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Introduction

Law is an indispensable foundational instrument for the creation and sustenance of a civilized social order. From the era of monarchy to the present democratic system of governance, law has served as a supreme guiding force for governmental functions and social order. It is the key that enables a State and its Government to remain stable and function effectively.

Law serves as a pillar of an orderly society by ensuring justice, stability and the protection of individual rights. In a welfare State and a welfare society, the role of law extends far beyond mere regulation; it plays an indispensable role in achieving the objectives of a welfare Government,

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facilitating development and safeguarding democratic values.

Such a distinguished law does not merely prescribe punishments. Law ensures the delivery of justice, acts as a protector of rights, when legally protected rights are denied, and safeguarding recognized rights, based on the Latin maxim, "**Ubi jus, ibiremedium**" - "Where there is a right, there is a remedy".

The note's own maxim: 'Ubi jus, ibi remedium' - where there is a right, there is a remedy.

"பிறப்பொக்கும் எல்லா உயிர்க்கும் சிறப்பொவ்வா செய்தொழில் வேற்றுமை யான்." (குறள்: 972)

In consonance with the noble philosophy embodied in the above couplet of the revered Thiruvalluvar, the Constitution of India guarantees equality before law and equal protection of laws to all citizens. Guided by this lofty principle, the Government of Tamil Nadu continues to uphold impartial administration and promote social justice.

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The Constitution of India, which stands as the supreme law of the land, embodies the legal maxim that "**Law is Supreme**." In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, one of the primary responsibilities of the Law Department is to provide legal form and structure to the policy decisions of the Government in the fields of finance, justice and administration whenever legislation becomes necessary. This includes preparing draft Bills and framing legal provisions, rules, obligations, and conditions required for an orderly society, in coordination with the concerned departments, thereby translating governmental policies into enforceable laws.

Taking into account the evolving needs of society and the challenges of changing times, the Law Department plays a vital role in formulating innovative and progressive legislation and in repealing obsolete or

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ineffective laws. Through these efforts, the effectiveness and relevance of the legal framework are continuously maintained and strengthened.

The functions of the Law Department continue until a Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly receives the assent of the Governor and/or the President of India, as the case may be, becomes law. Further, when an urgent legislative necessity arises during the period when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Law Department formulates laws through Ordinances in accordance with Article 213 of the Constitution of India. The Law Department's responsibilities include preparing draft Ordinances in line with its objectives and continues until such Ordinances are promulgated.

- The department's work on a Bill runs until it receives the assent of the Governor and, where required, the President.
- When the Assembly is not in session the department drafts Ordinances under Article 213 - the exact article to quote.

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The Law Department also plays an important role in providing legal advice to all Departments functioning in the Secretariat, including the Legislative Assembly Secretariat, on matters involving legal issues.

In addition, the Department scrutinizes and vets statutory rules, notifications, orders and Memorandum of understanding and agreements to which the State Government is a party, ensuring their legal validity and conformity with applicable legal requirements.

- Beyond drafting, the department vets rules, notifications, orders, MoUs and every affidavit filed for the State in court.

In all cases where the State Government is a party, drafts of affidavits, counter-affidavits and rejoinders are carefully scrutinized and vetted by the Law Department before they are filed in the courts.

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The Law Department, in its endeavour to uphold the rule of law and the lofty principles of justice, continues to serve as a vital pillar in strengthening democracy and advancing the objectives of a welfare State. Through its efforts to promote legal awareness, social justice, good governance and human rights, the Department continues to contribute significantly towards building a progressive society founded upon equality and justice.

Internship Program is being provided in the Law Department from the year 2022-2023 onwards to 17 fresh Law graduates of three years and five years integrated Law degree courses selected bases on merit from the Government Law Colleges and the School of Excellence in Law of the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University and they are paid a stipend of Rs.20,000/- per month. From the year

- A law internship since **2022-23**: raised from 17 to 28 interns and the stipend from **Rs.20,000** to **Rs.25,000** a month from **2025-26**; 49 graduates have completed it.
- The School of Excellence in Law offers honours degrees in five streams - LL.B., B.A., B.Com., B.B.A. and B.C.A. combinations - with 3,588 students.

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2025-26 the strength of Interns has been increased from 17 to 28 and the stipend given to the Interns has been enhanced from the existing amount of Rs.20,000/- to Rs.25,000/-. 49 fresh Law graduates have successfully completed their Internship program in the years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. At present 28 fresh Law graduates are being benefited under the Internship program for the year 2025-2026.

Through this, excellent opportunities continue to be provided to young law graduates to enhance their educational qualifications with practical knowledge of law. Taking into consideration the individual skills of Law graduates and their future requirements in the legal field, this Government continue to take steps to provide them with specialised and useful training.

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The Government is making efforts to improve training opportunities in such a manner as to not only further enhance the legal knowledge of the trainees but also develop the practical skills required in legal work. In addition, arrangements are being considered to provide additional internship opportunities to the students of Government Law Colleges.

Further, the Law Department is entrusted with the administration of the following institutions and functions:-

1. Legal Education.

2. Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai.

3. Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli.

4. State Law Commission.

5. State Official Language (Law) Commission.

6. Notaries.

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Department of Legal Studies

The Department of Legal Studies was established in the year 1953, with the object of improving the standard of Legal Education in the State of Tamil Nadu. Since then, there has been considerable improvement in the standard of legal education in our State and the Directorate of Legal Education is striving to achieve excellence in the field of legal education.

- The Department of Legal Studies dates from **1953**, set up to raise the standard of legal education in the State.

The Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai was started in the year 1891. One Law College was opened at Madurai in the year 1974 and two more Law Colleges, one each at Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore were opened during the academic year 1979-80. During the academic year 1996-1997, a Law College was started in Tirunelveli. In December 2006, the Law College at Chengalpattu,

- Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai opened in 1891 - the oldest in the chain.
- The expansion sequence: Madurai **1974**; Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore **1979-80**; Tirunelveli **1996-97**; Chengalpattu **2006**; Vellore **2008-09**.

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run by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University was declared as a Government Law College. Yet another Government Law College was started at Vellore in the academic year 2008-2009. In the academic year 2017-2018, three Government Law Colleges were started at Villupuram, Dharmapuri and Ramanathapuram.

- Three colleges opened in **2017-18** at Villupuram, Dharmapuri and Ramanathapuram; three more in **2019-20** at Salem, Namakkal and Theni; Karaikudi from **2022-23**.

Based on the recommendations of the Justice Thiru.P.Shanmugam Commission of Inquiry, the Government ordered to shift the Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai from the premises of the High Court, Madras to the newly constructed campuses at Pudupakkam, Chengalpattu district and Pattaraiperumpudur, Thiruvallur district. In the year 2019-2020, three Government Law Colleges were started at Salem, Namakkal and Theni.

- On the Justice P. Shanmugam Commission's recommendation, the Chennai law college moved out of the Madras High Court premises to new campuses at Pudupakkam and Pattaraiperumpudur.

Further, a Government Law College was started at Karaikudi in Sivagangai district and functioning from the academic year 2022 – 2023. At present, there are fifteen Government Law Colleges functioning in the State.

- Fifteen Government Law Colleges now function, with a sanctioned strength of 17,886 students for **2026-27**.

Appropriate action is being taken to establish a Special Government Law College at Madurai with an intake of 300 students to offer advanced legal education in the standard of School of Excellence in Law in the academic year 2027-2028.

- A Special Government Law College at Madurai with 300 seats is proposed for **2027-28**, at the standard of the School of Excellence in Law.

The total sanctioned student in all the Government Law Colleges in the academic year 2026 – 2027 is 17,886. The college wise courses offered and sanctioned strength are furnished in the table hereunder.

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The Table

Sl.No.	Name of the Law College	B.A., LL.B., (5 years)	LL.B., (3 years)	LL.M., (2 years)	Total Sanctioned Strength of Students
1.	Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Pattaraiperumpudur.	360	483	160	1003
2.	Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam.	845	480	80	1405
3.	Government Law College, Madurai.	855	543	80	1478

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4.	Government Law College, Tiruchirappalli	800	600	80	1480
5.	Government Law College, Coimbatore.	800	600	80	1480
6.	Government Law College, Tirunelveli.	800	600	80	1480
7.	Government Law College, Chengalpattu.	800	320	80	1200
8.	Government Law College, Vellore.	600	440	40	1080
9.	Government Law College, Villupuram.	600	440	80	1120

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10.	Government Law College, Dharmapuri.	600	440	40	1080
11.	Government Law College, Ramanathapuram.	600	440	40	1080
12.	Government Law College, Salem.	600	440	-	1040
13.	Government Law College, Namakkal.	560	400	-	960
14.	Government Law College, Theni.	600	440	-	1040
15.	Government Law College, Karaikudi.	560	400	-	960
	Total	9980	7066	840	17886

All the Government Law Colleges are functioning in their own buildings.

Most of the Government Law Colleges are having hostel facilities for

- The 17,886 seats split as 9,980 in the five-year integrated course, 7,066 in the three-year LL.B. and 840 in LL.M.

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both men and women students. Hostel facilities are available only for the women students in the Government Law Colleges, at Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Chengalpattu, Vellore and Ramanathapuram.

Tuition fee concession is being given to the first-generation graduate students studying Under Graduate Law Degree Courses in the Government Law Colleges.

Course Fee, Hostel Fee and other Fees are being granted by the Government to the Government school students admitted in 5 year Law degree courses in Government Law Colleges under 7.5% quota on Preferential basis from the academic year 2021 – 2022.

The Government have conducted Inter collegiate, State Level and National Level Moot Court competitions in all the Government Law Colleges and selected

Government school students admitted under the 7.5% quota have course, hostel and other fees paid by Government from **2021-22**.

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students for participating in the International Moot Court competitions.

A sum of Rs.70 Lakh has been sanctioned towards conducting Moot Court competitions in 15 Government Law Colleges for selection of students for participating in the International Moot Court competitions in the academic year 2025-2026.

Tamil is offered as a medium of instruction in 7 Government Law Colleges, namely, Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Pattaraiperumpudur, Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College, Pudupakkam, Government Law Colleges at Madurai, Thiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and Chengalpattu. Students pursuing Law courses in Tamil Medium in the Government Law Colleges are being paid a stipend of Rs.400/- per annum.

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International workshops, seminars and legal conferences are being conducted annually at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh for the final year students studying 3 year and 5 year Law courses in 15 Government Law Colleges in Tamil Nadu.

Book Bank Scheme is available in the Government Law Colleges at Pattaraiperumpudur, Chengalpattu, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli.

- A Book Bank Scheme runs in six Government Law Colleges; international workshops and conferences for final-year students cost **Rs.30 lakh** a year.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai

In order to provide quality legal education to enable the students to find a firm footing in today's competitive world, the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University was established by an Act of State Legislature in the year 1997. It is one of the premier institutions in the State

- Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University was created by State Act in **1997** - the first Law University in South Asia to have colleges affiliated to it.

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of Tamil Nadu committed to the above cause. This University is the first of its kind in the whole of South Asia as it is the only Law University to have colleges affiliated to it under its canopy. This uniqueness of the said University helps in disseminating on standards of Legal Education throughout the State of TamilNadu.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University is now functioning at Perungudi, Kottivakkam Village, near Taramani Railway Station, in the new campus built at a total cost of Rs.61.74 crore in 15-acre land allotted by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu have also allotted additional 10 acre of land to the University for its developmental activities.

- The Ambedkar Law University's Perungudi campus cost **Rs.61.74 crore** on **15 acres**, with 10 more acres allotted since.

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A new additional building has been constructed at a cost of Rs.13 crore in the School of Excellence in Law at Perungudi Campus for the Under Graduate Law Students and it is being utilized.

The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University started its academic activities through the School of Excellence in Law. The School of Excellence in Law offers 3 year LL.B., (Honours), 5 year integrated B.A., LL.B., (Honours), B.Com.,LL.B., (Honours), B.B.A., LL.B., (Honours) and B.C.A., LL.B., (Honours) under graduate degree courses with the total student strength of 3588. The University also offers Post-graduate degree courses and research activities.

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has granted B++ Grade to the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University. Further, with

NAAC has graded the Ambedkar Law University B++; the stated goal is A++.

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the objective of advancing from the present "B++" grade to the "A++" grade, this Government is committed to undertake quality improvement measures in all the departments of the University. In particular, due importance will be given to improving the quality of teaching and learning, encouraging research and innovation activities, improving educational and basic facilities for students, modernising library and laboratory facilities, expanding technology-based education and improving the efficiency of educational administration.

Further, measures will be undertaken to improve the academic activities of the University in accordance with national and international standards. The overall quality of the University will be further enhanced through capacity

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building of teachers, development of the academic and professional skills of students, increasing research publications, strengthening collaboration with industries, and encouraging education and research activities oriented towards social utility.

Through this, this Government will undertake planned measures to achieve the "A++" grade in future by implementing all the necessary quality improvement measures. Such continuous quality improvement efforts will not only enhance the academic excellence of the University, but will also help create a better educational environment for students, teachers and researchers.

A sum of Rs. 5.53 crore has been provided as Block Grant in the financial year 2025–2026 for the development of

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the School of Excellence in Law.

Educational fee concessions are being provided during the academic year 2024–2025 to benefit Scheduled Caste students and Scheduled Caste students converted to Christianity pursuing law courses. The Government have sanctioned 50% of the required funds for the construction of the Boys' Hostel building at the Perungudi campus of the School of Excellence in Law.

For the financial year 2025–2026, funds have been sanctioned with 10% enhancement to carry out special repair works to the main building, annex building, kitchen, store room, dining hall and toilets of the Women's Hostel at Chepauk, as well as for special improvement works to the side road and approach road leading to the Women's Hostel.

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A sum of Rs.32.25 lakh has also been sanctioned for conducting a workshop on "Art of Advocacy" for fourth year and final year students of the five year law degree programme studying at the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, fourth year and final year students of the five year law degree programme studying in Government Law Colleges and final year students of the three-year LL.B. (Hons.) and three year LL.B. degree programmes.

Tuition fee concession is being given to the first generation graduate students belonging to the State of Tamil Nadu studying Under Graduate Law Degree Courses in the School of Excellence in Law.

Course Fee, Hostel Fee and other Fees are being granted by the Government to the Government school students admitted in School of Excellence

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in Law in Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University under 7.5% quota on preferential basis from the academic year 2021 – 2022.

The University, being a pioneer in all aspects, has awarded Ph.D. Degree for 197 scholars of the School of Excellence in Law. Now, 41 full-time candidates and 223 part- time candidates are pursuing Ph.D. Degree in this University.

- 197 Ph.D. degrees awarded through the School of Excellence in Law; 41 full-time and 223 part-time scholars are enrolled now.

New post Graduate Law Degree Courses namely 'Property Law' and 'Crime and Forensic Law' have been introduced from the academic year 2024-2025.

- Two new LL.M. streams from **2024-25**: Property Law, and Crime and Forensic Law.

A Legal Literacy Mission Cell, with sufficient infrastructure which serves to disseminate legal knowledge to a large mass of general public is functioning in the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University.

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A Forensic Lab is also functioning in the University to cater the needs of students pursuing criminal law and research.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University has launched "All India Reporter Legal Education Support Suite Project" at Perungudi Campus. The aim of the project is to provide training in Clinical Legal Education for law students with the object of promoting Alternative Dispute Redressal Mechanism, Para-Legal Training and to conduct other programmes in order to achieve excellence in professional standards for the benefit of students and faculty of this University and its affiliated Law Colleges.

The entire admission process including counselling for the Law degree courses offered by the Government Law Colleges, School of Excellence in Law in the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University and for

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the Government seats in self-financing private Law Colleges is conducted online by the University through the web portal, http://www.tndalu.ac.in., from the academic year 2020-2021.

The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with the following National and International Universities/Institutions, so as to extend its academic activities in the fields of education, training and research in law, justice, social development and allied subjects:-

(1) Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad;

(2) The Central Depository Services (India) Limited, Mumbai;

(3) Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai;

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(4) Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai;

(5) AIR Law Academy and Research Centre, Nagpur [ALARC];

(6) Transcripts Solutions Private Limited, IIT Madras Research Park, Taramani, Chennai;

(7) Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi;

(8) Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI);

(9) Spoken Tutorials, Indian Institute of Technology. Mumbai;

(10) Child and Adolescent Foundation of India (CAFI) and Institute of Child development Education Research and Technology (ICDERT); and

(11) Gujarat National Law University, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.

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The Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirapalli

The Tamil Nadu National Law School was established at a cost of Rs.79.22 crore in a twenty-five acre campus at Navalur Kuttapattu village in Srirangam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district in the year 2012 through a State enactment to provide legal education par excellence in the State of Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu National Law School has been renamed as the Tamil Nadu National Law University in the year 2018. The main object of the Tamil Nadu National Law University is to disseminate learning and knowledge of law, legal processes, advocacy and skill in judicial administration, keeping pace with the changing global scenario.

The Tamil Nadu National Law University offers five year B.A., LL.B.,

- Tamil Nadu National Law School, **Rs.79.22 crore** on **25 acres** at Navalur Kuttapattu in Srirangam taluk, was set up in **2012** and renamed a University in **2018**.

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(Honours), B.Com., LL.B., (Honours) Under Graduate degree Courses and LL.M., Degree Courses with a total intake of 180 students. Students are admitted to the said courses through the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT).

The National Law University admits through **CLAT**, with a total intake of 180.

The details of the students admitted to the said courses for the academic year 2026-2027 are as follows:-

S.No.	Course	No. of Students admitted	
1.	B.A.,LL.B., (Honours)	Resident Students of Tamil Nadu	27
		All India Basis	30
		NRI	03
		Total	60
2.	B.Com.,LL.B (Honours)	Resident Students of Tamil Nadu	27
		All India Basis	30
		NRI	03
		Total	60

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3.	LL.M.,	Resident Students of Tamil Nadu	25
		All India	26
		NRI	-
		Total	51
		Grand Total	171

So far, the seats earmarked for the resident students of Tamil Nadu alone were being filled up by following the Tamil Nadu State Reservation Policy. The Government have issued orders to follow the Tamil Nadu State's reservation Policy (69%) in "All India Category" also with 50% seats for OBCs, 18% for SCs and 1% seat for STs from the academic year 2022-2023 onwards in the admission of under graduates, post graduate and Ph.D. programmes being offered by the said University.

A sum of Rs.21.80 lakh has been reimbursed to the First-Generation

- From **2022-23** the Tamil Nadu 69% reservation policy applies to the All India category too at **TNNLU** - 50% **OBC**, 18% **SC**, 1% **ST**.

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Graduate students studying in the Tamil Nadu National Law University in the year 2025-2026 towards the tuition fee paid by them.

A total sum of Rs. 30.24 lakh has been sanctioned to the students, who have been admitted in Tamil Nadu National Law University under the 7.5 percent special internal reservation quota to Government school students in the academic year 2025-2026.

The following 15 Research Centres are functioning in the Tamil Nadu National Law University:-

Sl. No	Name of the Research Centre	Year of Inception
1.	Centre for Competition Law (CCL)	2017
2.	Centre for Research and Writing (CRW)	2018
3.	Centre for Labour and	2018

- 15 research centres at **TNNLU**, from Competition Law (**2017**) to Intellectual Property Rights Law Research (**2025**), engaging about 580 students.

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	Development Studies (CLD)	
4.	Legal Centre for Women's Welfare	2020
5.	Legal Centre for History of South India	2020
6.	Centre for Law and Agriculture	2021
7.	Centre for Study and Advocacy of Human Rights	2021
8.	Centre for Studies in Victimology	2021
9.	Centre for Studies in Access to Justice	2021
10.	Centre for Studies in Alternate Dispute Resolution	2021
11.	Centre for Investment Laws	2021

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12.	Centre for Studies in Environmental and Natural Resources Law	2021
13.	Centre for Business and Human Rights	2022
14.	Centre for Research, Development and Training in Cyber Laws and Cyber Security	2022
15.	Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Law Research	2025

Among the various activities of the 15 Research Centres functioning in the University, around 580 students studying in the University participate according to their interests, thereby improving their knowledge and skills and benefiting from the same.

The Tamil Nadu National Law University has entered into Memorandum of

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Understanding with the following Universities/ National Institutions: -

(1) National Law University, New Delhi;

(2) National Law School of India University, Bengaluru;

(3) Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi;

(4) India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management, New Delhi;

(5) National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli; and

(6) The University of Waikato, New Zealand.

The Tamil Nadu National Law University is a member of the following academic bodies: -

(1) Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi;

(2) Indian Academy of Social Science, Allahabad;

TNNLU's MoUs include **NLU** Delhi, **NLSIU** Bengaluru, **NIT** Tiruchirappalli and the University of Waikato, New Zealand; it belongs to the Asian Law Institute, Singapore and **DELNET**.

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(3) Shastri Indo - Canadian Institute, New Delhi;

(4) Asian Law Institute, Singapore; and

(5) Developing Library Network (DELNET), New Delhi.

STATE LAW COMMISSION, TAMIL NADU

The State Law Commission has been re-constituted by the Tamil Nadu Government on 07.08.2026 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Thiru.Justice D.Krishnakumar, former Chief Justice of Manipur High Court for a period of three years from the date of assumption of charge by the Hon'ble Chairman. The Hon'ble Chairman has assumed office on the 10th day of August, 2026.

- The State Law Commission was reconstituted on **07.08.2026** under Justice D. Krishnakumar, former Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, for three years.

The functions of the State Law Commission are to examine each and every law that was enacted during the British regime and the laws that were enacted

- The Commission's core task: test every colonial-era and later law for present-day fitness, and check it against Supreme Court and High Court rulings.

subsequently and give its opinion whether they are suitable or not, to the present day situation and also to suggest modifications or amendments to those laws accordingly, to the Government.

The State Law Commission shall examine whether the said laws are in consonance with the various decisions of the Supreme Court and the High Court and to advise the Government on the changes that should be made in those laws. The Law Commission shall also, -

(a) suggest suitable modifications or amendments to plug loopholes in the existing laws;

(b) suggest suitable social, economic legislative measures;

(c) suggest ways and means for the Inter-State Relations and Centre-State Relations;

The Commission's remit extends to suggesting ways for Inter-State and Centre-State relations, and to amendments in Central laws applying to the State.

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(d) make suggestions and recommendations for better and expeditious procedures on the judicial administrative reforms; and

(e) suggest modifications or amendments not only to State Laws but also to Central Laws having application to this State.

Further, based on the recommendations of NITI Aayog, in the matter of good governance in the National Conference of Chief Secretaries, convened on 10th July 2017, the State Government have referred the subject "Rationalising the Acts and Laws in Tamil Nadu" and requested the suggestions and recommendations of the Commission vide Letter dated 21st September, 2017.

- 'Rationalising the Acts and Laws in Tamil Nadu' was referred to the Commission in **2017** following **NITI** Aayog's recommendation at the National Conference of Chief Secretaries.

During the period 2017 – 2026, the State Law Commission has submitted 78

- **2017** to **2026**: 78 reports (the 13th to the 90th), covering 2,272 enactments - repeal of 336 Principal Acts and 1,887 Amendment Acts, amendment of 47 and fresh legislation for 2.

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Reports (From 13th Report to 90th Report) to the Government and in the said reports, the Commission has made recommendations on 2272 enactments as detailed below:-

(i) Recommended repeal of 336 Principal Acts;

(ii) Recommended repeal of 1887 Amendment Acts;

(iii) Recommended amendments to 47 Enactments; and

(iv) Recommended fresh legislation in respect of 2 Enactments.

Based on the recommendations of the State Law Commission, 247 Principal Acts and 1737 Amendment Acts totalling to 1984 acts have been repealed.

STATE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE (LEGISLATIVE) COMMISSION

The Hon'ble Justice Tmt.R.Tharani, Retired Judge of the High Court, Madras has

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been appointed as the Chairman of the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission on 05.06.2023 for continuous functioning of the said Commission and the Hon'ble Chairman assumed charge on 12.06.2023. The tenure of the Commission shall be for the period of five years from the date of assumption of charge by the Hon'ble Chairman.

The functions of the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission are:

(i) finalising the Law Lexicon in Tamil;

- The State Official Language (Legislative) Commission finalises the Tamil Law Lexicon and translates State and Central Acts, Ordinances, Rules and Notifications into Tamil.

(ii) translation of State Acts, Ordinances and Rules made thereunder into Tamil;

(iii) translation of the Central Acts, Ordinances and Rules and Notifications made thereunder into Tamil; and

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(iv) such other functions, as may be specified by the Government from time to time.

The Bilingual version of the Constitution of India (comprising upto 106th amendment) was finalized in CRC (Camera Ready Copy) format and published by the Government of India through online on 21.02.2026, with the approval of the State Government.

- The bilingual Constitution of India up to the 106th Amendment was published online by the Government of India on **21.02.2026**.

For translation of the important judgments of the High Court of Madras and the Supreme Court into Tamil, a sum of Rupees Three Crore has been sanctioned to the Madras High Court for the financial year 2023 – 2024 through the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission. Initially, an advance of Rupees Seventy three lakh and thirty eight thousand has been released from the contingency fund and disbursed to the Registrar General of Madras High Court.

- **Rs.3 crore** was sanctioned to the Madras High Court for translating important High Court and Supreme Court judgments into Tamil, with **Rs.1** crore more in the **2026-27** interim budget.

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Further, a sum of Rupees One Crore and Forty Five Lakh was released and had been disbursed to the Registrar General of Madras High Court, through the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission. Further, a sum of Rupees One Crore has been allocated for this purpose in the Interim Budget for the financial year 2026-2027.

Seven Central Acts were translated into Tamil by the Commission and authenticated by the President of India and action is being taken for publication of the same in the Gazette of India. Further, translation work of 34 Central Acts is in progress.

- Seven Central Acts translated into Tamil have been authenticated by the President; 34 more are in progress.

The "Satta Tamil" curriculum for all the Government Law Colleges was prepared by the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission and has been introduced in all Government Law Colleges from the year 2024 – 2025.

- The 'Satta Tamil' curriculum, prepared by the Official Language Commission, has run in all Government Law Colleges since **2024-25**.

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The Work for preparation of Law Lexicon (சட்டசொற்களஞ்சியம்) is in progress.

NOTARIES

For the purpose of certifying the general transactions relating to negotiable instruments and for all recognized notarial purposes, Notaries are appointed under the Notaries Act, 1952 (Central Act 53 of 1952). The number of Notaries appointed by the Government are in practice in this State as on 04.06.2026 are 2173.

- Notaries are appointed under the Notaries **Act, 1952** (Central Act 53 of **1952**). 2,173 were in practice as on **04.06.2026**.

The Government of India vide Notification G.S.R.763 (E), dated 17.10.2025, have amended the Schedule appended to rule 8(4A) of the Notaries Rules, 1956 wherein the number of Notaries to be appointed by the State of Tamil Nadu have been increased from 2500 to 3500. Based on the above, appropriate action is being taken

- By notification G.S.R.763(E) of **17.10.2025** the sanctioned number of Notaries for Tamil Nadu rose from 2,500 to 3,500.

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by this Government to appoint Notaries in a transparent manner based on merit and competency.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. C. Joseph Vijay, chaired a review meeting at the Secretariat on 29.07.2026 regarding the schemes and functioning of the Law Department and the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services in Home department. Hon'ble Minister for Energy Resources and Law, Thiru. C.T.R. NIRMAL KUMAR, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Planning and Development, Dr. N. Marie Wilson, Chief Secretary Dr. M. Sai Kumar, I.A.S, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Dr. K. Manivasan, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Thiru M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Tmt. P. Sumathi, Secretary to Government, Law Department and other senior officers and Head of departments participated in the said Review Meeting .



An inaugural ceremony for issuing admission orders for first-year law students for the academic year 2026–2027 was held on 22.06.2026 at the campus of Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Energy Resources and Law, Thiru. C.T.R. NIRMAL KUMAR, The Hon'ble Justice Thiru. V. Bharathidasan, (Retired Judge of the Madras High Court) Chairman, University Convenor Committee, Tmt. P. Sumathi, Secretary to Government, Law Department and Prof. (Dr.) Gowri Ramesh, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, participated in the function.

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