founded Tamil movement in the name of Service to Tamil, from the year 1978 onwards. During the centenary celebration of Pavendar Bharathidasan, 21

Tamil scholars were conferred with Paventhar Bharathidasan award during the inaugural function in the year 1990 and 23 scholars during the Closing ceremony in the year 1991 and in total 44 scholars were honoured with the award as a special case along with a Cash award of Rs.10,000/- each. A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign gold medal, citation and shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. The award has been presented to 87 scholars till 2023.

1.5.2. Tamil Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka Award

This award has been distributed to the eminent personality / writer for the service rendered for the cause of Tamil language,

from the year 1979 onwards. A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign gold medal, citation and shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been presented to 44 scholars till 2023.

1.5.3 Thiruvalluvar Award

Thiruvalluvar Award has been presented on Thiruvalluvar Day from the year 1986 onwards, to the eminent personality indulged in spreading the ethics of Thirukkural through various activities, in order to make the world aware of the pride of Thiruvalluvar. A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign gold medal, citation and shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. Till 2024, 39

scholars have been honoured with this award.

1.5.4. Mahakavi Bharathiar Award

The Mahakavi Bharathiar Award is being distributed from the year 1997 onwards to the best Tamil scholar who with his tireless and dedicated work takes the great works including Poems and Essays of Bharathiar to the benefit of common lot. A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign gold medal, citation and shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 26 scholars till 2023.

It is worth mentioning that an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only)

and a certificate of appreciation have been awarded to 6 scholars as a special case, on the occasion of the centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar in the year 2021.

1.5.5 Muthamizh Kaavalar

Ki.Aa.Pe.Viswanatham Award

Muthamizh Kaavalar Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanatham Award has been presented annually from the year 2000 onwards to the best Tamil scholar who serves continuously for the cause of Tamil, following the footprints of "Muthamizh Kaavalar". A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign gold medal, citation and shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022

onwards. This award have been distributed to 22 scholars till 2023.

1.5.6 Perarignar Anna Award

Perarignar Anna, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, worked day in and day out ceaselessly to uplift Tamilnadu and dreamt throughout his life that Tamil Society should grow and prosper in every walk of their life. Perarignar Anna award has been presented from the year 2006 onwards to a social worker who has been working with the people for the betterment of the society by imbibing his thoughts and actions whole heartedly. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022

onwards. Till the year 2023, this award has been distributed to 18 scholars.

1.5.7. Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award

Perunthalaivar Kamarajar award has been presented every year from the year 2006 onwards, to a person who has been serving for the people of Tamilnadu by following the footsteps of Perundhalaivar Kamarajar, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 18 scholars till the year 2023.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented all the seven awards, namely, Pavendar Bharathidasan Award, Tamil Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award, Muthamizh Kavalari Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanatham Award, Perarignar Anna Award, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award for the year 2023 and Thiruvalluvar Award for the year 2024, on 13.01.2024.

1.5.8. Tamil Thai Award

Tamil Thai Award has been presented from 2012 onwards, to the organization that has established Tamil associations in Tamil Nadu, other states of India and in abroad to promote the antique of Tamil language, tradition and civilization,. The Award carries

a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh and a shield with citation. This award has been presented to 11 organizations till the year 2022.

1.5.9. Kabilar Award

Kabilar award is presented, from the year 2012 onwards, to a Tamil Scholar who excels in Sangam literature and enthralls everyone with his/her poetic prowess. A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 11 scholars till the year 2022.

1.5.10. U.Ve.Sa. Award

“Tamil Thatha” U.Ve.Sa, the great Scholar went in search of rare Tamil Palm leaf manuscripts all over the world and made it as printed book format. He adorned all Sangam Literatures as anklet to Tamil Thai. His efforts to collect such Tamil Palm leaf manuscripts across the globe are immense. He glorified Tamil all over the world. Every year, U.Ve.Sa Award is presented, from the year 2012 onwards, to those Scholars who write a book, duly studying rare inscriptions, archaeological excavations and palm leaf manuscripts following the footprints of U.Ve.Sa. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold

medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 11 scholars, till the year 2022.

1.5.11.Kambar Award

Everybody knows: "Even the loom in Poet Kambar's home will compose poems". This award is presented from the year 2013 onwards to the Tamil Scholar, annually, who creates epics in tune with the elevated classical Tamil style of Kambar. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 10 scholars, till the year 2022.

1.5.12. Sollin Selvar Award

Sollin Selvar Award has been presented from the year 2013 onwards, to a person who with his/her inimitable oratory skill delivers lectures on the antiquity and glory of Tamil, civilization and culture of Tamils among the people. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 10 scholars, till the year 2022.

1.5.13. Chief Minister's Computer Tamil Award

The Chief Minister is highly dedicated in promoting computer Tamil as a fourth

classification of Tamil on a global scale. As an inspiration and appreciation of innovation, Chief Minister's Computer Tamil Award is presented from the year 2013 onwards, to those who develop best software for the development of Tamil in computer technology with the aim of making Tamil as a medium of expression across the globe. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 11 scholars till the year 2022.

The awards for the year 2021 and 2022 were presented on 18.07.2023 on the

occasion of Tamil Nadu Day celebrations held at the Thiruvalluvar Hall of the Presidency College, Chennai.

1.5.14. Umarupulavar Award

Religious literature has its own meritorious place in Tamil literature. This award is presented annually from the year 2014 onwards to a Tamil Scholar who contributes to Tamil Literature, admiring the service and following the footprints of Umarupulavar, author of Seerapuranam the best Tamil Epic on Islam religion. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This

award has been distributed to 9 scholars till 2022.

1.5.15. G.U.Pope Award

G.U.Pope, an England scholar, with his abundant love for Tamil and inspiration towards the noble principles of Thirukkural, learned Tamil and translated Thirukkural into English. In recognition of his work in Tamil, G.U. Pope Award has been presented every year, from the year 2014 onwards, to the Best Translator who translates Tamil literature into foreign languages. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards.

Till 2022, this award has been distributed to 9 scholars.

1.5.16. Ilango Adigal Award

'Silappathikaram' of Ilangovadigal is an incomparable National Epic of India. Ilango Adigal award has been presented from the year 2015 onwards, to the Best Scholar who takes the merits of Tamil literature to all parts of the world and who creates Epic, following the footprints of Ilango Aadigal who authored the 'Silappathikaram', which is considered to be the best of five Epics of Tamil literature. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from

the year 2022 onwards. This award has been presented to 8 scholars till 2022.

1.5.17. Tamil Semmal Award

“Tamil Semmal” Award is being presented every year from the year 2015 onwards to honor the Tamil scholars who strive hard for Tamil individually or by creating Tamil associations in 38 Districts of Tamilnadu. Awardees selected from each district are honored with “Tamil Semmal” Award with a cash prize of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only), citation and a shawl. This award has been distributed to 279 scholars till 2021.

1.5.18. Amma Literary Award

This 'Amma Literary Award' is distributed from the year 2016 onwards to Best Woman Scholar who has created thought provoking literary works that celebrate feminism across various platforms. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two Lakh only) one sovereign Gold Medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. Till 2022, 7 scholars have been presented the award.

1.5.19. Best Translator Award

"Let the everlasting works of great men of letters from yonder lands, be made available in our Tamil". In order to transform

such an earnest appeal of Bharathiyar into reality "Best Translator Awards" are being distributed annually from the year 2016 onwards for 10 translators who translate the creations from other languages into Tamil in a befitting manner. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. Till 2022, this award has been distributed to 70 scholars.

1.5.20. "Sindhanai Sirpi" Singara Velar Award

"Sindhanai Sirpi" Singara Velar Award has been presented from the year 2018 onwards to an individual who raise their

voice for social development, equality and labour welfare, following the footsteps of Singaravelar who dedicated his life for the oppressed and poor people of the society. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been presented to 5 scholars till the year 2022.

1.5.21. Ayothidasa Pandithar Award

Ayothidasa Pandithar Award has been presented from the year 2019 onwards to a person who works towards the ideals of Ayodhyadasa Pandithar, a Tamil scholar who left his mark on equality, communalism and

Tamil literature. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 4 scholars, till the year 2022.

1.5.22. Maraimalaiadigalar Award

In the wake of number works on pure Tamil getting dwindled, Maraimalaiadigalar Award is presented annually from the year 2019 onwards, to a Tamil scholar, in order to encourage the creators of pure Tamil works. A cash prize of Rs.2.00 lakh, one sovereign gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to awardees from the year 2022

onwards. Till 2022, this award has been distributed to 4 scholars.

1.5.23. "Arutperunjothi" Vallalar Award

"Arutperunjothi" Vallalar Award has been presented annually from the year 2020 onwards, to a person who is a spiritual philanthropist with the principles of reconciliation. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign gold medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to awardees from the year 2022 onwards. Till 2022, this award has been distributed to 3 scholars.

1.5.24. Karaikkal Ammaiya Award

Karaikkal Ammaiya Award is presented annually from the year 2020 onwards to a woman who serves for the cause of Tamil following the footsteps of Karaikkal Ammaiya. A cash prize of Rs. 2.00 Lakh, one sovereign Gold Medal, citation and a shawl have been awarded to awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been distributed to 3 scholars till the year 2022.

1.5.26. "Tamilar Thanthai" Si.Pa. Adithanar Monthly Magazine Award

Magazine Awards in the name of "Tamilar Thanthai" Si.Pa. Adithanar Monthly Magazine Award, has been presented from the year 2020 onwards, by selecting a

monthly magazine that hails the civilization and culture of Tamils in pure Tamil without the adulteration of any other languages. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), citation and a shawl have been awarded to awardees from the year 2022 onwards. Till 2022, this award has been distributed to three magazines.

38 Tamil Semmal Awards, Ten Best Translator's Awards, Tamil Thai Award, Kabilar Award, U.Ve.Sa. Award, Kambar Award, Sollin Selvar Award, Umaruppulavar Award, Ilango Adigal Award, Amma Literary Award, Singaravelar Award, Ayothidasa Pandithar Award, Maraimalai Adigalar Award, Arutperunjothy Vallalar Award, Karakkal

Ammaiyar Award, Si.Pa. Aathithanar Monthly Magazine Award and G.U. Pope Award for the year 2022 were distributed to 63 Awardees on 22.02.2024 at Muthamizh Peravai Hall, Chennai.

1.5.26. "Ilakiya Mamani" Award

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the occasion of the 97th Birth anniversary of Muthamil Arignar Kalaignar, has announced that "Ilakiya Mamani Award" will be presented to encourage and honour Tamil writers and every year the award will be presented to three writers who contribute to Tamil literature. A cash prize of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh only), one sovereign Gold Medal, citation and a

Certificate of Appreciation have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2021 onwards.

In pursuance of the order of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in honour of the Centenary of the Muthamil Aarinagar Kalaingar, Ilakkiya Mamani Awards were awarded to 3 persons additionally, as a special case for the year 2023. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the Ilakkiya Mamani Award for the year 2022-2023 on 27.02.2024. Till the year 2023, 12 scholars have been honoured with this award.

A sum of Rs.1,32,15,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two lakh and fifteen thousand only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025.

1.6. Dream House Scheme

On the occasion of the 97th birth anniversary of Muthamil Arignar Kalaiggar, the 'Dream House Scheme' was announced by the Government of Tamil Nadu. This scheme has been implemented from the FY 2021-2022 for the Recipients of any of the awards, viz., Sahitya Academy Award, Jnanpith Award, Tholkappiyar Award, Kalaiggar Mu. Karunanidhi Semmozhi Tamil Award (only for the scholars of Tamil Nadu) and Nobel Prize (for Tamil language and

Tamil Literature only). In the scheme, houses are allotted to a maximum of 10 awardees in each financial year.

Orders were issued according financial sanction to meet out the expenditure of providing dream house to 9 awardees for the financial year 2021-22 and 8 awardees for the financial year 2022-2023 and 17 awardees in total. Under the Dream house Scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the Government Order for the tenements of Housing Board to 10 Tamil Scholars on 08.03.2024.

Orders were issued selecting 4 awardees for the financial year 2023-2024.

As an extension of Dream House Scheme, a Government Order has been issued for providing houses to the awardees of Sahitya Academy Translator Award under the category of translation in Tamil, who reside in Tamil Nadu.

An amount of Rs.15,00,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore only) has been allocated for the FY 2024 -2025.

1.7. Schemes implemented by other departments with the financial assistance of Tamil Development Department

1.7.1. Talent Search Examination

Talent Search Examination in Tamil has been conducted from the year 2022 onwards for the students to improve their literary skills, similar to that of school students appearing for science and mathematics Olympiads, in large numbers. 1,500/- students are selected every year through this examination and an amount of Rs.1,500/- per month is provided to them for 22 months.

Financial sanction of Rs.4,95,00,000/- as an incentive and Rs.68,00,000/- towards the expenditure for the examinations, in total, Rs.5,63,00,000/- (Rupees five crore

and sixty three lakh only) has been accorded for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

An amount of Rs.5,65,00,000/- (Rupees five crore and Sixty Five lakh only) has been allocated for the FY 2024-2025

1.7.2. Publishing Sangam Literary works in simplified editions with due syllabification and Publication of Tamil classical literary works with Commentary.

In accordance with the announcement that reads: "Provision will be made for the easy accessibility of 41 classical books of classical Tamil Literature and grammar books ranging from Tholkappiyam to

Muththollayiram by the Tamil enthusiasts, Younger generation and public as a compendium through the scheme of publication of Sangam literary works in simplified version with due syllabification”, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released the books of "PathuPattu" in the first phase on 06.01.2023.

Hon’ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development released three books namely, Kurunthokai, Pathitrupathu, Iraiyanar Agaporul on 18.01.2024.

1.7.3. Financial Assistance to the Anthology of Thanthai Periyar’s Ideologies

An Administrative Sanction for Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crores only) has been accorded to publish the Anthology of Thanthai Periyar's ideologies in both Printed and E-Book formats in 21 Indian Languages as well as other World Languages through Tamil Nadu Text Books and Educational Services Corporation and Order was issued sanctioning Rs.29,05,000/- (Rupees twenty nine lakh and five thousand only) for the financial year 2022-2023.

In first phase, Anthology of Thanthai Periyar's ideologies was released by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development in 10 languages viz., Marathi, Urdu, Japanese, French, Spanish, Arabic,

Russian, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada on 18.01.2024.

1.7.4. Etymological Dictionary of Tamil and Indo-European languages

Order was issued to sanction Rs.8,00,00,000/- (Rupees eight crore only) at the rate of Rs.2,00,00,000/- (Rupees two crore only) per year to implement the special project of developing a Etymological Dictionary in 4 years by establishing a committee comprising the experts of Tamil Root Words in order to bring out the relationship between Tamil language and Indo-European linguistic family.

In the Financial Year 2023-2024, as a first publication, A Comparative Etymological

Dictionary of Tamil and Indo-European languages – Volume-I and its English version were released by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development in the Chennai International Book Fair event held on 18.01.2024 on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu.

1.7.5. Renovation of Memorials of Tamil Scholars

Financial Sanction of Rs.34,30,000/- (Rupees thirty four lakh and thrity thousand only) has been accorded for giving new facelift to the Tvl. 'Thalamuthu - Natarasan Memorial, situated at Moolakothalam, Chennai in order to honor the contributions of Tvl. Thalamuthu and Natarasan, the

martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the Anti-Hindi agitation to protect Tamil language.

1.7.6. Erecting the statue of Kavignar Tamil Oli

On the occasion of centenary of Kavignar Tamil Oli, Financial sanction of Rs.7,62,800/- (Rupees seven lakh sixty two thousand and eight hundred only) was accorded to erect the bust of Kavignar Tamil Oli at Tamil University, Thanjavur. Accordingly, a bust was erected at the reception of language faculty of Tamil University and the same was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.02.2024 through Video conference.

1.8. Literary Works

1.8.1. Nationalization of Books

The works of Tamil scholars are being nationalized by the Government of Tamil Nadu with the noble aim of making the works of Tamil scholars reach out all people across the world at affordable price. Accordingly, books of 179 scholars have been nationalized so far. An amount of Rs.14,42,00,000/- (Rupees fourteen crore and forty two lakh only) has been provided as royalty towards the nationalization of books.

Ever since, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu assumed office, the books of the following scholars have been nationalized.

Sl.No	Name	Amount (in Rs.)
2021-2022		
1	Silamboli Su.Chellappan	15 Lakh
2	Dr.Tho.Paramasivan	15 Lakh
3	Pulavar Elankumranar	15 Lakh
4	Thiru.Murugesu Bhagavathar	10 Lakh
5	Thiru.Sankaravalli Nayagam	10 Lakh
6	Pulavar Se.Rasu (Awarded towards his medical treatment)	15 Lakh
7	Perasiriyar K.Anbazhagan	25 Lakh
8	Dr.Navalar R.Neduncheziyan	25 Lakh
2022-2023		
9	Thiru.Nellai Se.Dhiwan	15 Lakh
10	Viduthalai Rajendiran	15 Lakh
11	Thiru.Na.Mammadhu	15 Lakh
12	Thiru.Nellai Kannan	15 Lakh
13	Thiru. Nagalingam @ Kandharvan	10 Lakh
14	Thiru.Somale	10 Lakh
15	Dr.N.Rasaiah	10 Lakh
16	Thanjai Thiru.Prakash	10 Lakh
2023-2024		
17	Professor Dr. Ma.Nannan	10 Lakh
18	Rao Saheb Thiru.Ku.Kothandapani Pillai	10 Lakh
19	Dr.R.Mohan	10 Lakh

20	Thiru.Ko.Muthupillai	10 Lakh
21	Thiru.Ma.Su.Sambandan	10 Lakh
22	Thirumathi Hamsaveni	5 Lakh

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the royalty amount of Prof. Ma. Nannan, to his wife on 14.08.2023. The royalty amount for the family members of the remaining five Tamil scholars was presented on 12.02.2024.

Financial sanction of Rs.55,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five lakh only) has been accorded for the FY 2023-2024.

1.9) Financial Assistance to establish Tamil Chair

In a language chair, a professor will be appointed exclusively to teach and carry out research work on that particular language.

The professor organizes, Research Works, Seminars and linguistics events with an average of ten research scholars. The quality of language will be enriched by establishing such chairs in the universities of other states and abroad. Also, it enables to carryout research works related to that language. Financial assistance is being provided by Tamil Nadu Government to flourish Tamil language globally by establishing Tamil chairs at universities in other states and foreign universities.

By creating Tamil Chairs, Tamil related books available at the libraries and archives established at that institution to upgrade the researches on Tamil literature, grammar, culture, etc., are explored for the

research works and efforts are made to publish rare books in Tamil.

Research Chairs / Tamil chairs have been established in the following Institutes / Universities with the deposit amount of Government of Tamil Nadu.

S. No	Institution	year	Deposit Amount (in Rupees)
India			
1.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	1977	3,00,000/-
2.	Utkal University of Culture , Odisha	1999	10,00,000/-
3.	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	2003 2022	50,00,000/- 5,00,00,000/-
4.	Tolkappiar research chair , International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai	2013	50,00,000/-

5.	Puratchi Thalaivar M. G. R Arts And Sociology development research chair , International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai	2018	1,00,00,000/ -
6.	Robert Caldwell Research Chair , Tamil University, Thanjavur	2019	1,00,00,000/ -
Foreign countries			
7	Mahatma Gandhi Institute , Mauritius	2010	1,00,00,000/ -
8.	Harvard University, USA	2017	10,00,00,000 /-
9.	University of Houston, USA	2019	1,00,00,000/ -
		2022	2,44,41,750/ -
10.	University of Toronto, Canada	2021	1,00,00,000/ -
11.	University of Cologne, Germany	2021	1,25,00,000/ -

Secretary to Government, Tamil

Development and Information Department

inaugurated Tamil Language Lab in Banaras

Hindu University on 10.06.2023.

1.10. Book Donation

The Books received by the Department of Tamil Development under the scheme of awarding prizes to the Best Book are provided to the libraries at free of cost. These books are helpful for students preparing for Elocution, Essay writing Competition and Government competitive Examinations.

S. No.	Detail of the library	Number of books provided
1	International Institute of Tamil Studies, Taramani , Chennai	5468
2	Department of Prisons, Egmore	2052
3	World Tamil Sangam, Madurai	2361
4	Karur District Library , Karur	506

5	Trivandrum Tamil Sangam , Trivandrum	1015
6	St. Aloysius Higher Secondary School , Kambam (Theni)	1265
7	Vishwabharati Central University , Shantiniketan, West Bengal	1471
	Total	14,138

Chapter-2

Translation Wing

Genesis

**“Tradition demands: cataloguing
explicating reworking
Composing and translating in tune
with source language”**

(Thol.: Porul.: Marabiyal:98)

Tolkappiyam elucidates four types of literary adaptations namely (1) Compilation, (2) Expansion (3) Compilation and expansion and (4) Translation.

Translation, the fourth of the above, is so essential that we can say there is no growth of any language without translation. Translation is necessary for the cherishment

and fellowship between the global languages. The role of translation is immense in making official procedures to function smoothly. Thus, a translation wing was established in the Secretariat during the British rule to carry out the day-to-day official translation works of the Secretariat departments without any impediments. The Translation wing functioning in the Secretariat put forward its instantaneous support to the Secretariat Departments in the implementation of the Tamil Official Language Act in the Secretariat in full fledged manner.

2.1 Subjects of Translation:

Files/letters in English, Malayalam, Telugu and Hindi languages received with

due notes from the Secretariat Departments are translated into Tamil and, wherever necessary, from Tamil to other languages by the Translation wing in Secretariat within the stipulated time and forwarded to the respective departments. The subjects of translation are as follows:

- Government Orders
- Notifications
- Papers Placed on the table
- Legislative Assembly Questions
- Hon'ble Governor's Address
- Hon'ble Finance Minister's Budget Speech
- White paper
- Policy Notes
- Reports of Public Accounts Committee
- Reports of Public Undertakings Committee
- Various Inquiry Commission Reports

- Annual Report of State Information Commission
- Annual Report of Vigilance Commission
- Annual Report of State Human Rights Commission
- COFEPOSA related files
- Election Commission's various Election Manuals etc.,

Felicitation Certificates were distributed to all the officers of Translation Wing who had successfully completed English Training Programme conducted by the British Council, Chennai on 14.08.2023.

Chapter-3
DIRECTORATE OF ETYMOLOGICAL
DICTIONARY PROJECT

3.1. Genesis:

**“If Tamil enriches, Tamil Nadu will rise
and
enrich in wisdom and virtue !”**

- Pavendar Bharathidasan

The Dictionary Project is a delicate research work that protects a language. The Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project was established in 1974 by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar to protect the enriched vocabulary of Classical Tamil through Dictionary Project.

Acknowledging the activities of the Directorate, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has praised that "Tamil Everywhere! Tamil in anything!" is our goal. The Directorate of Etymological Dictionary Project is continuously carrying out Tamil works towards achieving the target".

The Directorate of Etymological Dictionary Project is carrying out the noble Tamil development work such as compiling dictionaries and coinage of technical terms in Tamil.

3.2 Objective:

Languages remain alive so long the words of the languages are brought to day-to-day usage. Languages can be protected if

and only if the words are protected. Dictionaries are to be composed to make the words last long. Coinage of technical terms are vital for effective translation. The Directorate of Etymological Dictionary Project is carrying out two major creative works of creating dictionary and coinage of technical terms.

3.3 Activities of the Directorate:

3.3.1. Publications

- ❖ Student literary Tamil Dictionary, Practical Tamil Dictionary, pocket-sized Tamil Dictionary, Dictionary of Foreign Words, Dictionary of Synonymous words in Tamil, A dictionary of Tamil Idioms and phrases,

Dictionary of Homonyms have been Printed and provided at free of cost to students and Tamil enthusiasts.

- ❖ Booklets of Technical terms have been printed and distributed at free of cost to 48 Government departments.
- ❖ Concise edition of the Etymological Dictionary, Dictionary of Tamil verbs have also been printed and sold.
- ❖ A pure Tamil Dictionary 'Natramil Arivom' with vibrant pictures is printed and distributed at free of cost for the students studying from Std I to V across the state.
- ❖ A book called 'Versol Suvadi' (Book of root-words) for higher secondary

school students have been issued free of cost.

All these books are made available online through the websites, namely, wikipedia, wiki source and www.sorkuvai.com for the usage of the people all over the world.

3.3.2 “Tamil Pesi” App

“Tamil Pesi” app with a multilingual dictionary to the benefit of people speaking other languages visiting Tamil Nadu, has been launched. It can be downloaded and installed from the Play store in the smart phone.

When Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, English and Hindi speaking people visit Tamil Nadu, the words needed for basic usage are

provided as transliteration in Tamil as well as translation in their respective languages. The app gives Tamil equivalents for the words in the aforesaid languages in voice form.

3.3.3 Tamil Kalaikkazhagam:

Tamil Kalaikkazhagam has been functioning since 2016, with the objective of protecting Tamil, the ancient language by providing Tamil terminologies equivalent to alien words that are used in day-to-day life to the media, scientists and linguists with due standardization. The Expert Committee of Tamil Kalaikkazhagam meets twice in a month and coins suitable Tamil equivalents for the foreign words used by the public and uploads in the Sorkuvai website after the review by the Expert committee.

Standardized Tamil language vocabulary is made available to the public through Sorkuvai website (sorkuvai.com), Facebook, Whatsapp and Solvayal, a monthly e-magazine. As a result, academicians, media persons, Research scholars, Tamil scholars and Government employees are benefited the most. From the date of commencement till March 2024 - 48,301 technical terms have been coined in 154 meetings.

3.3.4 Sorkuvai Website

“Tamils flavors is its ever enriching vocabulary”

-Pavendar Bharathidasan

Sokurvai website has been functioning with the aim of bringing all Tamil words under one platform for the usage of the people across the globe. As on 20.06.2024, 15,32,717 Tamil words related to various departments have been uploaded on Sorkuvai website (sorkuvai.com).

3.3.5 Tamil Lexicography Day celebration

In commemoration of Tamil works of Veeramamunivar, author of various dictionaries including Sathuragarathi, father of Tamil lexicography, his birth anniversary is celebrated as 'Tamil Lexicography Day' on 8th November every year by the Directorate of Etymology Dictionary Project.

(A) 'Agarathi Aaivu Malar'

During Tamil Lexicography Day celebration, 'Agarathi Aaivu Malar' a souvenir of research articles by professors, authors, research scholars and Lexicographers is printed and distributed at free of cost to Tamil enthusiasts.

(B) Competitions for school students

State-level drawing competition and word coinage competition are conducted to promote artistic skill and to improve the skill of coinage of technical terms for school students. Rs.10,000/- and Rs.5,000/- are awarded for First and Second prize respectively to the winners of the aforesaid competitions.

3.4 Awards

(1) Devaneyya Pavanar Award:

"Devaneyya Pavanar Award" has been presented from the year 2020 onwards to a befitting Indian lexicographer who excels in research on Tamil words and Tamil lexicography following the footprints of great linguist Devaneyya Pavanar who has made a unique mark in the study of Tamil root words. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold Medal and a Citation has been presented to a befitting Indian scholar and honoured from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been presented to 4 scholars till the year 2023.

(2) Veeramamunivar Award:

Veeramamunivar Award is presented from the year 2020 onwards to a competent lexicographer who doesn't have Tamil as his/her mother tongue, is foreigner by birth living in other states of India, living in Tamil Nadu and has been contributing to the field of lexicography; and who has published Tamil dictionaries adhering to the creative principles of Veeramamunivar. A cash prize of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only), one sovereign Gold Medal and a Citation have been awarded to the awardees from the year 2022 onwards. This award has been presented to 2 scholars till 2023.

(3) "Thooya Tamil Patralar" Award:

People who use pure Tamil words without any adulteration of alien words in their day-to-day life are interviewed over mobile phone. Based on the assessment by the judges, one person is selected from each district and "Thooya Tamil Patralar" award has been awarded to them, from the year 2020 onwards. A cash prize of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) and a Citation are awarded along with Thooya Tamil Patralar Award. This award has been presented to 105 Tamil Enthusiasts till 2023.

(4) “Thooya Tamil Oodagam” (Pure Tamil Media) Award:

“Thooya Tamil Oodagam” (Pure Tamil Media) Award has been presented every year from the year 2020 onwards, to a visual media (Television) and a print media (Newspaper) that publish news using pure Tamil words without the adulteration of alien words. A cash prize of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only), a gold medal worth of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) and a citation are awarded to the awardees. This award has been presented to 3 print media and 2 visual media till the year 2023.

(5) "Natramizh Pavalar Award":

Natramizh Pavalar Award has been presented from the year 2020 onwards to a poet who excels in traditional poetry and also to a poet who excels in modern poetry. Awardees are selected from among the poets who use pure Tamil words without any adulteration of alien words and use new technical terms in line with the theme of the poem. A cash prize of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only), a gold medal worth of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) and a certificate of appreciation are awarded to the awardees. This award has been presented to 8 scholars with 4 scholars in the category of traditional poetry and 4

scholars in the category of modern poetry till 2023.

Thooya Tamil Patralar" Award, "Thooya Tamil Oodagam" (Pure Tamil Media) Award, Natramizh Pavalar Award for the year 2022 have been presented on 08.11.2023 at Kalaivanar Arangam and Devaneyya Pavanar Award, Veeramamunivar Award, Natramizh Pavalar Award, Thooya Tamil Patralar" Award for the year 2023 have been presented on 07.03.2024 at International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai.

Awards for the year 2022 were distributed at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 08.11.2023 and for the year 2023 the

awards were distributed at International Institute of Tamil Studies on 07.03.2024.

3.5. "Solvayal" Monthly E-Magazine

Solvayal e-magazine, has been published monthly since June, 2020. "Solvayal" e-Magazine is published on sorkuvai website so that anyone can view download, read and benefit from any part of the world. Solvayal e-magazine which includes articles on lexicography, coinage of technical terms, etymological studies, and linguistics is also shared through whatsapp. 48 issues have been published till May 2024.

3.6 Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training Programme

Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training Programme has been implemented to

develop the skill of coinage of new technical terms among college students, from the year 2021 onwards.

In the year 2024, more than 5200 students have been benefited from the 'Sorkuvai Student Ambassador Training Programme' conducted in 10 colleges. Students are honoured with the participation certificate of "Sorkuvai Student Ambassador" training programme.

3.7 Departmental Expert Committee Meeting

Departmental expert committee meetings are conducted quarterly, (four times a year), to coin and compile various departmental technical terms with the guidance of the respective departmental experts and upload

them to the Sorkuvai website. In this way, departmental expert Committee meetings of Law department, Registration Department, Forensic Science Department and Energy Development Agency have been conducted and a total of 3,561 technical terms have been coined. These terms have been uploaded on Sorkuvai website with due review by experts. Also, booklets of such technical terms, 50 copies each have been printed and distributed to the respective departments.

**“All Clan Tamil! All Clout Tamil!
All Care Tamil! All Country Tamil”**

- Mozhignyayiru Devaneyya Pavanar

Under the able guidance of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is

rendering excellent governance in the path of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighnar who throughout his life worked tirelessly for the development of Tamil at all times, the Directorate of Etymological Dictionary project is effectively engaged in constructive works for the cause of Tamil.

Chapter - 4

International Institute of Tamil Studies

4.1. Genesis

The Second World Tamil Research Conference was held at Chennai during January 1968. Hon'ble Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Perarignar Anna expressed his wish to establish an exclusive Institute for Tamil Higher Studies on par with French Academy. Accordingly, the International Institute of Tamil Studies was established in the year 1970 by the then Hon"ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Muthamizh Arignar Kalaingar under Societies Registration Act.

4.2. Objectives

- ❖ Promoting higher Tamil Research Studies in tune with the evolving environment and creating an educational environment for it.
- ❖ Working in collaboration with Government organizations, Foreign organizations and other educational institutions, private Institutions and individuals pursuing its objectives without any detriment to the research and educational environment of the International Institute of Tamil Studies.
- ❖ Maintaining a well-established high-quality research library.

4.3. Governing Council of the Institute

Chairman	Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development and Information.
Vice Chairmen	Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Vice chancellors of University of Madras, Madurai University, Annamalai University and Tamil University.
Members	Secretary to Government, Finance Department, A representative of International Association of Tamil Research (IATR), Director of Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.
Member Secretary	Director, International Institute of Tamil Studies.

International Institute of Tamil Studies is functioning as an Autonomous Institution with the Guidance of the above mentioned Governing Council.

4.4. Faculties

1. Faculty of Tamil Literature and Manuscriptology has been set-up and functioning with the following objectives, viz., Transcription / preservation and publication of Tamil manuscripts on literature, grammar, medicine, astrology, history etc., conducting workshops and Diploma courses for students and other interested people from other departments to read, write and publish the manuscripts and conducting seminars on manuscripts.
2. Faculty of Tamil Language and Linguistics has been set-up and

functioning with the following objectives, viz., conducting National / International seminars / workshops on General Linguistics and Applied Linguistics and publishing books on it, teaching Tamil to native speakers of other languages, carrying out research works on communication skills, linguistic and ethical studies.

3. Faculty of Sociology, Art and Culture has been set-up and functioning with the following objectives, viz., documentation and Research on tradition of arts of Tamil Nadu, imparting training and conducting workshops on classical Tamil and Tamil arts by traditional artists, conducting

research on Tamil arts and cultural traditions along with south Indian and other traditions.

- 4.** Faculty of Tamil Diasporas has been set up and functioning with the following objectives of conducting seminars, special lectures, workshops and publishing the outcome, carrying out research work on history, language, culture, art, social and literary organizations of Tamil Diasporas, communicating Tamil Diaspora scholars and using their research work for the development of Tamil language and culture.

4.5. Teaching Tamil and Supplementary Research Works

- ❖ Full-time / part-time Ph.D. courses are conducted annually in the institution as per MoU with Tamil University, and University of Madras. So far 252 students have received Ph.D., M.A.(Tamil) and Five Year Integrated M.A. (Tamil) are conducted with the affiliation of Tamil University.
- ❖ In the academic year 2024-2025, 32 students are pursuing Ph.D. In the academic year 2023-2024, 24 students pursued Post Graduate (I & II year), and 15 students

pursued the integrated Post Graduate degree.

- ❖ The Institute conducts one year Diploma course in Tamil Manuscriptology and Publishing; and Epigraphy and Archaeology. So far 353 students have completed Diploma course in Manuscriptology and Publishing and 1201 students in Diploma course in Epigraphy and Archaeology. In the year 2024-2025, 193 students are pursuing Diploma course in Epigraphy and Archeology and 27 students in Diploma course in Manuscriptology and Publishing.

4.6 Financial Assistance of the Government of Tamil Nadu for Students

- ❖ Monthly stipend of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) is provided to selected 8 Ph.D. students every year.
- ❖ Monthly stipend of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand only) is provided every academic year to 30 students pursuing M.A. (Tamil) with 15 students from I year and 15 from II year.
- ❖ In every academic year, monthly stipend Rs.3,000/- (Rupees three thousand only) is provided to 10 students each, selected from the

students studying Diploma in Tamil
Manuscriptology and Publishing.

4.7 Coaching for Lecturer / Research Fellowship Eligibility Test

Special Coaching programme for UGC-Eligibility Test for lecturer, research fellowship to determine the basic qualifications for students to get fellowship for higher studies and acquire job-opportunities in colleges / universities have been conducted for the last seven years at free of cost. Apart from the students of the Institute, students of other colleges and universities are benefitted by this training programme. So far 525 students have been benefitted by this programme.

4.8 Teaching of Tamil Language:

Tamil classes are conducted in the Language Lab which has a conducive environment for learning Tamil for the people of other states of India and foreign countries who desire to learn Tamil, with their abundant love towards the most ancient classical language in the world. The classes are conducted in two levels with introductory level for three months and a special class for six months.

Students from other states of India and foreign countries such as America, France, Germany, Canada, South Africa, Sweden, China, Korea, Japan, Malaysia,

Singapore etc., have attended regular classes.

4.9 Thirukkural Art Gallery

Thirukkural Art Gallery has been established at the premises of International Institute of Tamil Studies at a span of 2500 Sq.ft. This Art Gallery has been set up with a fund of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh only) from the Government of Tamil Nadu. In this Gallery, photographs related to Thirukkural and Thiruvalluvar, 150 paintings and more than 1500 books related to Thirukkural and Thiruvalluvar are exhibited. Students of Schools, Colleges and Universities and public at large visit the gallery every day.

4.10. Palm Leaf Manuscripts Preservation Centre.

The treasure trove of Tamil literature, like, Eternal fame Tholkappiyam, 'Aimperumkappiyangal' (Five major-epics), 'Ainchirukappiyangal' (Five minor-epics), Pathupattu, Ettuthogai, Tirukkural, Naladiyar were written in Palm leaf manuscripts in ancient time. While it is the main duty to protect and publish palm leaf manuscripts left behind after being damaged by termites and beetles, a Palm Leaf Manuscripts Preservation Centre has been established at a span 800 Sq. feet with the financial assistance of Rs.34,00,000/- (Rupees thirty four lakh only) from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

This Palm Leaf Manuscripts Preservation Centre houses a total of 38,266 manuscripts with Literature – 20,185, Mathematics – 2,076, Astrology – 1,133, Grammar – 5,494, Philosophy – 4,138 and other Languages – 5,240. A catalogue has also been prepared for all the manuscripts in the centre.

With the Grant of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Palm leaf manuscripts that are yet to be explored in Tamil Nadu and other places are being identified through field works and the same are digitized and preserved in the centre.

4.11. Ancient Tamils Art Gallery

Tamils are the most ancient people of the world who excelled in all fields to the admiration of the world. They were the beacons of the world in innumerable ways. With the lofty aim of exhibiting the glories and talents of the Ancient Tamils across the globe, through stone sculptures, metal sculptures, wooden sculptures, ornaments, bas-reliefs, paintings etc., the Ancient Tamils Art Gallery has been set up in an area of 10,000 Sq.ft with a special grant of Rs.3,46,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Six lakh only) provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu

Short films are produced and screened in this Art Gallery, on the following topics, namely, 1. Lifestyle of Ancient Tamils, 2.Tamil Medicine, 3.Water Management, 4.Polemology, 5. Governance skill, 6. Weaving Technology of ancient Tamils, 7.Architecture of ancient Tamils, 8. Lifestyles of Tamils in 'Ainthinai' (five different landscapes), 9.Agriculture of Ancient Tamils and 10.Traditional Arts of Ancient Tamils. Thus, the students and the public have been given a platform to learn about the lifestyle of Ancient Tamils.

4.12. Endowments

Following 54 Endowments have been set up in the International Institute of Tamil

Studies in the name of Tamil scholars, with the financial assistance of private individuals and the Government of Tamil Nadu, in commemoration of the Tamil scholars:-

Up to Rs.50,000/-	12 Endowments
Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/-	32 Endowments
Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs. 3,00,000/-	4 Endowments
Above Rs. 3,00,000/-	6 Endowments

Through these Endowments, special lectures are conducted on various subjects and books are being published. So far 610 lectures have been delivered.

4.13 Research Chairs

Research Chairs have been established from the year 2013 onwards, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu and with private donations, with the aim of supporting the researches of the International Institute of Tamil Studies pursuing higher studies. So far 15 Research Chairs have been set up.

18 Thesis have been published so far through Tolkappiyar research chair, which was established with a deposit of Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Similarly, 9 Thesis have been published through Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R Arts and Sociology Development Research

chair which was established with a deposit of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees one crore only) sanctioned by the Tamil Nadu government.

4.14. Publications

Publishing books is one of the exemplary functions of the International Institute of Tamil Studies. Seminar articles, endowment lectures, publication of palm leaf manuscripts, translations, republication of rare books and nationalized books of Tamil scholars are printed and published by the institute to the benefit of Tamil savants and research scholars.

The topics of published works are on Grammar, Literature, Tamil Studies, Translation, Tamil Medicine and Astrology. As

of now, 1302 books have been printed and published.

Audio books of Ancient Tamil literature created by the International Institute of Tamil Studies and 'Padaippuveli' of Tamil Oli were released on 07.03.2024.

4.15. Tamizhiyal (Journal of Tamil Studies)

Rev. Xavier Thaninayagam Adigalar, the great scholar, paved way for 'Tamizhiyal' journal. He started the Journal of Tamil Studies (Jots) in English. It was his legacy that today the 122th issue of journal 'Tamizhiyal' has been published as a bilingual quarterly magazine in Tamil and English, over 50 years of period. Research articles,

Book reviews and Introductory of Institutional publications are published in the Journal of Tamil Studies. All the issues of Tamizhiyal have been uploaded on the website www.ulakaththamizh.in.

4.16. Research library

Books that enrich our thoughts are the repository of research. At present, the Institute's library houses 1,50,000 books. The research library facilitates seamless research works. Research scholars, Academicians, school and college students and IAS aspirants are greatly benefited by this library. Infrastructure of the library has been improved and the books have also been computerized with the financial assistance of

Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only)
granted by the Government of Tamil Nadu in
the year of 2022-23.

Chapter – 5

Tamil University, Thanjavur.

5.1. Genesis

Tamil University was established in Thanjavur, the Granary of Tamil Nadu, on 15th September 1981, the Birth Anniversary of Perarignar Anna.

The struggles of martyrs like Sangaralinganar to change the name of 'Madras Province' to 'Tamil Nadu' can never be forgotten. It was the yearning desire of Perarignar Anna to name our State as 'Tamil Nadu'. The name 'Tamil Nadu' came into force as he desired. The buildings of the Tamil University where his dreams are

embedded were given forms similar to the Tamil alphabets in 'தமிழ்நாடு'. The five blocks (buildings) are built in the shape of the five letters representing த-மி-ழ்-நா-டு. This University established for Tamil Studies has 22 departments.

Departments of Tamil University

I. Faculty of Arts

1. Department of Sculpture
2. Department of Music
3. Department of Drama

II. Faculty of Manuscriptology

4. Department of Palm leaf Manuscripts
5. Department of Rare Paper Manuscripts
6. Department of Epigraphy and Archaeology
7. Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology

III. Faculty of Developing Tamil

8. Department of Tamil Studies in Foreign Countries
9. Department of Translation
10. Department of Lexicography
11. Department of Social Sciences
12. Department of Scientific Tamil and Tamil Development

IV. Faculty of Language

13. Department of Literature
14. Department of Linguistics
15. School of Philosophy
16. Department of Folklore
17. Department of School of Indian Languages

V. Faculty of Science

18. Department of Siddha Medicine
19. Department of Ancient Science
20. Department of Industries and Earth Sciences
21. Department of Architecture
22. Department of Computer Science

It has been functioning as a University that conducts substantial research on the roots and extensions of Tamil culture.

5.2. Objectives

- ❖ Finding and gathering palm-leaf manuscripts in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Developing degree level subjects for science in Tamil language. Developing various subjects like Science and Technology, Medicine, Law, Linguistics, etc., Facilitating students to study these subjects in Tamil.
- ❖ Conveying the antiquity of Tamil to linguists of other languages.

- ❖ Comparative study of Tamil with other languages.
- ❖ Documenting our old cultural traditions that are in the verge of dying.
- ❖ Reviving Tamil arts, the identity of Tamils and imparting training on them.
- ❖ Transmitting traditional medicine and culture to future generations without compromise.
- ❖ Identifying our archaeological remnants.
- ❖ Preserving our ancient literature by digitization of palm leaf manuscripts.

5.3. Details of Direct Admission of Students - 2023-2024

a)	Degree programs conducted by University	Students' Strength
1	Ph.D. Degree	105
2	M.Phil. Degree	15
3	Post Graduate Degree	312
4	Integrated Post Graduate Degree	407
5	Diploma And Certificate Degree	259
Total		1098

b)	Degree courses recognized by NCERT	Students' Strength
6.	B. Ed. Degree First year -100 students Second year – 85 students	185
7.	M. Ed. Degree First year -2 students Second year – 2 students	4
	Total	189

5.4. Activities

- Tamil University is conducting research projects in addition to teaching, effectively.
- A National Cadet Corps (NCC) has been formed in the University campus in the year 2023-2024.
- Diploma courses are offered in Silambam to preserve Tamil culture for future generations.
- The Tamil University Library houses 1,89,454 books, which are used by students, researchers, and the general public.

5.5. Ongoing Projects

5.5.1 Documenting Tamil Cultural Traditions and Traditions of Tamil land, Revitalizing Traditional Arts Scheme.

Revitalizing Tamil cultural traditions and traditional art forms of Tamil land, developing Folklore Department, establishing Folklore Museum, restoring and documenting Music and Dance forms outlined in Silappathikaram, conducting studies on Tamil art and culture as depicted in the inscriptions, imparting training to make handicrafts, publication of books and conducting seminars are in progress.

Training programme to revive the indigenous handicrafts of Tamil land, Netti carving and Puppet making has been conducted.

5.5.2. Measures to secure high grade for Tamil University with reevaluation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

Works that include building development, special maintenance of office and library buildings, Koothukalari campus, and "த" and "நா" shaped buildings are being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs.1,50,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty lakh only).

5.5.3. Tamil Scholar Robert Caldwell Research Chair

Under the auspices of the England Scholar Robert Caldwell Chair, studies on the subject of "Comparative Studies of Grammar of Dravidian Languages after Robert Caldwell" were conducted. Currently, research is being conducted on the topic "Approaches of Robert Caldwell in the Interpretation of Grammar".

5.5.4. Scholarship for Post Graduate Students of Tamil Literature

In every academic year, monthly scholarship of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) is provided to 20 students pursuing Post Graduate in Tamil Literature

and 25 students pursuing Five Year Integrated Tamil Literature courses.

5.6. Endowments

The Tamil University conducts seminars and lectures through 93 endowments, which are listed below:-

- 33 Endowments – Up to Rs.50,000/-
- 15 Endowments - Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/-
- 22 Endowments – Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.3,00,000/-
- 21 Endowments - Rs. 3,00,000/- to Rs.50,00,000/-
- 2 Endowments – above Rs.1,00,00,000/- Crore

5.7 Emerald Park ('Maragatha Poonga')

The Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five lakh only) through the Forest Department in accordance with the 110 announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in the Legislative Assembly and the works are now underway. The "Emerald Flower-garden" (also known as "Maragatha Pooncholai") was set-up to entice visitors to the folklore museum of Tamil University.

Range of gardens is to be set-up in the "Maragatha Pooncholai". An MoU was signed with the Forest department of the Government of Tamil Nadu on 12.11.2023 to

use 1.50 hectares of land for this project in front of the Tamil University's "Kundram" building folklore museum.

5.8. Tamil Cultural Centre / Tamil Development Centre

So far, 71 institutions have signed MoUs with local and overseas institutions to conduct certificate classes in Music, Bharatanatyam, and traditional arts through the Tamil Cultural Center, and around 5500 students have enrolled for online classes.

MoUs were inked with 12 local and foreign institutions to conduct Certificate and Diploma courses in Tamil through the Tamil Development Centre.

5.9. New Buildings

'Mamannan' Rajaraja Cholan Multi-Speciality Hall, Indoor stadium, Additional Ladies hostel, First floor of old gents hostel and 'Kuraloviyam' - Audio-Video recording Hall constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.5,03,57,000/- (Rupees five crore three lakh and fifty seven thousand only) at Tamil University were inaugurated on 07.03.2024 through video conference.

Chapter - 6

World Tamil Sangam, Madurai

6.1. Genesis

"Tamil language is the ground of Literature; nectarous fountain of music; excellence in drama!" These are the words of 'Perasiriyar' K. Anbazhagan, the Hon'ble former Minister of the Government of Tamil Nadu, hailing the glory of the Tamil language. Our classical language Tamil, is a global language, born from the soul. The Madurai World Tamil Sangam was established in the year 1986 in Madurai to unite the world Tamils and Tamil organizations carrying out innumerable tasks

to make our Tamil language proudly walk in the global arena.

Madurai, a city that has been functioning with vitality for nearly 2500 years, has innumerable merits of its own. It has another feather added to its cap, namely 'World Tamil Sangam, Madurai'. Across a sprawling span of 87,300 square feet area in 14.15 acres of land, it encompasses various facilities including an auditorium, conference halls, administrative block, research wings, library, lecture halls, Seminar rooms, Conference hall and Guest houses. The front compound wall exhibits 1330 couplets of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar.

"If you read the world in a book, knowledge flourishes ... If you read the world as a book, experience enriches..." said Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, the Hon'ble former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The 'World Tamil Sangam Library' is the center of excellence for flourishing knowledge. With more than 27,000 books and air-conditioned facilities, it has been renovated at a cost of Rs.21,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty One lakh only) and functioning with new face-lift.

World Tamil Sangam is a wise choice for Language Learning. International Tamil scholars, Tamil scholars from other states, professors, writers, public and students visit

the Sangam to participate in literary conferences.

6.2. Objectives of Sangam

❖ To Register and compile the details of all the Tamil organizations, institutions, research centers and associations across the world rendering excellent service to Tamil by uniting them under one roof.

❖ Promoting Tamil language, culture and literature across the world.

❖ Compiling the life style and literary contributions of Foreign Tamils.

❖ Preparing and publishing a repository of Foreign Tamils.

- ❖ Extending linguistic, literary and cultural support to Tamils living in countries like Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Fiji, Mauritius, French Guiana, USA, France, Australia, New Zealand and Kuwait.

- ❖ Making the global Tamils aware of the cultural and literary excellence of Tamil language.

6.3. Sangam Tamil Art Gallery

Various artifacts such as paintings, bas-reliefs, statues, stone sculptures and mural paintings depicting the vibrant life of Ancient Tamils are beautifully exhibited in the Art Gallery established in the premises of World Tamil Sangam.

Special lectures depicting the eminence of Ancient Tamil are delivered to the college students in this Art Gallery. Elocution competitions are conducted on behalf of the Department of Tamil Development as well.

6.4. Weekly 'Tamilkoodal' (Confluence of Tamil) event

'Tamil Koodal' is a meet where Tamil scholars and enthusiasts gather together to listen Tamil and exchange their ideas. College students participate in the weekly event and being benefitted from the knowledge imparted by the scholars.

6.5. Book Release Function

Authors emerge out of their passion on Tamil and their desire to share their thoughts. Books are released in the World Tamil Sangam with the intention of making people aware of the best of those books. Authors of the books are felicitated with a certificate of appreciation from scholars along with their commentaries;

**Book Release events conducted in the
financial year 2023-2024**

SI No	Books Released	Date of Release
1.	1. Thirukural Ulaga Pothu urai 2. Thadam Pathithu nada! 3. Vaigai kavi 4. MinMini	Book Release No - 30 Date 25.04.2023
2.	5. Thirukural Paguppaaiyu kovai 6. Ilankumaranaar Kalanjiyam 7. Aagaya Thinai 8. Kaattrin Niram pachai Uppin Niram Sivappu	Book Release No - 31 Date 12.05.2023
3.	9. Nenjai Allum Silapathikaram 10. Tamil Pillai Tamil 11. Koolaangarkal Urunda kalam 12. Siraiyil olirum Natchathiram 13. Gandhiyin Naangaavathu Viral	Book Release No - 32 Date 30.08.2023
4.	14. Ariviyar paarvaiyil Sanga Ilakkiya Seithigal	Book Release No

	15. Mana Oonjal 16. Midarugalin Idaiveliyil Puthan 17. Ninaivugalin Nilalgal 18. Ivargal illatha Naam	- 33 Date 27.09.2023
5.	19. Alvaargal Suttum Thirumaal Thirupeyargal 20. Ootru Manal 21. Punitham Thedum Puthinam 22. Thirukkural Urai	Book Release No - 34 Date 02.11.2023
6.	23. Andru Intha Nilathin Niram Sivappu 24. Nilaa Choru 25. Vaazhavai Vetricol 26. Kalvi Uyara... 27. Iraiyanbu Padaippugalil Thannambikkaiyum Manithaneyamum	Book Release No - 35 Date 30.11.2023
7.	28. Mu. Methavin Kavithaigalil Ethirparasiyal 29. Akkamum athan Thaakkamum 30. 8 pottu pazhagiya kavithaigal	Book Release No - 36 Date 28.12.2023

	31. Aazini	
8.	32. Gandhiyin Thambi Thalapathi Naidu 33. Ilamai Inimai Puthumai 34. Vaagai marathin adiyil oru Kotravai 35. Uravukku Uthaviya Roja Chedi 36. Click Iru Nimida Kathaigal	Book Release No - 37 Date 30.01.2024
9.	37. Aazhi Uyirgalin Thaimadi 38. Suriyachillugal 39. Nallavelai Puthanukku Haiku Elutha theriyaathu 40. Azhukku	Book Release No - 38 Date 28.02.2024
10.	41. Thandamizh Kovai 42. Kavignar Vaigai selviyin Vaazhvum Ilakkiya payanamum 43. Muthathin Pirambadi 44. Neruppu Sorkkal 45. Paasaparavaigal	Book Release No - 39 Date 21.03.2024

6.6. Founder's Day

In commemoration of the Hon'ble former Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, who founded the World Tamil Sangam, his birth anniversary is celebrated as Founder's Day every year on 17th January,.

6.7. Publication of books of Tamil Diaspora

Books of Tamil Diaspora are released to encourage the proficiency in writing among Foreign Tamils. A book called "Sembian Thirumeni", penned by Thiru.M. Anbalagan, Singaporean Tamil writer, was released last October

6.8. World Tamil Sangam Awards

“World Tamil Sangam Awards” are conferred upon the foreign Tamil scholars who excelled in literature, Grammar and linguistics. World Tamil Sangam awards for the years 2021 and 2022, were presented on 12.01.2024, on the occasion of World Tamil Diaspora Day.

6.9 Endowments

Events are conducted every year by the following endowments in World Tamil Sangam, Madurai:-

- ❖ Chinese poet Dr. Yu hsi - Thirukkural
Endowment at a cost of Rs.6,00,000/-
- ❖ Sinthanai Kavignar Kavithasan -

Noorpathippu Semmal Vairavan

Endowment at a cost of Rs. 5,10,000/-

- ❖ Tamil Arts and Culture Association
Endowment, Sydney, Australia at a cost
of Rs. 1,05,993/-
- ❖ Singapore Dr. A.R. Sivakumaran -
Thenmozhi Endowment at a cost of
Rs. 1,25,000/-

6.10. Repository of books of

Tamil Diaspora

A wing has been established exclusively for the books of Tamil Diaspora to benefit those who pursue their research on Diaspora Tamil. 1180 books and 1125 magazines of Tamil Diaspora are documented here.

6.11 Publications

SI No	Book	Price
1.	Ulagalaviya Tamil Valarchi	Rs.100/-
2.	Sanga Ilakkiyathil Sutruchulal	Rs.95/-
3.	Pulampeyar naadukalil Tamil panpaattu vizhuumiyangal	Rs.75/-
4.	Tamizhum Samayamum	Rs.100/-
5.	Tamil Ilakkiyathil Neethi	Rs.90/-
6.	Eluthaalargal Paarvaiyil Ulaga Tamil Padaippilakkiyam	Rs.160/-
7.	Pulam peyarthor Tamil Ilakkiyangal	Rs.80/-
8.	Sanga Tamizharin Kattada kalai	Rs.80 /-
9.	Malaysia Tamil Manavargal Tamil Katralil ulla Sikkalgalum Theervugalum	Rs.110/-
10.	Sanga Tamilar Panpaadu	Rs.85/-
11.	Puthu kavithaiyum Tamil Valachiyum	Rs.90/-

12.	Bharathidasan - 125 Puthumaiyum Purachi Kavigarum	Rs.150/-
13.	Sanga Tamilar Vaalviyal	Rs.120/-
14.	Alaikadalukku appaal Tamizhargalin adaiyaalangal	Rs.95/-
15.	Australian Tamil maanavargal Tamil kattralil ulla Sikkalgalum Theervugalum	Rs.90/-
16.	Min Tamil	Rs.50/-
17.	Australia Tamil Padaippugalil Tamil Samoogam	Rs.100/-
18.	Malaysiavil Tamil Ilakkiyam	Rs.65/-
19.	Pulam peyar Tamil sirukathigalin nokkum pokkum	Rs.70/-
20.	Sanga Illakkiyathil Thinai kotpaadugal	Rs.130/-
21.	Panmuga nookil ayalagha Tamil Padaippukal	Rs.200/-
22.	Panmuga nookil Makkal Thilagam	Rs.95/-
23.	Ulaga Tamil amaippugal thoguthi	Rs.250/-

24.	Pulam peyar Tamilargalin vaazhviyal	Rs.300/-
25.	Thirukural paniyil thadam pathithu Sandroor	Rs.150 /-
26.	Ponmana Semmal - Oru panmuga paarvai	Rs.100/-
27.	Senthamizhum Seranaadum	Rs.200/-
28.	Paarengum Bharathi	Rs.200/-
29.	Samuthaya matarathirkum Tamil thiraiyulagin pangalippu	Rs.100/-

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Tamil Development Department

Integrating all the organizations that work for the cause of Tamil and assisting them in their endeavours to make the world aware of the greatness of oldest Tamil; its rich literature and the cultural values of the Tamils.

As the next phase of the implementation of official language scheme, ensuring the complete implementation of official language scheme by conducting workshops on official language for Government officials in more numbers, along with exams and assessments.

Enriching Tamil vocabulary by creating new standard Technical terms in more numbers, wherever required, and adding them to Sorkuvai Website, in addition to the words already included, with the due approval of expert committee and the state Government.

Honouring Tamil enthusiasts, Tamil literary scholars, Translators, etc., with awards, prizes, ceaselessly, in tune with the Pavender's lines, "We have Tamil Language and Tamil people and will serve for the cause of Pleasant Tamil forever!" and Tamil Development Department has been serving for the cause of Tamil with the aforesaid SDGs.

Conclusion

With the following books benefitting the most for the past, present and future, Tamil as a roaring river has been flowing for the more than 30 centuries:-

'Tolkappiyam', a book that offers goodness in abundance for all seven births – in seventh century BC;

Sangam literature, Thirukkural, Silapathikaram, Manimegalai - in second century AD;

Thiruvasagam, Thirukovaiyar - in the third century.

Keezhkanaku Noolgal including Naladiyar - in fourth century,

Perunkathai - in fifth century,

Kalladam - in sixth century,

Devaram songs - in seventh and eighth centuries,

Devotional songs of the Aazhwars - in ninth century,

Seevaga Sinthamani - in tenth century,
Periyapuramam - in eleventh century,
Kandapuramam and Kambaramayanam - in
early and later part of twelfth century,

Shivagnana Bodham - in thirteenth century,
The Thalapuramams - in fourteenth century,
Villiputhurar Bharatham - in fifteenth
century,

Thiruvilayadal Puranam - in sixteenth
century,

Thembavani, Seerapuramam - in seventeenth
century,

Thayumanavar padalgal - in eighteenth
century,

Vallalar padalgal - in nineteenth century,

Poems of Mahakavi Bharatiyar and
Pavendar Bharathidasan - in the Twentieth
Century; and will continue her journey with
the evolution as computer Tamil and Internet
Tamil in future as well. It is the fact that we

learn from the way long journey of Tamil Development. Accordingly, the department of Tamil Development is excelling as a department that has been doing various works altogether for the people of all age groups from eight years-old school students to eighty years-old Tamil scholars, with care and affection.

M.P. SAMINATHAN
MINISTER FOR TAMILDEVELOPMENT,
INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

Budget Estimate

2024 – 2025

S. No	Department	Budget Estimate for the FY 2024 – 2025 (Rs. In Thousands)
1	Directorate of Tamil Development	57,36,72
2	Tamil University, Thanjavur	29,11,44
3	Tamil Development Department, Secretariat	13,44,65
4	International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai	10,42,44
5	Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project	4,87,18
6	World Tamil Sangam, Madurai	1,84,91
Total		117,07,34



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Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented Thiruvalluvar Award, Perarignar Anna Award, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award, Mahakavi Bharathiyar Award, Pavendar Bharathidasan Award, Tamil Thendral Thiru.Vi.Ka. Award, Muthamizh Kavalari Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanatham Award, Thanthai Periyar Award, Annal Ambedkar Award to the awardees on 13.01.2024.



Honourable Minister for Tamil Development and Information, inaugurated 'Literary training camp for youth' in the premises of Ethiraj women's college, on 30.08.2023.



Honourable Minister for Tamil Development and Information, presented world Tamil Sangam Awards on Tamil diaspora day at Chennai Trade centre on 12.01.2024.



Honourable Minister for Tamil Development and Information, presented prizes for best books to 66 authors and 66 publishers of best books selected under prizes for best book scheme of the department of Tamil Development for the book published in the year 2020 and 2021, at Anna Centenary library, Kotturpuram, Chennai on 14.02.2024.



'Tamil Nadu Day' was celebrated on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu in Thiruvalluvar Hall of Chennai Presidency Collage on 18.07.2023.



Honourable Minister for Tamil Development and Information, nationalised all the works of Five Tamil scholars and presented the cheque for royalty amount and Government orders to them, on 12.02.2024.