

**TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY**

**P R E S S R E L E A S E**

**TNOU's LSCs and ECs in 91 Government Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu Inauguration on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at TANSCHÉ Conference Hall, Chennai-5.**

In response to the Hon'ble Higher Education Minister's Announcement in the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, the formal inauguration of TNOU's Learner Support Centres and Exam Centres in 91 Government Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu, is held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at TANSCHÉ Conference Hall, Chennai-5.

While inaugurating the novel scheme, Thiru K.P.Anbalagan, Minister for Higher Education highlighted that TNOU is working towards equipping the aspirants to meet the societal challenges and knowledge upgradation through Higher Education under Open and Distance Learning system. All the 42 UG and 38 PG programmes offered by TNOU are duly recognized by the UGC. As per the Higher Education Dept. G.O. M.S. No. 242 the degrees offered by TNOU through formal stream are eligible for government employment.

The Principal Secretary, Hr.Edn. Department, Selvi Apporva told that TNOU-LSCs in Government Colleges will make it possible for the interested students of government colleges to undergo any Skill Development Programmes through 16 Short Term, 24 Certificate, 4 Diploma, 14 Vocational Diploma and 2 Advanced Diploma Programmes. For all the TNOU programmes high quality SLMs will be provided to the students. The learners may apply through online.

**Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Agriculture, Thiru K.P. Anbazhagan,** began the learners enrolment at Colleges through Virtual Platform and also issued ID Cards and SLMs to few enrolled learners. **Selvi. Apoorva I.A.S, Principal Secretary** to the Govt, Higher Education Department; **Thiru. K. Vivekanandan I.A.S, Director,** Directorate of Collegiate Education; **Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.K.Rathnakumar, Registrar,** TNOU; other University and Directorate of Collegiate Education officials are participated in the event.

Further, Minister pointed out that through this scheme, the students, 1) who could not get the admission in the interested subject in the college and those who have already joined in the colleges (regular stream) can join skill oriented programmes, to develop their employability, they can be awarded Convocation Certificate by the TNOU after completion.

It is remarkable, that it is First time in the history of the Indian Universities, Tamil Nadu Government has announced and enabled LSCs and ECs at all the Government Arts & Science Colleges for reaching the unreached through TNOU.

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