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During the World Classical Tamil Conference 2010, the Government of Tamil Nadu has issued a G.O. for Tamil 16-bit encoding standards (Unicode & TACE16). This G.O. is meant for the use of 16-bit instead of 8-bit encoding.

In order to make available the license-free fonts and keyboard drivers to all the Govt. departments and public, the Government of Tamil Nadu has taken steps to make basic fonts and keyboard drivers for all operating systems.

To implement this, the Government of Tamil Nadu after careful consideration, decided to constitute a separate Technical committee. This Technical committee consists of 5 members under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.R. Nakkeeran, who is the Director of Tamil Virtual Academy, Chennai.

To initiate the work, the Technical committee has drawn a specification for tender document to get the quotation for the development of Tamil fonts and Tamil keyboard drivers for 16-bit encodings (Unicode and TACE16) for all the operating systems in the first phase. In the second phase conversion tools will be developed.

Tender specifications have been uploaded into Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Virtual Academy web sites. The closing date for tender is 24.11.2010 at 5.00 p.m.

To develop the fonts and keyboard drivers, the Fontographers and software developers may participate in the bid but they have to possess at least 3 years experiences in the respected fields.

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