

Press Release

Hon'ble Chief Minister "Naan Mudhalvan" Scheme

'UyaruVukku Padi', Special initiative by Tamil Nadu government

Enrolls 15,713 students continue higher education

Education plays a pivotal role in shaping lives of youth and driving the State's social and economic progress. However, one concerning trend that hampers the educational landscape is the dropout rate among students after completing their 12th standard. This issue poses a significant challenge to achieve higher Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER), a crucial indicator of a State's educational milestone while ensuring equitable opportunities for Tamil Nadu youth to compete for various positions in industry and Government. As part of the continuous efforts to reverse the trend of youth dropping out of education after 12th, the visionary program of the Hon'ble Chief Minister "Naan Mudhalvan" has worked out an effective response both at the institutional level and at societal level. At the school level, the Naan Mudhalvan initiative has created a cohort of school career counsellors to give career inputs and aid the students leaving schools to choose a higher education option of their choice and guide them in making such choices and actually aiding the onboarding by filling out the application forms.

During the academic year, 2022-23 - 3,23,456 students cleared 12th Board examination from government and government aided schools. Among them 2,40,460 were facilitated to apply for Higher Education by the Naan Mudhalvan career cells in schools. The remaining students were identified district wise and under the guidance of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare, Sports Development, and Special Programmes Implementation, an initiative was designed under the banner "UyaruVukku Padi" to handhold them for further education. All educational institutions including ITIs, Polytechnics, Engineering colleges, Arts & Science colleges, Government Departments, Banks and stakeholders under the chairmanship of the District Collector are intensifying their efforts to provide comprehensive onboarding opportunities for those students. Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the initiative is organized in every revenue division in two phases in order to cater to individual needs of the students.

The objective of the program is to provide comprehensive guidance and support to the each and every student in the district which empowers them to make well-informed decisions about their future; to disseminate information about various educational pathways, scholarships and support services available to students to counsel students and families about

the support system available schemes like “Pudhumai Penn” and social welfare programs, to ensure 100% convergence of services leading to their enrolment in educational institutions or skill training programs.

The Naan Mudhalvan “Uyarvukku Padi” program has been planned in three phases - Phase I from 22.06.2023 – 27.06.2023 in 34 divisions across the districts of Tamil Nadu; Phase II from 30.06.2023 – 04.07.2023 in 38 divisions across the districts of Tamil Nadu ; Phase III from 07.07.2023 – 08.07.2023 in 21 divisions of the districts of Tamil Nadu. Students identified by the School Education Department were mobilized to the divisional camps by the Chief Educational officer. The Sub-Collector organized the camps, the District Skill Development officer and District Employment officer coordinated the activities of the camp. Banks showcased the education loan options and organized spot loan drives in various districts. Students were provided with ‘Kalloori Kanavu’ handbook which showcases the importance of higher education, scholarship details, courses offered in Arts and Science Colleges and Engineering colleges, Medical and paramedical courses, Agriculture and allied courses, Polytechnic and ITI courses and also the list of colleges available in their vicinity. The various social security schemes, scholarship programs, support network available through various Government Departments was also showcased.

All three phases of “Uyarvukku Padi” were a huge success with the support of the District Administration, School Education department, Social Welfare department, Lead Banks, BC Welfare, AD Welfare, Skill Development etc. and effectively coordinated by the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation. Out of 30,269 students who were mobilized for the event, 15,713 students were facilitated to join higher educational institutions of their choice including 7,884 for Arts & Science colleges, 2,144 for Engineering, 1,461 for Polytechnics, 1,876 for ITI and 2,348 students in other Higher education courses.

The Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has devised a tracking system in collaboration with the district administration and the school education department. This system aims to ensure that students are successfully enrolled and actively pursuing their higher education.

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